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#### **DEVIL IS FINE by John Vercher (Celadon Books, June 2024)**

Editor: Ryan Doherty; Material: manuscript; Page count: 288

Comparison: Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

From acclaimed novelist John Vercher comes a profoundly moving novel of fathers and sons, Black identity, and how we confront the past. Our narrator is haunted. Haunted by panic attacks, a failed relationship, alcoholism, an academic career that wants to define him by his Blackness, and the trauma of the recent death of his seventeen-year-old son, Malcolm. When a letter arrives informing him that his maternal grandfather has left Malcolm a plot of land, our narrator leaves his life behind and heads to the seaside of the Northeast, where his identity is shaken by the dark and haunting secret that lies beneath this inherited land. With the wit of Paul Beatty's *The Sellout* and the nuance of Zadie Smith's *On Beauty*, author John Vercher's *Devil Is Fine* is an emotional account of what it is to be a father, a son, a writer, and a biracial American fighting to reconcile freedom and creativity with the footprint of colonialism. Gripping, surrealist, and darkly funny, *Devil Is Fine* is a brilliantly-crafted dissection of the legacies we leave behind and those we inherit

"In John Vercher's profoundly moving *Devil Is Fine*, an unforeseen and unwanted inheritance of a long-forgotten plantation haunts a mixed-race man with the ghosts of his past and his present while they play hide and seek with his sanity. Vercher plays the conceit to perfection in this taut, surreal novel as the legacies of colonialism, racism, and family trauma conspire to push a good man to the very reach of his limits."—Ben Fountain, author of National Book Award finalist *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk* 

"In Devil Is Fine, we meet a man searching for his soul after losing his loved ones in more ways than one. John Vercher brilliantly paints a character and a society, like our own, that has been twisted by the essential unfairness of racism. But this is also an intimate novel, by turns bracing and hilarious thanks to our observant narrator. Readers will see the American project in a new way after reading and rereading this novel."—Maurice Carlos Ruffin, author of We Cast a Shadow



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CELADON BOOKS | NON-FICTION

BEING HENRY: The Fonz...and Beyond by Henry Winkler (Celadon Books, October 2023)

Editor: Deb Futter; Material: finished copies; Page count: 256; Illustration details: two 8-page color photo inserts

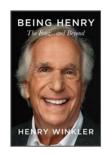
From Emmy-award winning actor, author, comedian, producer, and director Henry Winkler, comes a deeply thoughtful memoir of the lifelong effects of stardom and the struggle to become whole. Henry Winkler, launched into prominence by his role as "The Fonz" in the beloved *Happy Days*, has transcended the role that made him who he is. Brilliant, funny, and widely-regarded as the nicest man in Hollywood (though he would be the first to tell you that it's simply not the case; he's really just grateful to be here), Henry shares in this achingly vulnerable memoir the disheartening truth of his childhood, the difficulties of a life with severe dyslexia, the pressures of a role that takes on a life of its own, and the path forward once your wildest dream seems behind you. Since the glorious era of *Happy Days* fame, Henry has endeared himself to a new generation with roles in such adored shows as *Arrested Development*, *Parks and Recreation*, and *Barry*. In those shows he has revealed himself as an actor with immense depth and pathos, a departure from the period of his life when he was so distinctly typecast as The Fonz, he could hardly find work. Filled with profound heart, charm, and self-deprecating humor, this is a memoir about so much more than a life in Hollywood and the curse of stardom. It is a meaningful testament to the power of sharing truth and kindness and of finding fulfillment within yourself.

"This charming autobiography of personal struggles during times of career success and challenge deserves a big thumbs-up."—Kirkus

"[A] winning memoir...Though Winkler includes plenty of inside-Hollywood fare, the book's frankness sets it apart from standard-issue actor memoirs. The result is a heartfelt chronicle of learning to love one's self, shortcomings and all."—Publishers Weekly

"Sharing memorable and funny behind-the-scenes moments, *Being Henry* entertains as an introspective, self-deprecating, and quite moving memoir from a versatile actor...The many, many fans Winkler has gathered over his 50 years in Hollywood won't be disappointed by this charming memoir."—*Booklist* 

Foreign sales: UK/Pan Macmillan



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Japan: Japan UNI Korea: not yet assigned



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#### THE MANICURIST'S DAUGHTER: A Memoir by Susan Lieu (Celadon Books, March 2024)

Editor: Deb Futter; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Susan Lieu has long been searching for answers. About her family's past, and about her own future. Refugees from the Vietnam War, Susan's family escaped to California in the 1980s after five failed attempts. Upon arrival, they became experts at the "refugee hustle." Susan's mother was their savvy, beautiful, charismatic north star. She pulled them out of poverty and orchestrated every success. Until Susan was eleven. That year, her mother died as a result of negligence during a routine plastic surgery...seeking beauty treatments she didn't need. After her mom's death, Susan was expected to go back to school as if nothing happened. Within her family, there was no shared grief or emotional outpouring. For the next twenty years, Susan navigated a series of cascading questions alone—why did the most perfect person in her life feel the need to change her body? Why would no one tell her about her mother's life in Vietnam? How could she manage the same cultural pressures her mother faced, and succumbed to, in her own life, within her own body? And how did this surgeon, who preyed on Vietnamese immigrants, go on to continue operating for years after her mother's death? *The Manicurist's Daughter* is much more than a memoir about grief, trauma, and body image. It is a story of fierce determination, strength in shared culture, and finding your place in the world. Susan Lieu is the daughter of manicurists. She is the daughter of survivors and the inheritor of all they faced to reach a better life. She finds her strength in her family's story, and she will continue to build on that foundation for future generations.

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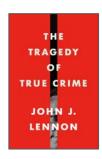
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#### THE TRAGEDY OF TRUE CRIME by John J. Lennon (Celadon Books, Winter 2025)

Editor: Ryan Doherty; Material: manuscript due December; Page count: 352

In *The Tragedy of True Crime*, prolific prison journalist John J. Lennon follows three men convicted of killing as they grapple with their crimes and post-conviction identities. With unparalleled access from the prison yard and cell block, Lennon examines how these men contend with the worst thing they've ever done. In a braided narrative influenced by Matthew Desmond's *Evicted* and Lisa Taddeo's *Three Women*, Lennon's masterful portrait takes us beyond lurid headlines to the complicated, tragic stories beneath them: Michael Shane Hale, a gay man whose crime of passion became the focus of fervent protests against the death penalty in New York; Milton E. Jones, who, while serving fifty years for the murders of two priests, is later diagnosed with schizophrenia and pursues a Master's degree in theology; and Robert Chambers, the New York yuppie kid turned true crime celebrity, who tabloids dubbed the "Preppy Killer" in 1986. Propelled by a profound sense of empathy, Lennon's exploration of his peers is enriched by his own story of murder, guilt, and redemption. In a creative writing workshop in Attica, he discovered his passion and soon realized the power of storytelling to illuminate life behind the prison wall. By humanizing those who have committed serious crimes and showing the consequences of simplistic, sensationalist true crime narratives, Lennon prompts us to think more deeply about the stories we tell and who gets to tell them.

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#### Check out some of our previously published titles!

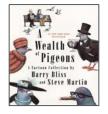


NUMBER ONE IS WALKING: My Life in the Movies and Other Diversions by Steve Martin and Harry Bliss (Celadon Books, November 2022)

\*New York Times bestseller

"Irresistibly charming...Film buffs, comedy fans, and legion admirers of both the actor and artist will find themselves smiling from cover to cover."—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

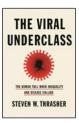
Foreign sales: France/Editions Baker Street, Italy/Sagoma



### A WEALTH OF PIGEONS: A Cartoon Collection by Harry Bliss and Steve Martin (Celadon Books, November 2020)

- \* #1 New York Times bestseller
- \* Over 100,000 copies sold
- \* Currently in its 6th printing
- \* Over 2,500 ratings on Amazon with an average of 4.6 out of 5 stars

Foreign sales: France/Editions Baker Street, Italy/Sagoma



## THE VIRAL UNDERCLASS: The Human Toll When Inequality and Disease Collide by Steven W. Thrasher (Celadon Books, August 2022)

- \*Longlisted for the 2023 PEN / John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction
- \*Longlisted for the 2023 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence
- \*Winner of the 2022 POZ Award for Best in Literature

Foreign sales: China/Social Sciences Academic Press



### THIS CHAIR ROCKS: A Manifesto Against Ageism by Ashton Applewhite (Celadon Books, March 2019)

Author, activist, and TED speaker Ashton Applewhite has written a rousing manifesto calling for an end to discrimination and prejudice on the basis of age.

Named one of "Ten Books to Help You Foster a More Diverse and Inclusive Workplace" by FORBES

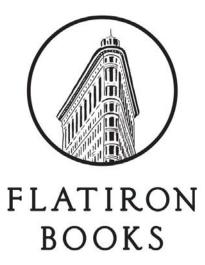
Foreign sales: China/China Renmin University Press, Japan/Korocolor, Taiwan/Ecus, Turkey/Sander, UK/Melville House



#### A USER'S GUIDE TO DEMOCRACY: How America Works by Nick Capodice & Hannah McCarthy; Illustrated by Tom Toro (Celadon Books, September 2020)

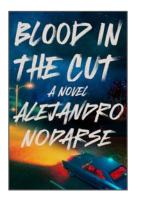
From the hosts of New Hampshire Public Radio's Civics 101, and *New Yorker* cartoonist Tom Toro, this is a lively crash course in everything you should know about how the U.S. government works.

"An easily digestible, illustrated guidebook to the agencies and institutions that make up the federal government...Just the thing for students of civics—which, these days, should include the entire polity."—Kirkus Reviews



NEW YORK







## **FICTION**

### The author of What Lies in the Woods returns with a novel about three sisters, two murders, and too many small-town secrets to count

NO ONE CAN KNOW by Kate Alice Marshall (Flatiron Books, January 2024)

Editor: Christine Kopprasch; Material: manuscript; Page count: 336

Comparison: Megan Miranda and Riley Sager

Emma hasn't told her husband much about her past. He knows her parents are dead and she hasn't spoken to her sisters in years. Then they lose their apartment, her husband gets laid off, and Emma discovers she's pregnant—right as their bank account slips into the red. That's when Emma confesses that she has one more asset: her parents' house, which she owns jointly with her estranged sisters. They can't sell it, but they can live in it. But returning home means that Emma is forced to reveal her secrets to her husband: that the house is not a run-down farmhouse but a stately mansion; that her parents were murdered there; and that some people say Emma did it. Emma and her sisters have never spoken about what really happened that night. Now, her return to the house may lure her sisters back, but it will also crack open family and small-town secrets lots of people don't want revealed. As Emma struggles to reconnect with her old family and hold together her new one, she begins to realize that the things they have left unspoken all these years have put them in danger again.

"Shines an incisive light on the secrets of a small-town community...Great writing and boldly drawn characters bring a terrifying tale to all-too-vivid life."—Kirkus (starred review) on What Lies in the Woods

"In a novel filled with emotional depth and convincing red herrings, Marshall delivers a propulsive mystery about trust, secrets, and friendships."—Booklist (starred review) on What Lies in the Woods

Foreign sales: Poland/Poznańskie

Previous title's foreign sales: Brazil/DarkSide Books, Czech Republic/George Publishing, Hungary/Agave, Poland/Poznańskie,

Romania/Storia Books, Turkey/Nemesis

Also available: What Lies in the Woods (2023)





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### A gritty, voice-driven debut literary thriller about a man returning home from prison who must save his family's business

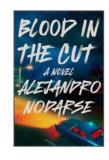
#### BLOOD IN THE CUT by Alejandro Nodarse (Flatiron Books, June 2024)

Editor: Christine Kopprasch; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

Comparison: S.A. Cosby and Dennis Lehane

Iggy Guerra is out of prison, but his homecoming is anything but smooth. His beloved mother is gone, his grief-stricken father, Armando, is deep in debt, and they are about to lose the butcher shop that has been in their family for generations. Iggy must earn his father's lost trust in order to save La Carnicería Guerra from the threats imposed by a new rival business, a vigilante activist, and big-game hunter Orin, who has dragged Armando into his dangerous money-making schemes deep in the Everglades, where more than secrets are buried. Iggy will wrestle with the beauty and the danger of the place he calls home as he tries to save his family—without losing himself forever. Sharp as a butcher knife gleaming in the Miami sun, Alejandro Nodarse's **Blood in the Cut** opens onto a deeply personal vision of the streets and swamps of Miami, where the roots are crooked but strong as mangroves.

"Blood in the Cut brims with dangerous energy in the face of existential entropy. A fantastic story."—S.A. Cosby, New York Times bestselling author of All the Sinners Bleed



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#### THE COURTING OF BRISTOL KEATS by Mary E. Pearson (Flatiron Books, November 2024)

Editor: Sarah Barley; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 480

Comparison: Rebecca Yarros

After losing both their parents, Bristol Keats and her sisters struggle to stay afloat in their small, quiet town of Bowskeep. When Bristol begins to receive letters from an "aunt" she's never heard of who promises she can help, she reluctantly agrees to meet up—and discovers that everything she thought she knew about her family is a lie. Even her father might still be alive, not killed, but kidnapped by terrifying creatures to a whole other realm—the one that he is from. Desperate to save her father and find the truth, Bristol journeys to a land of gods and fae and monsters. Pulled into a dangerous world of magic and intrigue, she makes a deadly bargain with the fae king, Tyghan. Despite herself, Bristol can't help falling for the mysterious fae. But what she doesn't know is that he's the one who drove her parents to live a life on the run. And he is just as determined as she is to find her father—dead or alive. This is Mary E. Pearson's debut adult novel.

"A brilliant fantasy with a boldly beating heart. Mary E. Pearson is a fearless storyteller—I'm still trying to catch my breath from this book."—Stephanie Garber, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Caraval on Dance of Thieves

"The slow-burning, seductive romance never overwhelms the intricate plot, which is built with layers upon layers of twists, reveals, and double-crosses."—*Booklist* on *Dance of Thieves* 

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From the acclaimed author of The Deep Sky comes a thrilling anti-colonial space heist. With terrific action and world building, and grounded in beautiful writing and resonant themes, Kitasei shows once again why she is a star on the rise

THE STARDUST GRAIL by Yume Kitasei (Flatiron Books, June 2024)

Editor: Maxine Charles: Material: manuscript; Page count: 416

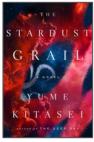
Comparison: Becky Chambers and Tamsyn Muir

Maya Hoshimoto was once the best art thief in the galaxy. For ten years, she returned stolen artifacts to alien civilizations—until a disastrous job forced her into hiding. Born off-world and infected by an alien virus from a young age, she receives the occasional vision of the future. Now she just wants to enjoy a quiet life on Earth as a graduate student of anthropology. But then an old friend comes to her with a job she can't refuse—find a powerful object that could save an alien species from extinction. There are two problems, no one has seen it in living memory, and they aren't the only ones hunting for it. Maya sets out on a breakneck quest through a universe teeming with strange life and ancient ruins. But the farther she goes, the more her visions cast a dark shadow over her team of friends new and old. Someone will betray her along the way. Worse yet, in choosing to save one species, she may doom humanity and Earth itself.

"Cerebral SF, tackling both humanity-wide problems and the smaller but ever-present conflicts closer to home."—Kirkus (starred review) on The Deep Sky

Also available: The Deep Sky (2023)

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## From an acclaimed poet comes a lush and lyrical debut novel that explores questions of family, trauma, domestic violence, and colonialism

WHERE THERE WAS FIRE by John Manuel Arias (Flatiron Books, August 2023)

Editor: Nadxieli Nieto; Material: finished copies; Page count: 288

Comparison: Of Women and Salt by Gabriela Garcia

Costa Rica, 1968. A lethal fire erupts at the American Fruit Company's most lucrative banana plantation, destroying all evidence of a massive cover-up, and the future of the Cepeda-Valverde family is changed forever. Now, twenty-seven years later, Teresa Cepeda-Valverde and her daughter, Lyra, are still picking up the pieces. Lyra wants nothing to do with Teresa, but is desperate to find out what happened to her family that fateful night. Teresa, haunted by a missing husband and the bitter ghost of her mother, Amarga, is unable to reconcile the past. What unfolds is a story of a mother and daughter trying to forgive what they do not yet understand and the mystery at the heart of one family's rupture, steeped in machismo, jealousy, labor uprisings, and the havoc wreaked by American corporations in Central America. Brimming with ancestral spirits, omens, and the anthropomorphic forces of nature, John Manuel Arias weaves a brilliant tapestry of love, loss, secrets, and redemption.



"Lush and ambitious...The novel is strongest capturing the complications of love and the parental struggle not to inflict the traumas they inherited on their children. It's a rewarding outing from an exciting new voice with a prowess for lyricism."—Publishers Weekly

Foreign sales: UK/Picador

USA Today Bestseller \* A B&N Discover Pick \* A GMA Buzz Pick \* Named a Most Anticipated Book by CrimeReads, Debutiful, Good Morning America, Library Journal, Zibby Mag, The San Francisco Chronicle, and more!



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#### The newest New York Times bestselling novel from acclaimed author S.A. Cosby

#### ALL THE SINNERS BLEED by S.A. Cosby (Flatiron Books, June 2023)

Editor: Christine Kopprasch; Material: finished copies; Page count: 352

Comparison: True Detective meets Justified

From *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author S.A. Cosby comes a new book about the first Black sheriff in a small Southern town and his hunt for a killer.

"Fresh and exhilarating...Cosby keeps his eye on the story and the pedal to the metal."—Stephen King, The New York Times Book Review

"An atmospheric pressure cooker."—People

Foreign sales: Croatia/Mozaik, France/Sonatine, Germany/Ars Vivendi, Greece/Gutenberg Editions, Hungary/Agave, Italy/Rizzoli, Japan/HarperCollins, Netherlands/House of Books, Norway/Forlaget Press, Poland/Agora, Sweden/Modernista, UK/Headline

Previous titles' foreign sales: Brazil/Trama|Ediouro, Czech Republic/Argo, France/Sonatine, Germany/Ars Vivendi, Greece/Gutenberg Editions, Italy/Nutrimenti (Blacktop Wasteland), Rizzoli (Razorblade Tears, My Darkest Prayer), Japan/HarperCollins (Blacktop Wasteland, Razorblade Tears), Hayakawa (My Darkest Prayer), Korea/Nevermore Books, Netherlands/The House of Books, Poland/Agora, Romania/Crime Scene Press, Spanish World/Trini Vergara Ediciones, Sweden/Modernista, Taiwan/Spring International, Turkey/Marti, UK/Headline, Vietnam/Bachviet Books

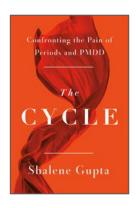
Also available: Blacktop Wasteland (2020), Razorblade Tears (2021), My Darkest Prayer (2022)

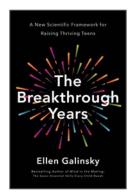


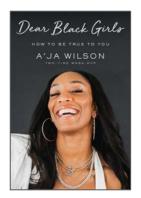


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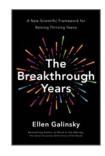
## **NON-FICTION**

## THE BREAKTHROUGH YEARS: A New Scientific Framework for Raising Thriving Teens by Ellen Galinsky (Flatiron Books, March 2024)

Editor: Lee Oglesby; Material: manuscript; Page count: 560; illustration details: 28 black-and-white charts throughout

From child development expert Ellen Galinsky comes a book that blends cutting-edge research with engaging storytelling to offer readers a paradigm-shifting comprehensive understanding of adolescence. Almost every adolescent has said to parents, "You JUST don't understand." In *The Breakthrough Years*, Galinsky explains why that is so often true. Galinsky's seven-year inquiry into the adolescent brain and behavior, including conducting original studies—uniquely informed by the questions adolescents have about their own development—shows why our understanding of adolescence is out of step with the latest research and how to correct it. In this book, Galinsky identifies the most important adolescent developmental needs—including belonging, developing competence, and building an identity; presents the life skills that are emerging rapidly during adolescence—like learning to be resilient and taking on challenges; and introduces Solutions Mindset and Shared Solutions—a problem-solving mindset and process that parents and others can use to help create solutions to their adolescent's challenging problems. This book will help parents and those who work with teens to understand adolescence not as the "I hope we can get through these years" but as the breakthrough years that they truly can be.

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#### INVISIBLE ADHD: The Woman's Guide to Winning the Inner Game of Attention Deficit (Flatiron Books, February 2025)

Editor: Will Schwalbe; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 304

From the founder and chief creator of the world's largest one-on-one ADHD coaching program for adults comes a revolutionary look at the emotional underpinnings of ADHD as experienced by women and how they can circumvent the self-sabotaging, insecure, and isolating behaviors caused by their neuroatypical brains. Unlike the hyperactivity commonly seen in boys, girls experience equally disruptive but more internalized symptoms, often causing their ADHD to be invisible—and widely underdiagnosed. Shanna Pearson, who was herself diagnosed with severe ADHD, has helped tens of thousands of adults adopt winning strategies for living and thriving with ADHD. For the newly diagnosed, those who live with them, or any woman who suspects her brain just works a little differently from everyone else's, Shanna offers an validating, empathetic, and pragmatic look at a remarkably widespread but little-understood phenomenon.

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#### ANATOMY OF DESIRE: The Five Secrets to Lasting Intimacy by Dr. Emily Jamea (Flatiron Books, October 2024)

Editor: Bryn Clark; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 304

Mating in Captivity meets The Five Love Languages, Anatomy of Desire is a groundbreaking exploration into the five secrets to lasting intimacy in a long term monogamous relationship. The experience of total absorption, loss of space and time, and complete merger are feelings that everyone wants to enjoy while making love. However, regardless of everyone's desire for better sex, passion and sexual satisfaction tend to diminish in longer-term relationships. As a seasoned sex and relationship therapist, Dr. Emily Jamea has developed an approach that identifies five tenants—sensuality, curiosity, adaptability, vulnerability, and attunement—to help her clients transform sex from sub-par to extraordinary. Her scientifically based yet relatable approach offers a fresh perspective. Clients, workshop participants, and over 175,000 social media followers agree. Dr. Emily Jamea's first book, Anatomy of Desire: The Five Secrets to Lasting Intimacy makes her novel approach available to everyone.

"Dr. Emily gives us a new way of thinking about how to cultivate great sex. She breaks down the latest science in a way that is accessible and meaningful as well as authentic and relatable. She teaches us how personal curiosity and insight weave together with vulnerability and intimacy in a way that ignites sexual passion."—Keke Palmer, American actress and singer

"Dr. Emily Jamea is a master of sexual communication. She seamlessly weaves together scientific data and clinical expertise in an elegant yet accessible way and provides readers with practical tips and takeaways to level-up their intimate lives."—Justin Lehmiller, PhD, author of *Tell Me What You Want* and host of the Sex and Psychology Podcast

"Emily Jamea has a thoughtful, clinically assured voice that is sure to appeal to readers far and wide. She makes difficult issues simple and accessible via her central tenet that expressing our authentic sexual selves is not about venturing into the unknown but rather searching within ourselves and tapping into our innate, albeit uncultivated, sexual potential. Everything we need to seize the sexual moment is already within us, waiting to be actualized, and Emily guides us on this journey with care and curiosity."—Ian Kerner, PhD LMFT, New York Times bestselling author of She Comes First

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#### PSYCHOACTIVE NATION: Why We Trip and How by Eugenia Bone (Flatiron Books, October 2024)

Editor: Will Schwalbe; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 320

Interest in psychedelic mushrooms has never been greater—or the science less definitive. Popular science writer and amateur mycologist Eugenia Bone reports on the state of psychedelics today, from microdosing to heroic trips, illustrating how "citizen science" and anecdotal accounts of the mushrooms' benefits are leading a new wave of scientific inquiry into psilocybin. With her signature blend of first-person narrative and scientific rigor, Bone breaks down just how the complicated cocktail of psychoactive compounds is thought to interact with our brain chemistry. She explains how mindset and setting can impact a trip—whether therapeutic, spiritual/mystical, or simply pleasure seeking—and vividly evokes the personalities and protocols that populate the tripping scene, from the renegade "'Noccers" of Oregon who merrily disperse magic mushroom spores around Portland, to the indigenous guides conducting tradition-laden retreats in remote Mexican villages. Throughout, she shares her personal journey through the world of mushrooms, cultivating her own stash, grappling with personal challenges, and sharing the insights she gleaned from her experiences. For both seasoned trippers and the merely mushroom curious, *Psychoactive Nation* offers a balanced, entertaining, and provocative look at this rapidly evolving cultural phenomenon.

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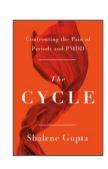
#### THE CYCLE: Confronting the Pain of Periods and PMDD by Shalene Gupta (Flatiron Books, February 2024)

Editor: Lee Oglesby; Material: manuscript; Page count: 240

Most days, Shalene Gupta was the person she'd always aspired to be. She was hardworking, excelled at work, and had a long-term boyfriend who she desperately loved. Then, every month like clockwork, it all came crashing down in fits of rage and inconsolable sorrow. The lows were subterranean. After years of struggling to get an answer from doctors, Shalene learned she was one of millions who live with premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), a severe form of PMS. The physical and mental effects of this disorder are undeniable, but for decades some doctors didn't even consider PMDD to be a real condition. How could so many people be suffering at the hands of a chronic condition that doesn't even exist? *The Cycle* uncovers a hidden epidemic, delivering the definitive portrait of a widespread chronic illness most people haven't even heard of. From a historical overview of feminist debates, to on-the-ground interviews and a searing critique of menstrual stigma, Shalene Gupta lays out how disregard for this disorder has left too many people scrambling for appropriate healthcare.

"A brilliant, deeply researched book about living with premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD)—something that too often is experienced as a shaming, quiet, and personal mystery in a society that is uncomfortable discussing periods or validating their significant medical and mental health impact. Gupta combines memoir and research flawlessly so that readers understand the profound personal impact of PMDD as well as the financial, interpersonal, and societal consequences. This is a critical addition to books about medical issues that are too often under-researched, undiagnosed, and stigmatizing to those who are suffering."—Michelle Bowdler, author of *Is Rape a Crime?* 

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DEAR BLACK GIRLS: How to Be True to You by A'ja Wilson (Flatiron Books: A Moment of Lift Book, February 2024)

Editor: Samantha Zukergood; Material: manuscript; Page count: 192

This is a book for all the girls with an apostrophe in their name. This is for all the girls who are "too loud" and "too emotional." This is for all the girls who are constantly asked, "Oh, what did you do with your hair? That's new." This is for my Black girls.

Despite gold medals, championships, and a list of accolades, A'ja Wilson knows how it feels to be swept under the rug—to not be heard, to not feel seen, to not be taken seriously. As a fourth grader going to a primarily white school, A'ja was told she'd have to stay outside for a classmate's birthday party. "Huh?" she asked. Because the birthday girl's father didn't like Black people. Wilson tells stories like this: stories about how even when life tried to hold her down, it didn't stop her. She shares her contribution to "The Talk," and how to keep fighting, all while igniting strength, passion, and joy. *Dear Black Girls* is a necessary and meaningful exploration of what it means to be a Black woman today—and a rallying cry to lift up women and girls everywhere.

"Dear Black Girls is filled with phenomenal stories and empowering insight on what it means to be a woman in today's world. I didn't want to put it down."—Tunde Oyeneyin, New York Times bestselling author of Speak

"Through honest stories and inspiring lessons from her life, A'ja Wilson reminds us to never doubt who we are or apologize for being true to ourselves. *Dear Black Girls* is a must-read for every Black girl out there."—Gabrielle Union, *New York Times* bestselling author of *We're Going to Need More Wine* and *You Got Anything Stronger?* 



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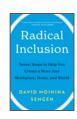
Korea: Eric Yang Agency

A'ja Wilson has a major social media platform with more than 700,000 followers on <u>Instagram!</u> Read the piece in The Players' Tribune that inspired this book here





#### Check out these recently published non-fiction titles!



Once Upon

A Prime

RADICAL INCLUSION: Seven Steps to Help You Create a More Just Workplace, Home, and World by David Moinina Sengeh (Flatiron Books: A Moment of Lift Book, May 2023)

"An optimistic approach to fostering greater inclusion...Inspirational, motivating, and intellectually sound, Sengeh's instructional guidance seeks to inspire systemic change and encourages readers to fight for diversity and equity in their own communities. Proactive, pragmatic initiatives promoting radical inclusivity across social divides."—*Kirkus* 

Non-Exclusive Territories:

Japan: Tuttle Mori Korea: Eric Yang Agency

Foreign sales: Italy/La Traccia Buona

ONCE UPON A PRIME: The Wondrous Connections Between Mathematics and Literature by Sarah Hart (Flatiron Books, April 2023)

A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice

Featured on most anticipated lists from LitHub, BookRiot, Publishers Weekly, and the Next Big Idea Club!

"Wide-ranging and thoroughly winning...Funny...Fresh...Hart couldn't be better placed to revisit the relationship between mathematical and literary study."—New York Times Book Review

"Hart takes readers on a fascinating tour of the world of numbers, finding connections between math and literature...Her prose throughout is clear, direct and jokey...Generally awesome."—Washington Post

Non-Exclusive Territories:

Japan: Tuttle Mori Korea: Imprima

Foreign sales: China/Citic, Italy/Il Saggiatore, Korea/MiraeBook, Serbia/Dereta, Spanish World/Paidós, Taiwan/Owl Publishing House, UK/HarperCollins



EMOTIONAL LABOR: The Invisible Work Shaping Our Lives and How to Claim Our Power by Rose Hackman (Flatiron Books, March 2023)

"This is an inspiring, infuriating study of the toll it takes on people when they're expected to smile, while taking on more and exhausting responsibilities without getting paid more. This is a call to action for individuals and the organizations that sustain these practices,"—*Library Journal* (starred review)

Foreign sales: China/Citic, Hungary/Gabo, Poland/Krytyka Polityczna, Spanish World/Urano

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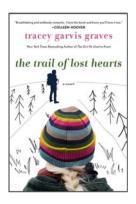
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## **GENERAL FICTION**

#### The next romantic mystery from one of the biggest commercial women's fiction authors on the St. Martin's list

#### SUMMERS AT THE SAINT by Mary Kay Andrews (St. Martin's Press, May 2024)

Editor: Jennifer Enderlin; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 448

Comparison: Elin Hilderbrand

Summers at The Saint, a venerable beach resort and mainstay destination for generations of upper-crust families, are always the same. Candy-striped cabanas line the beach, white-garbed players whack croquet balls on the "village green," and designer-clad moms watch over as their little darlings splash in the pool while dads sip martinis and plot business deals apres-golf at The Watering Hole lounge. But this summer, everything will be different. Disaster strikes right before opening weekend when Tinsley, a summer employee and niece of the resort manager Traci, disappears after a wild, booze-fueled staff party. Traci, who is the widow of The Saint's late owner, is at the top of the family's suspicions. Tinsley's disappearance reawakens interest in a long-ago summer drowning, and Traci is forced to confront her role in the tragedies, both present and past. As the summer staff unite to try to solve the mystery, betrayals are confronted and long buried secrets wash up on the shore.

"Andrews (The Newcomer) sparkles in this fast-paced tale. Andrews's fans will eat this up."—Publishers Weekly on The Homewreckers

Previous titles' foreign sales: Brazil/Alta, Germany/Fischer, Hungary/IPC Könyvek, Macedonia/Antolog, Norway/Bastion, Poland/Znak, Russia/Arkadia, Slovenia/Ucila

Also available: Summer Rental (2011), Spring Fever (2012), Ladies' Night (2013), Christmas Bliss (2013), Save the Date (2014), Beach Town (2015), The Weekenders (2016), The High Tide Club (2018), Sunset Beach (2019), Hello, Summer (2020), The Newcomer (2021), The Santa Suit (2021), The Homewreckers (2022), Bright Lights Big Christmas (2023)





#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

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## New York Times bestselling author Tracey Garvis Graves takes readers on a life-affirming journey where two lost souls find the unexpected courage to love again

#### THE TRAIL OF LOST HEARTS by Tracey Garvis Graves (St. Martin's Press, March 2024)

Editor: Leslie Gelbman; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

Comparison: Jojo Moyes

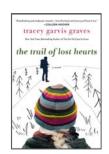
Thirty-four-year-old Wren Waters believes that if you pay attention, the universe will send you exactly what you need. But her worldview shatters when the universe delivers two life-altering blows she didn't see coming, and all she wants to do is put the whole heartbreaking mess behind her. No one is more surprised than Wren when she discovers that geocaching—the outdoor activity of using GPS to look for hidden objects—is the only thing getting her out of bed and out of her head. She decides that a weeklong solo quest geocaching in Oregon is exactly what she needs to take back control of her life. Enter Marshall Hendricks, a psychologist searching for distraction as he struggles with a life-altering blow of his own. Though Wren initially rebuffs Marshall's attempt at hiker small talk, she's beyond grateful when he rescues her from a horrifying encounter farther down the trail. In the interest of safety, Marshall suggests partnering up to look for additional caches. Wren's no longer quite so trusting of the universe—or men in general—but her inner circle might argue that a smart, charismatic psychologist isn't the worst thing the universe could place in her path. What begins as a platonic road trip gradually blossoms into something deeper, and the more Wren learns about Marshall, the more she wants to know. Now all she can do is hope that the universe gets it right this time.

"I cannot get enough of Tracey Garvis Graves. She just keeps getting better and better."—Taylor Jenkins Reid, New York Times bestselling author of Daisy Jones & The Six

"I've yet to read a Tracey Garvis Graves book I didn't devour and cherish with my whole heart."—Christina Lauren, New York Times bestselling author of The Soulmate Equation

Foreign sales: Israel/Kinneret

Previous titles' foreign sales: Brazil/Pensamento, Bulgaria/Iztok-Zapad, Croatia/Znanje, Czech Republic/Euromedia, Estonia/Rahva Raamat, Germany/Droemer, Hungary/Könyvmolyképző, Israel/Kinneret, Italy/Sperling & Kupfer, Lithuania/Balto, Poland/NapoleonV, Romania/Epica, Russia/Eksmo, Serbia/Vulkan, Turkey/Epsilon, UK/Orion, Vietnam/1980 Books







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Japan: Tuttle Mori Agency Korea: Eric Yang Agency



Also available: The Girl He Used to Know (2019), Heard it in a Love Song (2021)

#### LENNY MARKS GETS AWAY WITH MURDER by Kerryn Mayne (St. Martin's Press, July 2024)

Editor: Sarah Grill; Material: manuscript: Page count: 352

Comparison: Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine and The Maid

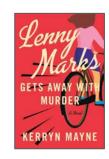
Lenny Marks is never unprepared. She spends her days teaching at the local elementary school and her nights watching reruns of *Friends* and playing Scrabble against an imaginary Monica Geller. She owns thirty-six copies of *The Hobbit*, arranged by height. Her wardrobe is limited to four colors (previously counted as three, but the distinction between charcoal and grey was impossible to ignore). And Lenny Marks is very, very good at not remembering what happened the day her mother left her when she was still a child and her stepfather went to prison. Until a letter from the parole board arrives in the mail—and when her desperate attempts to ignore it fail, Lenny starts to unravel. Worse, she starts to remember...Equal parts heartbreaking and heartwarming, Kerryn Mayne's stunning debut is an irresistible novel about truth, secrets, vengeance, and family lost and found, with a heroine who's simply unforgettable.

"With humor, heart and characters you come to love, this is a book you will devour now, and keep thinking about later!"—Sally Hepworth, author of *The Good Sister* 

"Beautiful, painful and ultimately completely satisfying...I'll be thinking about Lenny for a long time."—Annabel Monaghan, bestselling author of *Nora Goes Off Script* 

"Devilishly fun...top marks for Lenny Marks!"—Benjamin Stevenson, author of Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone

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## From the author of the Hulu sensation Tell Me Lies comes an obsessive, addictive novel about female friendship, a missing baby, and the toxic, secret history between two women

BYE, BABY by Carola Lovering (St. Martin's Press, March 2024)

Editor: Sarah Cantin; Material: manuscript; Page count: 352

Comparison: Laura Dave

On a brisk fall night in a New York apartment, thirty-five-year-old Billie West hears terrified screams. It's her lifelong best friend Cassie Barnwell, one floor above, and she's just realized her infant daughter has gone missing. Billie is shaken as she looks down into her own arms to see the baby, remembering—with a jolt of fear—that she is responsible for the kidnapping that has instantly shattered Cassie's world. So begins the story of Billie and Cassie's friendship—both in recent weeks and since they met twenty-three years ago in their small Hudson Valley hometown the summer before seventh grade. Once fiercely bonded by their secrets, including a traumatic, unspeakable incident in high school, Cassie and Billie have drifted apart in adulthood. Cassie is married to a wealthy man, has recently become a mother, and is building a following as a fashion and lifestyle influencer. She is desperate to leave her past behind—including Billie, who is single and childless and no longer fits into her world. Hurt and rejected by Cassie's new priorities, Billie will do anything to restore their friendship, even as she hides the truth about what really happened the night the baby was taken. Told in alternating perspectives in Lovering's signature suspenseful style, *Bye, Baby* confronts the myriad ways friendships change and evolve over time, the lingering echoes of childhood trauma, and the impact of women's choices on their lifelong relationships.

"A twisty novel about the dark side of love and the reverberating effects of childhood trauma, Carola Lovering's *Bye, Baby* is tense and suspenseful with secrets and surprises at every turn."—Jill Santopolo, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Light We Lost* 

Previous titles' foreign sales: Czech Republic/Grada, Romania/Niculescu, Turkey/Yabanci

Also available: Too Good to Be True (2021), Can't Look Away (2022)

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#### THE FORTUNE SELLER by Rachel Kalpeke-Dale (St. Martin's Press, February 2024)

Editor: Sarah Cantin; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Comparison: Yellowjackets meets The Cloisters

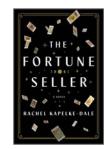
Rosie Macalister has worked for years to fit in with her wealthy friends on the Yale equestrian team. But when she comes back from her junior year abroad with newfound confidence, she finds that the group has been infiltrated by a mysterious intruder: Annelise Tattinger. A talented tarot reader and a brilliant rider, the enigmatic Annelise is unlike anyone Rosie has ever met. But when one of their friends notices money disappearing from her bank account, Annelise's place in the circle is thrown into question. As the girls turn against each other, the group's unspoken tensions and assumptions lead to devastating consequences. It's only after graduation, when Rosie begins a job at a Manhattan hedge fund, that she uncovers Annelise's true identity—and how her place in their elite Yale set was no accident. *The Fortune Seller* is a haunting examination of class, ambition, and the desires that shape our lives.

"A captivating novel...[that] reveals the dark impulses that fuel our most intoxicating relationships."—Jillian Medoff, author of When We Were Bright and Beautiful

"Delicious and addicting...a glittering tale of sacrifice and privilege."—Julia Fine, author of Maddalena and the Dark

Also available: The Ballerinas (2021), The Ingenue (2022)

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#### A SONG TO DROWN RIVERS by Ann Liang (St. Martin's Press, October 2024)

Editor: Tiffany Shelton; Material: manuscript; Page count: 336

Comparison: She Who Became the Sun by Shelley Parker-Chan and Ariadne by Jennifer Saint

Born in the blood-soaked Spring and Autumn period of Chinese history, Xishi's beauty is a blessing. At least, that's what the villagers of Yue tell her, convinced that the best fate for a girl is to marry well and support her family. A goal that's difficult with the constant raids by Wu soldiers. When Xishi draws the attention of the famous young military advisor, Fanli, he presents her with a rare opportunity. It's then that Xishi realizes her beauty is something else: a weapon. One that could topple the rival neighboring kingdom of Wu and improve the lives of her people. One that could avenge her sister's murder. All she has to do is infiltrate the enemy palace as a spy, seduce the immoral King, and weaken the enemy from within. Trained by Fanli in everything from classical instruments to reading body language, Xishi quickly hones her beauty into the perfect blade. Fanli teaches her how to lie and conceal emotion, but she knows he can see through every deception she masters. A doomed attraction burns between them. He is the only one who can read the real her, and she him. With Fanli's help, Xishi reaches the enemy palace and works to dismantle the court. But the longer she stays, the harder her task becomes. The enemy King Fuchai's advisors watch her hungrily, while Fuchai himself is kind to her. But despite his thoughtfulness, a brutality lurks beneath, and Xishi can never let her guard down. She begins to see what he has in common with her own leader. For better...and for worse. Xishi knows she is a pawn who must play by both sides' rules to survive. The higher Xishi climbs in the tangled web of the Wu court, the farther she and Fanli have to fall—and if she is unmasked as a traitor, she will bring down both kingdoms.

"By turns searingly ambitious and heartbreakingly intimate, A Song to Drown Rivers is an incisive, intricately crafted examination of power, politics, and what we'll become for those we love. This story swept me away."—Grace D. Li, New York Times bestselling author of Portrait of a Thief

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## The dark side of the 1960s returns to haunt a contemporary Los Angeles family in this new novel from a critically acclaimed author

THORN TREE by Max Ludington (St. Martin's Press, April 2024)

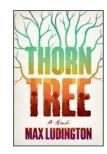
Editor: George Witte; Material: manuscript; Page count: 400

Comparison: Dog Soldiers by Robert Stone and A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan

From the acclaimed author of *Tiger in a Trance* (Doubleday, 2003) comes a suspenseful and beautifully wrought novel about the aftershocks of the late 1960s and the relationship between trauma and the creative impulse. Now in his late-sixties, Daniel lives in quiet anonymity in a converted guest cottage in the Hollywood Hills. A legendary artist, he's known for one seminal work—*Thorn Tree*—a hulking, welded, scrap metal sculpture that he built in the Mojave desert in the 1970s. The work emerged from tragedy, but building it kept Daniel alive and catapulted him to brief, reluctant fame in the art world. Daniel is landlord and neighbor to Celia, a charismatic but fragile actress living in the main house on his property. She too experienced youthful fame, hers in a popular television series, but saw her life nearly collapse after a series of bad decisions. Now, a new movie with a notorious director might reignite her career. A single mother, Celia leaves her young son, Dean, for weeks at a time with her father, Jack, who stays at her house while she's on location. Jack and Daniel strike up a tentative friendship as Dean takes to visiting Daniel's cottage—but something about Jack seems off. Discomfiting, strangely intimate, with flashes of anger balanced by an almost philosophical bent, Jack is not the harmless grandparent he pretends to be. Weaving the idealism and the darkness of the late 1960s, the glossy surfaces of Los Angeles celebrity today, and thrumming with the sound of the Grateful Dead, the mania of Charles Manson and other cults, and the secrets that both Jack and Daniel have harbored for fifty years, *Thorn Tree* is an utterly-compelling novel.

"Telling a story of crime and heartbreak in the American west, *Thorn Tree* is about everything that truly matters: art, family, and especially love. Ludington's novel is hard to put down and impossible to forget."—Lauren Grodstein, author of *We Must Not Think of Ourselves* 

"Max Ludington's *Thorn Tree* explores loss, discovery, and intergenerational conflict in the wake of the sixties. With taut, exquisitely modulated prose, he delivers a gut-punch with the ease of a caress."—Rebecca Donner, *New York Times* bestselling author of *All the Frequent Troubles of Our Days* 



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Japan: English Agency Japan Korea: Imprima Korea



#### YOURS FOR THE TAKING by Gabrielle Korn (St. Martin's Press, December 2023)

Editor: Hannah O'Grady; Material: manuscript; Page count: 336

Comparison: School for Good Mothers by Jessamine Chan

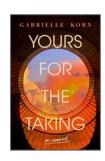
This is a thrilling queer debut novel set several decades in the future that follows an unforgettable cast of characters as they become swept up into a strange and exclusive new society. With climate change ravaging the planet, The Inside Project, a series of weather-safe, city-sized structures around the world, seems to be the only hope for humanity's survival. The director of the Inside being built on the bones of Manhattan is Jacqueline Millender, a reclusive billionaire/women's rights advocate. Her ideas are unorthodox, yet alluring, challenging the very concept of empowerment. But as the women who have been selected to be Inside soon realize, things are not all as they seem. *Yours for the Taking* is a mesmerizing story of queer love, betrayal, and chosen family, as well as an unflinching indictment of cis, corporate feminism.

"Korn manages to grapple with weighty topics while also delivering a compelling read, rife with twists."—Elle (Best Books of 2023)

"An alluring story of a feminist dystopia...Korn's conceits are as provocative as her characters are well-rounded. Readers will eat up this distinctive work of climate fiction."—Publishers Weekly

A sequel, The Shutouts, will follow in Fall 2024, following the people excluded from the Inside Project, their struggle to survive, and their search for truth that reveals an interconnectedness larger than all of them.

Harper's Bazaar, The Best Queer Reads of 2023
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#### 11% by Maren Uthaug (St. Martin's Press, Winter 2025)

Editor: Elisabeth Dyssegaard; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 336

Comparison: The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

11% is set many hundreds of years in the future, in a world where society is governed by women and men are no longer considered fully human. Men constitute only 11% of the population, the minimum required to avoid inbreeding, and are kept apart from the rest of the community. A #1 bestseller in Denmark for several months, 11% has sold over 65,000 copies there. Translation rights sold to Gallmeister in France, Det Norske Samlaget in Norway (where the book was a bestseller as well) and Metropolis in Hungary. The novel was awarded the prestigious Golden Laurels 2022 by Danish booksellers. Known for her dark humor and unconventional novels, Maren Uthaug is an award-winning Danish-Norwegian-Sámi author and cartoonist.

"From its first pages 11% draws the reader into Uthaug's powerfully sensual depiction of a future matriarchy. Hugely engrossing and entertaining...Couldn't be more relevant."—Berlingske

"Maren Uthaug has written a sweepingly beautiful, feminist-futurist fable about a Denmark where women have taken power and are cleaning up the destruction left by men...A novel destined for an international arena."—Politiken

UK/COMMONWEALTH ONLY (Copenhagen Literary Agency)



## Shedding light on a little-known aspect of the Nazi regime, this is a heartfelt, emotional novel of friendship, love, and secrets that is sure to resonate with historical fiction fans

THE SUNFLOWER HOUSE by Adriana Allegri (St. Martin's Press, September 2024)

Editor: Brigitte Dale; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

Comparison: Martha Hall Kelly

In a sleepy German village, Allina Gottlieb's life is idyllic: she works at the bookshop with her uncle, makes strudel with her aunt, and spends the weekends with her friends and fiancé. But it's 1939, and on one fateful night, her life changes forever. *The Sunflower House* is a meticulously-researched debut historical novel set at Hochland Home, part of the notorious Lebensborn Program in Nazi Germany—a real-life *Handmaid's Tale*. Women of "pure" blood resided there for the sole purpose of perpetuating the Aryan population, giving birth to hundreds of babies who were then raised—and neglected—in this state-run baby factory. With her life on the line, Allina is forced to work as a nurse in Hochland Home. Her Jewish identity must remain a secret in order for her to survive, but when she discovers the neglect occurring within the home, she is determined not only to save herself, but also the children in her care. When Allina meets Karl, a high-ranking SS officer with secrets of his own, the two must decide how much they are willing to share with each other—and how much they can stand to risk. The threads of this poignant and heartrending novel weave a tale of loss and love, friendship and betrayal, and the secrets we bury in order to save ourselves.

"Adriana Allegri's impressive debut is a riveting, heartrending story of love, sacrifice, and redemption set amid the horrors of the notorious Nazi Lebensborn Program. Immersive and full of compelling characters, *The Sunflower House* is a moving tribute to the power of ordinary people to resist and to overcome."—Jennifer Chiaverini, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Resistance Women* 

"This chilling novel sheds light on a little-known WWII atrocity through the eyes of its reluctant heroine. Heartbreaking and beautifully written, *The Sunflower House* is a story about a woman upended by trauma and secrets, who must ignore her conscience and become part of the lie she loathes most in order to survive, go forward and love again. An inspirational read that will linger long after you've finished the last page."—Shelly Sanders, bestselling author of *Daughters of the Occupation* 

#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: Japan UNI Korea: not yet assigned



In a post WWII New York City, a young woman is forced to reinvent her life and choose between the safe and the ethical, and the men who represent each

THE TROUBLE WITH YOU by Ellen Feldman (St. Martin's Griffin, February 2024)

Editor: Elisabeth Dyssegaard; Material: manuscript: Page count: 368

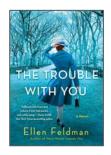
Comparison: Lynda Cohen Loigman

Set in New York City in the exuberant aftermath of World War II when the men were coming home, the women were exhaling in relief, and everyone was having babies, this is the story of a young woman whose rosy future is upended in a single instant. Raised never to step out of bounds, educated at one of the Sister Seven Colleges for a career as a wife and mother, Fanny struggles to raise her young daughter and forge a new life after her husband's sudden death. She discovers she likes working when she gets a job typing for the "queen" of radio serials—never to be referred to as soaps! And through her friendship with an actress who stars in the series and a man who writes them, she comes face to face with the blacklist, which is destroying careers and wrecking lives. Ultimately, Fanny must decide between playing it safe or doing what she knows is right in this vivid evocation of a world that seems at once light years away and strangely immediate.

"A big hearted novel that takes the reader through history...It's the NYC of automats and radio serials, the America where women are expected to stay home and raise kids. But Fanny finds independence, a career, and even love...I cheered for her every step of the way."—Ann Hood, New York Times bestselling author of Fly Girl and The Knitting Circle

"Ellen Feldman has done it again. This time she conjures up New York City in the post-war years, as loyalty oaths and blacklists begin to take their toll, and as the irresistible Fanny Fabricant grapples with familial expectations and societal conventions. The result is an indelible novel suffused with heart and history, fresh, fast-paced, and exhilarating."—Stacy Schiff, New York Times bestselling author

Foreign sales: Australia/Pan Macmillan Australia



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### From bestselling author Jeff Shaara comes the story of rising conflict between superpowers that gripped the world

THE SHADOW OF WAR: A Novel of the Cuban Missile Crisis by Jeff Shaara (St. Martin's Press, May 2024)

Editor: Ketih Kahla; Material: manuscript; Page count: 368

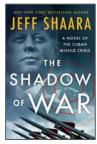
Comparison: Edge of Eternity by Ken Follett

In 1961, the new president John F. Kennedy inherited an ill-conceived, poorly executed invasion of Cuba that failed miserably and set in motion the events that put the U.S. and the Soviet Union on a collision course that nearly started a war that would have enveloped much of the world. Extensively researched and vividly imagined, *New York Times* bestselling author Jeff Shaara's *The Shadow of War* brings to life the many threads that lead to the building crisis between the Soviet Union and the United States in 1962. Told from a multitude of perspectives and voices, from the Russian engineer attempting the near impossible task of building the missile launch facilities in Cuba, to the U.S. Navy commanders who ships are sent to "quarantine" Cuba, to the Soviet Premier, Nikita Kruschev, desperately trying to maintain a challenging balancing act between the conflicting demands of various powerful forces, to the brothers Kennedy (Bobby and JFK), who can't allow Russia to land nuclear missiles in Cuba or to appear weak in confronting Kruschev, but who keenly understand how close they are dancing to the edge of war. Shaara brings to life all the action and actors, famous and little known, that embodied a war that almost happened, the Cuban Missile Crisis.

"A colorful portrait of a colorful man...[Shaara] achieves both a vividly realized landscape and a full-bodied portrait of his subject."—Booklist on The Old Lion

Also available: The Old Lion (2023)

See more on our marketing and positioning here!





**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: Japan UNI

Korea: not yet assigned



SMPG | GENERAL FICTION

New York Times bestselling author Paula Brackston returns with a new, magic-infused series about an eccentric and feisty young woman who can see ghosts

THE HAUNTING OF HECATE CAVENDISH by Paula Brackston (St. Martin's Press, July 2024)

Editor: Pete Wolverton; Material: manuscript; Page count: 352

Comparison: Deborah Harkness

England, 1881. Hereford cathedral stands sentinel over the city, keeping its secrets, holding long forgotten souls in its stony embrace. Hecate Cavendish speeds through the cobbled streets on her bicycle, skirts hitched daringly high, heading for her new life as Assistant Librarian. But this is no ordinary collection of books. The cathedral houses an ancient chained library, wisdom guarded for centuries, mysteries and stories locked onto its worn, humble shelves. The most prized artifact, however, is the medieval world map which hangs next to Hecate's desk. Little does she know how much the curious people and mythical creatures depicted on it will come to mean to her. Nor does she suspect that there are lost souls waiting for her in the haunted cathedral. Some will become her dearest friends. Some will seek her help in finding peace. Others will put her in great peril, and, as she quickly learns, threaten the lives of everyone she loves.

Previous titles' foreign sales: Brazil/Bertrand, Czech Republic/Dobrovsky, Germany/Heyne, Hungary/Kiado, UK/Constable & Robinson, Russia/Eksmo

Also Available: The Witch's Daughter (2011), The Winter Witch (2013), The Midnight Witch (2014), The Silver Witch (2015), The Little Shop of Found Things (2018), Secrets of the Chocolate House (2019), The Garden of Promises and Lies (2020), City of Time and Magic (2021)

See a video from the author on the book <u>here!</u>

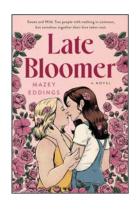




**Non-Exclusive Territories:** Japan: Tuttle Mori Agency

Korea: Eric Yang Agency









# ROMANCE/ ROMANTIC COMEDY

### From beloved, bestselling author Katherine Center comes a laugh-out-loud, feel good rom-com about writing your own story

THE ROM-COMMERS by Katherine Center (St. Martin's Press, June 2024)

Editor: Jennifer Enderlin; Material: manuscript; Page count: 336

Comparison: Emily Henry

Emma Wheeler has big dreams, although she hasn't let herself think about them in years. But then, her big break comes along: she's offered a job to write a screenplay with none other than her hero, movie writing legend, Charlie-freaking-Yates! And it's a rom-com! It's THE dream...until reality sets in. She'll be a ghostwriter, not an actual credited writer. And she'll have to move to L.A., which means leaving her dad, who requires her full-time care after a climbing accident. Added to that, it turns out that Charlie's kind of a jerk and is only writing this movie to get a Mafia movie that he actually cares about made. And that's not the worst of it...Charlie doesn't even get rom-coms because he doesn't believe in love. But Emma's not going down without a fight. She's determined to help Charlie write a kick-ass screenplay, not for him, but for herself and her dreams. The first step? Make Charlie get rom-coms. The more time Emma spends with Charlie, the more she realizes there may be more to him than the hot-shot writer guy he portrays. And the more she tries to teach him about love, the more real it all starts to seem. Can Emma really write her dreams into reality? Or was it all fiction after all?

"With a thoroughly modern millennial heroine at the helm, this emotional contemporary from Center tugs on the heartstrings and grabs attention...Readers will be hooked."—Publishers Weekly (starred review) on Hello Stranger

Previous titles' foreign sales: Arabic World/Arab Cultural Center, Bulgaria/Soft Press, Brazil/Planeta, Croatia/Mozaik, Czech Republic/Albatros, Estonia/Rahva Raamat, France/Bragelonne, Germany/Goldmann, Hungary/Pioneer, Israel/Yedioth, Italy/Newton Compton, Latvia/Latvijas Mediji, Lithuania/Balto, Macedonia/Bata, Netherlands/Meulenhoff, Norway/Strawberry, Poland/Muza, Portugal/Porto, Romania/S. C. Contact, Serbia/Laguna, Slovakia/Albatros, Spain/PRH, Turkey/Ephesus, UK/Orion

Also available: Happiness for Beginners (2015), How to Walk Away (2018), Things You Save in a Fire (2019), What You Wish For (2020), The Bodyguard (2022), Hello Stranger (2023)





Non-Exclusive Territories:

Japan: Japan UNI

Korea: Eric Yang Agency



### From New York Times bestselling YA author Emma Lord comes a delightfully fun and deeply emotional adult romance debut

THE BREAK-UP PACT by Emma Lord (St. Martin's Griffin, August 2024)

Editor: Alexandra Sehulster; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Comparison: Every Summer After by Carley Fortune

June and Levi were best friends as teenagers—up until the day they weren't, and they've barely spoken since. Now, June is a tea shop owner struggling to make rent on her beachside set-up, and Levi is sarcastically living the New York dream as a disillusioned hedge fund manager and failed novelist. But when both experience very public, humiliating break-ups with their exes that spread like wildfire across TikTok rabbit holes and daytime talk shows alike, they decide to make some juicy gossip of their own. Pretending to date will help June's shop get back on its feet and make Levi's ex, Kelly, realize that she made a terrible mistake. As they go on a series of dates aimed at getting prime photo ops, June and Levi slowly start to uncover the truth of their relationship—that the cracks of the past can build a stronger foundation for the future. That friendship is sometimes worth risking for something even more. And that despite all the distractions they throw in front of themselves—a cake tasting, a scream poetry reading, trivia night in a cozy bar, swaying chest-to-chest on a sweaty dance floor—absolutely nothing can erase the searing draw they feel towards each other. One fake relationship. Two viral break-ups. Five sparkling, heart-pounding dates. June and Levi can definitely, absolutely pull this off without their hearts getting involved. Because everyone knows fake dating doesn't come with real feelings. Right?

"An immensely charming adult romance debut from Emma Lord! With its lovable characters, quaint seaside setting, and gorgeously insightful prose, *The Break-Up Pact* is a joy to read. This estranged-childhood-friends-to-fake-dating-to-lovers story is as delicious and warm as one of June's specialty scones. Humor and heart at its best—I loved it!"—Sarah Adler, author of *Mrs. Nash's Ashes* 

See a video from the author on the book here!



**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: Tuttle Mori Agency Korea: Imprima Korea



SMPG | ROMANCE/ROMANTIC COMEDY

### From a contributor to McSweeny's, Belladonna, The Weekly Humorist and more, comes a witty, charming, and sexy second chance romance

TILL THERE WAS YOU by Lindsay Hameroff (St. Martin's Griffin, February 2024)

Editor: Sallie Lotz; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Comparison: Emily Henry

Culinary student Lexi Berman, twenty-four, has one goal: to make her late mother proud by becoming an executive chef in a Michelin-star restaurant. And she isn't going to let anything—or anyone—get in the way. But when she meets Jake Taylor, a dive bar musician who charms her with show tunes, she makes a rare exception to her no-dating rule. After a steamy weekend together, Jake leaves for L.A. to record his demo, and Lexi never expects to see him again. And she definitely doesn't expect him to become an overnight celebrity, with a breakout single that's almost certainly about her famous blueberry pancake recipe. As Jake's star rises and the world speculates about the subject of his song, Lexi keeps the affair to herself. After all, she's finally found her footing at her new restaurant job, and even has a prospective romance with her coworker. But when a distraught Jake turns up on her doorstep late one night, her carefully-laid plans are thrown for a loop. Though she and Jake try to be friends, things between them soon reheat faster than a bowl of Lexi's matzah ball soup. But a relationship with Jake means risking her face in tabloids, withstanding cruel internet comments, and worst of all, jeopardizing her career. As Jake's upcoming tour approaches, and rumors swirl about him and another pop star, Lexi has to decide if holding onto her meticulously-planned future is worth walking away from what could be the perfect recipe for love. Set both in the chaos of fame and the high stakes world of New York City restaurants, this novel sprinkles in a second chance at love and a dollop of celebrity drama to create a romantic romp that will make even the most jaded reader smile.

"Till There Was You explores what happens when an aspiring chef meets a musician on the edge of fame and becomes his inspiration for a hit single—in other words, it's a complete delight! Lindsay Hameroff's debut is witty, warm, and charming with a healthy dose of hilarious one-liners and clever dialogue. Fans of Emily Henry and Robinne Lee's The Idea of You are going to go crazy for this one!"—Jennifer Close, author of Marrying the Ketchups

See more on our marketing and positioning <u>here!</u>



**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: Japan UNI

Korea: Eric Yang Agency



For readers looking for more emotional depth in their romances, this is not only a wonderful second chance love story but also a story about a woman finding herself

RULES FOR SECOND CHANCES by Maggie North (St. Martin's Griffin, June 2024)

Editor: Lisa Bonvissuto; Material: manuscript; Page count: 352

Comparison: Love in the Time of Serial Killers by Alicia Thompson

Liz Lewis has tried everything to be what people want. But she's always been labeled different from everyone else in the boisterous world of wilderness expeditions—that is, if anyone notices her at all. Her marriage to popular adventure guide Tobin Renner-Lewis is a sinkhole of toxic positivity where she's the only one saying no. In a mountain resort town built around excitement, introverted Liz gets...spreadsheets. When she gets mistaken for a server at her own thirtieth birthday party and her last line of communication with Tobin finally snaps, Liz vows to stop playing a minor character in her own life. The (incredibly well-researched and scientific) plan? A crash course in confidence...via improv comedy class. The catch? She's terrible at it, and the only person willing to practice with her is a certain extroverted wilderness guide who seems dead set on saving their marriage one bonkers improv scenario at a time. But as Liz and Tobin get closer (...again), she's forced to confront all the reasons they didn't work the first time, along with her growing suspicion that there might be more to her social awkwardness than anyone realized. Liz has just eight weeks to learn improv's most important lesson—"yes, and"—or she'll have to choose between the love she always wanted and the dreams that got away.

"Every time I think about this story I fall in love all over again. I adore everything about Liz and I was rooting for both her and Tobin the entire time. I laughed, I cried (several times), I swooned and fell in love as they worked their way back to each other. These beautifully unique characters jump off the page and into your heart. The story is real, raw, fresh and original. It brims with hope, and fills my romance loving soul."—Helena Hunting, New York Times bestselling author

"If I loved this book less, I might be able to talk about it more. Maggie North's *Rules for Second Chances* is a beautiful marriage-in-trouble romance about seeing yourself reflected in someone's starry eyes but needing to find yourself first. yes, and...North's poignant sentences live in my body as a physical ache. When it comes to anything North writes, I will always be saying yes, yes, yes,"—Alicia Thompson, bestselling author of *Love in the Time of Serial Killers* 



**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: not yet assigned Korea: not yet assigned



See more on our marketing and positioning here!

#### A sapphic opposites-attract romance with Mazey Edding's signature sparkling voice

LATE BLOOMER by Mazey Eddings (St. Martin's Griffin, April 2024)

Editor: Eileen Rothschild; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Comparison: Mistakes Were Made by Meryl Wilsner

Winning the lottery has ruined Opal Devlin's life. After quitting her dead-end job where she'd earned minimum wage and even less respect, she's bombarded by people knocking at her door for a handout the second they found out her bank account was overflowing with cash. And Opal can't seem to stop saying yes. With her tender heart thoroughly abused, Opal decides to protect herself by any means necessary, which to her translates to putting almost all of her new money into buying a failing flower farm in Asheville, North Carolina to let the flowers live out their plant destiny while she uses the cabin on the property to start her painting business. But her plans for isolation and self-preservation go hopelessly awry when an angry (albeit gorgeous) Pepper Boden is waiting for her at her new farm. Pepper states she's the rightful owner of Thistle and Bloom Farms, and she isn't moving out. The unlikely pair strike up an agreement of co-habitation and butt heads at every turn. Can these opposites both live out their dreams and plant roots? Or will their combustible arguing (and growing attraction) burn the whole place down?

"Mazey Eddings's writing is authentic, emotional, and intensely romantic! To me, it's like a Taylor Swift song in book form."—Ali Hazelwood, New York Times bestselling author

Foreign sales: Brazil/Pensamento, Netherlands/April Books, UK/Headline

Previous title's foreign sales: Brazil/Autentica, Denmark/Flamingo, Netherlands/April Books, Turkey/Yabanci, UK/Headline

Also available: A Brush with Love (2022), Lizzie Blake's Best Mistake (2022), The Plus One (2023)

Check out more terrific praise for the author here





**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: Tuttle Mori Agency Korea: Eric Yang Agency



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### Fall for Him combines banter, hijinks, and heart into a story of finding out what it really means to fix things after your life crumbles

FALL FOR HIM by Andie Burke (St. Martin's Griffin, September 2024)

Editor: Lisa Bonvissuto; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 320

Comparison: Alexis Hall

Dylan Gallagher's extremely hot downstairs neighbor seemed to loathe him from the second he moved in, and given that Dylan just caused a flood, fell through the floor, landed directly onto that same neighbor's bed, and made the worst timed "It's Raining Men" joke ever, that seems unlikely to change. Meanwhile, when it rains it pours for ER Nurse Derek Chang. A man he hates literally dropped into his life along with an astronomically expensive deluge. The timing couldn't be worse. Paying off his sister's debts emptied Derek's bank account, and the underlying root cause of the collapsed ceiling came from his own unit. Now the two men have to squeeze all their emotional baggage and a 130lb dog into a tiny one-bedroom apartment. Dylan knows he's not Derek's type, so he's using up all his ADHD hyper-fixation energy on getting the repair job done as quickly as possible, so he doesn't do anything stupid like acting on his inconvenient attraction. Meanwhile Derek is trying to ignore the fact that the surprisingly funny, tattooed nerd sleeping on the couch is growing on him despite having a good reason to hold a long-term grudge.

"Burke skillfully balances sweetness and heat...readers will eagerly cheer on the charming central couple. Burke is a writer to watch."—Publishers Weekly on Fly With Me

Previous title's foreign sales: Germany/HarperCollins

Also available: Fly With Me (2023)



**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: Japan UNI

Korea: Eric Yang Agency



With romances that fit right into the marketplace while still being high-concept and original, Sophie Sullivan has made a name for herself in the rom-com world. Now she is back with a fun and commercial new series

#### LOVE, NATURALLY by Sophie Sullivan (St. Martin's Press, January 2024)

Editor: Alexandra Sehulster; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

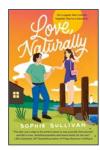
Comparison: Tessa Bailey meets Schitt's Creek

Presley Ayers is not the woman you bring on a camping trip. An accomplished concierge at one of Chicago's most exclusive hotels, she knows more about the top ten places for champagne and caviar than the best hiking boots to go stomping around near Lake Michigan. But when she surprises her boyfriend of ten months with a vacation to the Get Lost Lodge and he dumps her instead, Presley decides to rough it solo and take the trip herself. When Beckett Keller helps the gorgeous woman off the rickety boat and onto Lodge territory, it's clear she's made a mistake. She doesn't like hiking, fishing, or nature in general, so why did she go on this trip? But he's got other things on his mind, including a crumbling lodge, a mess hall chef who insists on cooking haute cuisine, and his own plans and dreams that are forever deferred. He doesn't have time for Ms. Fish-Out-of-Water. But neither Beckett nor Presley can help that inexplicable draw they feel towards each other. He's all rough stubble and plaid shirts, while she's all high heels and brand-name athleisurewear. But you know what they say about opposites. A charming and winning romance of opposites-attract and found family, *Love, Naturally* is for anyone who ever stepped outside their comfort zone and found that all the best things can happen when you take a chance.

"Sophie Sullivan crafts a warm, sweet-as-brownies love story in A Guide to Being Just Friends: with found family, a hopeful, determined heroine, a starchy hero, and the risky question 'What if adding romance to our already-great relationship makes it even better? What if it makes us fall apart?' This is a slow-burn friends-to-lovers with lots of heart and kindness."—Sarah Hogle, author of You Deserve Each Other and Just Like Magic

Previous series' foreign sales: Germany/Ullstein, Russia/AST, UK/Headline

Also available: Ten Rules for Faking It (2021), How to Love Your Neighbor (2022), A Guide to Being Just Friends (2023)







Japan: Japan UNI

Korea: Eric Yang Agency



### With her signature charming characters and laugh-out-loud humor, Jayci Lee returns with a new romantic comedy that hits right at the heart of the market

THAT PRINCE IS MINE by Jayci Lee (St. Martin's Griffin, July 2024)

Editor: Mara Delgado-Sánchez; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 320

Comparison: Helen Hoang

Emma Yoon runs a small business as a culinary instructor in Los Angeles teaching Korean royal court cuisine to young ladies striving to marry into upper crust Korean families. She has built her business alongside her renowned Korean matchmaker godmother, which brings her one step closer to her dream of opening up a culinary school on her own. But when her godmother's fellow matchmakers decide to meddle in Emma's love life in a bid to sabotage her godmother, they indirectly push Emma's dream out of her reach. Now, she must go on a series of arranged first dates and find herself the perfect-on-paper husband to help save both her godmother's reputation and her dream—even if she's not ready for love. But when she meets Michel Aubert, a professor at USC, after a series of disastrous first dates, she wonders if she might reevaluate her position on love. Prince Michel Aubert is bound by duty and responsibility to his country, but an arranged marriage is the last thing he wants. If he is going to spend the rest of his life in service of his people, then he at least wants someone he loves and trusts by his side while doing it. He needs to find a woman who loves him for who he is before his engagement to his handpicked bride is announced. Emma Yoon might be just the woman he is looking for.

Previous series' foreign sales: UK/Headline

Also available: A Sweet Mess (2020), The Dating Dare (2021), Booked on a Feeling (2022)







Japan: not yet assigned Korea: Eric Yang Agency



### Opposites attract in this enemies-to-lovers romantic comedy of feuding neighbors and dueling hearts from the author of The Rom-Com Agenda

HEDGING YOUR BETS by Jayne Denker (St. Martin's Griffin, January 2024)

Editor: Alexander Sehulster; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Comparison: Kerry Winfrey

Gillian has been happily divorced for several years and, after trying a few dating apps, prefers to stay that way. Navigating her way through dates with fat shamers and lackluster men has left her with no desire to do anything other than work in her garden in her spare time. Who needs rude comments and awkward first-date conversation when soft roses and vibrant tulips are so much better? Noah West has just moved to Willow Cove. After a rough breakup that leaves him looking to get far away, he relocates to the same small town he spent summers in as a teen—and moves right next door to Gillian. A big believer in minimalist design and that the best kind of plants are non-flowering, he knows as soon as he meets his neighbor that they are going to clash on just about everything. Now if only he could keep his eyes off her too. That might be helpful. When a gardening contest brings out the competition in Gillian and Noah, dueling plant arrangements and fiery banter ensues. But is it possible that beneath all their differences, they might just be perfect for each other?

"Denker spins rom-com gold in this vibrant, genre-savvy tale... A funny and poignant ride, enhanced by sparkling prose and a stellar lineup of supporting characters."—Publishers Weekly on The Rom-Com Agenda

"The Rom-Com Agenda is a funny and heartwarming story with characters you'll want to meet again. An homage to the rom-com movies we grew up with."—Sophie Sullivan, author of Ten Rules for Faking It

Foreign sales: Australia/Simon & Schuster

Also available: The Rom-Com Agenda (2023)

See a video from the author on the book <u>here!</u>





**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: not yet assigned Korea: Imprima Korea



### An enemies-to-lovers romance with a spooky twist where two feuding writers end up on a writers retreat together at a haunted castle in Scotland

IF I STOPPED HAUNTING YOU by Colby Wilkens (St. Martin's Griffin, September 2024)

Editor: Vicki Lame; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Comparison: Alicia Thompson

Horror authors Penelope Skinner and Neil Storm have been enemies ever since their disastrous BookCon panel. For her part, Pen can admit that throwing a book at the Prince of Horror himself was a bad idea. But he was so infuriating, with his obnoxious smirk, his sparkling green eyes, and his bestselling novels that claimed to break Indigenous stereotypes while catering completely to a white audience. Now, four months after the projectile paperback, Pen's career seems over before it's begun. Aside from losing her agent and becoming a pariah while Neil Storm remains beloved, she hasn't been able to write another word. So when her friend invites her on a writers retreat in a supposedly haunted Scottish castle, she seizes the chance to raise her career from the dead. Of course, some things really are too good to be true. So Neil finds out when Penelope turns up in Scotland, invited to join their writers retreat by a mutual friend in hopes that the two enemies will finally call a truce. Neil wants nothing less than to be trapped in a castle with the frustratingly adorable woman who threw a book at him. Worse still, she unleashed a serious case of self-doubt. Now, all Neil wants is to find his inspiration again while completely avoiding Penelope Skinner. But as the retreat begins and night descends, Pen and Neil are stunned to find themselves stuck in a real life ghost story. Even more horrifying, they're stuck together, the only two who've seen the apparitions. The haunted castle seems to be pushing them together, and an almost-kiss leaves them both rethinking their feelings. It turns out there's more to both of their stories than they knew, and maybe they shouldn't have been enemies to begin with. But if they can't stop the nightmarish ghosts pursuing them, they may never have

"If I Stopped Haunting You is a complex deep dive into identity, history, and staying true to one's self that pulls no punches. With a toe curling romance and bone chilling ghosts lurking around every corner, this effortless blend of romance and horror is not to be missed."—Sonia Hartl, author of Heartbreak For Hire and Rent to Be

#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: not yet assigned Korea: not yet assigned



#### The next book in the fun and sexy Supernatural Singles series

#### NOT YOUR CRUSH'S CAULDRON by April Asher (St. Martin's Griffin, February 2024)

Editor: Tiffany Shelton; Material: manuscript; Page count: 336

Comparison: Witch Please by Ann Aguirre

As the youngest Maxwell triplet, Olive Maxwell prefers teaching her students about the magical world as the head of the Supernatural Studies department rather than taking part in it. That she leaves to her Prima-apparent and bounty hunter sisters. When she assigns her students a project that requires them to step outside of their comfort zones, Olive realizes that, to truly understand what she's asking them to do and why, it's only fair that she participates. What does she have to lose but the potential grant money to fund her supernatural exchange program? First step—move in with her best friend, who she's secretly in love with. Enter Baxter Donovan, guardian angel not-so-extraordinaire who just happens to be Olive's new roommate. After breaking two of the three rules of guardianship—don't tell your Assignment that you're their designated Guardian and don't get your Assignment killed—Bax is given one last, high-profile charge to keep his guardian angel status. Imagine his bewilderment when he's handed Olive's statistics file. Why is his best friend—and the woman he's secretly in love with—suddenly ranking so high on a risk assessment when she barely touched the scale in the past? Keeping Olive out of trouble is about to be his toughest assignment yet, especially when his comfort zones are being put to the test. It's not long before Bax realizes that Olive isn't the only one taking risks—he's already broken the first angel rule and the second…and if he isn't careful, he will end up breaking all three.

"Hilarious, sexy, and refreshingly modern...Readers will devour this."—Publishers Weekly (starred review) on Not the Witch You Wed

"Sweet and sizzling at the time, this book brought true joy to my heart...If you like laughing out loud, scorching chemistry, and falling in love, pick up this book now!"—Darynda Jones, New York Times bestselling author on Not the Witch You Wed

Previous titles' foreign sales: Turkey/Artemis

Also available: Not the Witch You Wed (2022), Not Your Ex's Hexes (2023)







#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: not yet assigned Korea: Eric Yang Agency



### A scandalous duke and society's most proper debutante (who is maybe not so proper) come together in this delightful Regency rom-com

NE'ER DUKE WELL by Alexandra Vasti (St. Martin's Griffin, July 2024)

Editor: Lisa Bonvissuto; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

Comparison: Martha Waters

Peter Kent—newly inherited Duke of Stanhope and recently of New Orleans, Louisiana—must become respectable. Between his radical politics and the time he interrupted a minor royal wedding with a flock of sheep—not his fault!—he's developed a scandalous reputation at odds with his goal of becoming guardian to his half-siblings. For help, he turns to the cleverest (and most managing) woman of his acquaintance, Lady Selina Ravenscroft. Selina is society's most proper debutante, save one tiny secret: she runs an erotic circulating library for ladies of the ton. When Peter asks for her help, she suggests courtship and marriage to a lady of unimpeachable reputation. (Which is, to say, definitely not herself.) Matchmaking doesn't go according to plan, however, when Selina finds herself falling for the disreputable duke instead.

"Ne'er Duke Well by Alexandra Vasti is an irresistible delight from a remarkable new talent. Every page inspires a smile, laugh, or pause in reading while one hugs the book because it's just so lovely, witty, and benevolently clever. Vasti does really interesting things with genre tropes, making the historical romance fresh and exciting. I felt so enlivened after reading, I want to run around waving it at people, saying 'read this now!' Vasti has quickly earned her place on my list of favourite writers."—India Holton, author of *The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels* 

Foreign sales: UK/Atlantic Books



#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: English Agency Japan Korea: not yet assigned



### Meet Her Majesty's Rebels: three brilliant women who run King & Co., London's most exclusive investigative agency in the first in Kate Bateman's sparkling new Regency romance series

SECOND DUKE'S THE CHARM by Kate Bateman (St. Martin's Mass Market, January 2024)

Editor: Lisa Bonvissuto; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

Comparison: Sarah MacLean

The wedding-night death of her much older husband left Tess Townsend the Dowager Duchess of Wansford—and still a virgin. Now she and her two best friends investigate London's most scandalous crimes, and while Tess longs to experience physical pleasure for herself, she can't risk losing her treasured independence. Cynical shipping magnate Justin Thornton never expected to inherit a dukedom, but he'll do his duty. When the ravishing woman he kissed at a party turns out to be the Dowager Duchess, Justin sees an obvious solution: a marriage of convenience that will suit them both. But the passion that sparks between them is anything but convenient. As Tess works on a new case at the request of Queen Charlotte, her increasingly suspicious behavior makes Justin question her motives—and her past. The infuriating woman clearly can't be trusted, but Justin doesn't believe in love, so there's absolutely no danger of him falling for his own wife...is there?

"Effervescent...the duo's barbed banter and constant competition proves a delicious prelude to seduction and love. Regency fans will be drawn in by this fast-paced romance and its strong-willed heroine."—Publishers Weekly on A Wicked Game

"Historical romance readers will love this steamy, star-crossed enemies-to-lovers adventure featuring a strong, intelligent heroine and a hero who learns to support her."—*Library Journal* on *A Reckless Match* 

Previous series' foreign sales: Croatia/Znanje, Czech Republic/Alpress, France/J'ai Lu, Italy/Mondadori, Japan/Hara Shobo, Romania/Litera



#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: Japan UNI Korea: not yet assigned



### The third and final in the swoony, frothy Rogues to Lovers Regency series featuring three forward-thinking heroines and their swoon-worthy heroes

IT TAKES A RAKE by Anna Bennett (St. Martin's Mass Market, February 2024)

Editor: Alexandra Sehulster; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Comparison: Tessa Dare

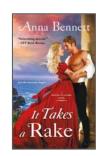
Since she was a girl, Miss Kitty Beckett has been adept at finding trouble: sneaking brandy, running away, and getting under the skin of the boy who, like her, was an apprentice to an architect. Now Kitty's a talented heiress who can take a dry building plan and breathe life into it with her pencils and paints. Also? She can spot a rake at a hundred yards—and she won't be tricked or charmed into marriage. Certainly not by a man who might interfere with her dreams. When Bellehaven Bay announces its first ever architectural design contest, she vows to win—with a little help from her childhood rival. Leo Lockland, a hardworking architect with a gift for numbers, has returned home after a few years in London, and he has secrets. The biggest? He's been in love with Kitty since they were both apprentices. She refuses to give her heart to any man, but Leo's determined to beat the odds—even if it means learning how to be a rake. Fortunately, Kitty's willing to tutor him in the nuances of fashion, flirtation, and seduction in exchange for his help with the contest. Leo proves to be a surprisingly quick study in the ballroom, on the beach, and in the bedchamber. Before long, he's softening Kitty's hard edges with his wicked words and kissing his way past all her defenses. Perhaps she's a bit too skilled at teaching, because her lessons are threatening to backfire, putting her closely guarded heart in grave danger.

"Tantalizing...readers will be swept away."—Publishers Weekly on One Duke Down

"A welcome addition to this Regency series, complete with dashing dukes, forbidden passion, and murderous subplots. Fans of the series will enjoy another trip to Bellehaven Bay."—Library Journal on One Duke Down

Previous series' foreign sales: Italy/Mondadori, Japan/Hara Shobo and Take Shobo, Norway/Vigmostad & Bjørke, Romania/Litera, Russia/Eksmo

Also available: Girls Before Earls (2022), One Duke Down (2023)





#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: Japan UNI Korea: not yet assigned



### The second in the Say I Do historical romance trilogy about dukes who need to marry or risk losing their inheritance by New York Times bestseller Amelia Grey

SINCERELY, THE DUKE by Amelia Grey (St. Martin's Mass Market, April 2024)

Editor: Mara Delgado-Sanchez; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Comparison: Eloisa James

Miss Edwina Fine has one shot at finding a husband before the ton learns her secret. With red hair, green eyes and being one of triplets, she knows the superstitions and rumors about women like her. So when a marriage proposal from the Duke of Stonerick arrives by mail, Edwina jumps at the chance to solve her problems. But nothing could prepare her for the attraction that sparks between them when they finally meet. It will take more than Edwina's wit to navigate her past reservations about marriage and the passion that ignites within her for the irresistible duke. Rick, Duke of Stonerick, enjoys his life exactly as it is: honing his expert marksmanship, playing cards, and fencing with his friends. He even enjoys exchanging affectionate humor with his mother about his lack of matrimonial engagement. But when a recurring illness reminds Rick he has no heir, he picks a name from the list of prospects his mother presents and writes a simple marriage proposal. Then he forgets about it—until that very lady with an iron will and breathtaking bravery shows up at his doorstep, ready to accept. Edwina tempts him like no other, and suddenly marriage doesn't seem much of an inconvenience after all. But will keeping his illness a secret cost him her love?

"Grey's unconventional meet-cute, compelling series backbone, and authentic characters move an interesting plot forward...An engaging series start."—Kirkus on Yours Truly, the Duke

"The slowly blossoming romance is made even more enticing by a healthy dose of humor, due largely to the antics of the children and the quirky behavior of Wyatt's marriage-phobic friends. Fans of the marriage-of-convenience trope will be chuffed."—Publishers Weekly on Yours Truly, the Duke

Previous series' foreign sales: Italy/Mondolibri, Norway/Vigmostad & Bjørke, Russia/AST

Also available: Yours Truly, the Duke (2023)

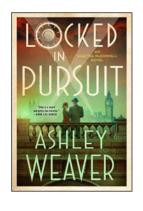


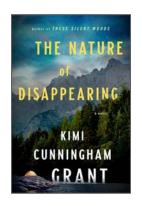


**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: Tuttle-Mori Agency Korea: not yet assigned









## MYSTERY/THRILLER

#### The next novel from the USA Today bestselling author of These Silent Woods

THE NATURE OF DISAPPEARING by Kimi Cunningham Grant (Minotaur Books, June 2024)

Editor: Sarah Grill; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

Comparison: William Kent Kreuger

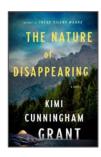
Emlyn doesn't let herself think about the past. How she and her best friend, Janessa, barely speak anymore. How Tyler, the man she thought was the love of her life, left her freezing and half-dead on the side of the road three years ago. Her new life is simple and safe. She works as a fishing and hunting guide, spending her days in Idaho's endless woods and scenic rivers. She lives alone in her Airstream trailer. Her closest friends are a handsome and kind Forest Service ranger and the community's makeshift reverend, who took her in at her lowest. But when Tyler shows up with the news that Janessa is missing, Emlyn is propelled back into the world she worked so hard to forget. Janessa, it turns out, has become a social media star, documenting her #vanlife adventures with her rugged survivalist boyfriend. But she hasn't posted lately, and when she does, it's from a completely different location than where her caption claims. In spite of their fractured history, Emlyn knows she might be the only one with the knowledge and tracking skills to save her friend, so she reluctantly teams up with Tyler. As the two trace Janessa's path through miles of wild country, Emlyn can't deny there's still chemistry crackling between them. But the deeper they press into the wilderness, the more she begins to suspect that a darker truth lies in the woods—and that Janessa isn't the only one in danger. Poignant, suspenseful, and unforgettable, *The Nature of Disappearing* explores what it takes to start over—and the cost of letting the past pull you back in.

"The Nature of Disappearing is, at its heart, a story about the relentless survival of the human spirit and inescapable connections. Through artful prose and dual timeline storytelling, Kimi Cunningham Grant reminds us that, sometimes, we have to get lost to find ourselves."—Hannah Morrissey, author of When I'm Dead

Previous title's foreign sales: Croatia/Petrine, Czech Republic/Albatros, Denmark/Aronsen, Estonia/Ühinenud Ajakirjad, France/Buchet-Chastel, Italy/Neri Pozza, Japan/Futami Shobo, Poland/Słowne, Turkey/25m2

Also available: These Silent Woods (2021)

See more on our marketing and positioning here!





**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: Tuttle Mori Agency Korea: Eric Yang Agency



#### A thrilling new novel from Michele Campbell, whose books have sold over 500,000 copies in the U.S. alone

#### THE INTERN by Michele Campbell (St. Martin's Press, October 2023)

Editor: Jen Enderlin; Material: finished copies; Page count: 384

Comparison: Ruth Ware

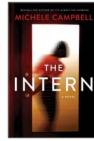
Law student Madison Rivera lands the internship of a lifetime working for Judge Kathryn Conroy. But Madison has a secret that could destroy her career. Her troubled younger brother Danny has been arrested, and Conroy is the judge on his case. When Danny goes missing after accusing the judge of corruption, Madison's quest for answers brings her deep into the judge's seemingly glamorous world. Is Kathryn Conroy a mentor, a victim, or a criminal? Is she trying to help Madison or use her as a pawn? And why is somebody trying to kill her? As the two women circle each other in a dangerous cat-and-mouse game, will they save each other, or will betrayal leave one of them dead?

"This is suspense at its finest! Sharply written and masterfully plotted, *The Intern* is an addictive and cinematic page-turning thriller, further cementing Michele Campbell as a top voice in the genre."—Jeneva Rose, *New York Times* bestselling author of *You Shouldn't Have Come Here* 

Foreign sales: UK/HarperCollins

Previous titles' foreign sales: China/Yilin Press, Czech Republic/Mystery Press, Germany/Piper, Hungary/Pioneer Books, Israel/Modan, Poland/Literackie, UK/HarperCollins

Also available: It's Always the Husband (2017), She Was the Quiet One (2018), A Stranger on the Beach (2019), The Wife Who Knew Too Much (2020)





#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: Japan UNI

Korea: Eric Yang Agency



### A dark and troubled town and a group of teenage girls with secrets to hide mark this terrific new novel from an author on the rise

#### WHEN I'M DEAD by Hannah Morrissey (Minotaur Books, October 2023)

Editor: Leslie Gelbman; Material: finished copies; Page count: 320

Comparison: Laura McHugh

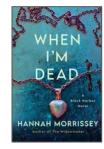
On a bone-chilling October night, Medical Examiner Rowan Winthorp investigates the death of her daughter's best friend. Hours later, the tragedy hits even closer to home when she makes a devastating discovery—her daughter, Chloe, is gone. But, not without a trace. A morbid mosaic of clues forces Rowan and her husband Axel, a homicide detective, to question how deeply they really knew their daughter. As they work closely to peel back the layers of the case, they begin to unearth disturbing details about Chloe and her secret transgressions...details that threaten to tear them apart. Amidst the noise of navigating her newfound grief and reconciling the sins of her past, an undeniable fact rings true for Rowan: karma has finally come to collect.

"A dark and twisted tale of love, loss, regret and revenge, When I'm Dead is Hannah Morrissey at her best."—Stacey Willingham, New York Times bestselling author

"A well-crafted, heart pounding thriller sure to keep readers on the edge of their seats."-Mystery & Suspense

Previous title's foreign sales: **Italy**/Mondadori (*Hello Transcriber*)

Also available: Hello, Transcriber (2021), The Widowmaker (2022)







Japan: Tuttle Mori Agency Korea: Imprima Korea



The first book in a duology, this propulsive and wickedly funny mystery-horror novel from a well-connected author has huge commercial appeal

BLESS YOUR HEART by Lindy Ryan (Minotaur Books, April 2024)

Editor: Alexandra Sehulster; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

Comparison: The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires by Grady Hendrix

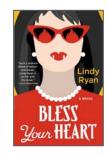
It's 1999 in Southeast Texas and the Evans women, owners of the only funeral parlor in town, are keeping steady with...normal business. The dead die. You bury them. End of story. That's how Ducey Evans has done it for the last eighty years, and her progeny—Lenore the experimenter and Grace, Lenore's soft-hearted daughter—have run Evans Funeral Parlor for the last fifteen years without drama. Ever since That Godawful Mess that left two bodies in the ground and Grace raising her infant daughter, Luna, alone. But when town gossip Mina Jean Murphy's body is brought in for a regular burial and she rises from the dead instead, it's clear that the Strigoi—the original vampire—are back. And the Evans women are the ones who need to fight back to protect their town. As more folks in town turn up dead, and Deputy Roger Taylor begins asking way too many questions, Ducey, Lenore, Grace, and now Luna, must take up their blades and figure out who is behind the Strigoi's return. As the saying goes, what rises up, must go back down. But as unspoken secrets and revelations spill from the past into the present, the Evans family must face that sometimes the dead aren't the only things you want to keep buried. A crackling mystery-horror novel with big-hearted characters and blood-soaked Southern charm, *Bless Your Heart* is a gasp-worthy delight from start to finish.

"Such a brilliant blend of banter and dread. Authored with the confidence of a storyteller who knows every inch, cadence, and beat of their tale. Instantly cinematic. And if you're anything like me, you're going to wish you were part of the Evans family, working at the Evans Funeral Home, just so you can spend more time with these people. Lindy Ryan is on fire with this book."—Josh Malerman, New York Times bestselling author of Bird Box and Daphne

"The Evans women have arrived and these southern belle slayers are carving out a spot in our undead hearts. Lindy Ryan has harnessed the charm and horror of a Romero-helmed *Steel Magnolias*, equal parts Carson McCullers and Bram Stoker. Bless her heart."—Clay McLeod Chapman, author of *Ghost Eaters* 

Foreign sales: UK/Rebellion

See more on our marketing and positioning <u>here</u>!



**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: Tuttle Mori Agency Korea: Imprima Korea



#### From a USA Today bestselling author comes a clever new series featuring the granddaughter of a serial killer

#### THE SERIAL KILLER GUIDE TO SAN FRANCISCO by Michelle Chouinard (Minotaur Books, September 2024)

Editor: Madeline Houpt; Material: manuscript; Page count: 352

Comparison: Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutanto

The chill of a San Francisco summer can be deadly. No one knows this better than Capri Sanzio, who makes her living giving serial killer tours of the city. Capri has been interested in the topic since she was a kid, when she discovered she's the granddaughter of serial killer William 'Overkill Bill' Sanzio. She's always believed in his innocence, though she's never taken the leap to fully dive into the case. But now an Overkill Bill copycat has struck in San Francisco. And Capri's former mother-in-law, Sylvia, just cut off Capri's daughter's tuition payments. Needing cash, Capri wonders if this is the time to exonerate her grandfather. The case is back in the news, and the police will be looking to understand the past to catch a present-day killer. Capri could finally uncover the truth about Overkill Bill—documenting the process with a podcast and a book—and hopefully earn some money. Before Capri can get very far, the cops discover the copycat's latest victim: Sylvia. Capri soon finds herself at the heart of the police's investigation for an entirely different reason. She and her daughter are prime suspects.

#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: not yet assigned Korea: not yet assigned



### A former Army sniper must fall back on her Special Ops skills when a friend's death uncovers a global nuclear threat, in this electrifying new series featuring Special Agent Alexandra Martel

PERFECT SHOT by Steve Urszenyi (Minotaur Books, November 2023)

Editor: Sarah Grill; Material: manuscript; Page count: 368

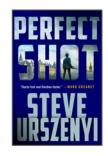
Comparison: Gregg Hurwitz

Special Agent Alexandra Martel has put her days on the battlefield behind her. Charming and disarming, relentless and lethal, she earned a reputation as one of the most renowned and decorated Army snipers in the service before stepping away. But when Alex, now an FBI special agent on loan to Interpol, learns that an old friend, an MI5 officer, has been killed under mysterious circumstances, she's pulled back into the dangerous world she left behind—a world where some people fear her, some want to recruit her, and everyone seems to want her dead. Following a trail of clues left behind by the dead woman, Alex pieces together a terrifying conspiracy that only escalates when a nuclear warhead goes missing. Dodging death at every turn, she reluctantly joins forces with a CIA agent, but he has plans of his own for her—and will stop at nothing to achieve them. Chasing the truth through the streets of London and bustling Turkish markets to the underbelly of Paris, Alex is unrelenting in her pursuit of justice. But as the clock ticks down and the world edges closer to doom, she must fall back on her Special Ops skills to stop the unthinkable. She thought her life as a sniper was over—but with stakes this high, she must use whatever means necessary to render the world safe.

"Perfect Shot is my pick for the best debut of 2023. Steve Urszenyi is wildly talented, and his kickass new hero, Alex Martel, is sure to be a hit with fans of Mark Greaney, Jack Carr, and Stephen Hunter."—Ryan Steck, author of The Real Book Spy

"Gripping and on target, *Perfect Shot* hits with maximum impact. Steve Urszenyi's debut thriller never lets up from the first page to the last. Read it today!"—Jack Carr, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Terminal List* 

See more on our marketing and positioning <u>here!</u>



Non-Exclusive Territories:

Japan: Tuttle Mori Agency Korea: not yet assigned



### The first book in a new series from well-connected authors Jon Land and Jeff Ayers writing together under the name A.J. Landau

LEAVE NO TRACE: A National Parks Thriller by A. J. Landau (Minotaur Books, February 2024)

Editor: Keith Kahla; Material: manuscript; Page count: 352

Comparison: Nevada Barr

In a daring, brutal terrorist attack, an explosion rocks and topples the Statue of Liberty. Special Agent Michael Walker of the National Park Service is sent to New York as the agent-in-charge. Not long after he lands, he learns two things—one, that Gina Delgado of the FBI has been placed in charge of the investigation as the lead of the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and two, that threats of a second terrorist attack are already being called in to the media. While barred from the meetings of the Joint Task Force for his lack of security clearance, Walker finds a young boy among the survivors with a critical piece of information—a video linking the attackers to the assault. As a radical domestic terrorist group, lead by a shadowy figure known only as Jebediah, threatens further attacks against America's cultural symbols, powerful forces within the government are misleading the investigation to further their own radical agenda.

"Leave No Trace is an expertly crafted gut-punch thriller. The action leaves you aghast, always guessing and very glad you read it. A.J. Landau takes no prisoners when it comes to high octane, fast moving storytelling."—Michael Connelly, creator of Bosch and The Lincoln Lawyer

"A great story and an intriguing issue...a solid winner!"—Lee Child

"An action-packed, coast-to-coast thrill ride, Leave No Trace will leave you breathless."—Brad Meltzer, #1 New York Times bestselling author

See more on our marketing and positioning <u>here</u>!



#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: Tuttle Mori Agency Korea: not yet assigned



### A new novel from an author whose books have been called a "throwback to the early days of Tom Clancy mixed with the best of W.E.B. Griffin" (Providence Journal)

THE BIN LADEN PLOT by Rick Campbell (St. Martin's Press, April 2024)

Editor: Keith Kahla; Material: manuscript; Page count: 352

Comparison: Tom Clancy

In this newest novel from the author of *The Trident Deception*, when a U.S. destroyer is torpedoed by an Iranian submarine, Captain Murray Wilson of the *U.S.S. Michigan* is flown to the Pentagon to meet with the Secretary of the Navy. There, Wilson learns that the Iranian submarine is just a cover story. One of the United States' own fully-automated unmanned underwater vehicles has gone rogue, its programing corrupted. Murray is charged with hunting it down and taking it out before the virus that has infected its operating system can infect the rest of the fleet. At the same time, the head of the SEAL detachment aboard the *U.S.S. Michigan* is killed, and Lonnie Mixell, a former U.S. operative, now assassin for hire, is responsible. And that is only the first SEAL to be hunted down and killed. Jake Harrison, fellow SEAL, discovers that these SEALs had one mission in common—they were all on the team that killed Bin Laden. Or so the world was told. As Wilson discovers that his mission is actually meant to cover up dangerous acts of corruption, even treason, Harrison discovers that the assassin is out to protect the same forces. Forces too powerful for either of them to take on alone.

"Enthralling...The submarine and surface-ship battles are pitch-perfect, and readers will shudder with every missile strike and every exploding depth charge."—Publishers Weekly on Blackmail

"The best novel about a submarine since Tom Clancy's *The Hunt for Red October*."—Booklist (starred review) on *The Trident Deception* 

Previous titles' foreign sales: Netherlands/Karakter, UK/Canelo

Also available: The Trident Deception (2014), Empire Rising (2015), Ice Station Nautilus (2016), Blackmail (2017), Treason (2019), Deep Strike (2021)







**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: Tuttle Mori Agency Korea: Imprima Korea



### Following the highly acclaimed The Bitter Past comes the second book featuring Sheriff Porter Beck set in the high desert of Nevada

SHADES OF MERCY: A Porter Beck Mystery by Bruce Borgos (Minotaur Books, July 2024)

Editor: Keith Kahla; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 336

Comparison: Craig Johnson and C.J. Box

Porter Beck is the sheriff in the high desert of Nevada, doing the same lawman's job his father once did now that he's returned home after decades away. With his twelve person department, they cover a large area that is usually very quiet, but not of late. One childhood friend is the latest to succumb to a new wave of particularly strong illegal opioids, another childhood friend—now an enormously successful rancher—is targeted by a military drone, hacked and commandeered by an unknown source. The hacker is apparently local—local enough to call out Beck by name—and that means they are Beck's problem. Beck's investigation leads him to Mercy Vaughn, the one known hacker in the area. The problem is that she's a teenager, locked up with no computer access at the secure juvenile detention center. But there's something about Mercy that doesn't sit quite right with Beck. And when Mercy disappears, Beck understands that she's in danger and time is running out for all of them.

"Impressive."—New York Times on The Bitter Past

"A clever, spy-flavored mystery...intelligent storytelling and well-drawn characters."—Publishers Weekly on The Bitter Past

"A solid crime story with an evocative sense of place."—Kirkus on The Bitter Past

Also available: The Bitter Past (2023)



#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: Japan UNI Korea: not yet assigned



#### The next book in this long-running, New York Times bestselling series

#### THE BURNING by Linda Castillo (Minotaur Books, July 2024)

Editor: Charlie Spicer; Material: manuscript due December; Page count: 320

Comparison: Laura Lippman

Newlywed Chief of Police Kate Burkholder is awakened by an urgent midnight call summoning her to a suspicious fire in the woods. When she arrives at the scene, she discovers a charred body. According to the coroner, the deceased, an Amish man named Milan Swanz, was chained to a stake and burned alive. It is an appalling and eerily symbolic crime against an upstanding husband and father. Kate knows all too well that the Amish prefer to handle their problems without interference from the outside world, and no one will speak about the murdered man. From what she's able to piece together, Swanz led a deeply troubled life and had recently been excommunicated. But if that's the case, why are the Amish so reluctant to talk about him? Are they protecting the memory of one of their own? Or are they afraid of something they dare not share? When her own brother is implicated in the case, Kate finds herself not only at odds with the Amish, the world of which she was once a part, but also the English community and her counterparts in law enforcement. The investigation takes a violent turn when Kate's life is threatened by a mysterious stranger. To uncover the truth about the death of Milan Swanz, Kate must dive deep into the Anabaptist culture. But peering into all the dark corners of its history uncovers a secret legacy that shatters everything she thought she knew about the Amish themselves—and her own roots.

"With great suspense, well-drawn characters and a totally unexpected ending, *The Hidden One* is a standout installment in a rightfully beloved series."—*BookPage* (starred review)

Previous titles' foreign sales: Czech Republic/Moba, Denmark/Hr. Ferdinand, Germany/Fischer, Hungary/General Press, Italy/Piemme, Macedonia/Sakam Knigi, Sweden/Polaris

Also available: Sworn to Silence (2009), Pray for Silence (2010), Breaking Silence (2011), Gone Missing (2012), Her Last Breath (2013), The Dead Will Tell (2014), After the Storm (2015), Among the Wicked (2016), Down a Dark Road (2017), A Gathering of Secrets (2018), Shamed (2019), Outsider (2020), Fallen (2021), The Hidden One (2022), An Evil Heart (2023)

The Kate Burkholder series has sold over 1.5 million copies across all formats! Check out more information on the series <u>here</u>



#### Non-Exclusive Territories:

Japan: Japan UNI Korea: Imprima Korea



Known for writing detectives that win over readers and critics alike, Sarah Stewart Taylor introduces Detective Frank Warren in Agony Hill, an atmospheric mystery set in the wilds of Vermont in the 1960s

AGONY HILL by Sarah Stewart Taylor (Minotaur Books, August 2024)

Editor: Kelley Ragland; Material: manuscript; Page count: 368

Comparison: Paul Doiron

In the summer of 1965, Detective Frank Warren arrives in Bethany, Vermont to take a position with the state's Bureau of Investigation. The tiny, picturesque town is the opposite from Frank's home in Boston. He hasn't been there a day before he's called out to Agony Hill after a barn fire left one dead. Hugh Weber was found in the ashes of his barn with the door barred from the inside. The case seems to be suicide, but things aren't adding up to Frank. The people of Bethany—from Weber's wife to Frank's neighbor—have secrets they'd like to keep, but Frank can't tell if the circumstances surrounding Weber's death is one of them. *Agony Hill* is the first in a new historical series full of New England atmosphere and the deeply drawn characters that are Sarah Stewart Taylor's trademark.

"Taylor presents an appealingly nuanced twist on the traditional police procedural."—Washington Post on A Stolen Child

"Characters you care about plunged into mysterious circumstances."—Kirkus on A Stolen Child

Also available (The Maggie D'arcy series): The Mountains Wild (2020), A Distant Grave (2021), The Drowning Sea (2022), A Stolen Child (2023)





Non-Exclusive Territories:

Japan: Tuttle Mori Agency Korea: Eric Yang Agency



#### The next book in this gripping series from an award-winning author

ALL THE WAY GONE: A Detective Annalisa Vega Novel by Joanna Schaffhausen (Minotaur Books, August 2024)

Editor: Sallie Lotz; Material: manuscript; Page count: 368

Comparison: Hank Phillippi Ryan

Is there such a thing as a good sociopath? Newly minted private investigator Annalisa Vega is skeptical, but her first client, Mara Delaney, insists that some sociopaths are beneficial to society. Mara has even written a book titled *The Good Sociopath* that is centered around Chicago neurosurgeon Craig Canning. Dr. Canning has saved hundreds of lives, so it shouldn't matter that he doesn't actually care about his patients, should it? But Mara has a more urgent problem; she is now concerned that Canning might not be such a good sociopath after all. A young woman in Canning's apartment building mysteriously plunged to her death from a balcony, and Mara fears Canning could be responsible. She needs to uncover the truth about Canning before the book comes out, so Annalisa has little time to search for answers. The more Annalisa probes, the more she becomes convinced it's a fiendishly clever murder, one only a brilliant psychopath could pull off. She draws deeper into a battle of wits with Canning, so determined to prove his guilt that she forgets Mara's most important warning—that sociopaths only care about winning at all costs. When Annalisa finally peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the horrifying truth of the girl's death, she may be too late to save herself.

"Gone for Good is a riveting exploration into the dark heart of violent crime and the scars it leaves behind. Joanna Schaffhausen is a master of the craft."—Carol Goodman, New York Times bestselling author of The Lake of Dead Languages

Ellery Hathaway series' foreign sales: Czech Republic/Metafora, Germany/dtv, Hungary/Holnap Kiado, UK/Titan

Also available: Gone for Good (2021), Long Gone (2022), Dead and Gone (2023)

Check out more terrific praise for the Annalisa Vega series here





**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

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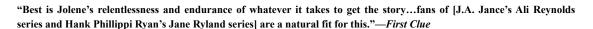
### Equal parts thought-provoking and entertaining, Emmy Award winning reporter Christina Estes introduces Jolene Garcia in her Tony Hillerman Prize winning debut

#### OFF THE AIR by Christina Estes (Minotaur Books, March 2024)

Editor: Madeline Houpt; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Comparison: Samantha Jayne Allen

Written by an Emmy Award-winning reporter, our most recent Tony Hillerman Prize-winner, *Off the Air*, expertly weaves the author's experience in the television industry into a fast-paced crime novel. Jolene Garcia is a local TV reporter in Phoenix, Arizona, splitting her time between covering general assignments—anything from a dust storm during monsoon season to a newborn giraffe at the zoo—as well as special projects. Stories that take more time to research and produce. Stories that Jolene wants to tell. When word gets out about a death at a local radio station, Jolene and other journalists converge on the scene, intent on reporting the facts first. The body is soon identified as Larry Lemmon, a controversial talk show host, who died under suspicious circumstances. Jolene conducted his final interview, which gives her and her station an advantage. But not for long. As the story heats up, so does the competition. Jolene is determined to solve this murder, an investigation that could make or break her career, if it doesn't break her first.



"In Off the Air, prize-winning Estes's debut novel deftly takes us into the world of local news broadcasting with a tale that demonstrates how, behind the smiling faces of TV anchors, covering a big story is a dog-eat-dog world."—J. A. Jance

"A full-throttle fun mystery with all the dangerous undercurrents readers expect and love...once you start this fun and thrilling debut, you will not put it down until the end—guaranteed!"—Linda Castillo, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Kate Burkholder series



#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: Tuttle Mori Agency Korea: Eric Yang Agency



$$Sudoku + Clue + \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc = Murdle$$

MURDLE: VOLUME 2: 100 Elementary to Impossible Mysteries to Solve Using Logic, Skill, and the Power of Deduction by G.T. Karber (St. Martin's Griffin, September 2023)

Editor: Courtney Littler; Material: finished copies; Page count: 384; Illustration detail: black & white design throughout

Deductive Logico is back on the scene in *Murdle: Volume 2*. Based on the sensational hit online game, these clever and hilarious mini-mystery puzzles will challenge you to find whodunit, how, where, and why. Unearth the dark secrets of the Violet Isles, solve the riddles of an ancient and mysterious scholar, and explore the haunted lands of Drakonia...if you dare. Packed with pictures, codes, and maps, and brimming with wit and intrigue, *Murdle: Volume 2* is a thrilling casebook for the armchair detective in each of us.

"Murdle is brilliant fun! Each one is like working to unravel an Agatha Christie-esque mini-mystery in a visually enticing logic puzzle. Move over Wordle, my brain cells want to solve a Murdle!"—Celeste Connally, author of Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Lord

"Bite-sized mysteries that are simply to die for."—Mindy Quigley, author of Six Feet Deep Dish and Ashes to Ashes, Crust to Crust

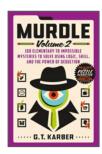
Foreign sales: Italy/Sperling & Kupfer, Netherlands/Lannoo, UK/Profile

Previous title's foreign sales: Brazil/Intrinseca, Hungary/Maxim, Italy/Sperling & Kupfer, Korea/Joongangilbo, Netherlands/Lannoo, Poland/Publicat, Slovakia/Albatros, Taiwan/Domain Publishing Company, UK/Profile, Vietnam/AZ

Also available: Murdle: Volume 1 (2023)

Murdle: Volume 1 is already in its 7th printing and has been a top-selling puzzle book at Amazon and Barnes & Noble!

Murdle: Volume 3 will follow in April 2024





**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: Japan UNI

Korea: Eric Yang Agency



### From Julia Kelly, internationally bestselling author of The Last Dance of the Debutante, comes the first in an immersive new World War II mystery series

#### A TRAITOR IN WHITEHALL by Julia Kelly (Minotaur Books, October 2023)

Editor: Nettie Finn; Material: finished copies; Page count: 304

Comparison: Susan Elia MacNeal

1940, England: Evelyne Redfern is working on the line at a munitions factory in wartime London. When Mr. Fletcher, one of her father's old friends, spots Evelyne on a night out, Evelyne finds herself plunged into the world of Prime Minister Winston Churchill's cabinet war rooms. However, shortly after she settles into her new role as a secretary, one of the girls at work is murdered, and Evelyne must use all of her amateur sleuthing expertise to find the killer. But doing so puts her right in the path of David Poole, a cagey minister's aide who seems determined to thwart her investigations. That is, until Evelyne finds out David's real mission is to root out a mole selling government secrets to Britain's enemies, and the pair begrudgingly team up. With her quick wit, sharp eyes, and determination, will Evelyne be able to find out who's been selling England's secrets and catch a killer all while battling her growing attraction to David?

"Romance, feminism, and historical detail combine in an exciting new series."—Kirkus

"A cross between a Nancy Drew mystery and an Agatha Christie tale...its gentle humor, unexpected twists, clever heroine, and wartime setting make it a pleasurable read."—Booklist

"Julia Kelly masterfully weaves history into gripping intrigue in this riveting WWII murder mystery. Evelyne Redfern is exactly the kind of intrepid, plucky heroine I love to root for and the details of Churchill's cabinet war rooms were spot on and fascinating. A Traitor in Whitehall will keep you guessing as to who the killer might be as the pages fly by."—Madeline Martin, New York Times bestselling author of The Librarian Spy

Book two in the series, Malice May Attack, will follow in Fall 2024!

See more on our marketing and positioning here!



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Japan: Japan UNI Korea: Imprima Korea



### An atmospheric setting and unforgettable main character make this a historical detective series readers will want to return to

A BLOOD RED MORNING: A Henri Lefort Mystery by Mark Pryor (Minotaur Books, August 2024)

Editor: Leslie Gelbman; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

Comparison: Philip Kerr and Alan Faust

January 1941: It's cold and still dark when Paris Detective Henri Lefort wakes up to an empty apartment, irritated with his roommate for not even starting the coffee. Irritation turns to suspicion when he starts his walk to work and spots a large blood stain in front of the building. At the office his boss, chief of homicide, is incredulous that Henri didn't hear the gunshot that killed a man right outside his apartment. On the plus side, this means that Henri isn't a witness and can investigate the case. It first appears that the dead man is a nobody—but Henri soon finds out he's a nobody with a classified police file. Henri confronts his bosses and then the Germans, but is stonewalled. So he turns his investigation to the other tenants in his building. Coincidentally, each resident claims ignorance. When Henri learns that the dead man was a German agent, he must face the real possibility that one of his friends and neighbors is a killer. It's his job to find the truth no matter what, but when he does, he faces the biggest dilemma of his career—whether in times like these the rules of justice should be, just sometimes, trumped by the rules of war.

"Balancing the challenges of his detective's job with the more prosaic problems of finding eggs and cheese in an occupied city, Pryor creates a vivid picture of life in wartime Paris, a place where the struggle for good over evil may require compromise but must never be abandoned...A satisfying puzzle in a carefully crafted setting."—Kirkus on The Dark Edge of Night

"Henri's inner conflicts about upholding the law while living under Nazi rule, though, are the stuff of gripping drama, and Pryor's attention to historical detail is first-rate."—Publishers Weekly on The Dark Edge of Night

Also available: Die Around Sundown (2022), The Dark Edge of Night (2023)





**Non-Exclusive Territories:** 

Japan: English Agency Japan Korea: Imprima Korea



### The fourth in the Electra McDonnell series from Edgar-nominated author Ashley Weaver, this is a delightful World War II mystery filled with spies, murder, romance, and wit

LOCKED IN PURSUIT: An Electra McDonnell Novel by Ashley Weaver (Minotaur Books, May 2024)

Editor: Catherine Richards; Material: manuscript; Page count: 272

Comparison: Jacqueline Winspear

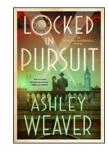
Safecracker Ellie McDonnell hasn't seen Major Ramsey—her handsome but aloof handler in the British government—since their tumultuous mission together two months before, but when she hears about a suspicious robbery in London, she feels compelled to contact him. Together they discover that a rash of burglaries in the city all lead back to a hotbed of spies in the neutral city Lisbon, Portugal and an unknown object brought to London by a mysterious courier. As the thieves become more desperate and their crimes escalate, it becomes imperative that Ellie and Ramsey must beat them at their own game. Fighting shadowy assailants, enemy agents, and the mutual attraction they've agreed not to acknowledge, Ellie and Ramsey work together to learn if it truly takes a thief to catch a thief

"Weaver populates this bright, fast-paced thriller with engagingly flawed characters and breathless action. Readers will delight at the dynamic between the leads and look forward to future adventures."—Publishers Weekly (starred review) on Playing It Safe

Previous title's foreign sales: Czech Republic/Albatros, Japan/Tokyo Sogensha

Also available: A Peculiar Combination (2021), The Key to Deceit (2022), Playing it Safe (2023)

Check out more praise for the series here





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Japan: English Agency Japan Korea: Imprima Korea



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### The next Sparks & Bainbridge mystery doesn't slow down as fantastic review attention continues for this beloved historical mystery series

MURDER AT THE WHITE PALACE: A Sparks & Bainbridge Mystery by Allison Montclair (Minotaur Books, July 2024)

Editor: Keith Kahla; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Comparison: Susan Elia MacNeal

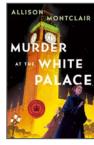
In the immediate post-war days of London, two unlikely partners have undertaken an even more unlikely, if necessary, business venture—The Right Sort Marriage Bureau. The two partners are Miss Iris Sparks, a woman with a dangerous—and never discussed—past in British intelligence, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Bainbridge, a genteel war widow with a young son entangled in a complicated aristocratic family. Looking to throw a New Year's Eve soiree for their clients, Sparks and Bainbridge scout an empty building—only to find a body contained in the walls. What they initially assume is a victim of the recent Blitz is uncovered instead to be a murder victim—stabbed several times. To make matters worse, the owner of the building is Sparks' beau, Archie Spelling, who has ties to a variety of enterprises on the right and wrong sides of the law, and the main investigator for the police is her ex-fiancée. Gwen, too, is dealing with her own complicated love life, as she tentatively steps back into the dating pool for the first time since her husband's death. Murder is not something they want to add to their plates, but the murderer may be closer to home than is comfortable, and they must do all they can to protect their clients, their business, and themselves.

"Stellar...Both leads are complex, well-developed characters, whose penchant for humorous byplay never comes at the expense of the plot...Fans of Maisie Dobbs and Bess Crawford will be delighted."—Publishers Weekly (starred review) on The Right Sort of Man

Previous titles' foreign sales: France/10|18, Japan/Tokyo Sogensha, Korea/Haewadal

Also available: The Right Sort of Man (2019), A Royal Affair (2020), A Rogue's Company (2021), The Unkept Woman (2022), The Lady from Burma (2023)

More terrific praise for this series can be found here





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Japan: Japan UNI Korea: Imprima Korea



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#### Set in 1885 London, this new series features complicated familial relationships, romance, and murder

OF HOAXES AND HOMICIDE: A Dear Miss Hermione Mystery by Anastasia Hastings (Minotaur Books, January 2024)

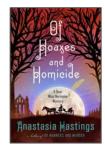
Editor: Nettie Finn; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

Comparison: Anna Lee Huber and Rhys Bowen

Sensible Violet Manville and her very ladylike half-sister Sephora are absolutely bored, thank you very much. And though neither of them would ever admit it aloud, they're missing the thrill of playing detective. So when Violet receives a letter from "A Heartbroken Mother" sent to her alter-ego, the Agony Aunt known to the world only as Miss Hermione, her pulse can't help but quicken. The daughter in question has gotten caught up in a cult: the Hermetic Order of the Children of Aed. Rumors of human sacrifices, mystical doings, and a ghost in the ruined Alburn Abbey where the Children pray have gripped the public conscious, helped along by a series of novels about the group, written by the mysterious Count Orlando. Miss Hermione's investigation soon collides with very real life when Violet discovers that the runaway daughter is Sephora's dearest friend Margaret. Violet sets off to the Children's compound in Nottingtham to convince her to return to London. But with the dashing-but-frustrating Eli Marsh running around and a member of the Children found poisoned to death, Violet and Sephora—along with their ever-trusty housekeeper Bunty—may have more intrigue on their hands than they can manage.

"Delightful...The book's thrilling denouement evokes the shocking revelations of Wilkie Collins, the social acuity of Jane Austen and the comic melodrama of Oscar Wilde."—The Wall Street Journal on Of Manners and Murder

Also available: Of Manners and Murder (2023)





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#### A dazzling first entry in a terrific new Regency-era cozy series with a feminist spin

#### ACT LIKE A LADY, THINK LIKE A LORD by Celeste Connally (Minotaur Books, November 2023)

Editor: Hannah O'Grady; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

Comparison: Bridgerton meets Agatha Christie

London, 1815. Lady Petra Forsyth, daughter of the Earl of Holbrook, has made a shocking proclamation. After losing her beloved fiancé in an accident three years earlier, she announces in front of London's loosest lips that she will never marry. A woman of independent means—and rather independent ways—Petra sees no reason to cede her wealth and freedom to any man now that the love of her life is gone. Instead, she plans to continue enjoying the best of society without any expectations. But when ballroom gossip suggests that a longtime friend has died of a fit due to her "melancholia" while in the care of a questionable physician, Petra vows to use her status to dig deeper—uncovering a private asylum where men pay to have their wives and daughters locked away, or worse. Just as Petra has reason to believe her friend is alive, a shocking murder proves more danger is afoot than she thought. And the more determined Lady Petra becomes to uncover the truth, the more her own headstrong actions and desire for independence are used against her, putting her own freedom—and possibly her life—in jeopardy.

"Effervescent...A delightful period adventure with pitch-perfect banter."—Kirkus

"Delightful...Petra is marvelously drawn—an easy-to-love, instantly memorable heroine—and Connally equips her with a brisk, page-turning adventure. This is catnip for historical suspense fans."—Publishers Weekly

"Witty and wise, a delightful feminist romp. Connally's series serves as a reminder to never settle, that what's right and what's easy are rarely the same."—Jessica Fellowes, *New York Times* bestselling author

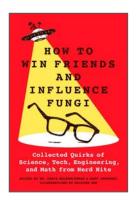
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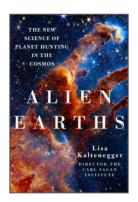


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# GENERAL NON-FICTION

#### SUPREMACY: AI, ChatGPT, and the Race that Changed the World by Parmy Olson (St. Martin's Press, July 2024)

Editor: Peter Wolverton; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 288

In November of 2022, a webpage was posted online with a simple text box. It was a chatbot called ChatGPT. OpenAI launched it quietly, letting anyone who registered experiment with the new tool. The word spread. ChatGPT was unlike anything people had experienced before. It was more human than a customer service agent, more convenient than a Google search. It could tell you where snowy owls lived or give you a recipe for French onion soup in plain language, as if a real person was writing the answer. It could give health advice and write letters of condolence. ChatGPT's sister tool, called DALL-E 2, creates images from any text prompt. OpenAI wanted to combine those tools to make an even more powerful system that would create all kinds of content, like magic. In *Supremacy*, Parmy Olson, tech writer at *Bloomberg*, sharply alerts readers to the real threat of artificial intelligence: the silent, profit-driven spread of flawed-technology into industries, education and medicine. OpenAI and soon Google are selling their language models to law firms and consulting firms across the globe to help implement them into businesses. Despite the rush, nobody seems to know what the misinformation rate is for these tools or how many employees are behind the modeling. *Supremacy* will reveal the truths behind Big Tech's exploitation of the greatest invention in history, who those players are, and why their work deserves far more scrutiny. We are entering an age where the world's biggest monopolies are amassing even more power through tools that threaten our economies and culture. It is time to push back.

Foreign sales: UK/Pan Macmillan

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#### THE MONEY TRAP by Alok Sama (St. Martin's Press, Fall 2024)

Editor: Tim Bartlett; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

For readers of *Bad Blood* and *Billion Dollar Whale*, this is a gripping new business thriller that takes you behind the curtain of the tech world. Look behind every irresistible Silicon Valley drama and you'll find a hidden story of finance. The investment giant SoftBank financed Uber prior to its IPO, engineered the merger of Sprint and T-Mobile, was WeWork's biggest backer, and in 2017, it launched the largest investment fund in history. Yet very little is known about the secretive company that controls global tech—until now. *The Money Trap* offers a rare, unvarnished look into the shadowy world of high-stakes investing, where greed is king and only the most cutthroat survive. Author Alok Sama was President and CFO of SoftBank for five years, negotiating deals to buy some of the most well-known companies on Earth with a \$100 billion venture capital pool at his disposal. He worked side-by-side with the company's founder, Masayoshi Son, an eccentric billionaire who frequently compares himself to Yoda, claims to rely on "the Force" to guide his investment decisions, and wants to be remembered as "the crazy guy who bet on the future." Sama takes readers into the room—whether it's the terrace of a medieval castle, Son's private dining room with its exquisite Japanese garden, or waterside in a fishing village in the Turkish Riviera—as he plays hardball with A-list CEOs and heads of state, fights off rivals to retain his position as head dealmaker, and contends with a long and nefarious intimidation campaign that led to his departure from the company. Ultimately, this thrilling saga is a morality tale—more money in tech isn't always better, it only covers up problems until it is too late to fix them.

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### BUILD LIKE A WOMAN: How to Start and Scale a Business and Life You Love by Kathleen Griffith (St. Martin's Essentials, June 2024)

Editor: Sallie Lotz; Material: manuscript; Page count: 288

In a world of hustle culture and burnout, women don't want to lean in, they would like to lie down. Now, more than ever, women are looking to leave the corporate grind to break out into their own entrepreneurial ventures, but they don't know where to start, or they don't think they can balance the responsibilities of their day-to-day lives with the demands of running a business. **Build Like a Woman** contains the blueprint for aspiring and existing female entrepreneurs who want to start and scale a business and life they love. In her book, Kathleen Griffith couples proprietary research with her firsthand experience as a founder to provide women with a proven, twelve-step method to build both a sustainable business AND life. Blending foundational mindset tenets with the practical, actionable business building steps offered by top business schools, **Build Like a Woman** will help you with the first steps of creating the business of your dreams by walking you through creating a budget, a business plan, a brand strategy, a marketing plan, a pitch outline, a project management system, and more. With a compassionate, fun, and inspiring voice, **Build Like a Woman** offers the tools needed to unleash your dreams, take up space, and create a total life, inclusive of your own business, anchored in authenticity.

"Equal parts heart and hustle, Kathleen Griffith's Build Like a Woman delivers the no-nonsense roadmap you need to get your business off the ground and thriving."—Barbara Corcoran, founder of The Corcoran Group & Shark on Shark Tank

"Entrepreneurship is a journey, but one that requires a guide. Kathleen Griffith's *Build Like a Woman* takes women entrepreneurs through the adventure of starting an enterprise, step by step."—Arthur C. Brooks, Professor, Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School, and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

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### THE LIVING MEDICINE: How a Miraculous Healing Therapy Was Nearly Lost—and Why It Will Save Humanity When Antibiotics Fail by Lina Zeldovich (St. Martin's Press, October 2024)

Editor: George Witte; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 304

The Living Medicine recounts an astonishing, dramatic scientific saga that spans from early twentieth century Paris to the Russian Revolution to cutting-edge twenty-first century science, when a nearly-lost therapy has been revived at a crucial point in human history. First discovered at the Pasteur Institute in Paris in 1917, "phage" therapy—meaning the treatment of deadly bacterial infections with living viruses that devour such bacteria—was the dominant form of combating cholera, dysentery, bubonic plague, and other life-threatening diseases in the Soviet Union. It was also utilized in India, Egypt, Indochina, and even the United States. But after the Stalin purges of the 1930s and the invention of antibiotics, phages fell into obscurity. Now, as ancient diseases return and our antibiotics no longer protect us, phages may be the only way to save humanity from a return to the Dark Ages of massive plagues. Science journalist and author of the acclaimed book The Other Dark Matter Lina Zeldovich reveals this remarkable untold story, with deep research into Russian archives and access to the scientists and physicians today who are saving lives with phage therapy.

"Not only entertaining, but deeply important...[Zeldovich] is an ideal guide to this ridiculously fascinating world."—Mary Roach, author of Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers on The Other Dark Matter

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HOW TO WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE FUNGI: Collected Quirks of Science, Tech, Engineering, and Math from Nerd Nite by Dr. Chris Balakrishnan and Matt Wasowski (St. Martin's Press, February 2024)

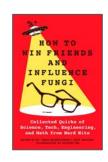
Editor: Peter Wolverton; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320; Illustration details: black & white illustrations throughout

For twenty years, Nerd Nite has delivered to live audiences the most interesting, fun, and informative presentations about science, history, the arts, pop culture, you name it. There hasn't been a rabbit hole that their army of presenters hasn't been afraid to explore. Finally, after countless requests to bring Nerd Nite to more fans across the globe, co-founders and college pals Matt Wasowski and Chris Balakrishnan are bringing readers the in-depth, quirky, and accessible science content that they crave in book form, paired with detailed illustrations, bursts, and infographics that make the content pop. With a focus on STEM (science, tech, engineering, and math), this book covers a range of topics that is quirky and vast, from kinky, spring-loaded spiders to the Webb telescope's influence on movie special effects. Chapters are sure to make you laugh out loud with titles such as "The Science of the Hangover," "What Birds Can Teach Us About the Impending Zombie Apocalypse," and "Lessons from the Oregon Trail." With fascinating content and Chris and Matt's incredible connections to organizations such as the Discovery Network and the Smithsonian institution, *How to Win Friends and Influence Fungi* is sure to reach joyful STEM enthusiasts of all ages around the world.

"An enjoyable romp through the back alleys of scientific research, proving that knowledge and fun can easily go together."—Kirkus

"How to Win Friends and Influence Fungi feels like the science book we never knew we wrote! It's fun, accessible, and packed full of the kinds of factoids and knowledge that we love to share on our own podcast. Message to all the schools everywhere—get this on your shelves immediately!"—Charles W. "Chuck" Bryant and Josh Clark, Stuff You Should Know podcast

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ALIEN EARTHS: The New Science of Planet Hunting in the Cosmos by Lisa Kaltenegger (St. Martin's Press, April 2024)

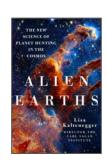
Editor: Elisabeth Dyssegaard; Material: manuscript; Page count: 288; Illustration details: seven black & white illustrations throughout

For thousands of years, humans have wondered whether we are alone in the cosmos. Now, for the first time, we have the technology to investigate. The question should have an obvious answer: yes or no. But once you try to find life elsewhere, you realize it is not so simple. What is life, actually? How do you find it over cosmic distances? And where are we the aliens? As director of the Carl Sagan Institute at Cornell University, astronomer Lisa Kaltenegger works with teams of tenacious scientists building the uniquely specialized tool kit to find life on alien worlds. In *Alien Earths*, she provides an insider's view of what scientists are learning from Earth's history and its astonishing biosphere. With an infectious enthusiasm, she takes us on an eye-opening journey to a dozen of the most unusual exoplanets that have shaken our worldview—planets covered in oceans of lava, lonely wanderers lost in space, and planets with more than one sun in the sky! And she dives into the worlds of science fiction, using these imagined other worlds to entertainingly describe how close they come to reality. With the James Webb Space Telescope, other smaller telescopes, and the pioneering work that Dr. Kaltenegger is carrying out in her labs, we live in an incredible epoch of exploration. With Dr. Kaltenegger as our witty and knowledgeable tour guide, we discover not merely new continents, like the explorers of old, but whole new worlds circling other stars. This riveting account will appeal to anyone who has ever gazed at the night sky in wonder.

"An erudite and highly readable inside view of the science and emerging discoveries of this remarkable new era."—Charles Cockell, author of *Taxis from another Planet*, Professor of Astrobiology, University of Edinburgh

"In the grand tradition of Carl Sagan and Neil deGrasse Tyson, we now have a new tour guide to the cosmos. Professor Lisa Kaltenegger takes us along on the quest to solve one of the greatest mysteries of existence: Are we alone in the universe? In *Alien Earths*, Kaltenegger—one of the pioneers leading the way—reveals what we've already discovered, and even more breathtakingly, what we might find."—Steven Strogatz, Professor of Mathematics, Cornell University, and author of *Infinite Powers* 

Foreign sales: Germany/Droemer, UK/Penguin Books



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Japan: Japan UNI Korea: Imprima Korea



### ROBOTS AND THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM: Holding Onto Our Humanity in an Age of Social Robots by Eve Herold (St. Martin's Press, January 2024)

Editor: Michael Homler; Material: manuscript; Page count: 256

If there's one universal trait among humans, it's our social nature. Having relationships with others is a hard-wired need that literally shapes us and the lives we lead. The craving to connect is universal, compelling, and frequently irresistible. This concept is central to *Robots and the People Who Love Them*. This book is about socially interactive robots and how they will transform friendship, work, home life, love, warfare, education, and nearly every nook and cranny of modern life. It is an exploration of how we, the most gregarious creatures in the food chain, could be changed by social robots. On the other hand, it questions how will we remain the same, and how will human nature express itself when confronted by a new class of beings created in our own image? Drawing upon recent research in the development of social robots, including how people react to them, how in our minds the boundaries between the real and the unreal are routinely blurred when we interact with them, and how their feigned emotions evoke our real ones, science writer Eve Harold takes readers through the gamut of what it will be like to live with social robots and still hold onto our humanity. This is the perfect book for anyone interested in artificial intelligence, robotics, and what they mean for our future.

"Dazzling...An eye-opening description of scientific transhumanism that may provoke older readers to curse themselves for being born a few decades too early."—Kirkus (starred review) on Beyond Human

Foreign sales: Korea/Hyeonamsa

Previous title's foreign sales: Japan/Discover 21, Korea/Freedom to Dream

Also available: Beyond Human (2016)



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### FOREIGN AGENTS: How American Lobbyists and Lawmakers Threaten Democracy Around the World by Casey Michel (St. Martin's Press, August 2024)

Editor: Hannah O'Grady; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

For years, one group of Americans has worked as foot-soldiers for the most authoritarian regimes around the planet. In the process, they've not only entrenched dictatorships and spread kleptocratic networks, but they've secretly guided U.S. policy without the rest of America even being aware. And now, they've begun turning their sights on American democracy itself. These Americans are known as foreign lobbyists, and they've spent years ushering dictatorships directly into the halls of Washington, all while laundering the reputations of the most heinous, repressive regimes in the process. These foreign lobbyists include figures like Ivy Lee, the inventor of the public relations industry—a man who whitewashed Mussolini, opened doors to the Soviets, and advised the Nazis on how to sway American audiences. They include people like Paul Manafort, who invented lobbying as we know it—and who then took his talents to autocrats from Ukraine to the Philippines and then back to the White House. And they now include an increasing number of Americans elsewhere: in law firms and consultancies, among PR specialists and former lawmakers, and even within think tanks and universities. All of these industries, and all of these Americans, have transformed into proxies for dictators and strongmen wherever they can be found. And for years, they've escaped scrutiny. In Foreign Agents, Casey Michel shines a light on these foreign lobbyists and all the damage and devastation they have caused in Washington and elsewhere. From Moscow to Beijing, from far-right nationalists to far-left communists, from anti-American autocrats to pro-Western authoritarians, these foreign lobbyists have helped any illiberal, anti-democratic government they can find. And after decades of success in installing dictator after dictator, and in tilting American policy in the process, they've now begun trying to end America's democratic experiment, once and for all.

#### "Fluid, coherent and entertaining."—The Economist on American Kleptocracy

Previous title's foreign sales: China/Oriental Publishing Center, Japan/Shoshisha, UK/Scribe, Ukraine/Rogue Umbrella

Also available: American Kleptocracy (2021)





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#### A WELL-TRAINED WIFE: My Escape from Christian Patriarchy by Tia Levings (St. Martin's Press, August 2024)

Editor: Eileen Rothschild; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

"Today it hit me when he hit me, blood shaking in my brain. Maybe there wasn't a savior coming. Maybe it was up to me to save me."

Recruited into the fundamentalist Quiverfull movement as a young wife, Tia Levings learned that being a good Christian meant following a list of additional life principles—a series of secret, special rules to obey. Being a godly and submissive wife in Christian Patriarchy included strict discipline, isolation, and an alternative lifestyle that appeared wholesome to outsiders. Women were to be silent, "keepers of the home." Tia knew that to their neighbors her family was strange, but she also couldn't risk exposing their secret lifestyle to police, doctors, teachers, or anyone outside of their church. Christians were called in scripture to be "in the world, not of it." So, she hid in plain sight as years of abuse and pain followed. When Tia realized she was the only one who could protect her children from becoming the next generation of patriarchal men and submissive women, she began to resist and question how they lived. But in the patriarchy, a woman with opinions is in danger, and eventually, Tia faced an urgent and extreme choice: stay and die, or flee with her children. Told in a beautiful, honest, and sometimes harrowing voice, *A Well-Trained Wife* is an unforgettable and timely memoir about a woman's race to save herself and her family and details the ways that extreme views can manifest in a marriage.

"In this brave memoir on domestic violence within Christian patriarchy, Tia Levings vulnerably shares her story of survival. With devastating detail, she reveals the many shades of abuse that happen within the world of evangelicalism, a world that was supposed to protect her. The many women who have walked this path from oppression to freedom will find solidarity in these pages."—Cait West, author of *Rift* 

"I've never given a book a standing ovation until this one. A Well-Trained Wife is a prayer, for all of us. The world is lucky Tia Levings found her freedom and her voice. A reckoning for those who sanction abuse in the name of salvation."—Ashleigh Renard, author of Swing

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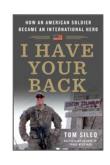


### I HAVE YOUR BACK: How an American Soldier Became an International Hero by Tom Sileo (St. Martin's Press, June 2024)

Editor: Marc Resnick; Material: manuscript; Page count: 256; Illustration details: one 16-page color photograph insert

Ever since he was a young boy growing up on the streets of Staten Island, New York, Michael Ollis wanted to be a soldier. Inspired by his father, who fought in Vietnam, Mike's deep desire to serve was cemented on the day his beloved city was attacked. From 9/11 onward, Mike's one and only mission was to save lives. After two tense combat deployments, Staff Sergeant Michael Ollis earned the U.S. Army's coveted Ranger tab and set his sights on the perilous mountains of eastern Afghanistan. On August 28, 2013, Mike was suddenly caught in the middle of a massive and unprecedented Taliban assault on a coalition military base. Rather than retreat to his bunker as ordered, Mike decided to fight. He then encountered a Polish army officer who needed his help. Despite being surrounded by enemy fighters while running low on ammunition, Mike promised the foreign soldier that no matter what, he would have his back. For his final act of bravery, Staff Sergeant Michael Ollis would not only receive the Distinguished Service Cross from his own country, but the highest honor that Poland can bestow upon an allied soldier. As an American warrior, Staff Sergeant Michael Ollis had all of our backs. This vivid and visceral account of Mike's selfless twenty-four-year journey will motivate us to "live like Mike" by always putting family, friends, and country first.

"Tom Sileo continues his important mission of honoring the sacrifices of our American defenders...Tom Sileo's work is to be admired for his skill and appreciated for never letting us forget the sacrifices of selfless Americans like Michael Ollis."—Gary Sinise, award-winning actor, bestselling author of *Grateful American* and founder of the Gary Sinise Foundation



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### HOW TO THINK LIKE SOCRATES: Ancient Philosophy as a Way of Life in the Modern World by Donald Robertson (St. Martin's Press, October 2024)

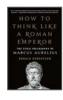
Editor: Tim Bartlett; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 304

Socrates is the most famous ancient philosopher and the father of the entire Western philosophical tradition. He spent his life teaching practical philosophy to ordinary people in the streets of Athens, yet his work has largely been left to gather dust in academia—until now. *How to Think Like Socrates* is an entertaining and informative primer on the life of the great thinker and the first book to focus on applying his ideas to our daily lives. Author Donald Robertson transports readers back to the streets of ancient Athens, expertly weaving together a page-turning account of the visionary man who eschewed material pleasures and stood by his beliefs, even in the face of controversy, with a steadfastness that ultimately resulted in his execution. *How to Think Like Socrates* highlights the continuing importance of the four cardinal virtues of Greek philosophy: wisdom, justice, courage, and temperance. As a practicing cognitive-behavioral psychotherapist, Robertson also uses his expertise to reveal the many ways in which the evidence-based concepts and techniques of modern psychology can trace their roots back to Socrates and shows how his philosophical insights can guide and benefit all of us to this day.

"Robertson distills the emperor's philosophy into useful mental habits...[he] displays a sound knowledge of Marcus' life and thought...[his] accessible prose style contributes to its appeal...[the] book succeeds on its own terms, presenting a convincing case for the continuing relevance of an archetypal philosopher-king."—The Wall Street Journal on How To Think Like a Roman Emperor

Previous titles' foreign sales: Arabic/Safahat, Brazil/Citadel, China/Central Compilation and Translation Press; Croatia/Planetopija, Czech Republic/Audiolibrix, Germany/Munchner, Greece/Dioptra, Indonesia/Bentang Pustaka, Italy/Piemme, Japan/CCC Media, Korea/Golden Turtle, Netherlands/Ten Have, Poland/Helion, Romania/Seneca, Russia/Eksmo, Serbia/Kontrast, Spain/Planeta Mexico, Turkey/Destek, Vietnam/Tre

Also available: How To Think Like a Roman Emperor (2019), Verissimus (2022)





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### WHAT ARE CHILDREN FOR?: Affirming Life in an Age of Ambivalence by Anastasia Berg and Rachel Wiseman (St. Martin's Press, June 2024)

Editor: Anna DeVries; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

Aimed at philosophers and non-philosophers alike, this is a modern argument about the ambivalence towards childbearing and how to overcome it. Becoming a parent, once the expected outcome of adulthood, is increasingly viewed as a potential threat to the most basic goals and aspirations of modern life. We seek self-fulfillment; we want to liberate women to find meaning and self-worth outside the home; and we wish to protect the planet from the ravages of climate change. Weighing the pros and cons of having children, the Millennial and Gen Z generations are finding it increasingly hard to judge in its favor. What Are Children For? seeks to loosen the grip of the shallow narratives that either lament growing childlessness as a mark of cultural decline, or celebrate it as unambiguous evidence of social progress. Berg and Wiseman explore philosophical and cultural examples of this debate, whether from modernist writers like Virginia Woolf, second-wave feminists in the 1970s, or the current trend of dystopian novels and stories. In the tradition of Jenny Odell and Amia Srinivasan, Berg and Wiseman write with clear logic and passionate prose to offer those struggling the guidance necessary to move beyond their uncertainty. They argue that when we make the individual decision whether or not to have children we confront a profound philosophical question, that of the goodness of life itself. How can we justify perpetuating human life given the catastrophic harm and suffering of which we are always at once both victims and perpetrators? What Are Children For? concludes that we must embrace the fundamental goodness of human life—not only in theory, but in our everyday lives.

Foreign sales: Netherlands/De Bezige Bij

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### THE OTHER SIGNIFICANT OTHERS: Reimagining Life with Friendship at the Center by Rhaina Cohen (St. Martin's Press, February 2024)

Editor: Hannah Phillips; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

Why do we assume romantic relationships are more important than friendships? What do we lose when we expect a spouse to meet all our needs? And what can we learn about commitment, love, and family from people who put deep friendship at the center of their lives? In The Other Significant Others, NPR's Rhaina Cohen invites us into the lives of people who have defied convention by choosing a friend as a life partner—these are friends who are home co-owners, co-parents or each other's caregivers. Their riveting stories unsettle widespread assumptions about relationships, including the idea that sex is a defining feature of partnership and that people who raise kids together should be in a romantic relationship. Platonic partners from different walks of life-spanning age and religion, gender and sexuality and more-reveal how freeing and challenging it can be to embrace a relationship model that society doesn't recognize. And they show that orienting your world around friends isn't limited to daydreams and episodes of The Golden Girls, but actually possible in real life. Based on years of original reporting and striking social science research, Cohen argues that we undermine romantic relationships by expecting too much of them, while we diminish friendships by expecting too little of them. She traces how, throughout history, our society hasn't always fixated on marriage as the greatest source of meaning, or even love. At a time when many Americans are spending large stretches of their lives single, widowed or divorced, or feeling the effects of the "loneliness epidemic," Cohen insists that we recognize the many forms of profound connection that can anchor our lives. A rousing and incisive book, The Other Significant Others challenges us to ask what we want from our relationships—not just what we're supposed to want—and transforms how we define a fulfilling life.

"Rhaina Cohen's moving, intimate portraits of people in unusually devoted friendships upend our cultural narratives about which relationships matter...an arresting work of compassion and insight."—Lori Gottlieb, New York Times bestselling author of Maybe You Should Talk to Someone and co-host of Dear Therapists podcast

Foreign sales: Korea/Hyeonamsa

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### REINVENTING LOVE: How the Patriarchy Sabotages Heterosexual Relations by Mona Chollet (St. Martin's Press, July 2024)

Editor: Anna deVries; Material: manuscript; Page count: 256

As feminist principles have taken wider hold in society, and basic ideas about equality for women can seem a given, many women still struggle in one of the most important areas of life: love. Whether it's finding a partner, seeking a commitment from one, or struggling in a relationship that is unfulfilling or even potentially abusive, women still find that deeply ingrained notions of gender and behavior can be obstacles to a healthy, loving relationship. In her new book, acclaimed French feminist Mona Chollet tackles some of these long-held and pervasive ideas that remain stumbling blocks for many women in heterosexual relationships. Drawing from popular culture, politics, and literature, *Reinventing Love* provides a thought-provoking, accessible look at how heterosexual relationships can improve and evolve under a feminist lens.

"Reinventing love.' An ambitious project, but could we expect less from Mona Chollet, a successful author who has become an icon of feminism?...[Chollet] dissects a subject often shunned by feminism: love."—Huffington Post (France)

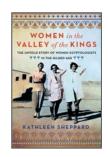
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WOMEN IN THE VALLEY OF KINGS: The Untold Story of Women Egyptologists in the Gilded Age by Kathleen Sheppard (St. Martin's Press, July 2024)

Editor: Michael Flamini; Material: manuscript: Page count: 304

The history of Egyptology is often told as yet one more grand narrative of powerful men striving to seize the day and the precious artifacts for their competing homelands. But that is only half of the story. During the Golden Age of Exploration, there were women working and exploring before Howard Carter discovered the tomb of King Tut. Before men even conceived of claiming the story for themselves, women were working in Egypt to lay the groundwork for all future exploration. In *Women in the Valley of the Kings*, Kathleen Sheppard brings these women back into this untold narrative. Sheppard begins with the earliest European women who ventured to Egypt as travelers. She upends the grand male narrative of Egyptian exploration and shows how a group of courageous women charted unknown territory and changed the field of Egyptology forever.





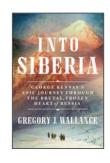


### INTO SIBERIA: George Kennan's Epic Journey Through the Brutal, Frozen Heart of Russia by Gregory J. Wallance (St. Martin's Press, December 2023)

Editor: Michael Flamini; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304; Illustration details: three maps and black & white photos throughout

In the late nineteenth century, close diplomatic relations existed between the United States and Russia. All that changed when George Kennan went to Siberia in 1885 to investigate the exile system and his eyes were opened to the brutality Russia was wielding to suppress dissent. Over ten months Kennan traveled nine thousand miles, mostly in horse-drawn carriages, sleighs, or on horseback. He endured suffocating sandstorms in the summer and blizzards in the winter. His interviews with convicts and political exiles revealed how Russia ran on the fuel of inflicted pain and fear. Prisoners in the mines were chained day and night to their wheelbarrows as punishment. Babies in exile parties froze to death in their mothers' arms. Kennan came to call the exiles' experience in Siberia a "perfect hell of misery." After returning to the United States, Kennan set out to generate public outrage over the plight of the exiles, writing the renowned Siberia and the Exile System. He then went on a nine-year lecture tour to describe the suffering of the Siberian exiles, intensifying the newly emerging diplomatic conflicts between the two countries which last to this day. In a book that ranks with the greatest adventure stories, Gregory Wallance's Into Siberia is a thrilling work of history about one man's harrowing journey and the light it shone on some of history's most heinous human rights abuses.

"[A] riveting biography...Resurfacing a mostly forgotten episode of Russian-American relations, this thrillingly narrated adventure enthralls."—Publishers Weekly (starred review)



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### VANISHING ACT: The Enduring Mystery Behind the Legendary Doolittle Raid over Tokyo by Dan Hampton (St. Martin's Press, May 2024)

Editor: Charlie Spicer; Material:manuscript; Page count: 352; Illustration details: Includes one map and one 8-page black and white photo insert

From *New York Times* bestselling author Dan Hampton comes the gripping, untold story of a secret mission set during the darkest days of the Second World War. After the devastating Pearl Harbor attacks in the spring of 1942, the United States was determined to show the world that the Axis was not invincible. Their bold plan? Bomb Tokyo. On April 18, 1942, sixteen B-25s, known as the Doolittle Raiders, hit targets across Japan before escaping to China. The eighth plane, however, did not return with the rest of the raiders. Instead, Plane 8's pilots, Captain Edward "Ski" York and Lieutenant Bob Emmens, did not attack Tokyo, but headed across Japan to the Soviet Union, supposedly due to low fuel. Yet, this bomber was the only plane on the mission with maps of the Soviet Union aboard. And why did Plane 8's flight plans, recently discovered in the Japanese Imperial Archives, show them nowhere near their target? The facts have long indicated that bombing Tokyo was merely a cover for Plane 8's real mission, but what was their secret objective? No one, aside from the two pilots and whomever sent them on this mission, truly knew why they were there, nor has the reason ever been revealed. Until now. In *Vanishing Act*, for the first time, retired fighter pilot Dan Hampton definitively solves the final mystery of the Doolittle Raid, including never-before-published documents and photographs in exclusive collaboration with Japanese researchers and the Raiders' descendants.

"Hampton skillfully interweaves Harris's travails with the major events of the Pacific war and draws a nuanced portrait of the dynamic between father and son. The result is a captivating portrait of courage and determination during wartime."—Publishers Weekly on Valor

Also available: Valor (2022)





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#### TAYLOR SWIFT STYLE by Sarah Chapelle (St. Martin's Griffin, December 2024)

Editor: Brigitte Dale; Material: early .pdf due November; Page count: 336; Illustrations detail: about 200 color photos throughout

The 2023 Eras tour broke Ticketmaster and is estimated to gross \$2.2 billion in North America alone. The jumping and dancing of fans in Seattle caused record-breaking seismic activity, the equivalent of a magnitude 2.0 earthquake. Last year Swift claimed all ten top spots on the Billboard Hot 100 charts. And in her project to re-record her entire back catalog, Swift has catapulted decade-old songs to #1 spots and introduced another generation to the Swiftie fandom. With twelve Grammys under her belt and world domination already checked off her to-do list, Taylor Swift is an unprecedented megastar. And this book is also unprecedented—Taylor Swift Style is the first-ever book to detail each and every fashion statement made by the legendary singer. For over a decade, Sarah Chapelle of @taylorswiftstyled has documented Taylor Swift's ever-evolving style, and by extension, the singer's masterful art of image control and messaging portrayed through her clothes, from red carpet looks to streetwear to tour costumes. Taylor is known for leaving hints and clues (Easter Eggs) for her most astute fans to pick up on. It's a major part of what has cemented her reputation as a savvy and extremely intentional artist. Seriously. No detail goes overlooked, from her red lipstick to the shoes on her feet. Taylor Swift Style explains the 'why' behind the outfits—the secret messages and deeper meanings hidden within the singer's clothes that speak to the emotional context of each musical moment. Taylor Swift Style is the book Swifties all over the world have been waiting for. This visually stunning book contains over two hundred photos of Taylor Swift's signature looks, accompanied by witty and insightful captions and analysis. Sarah Chapelle has garnered over 170K instagram followers and was invited to Taylor's home for a secret session—an early listening party for 1989—and if she's learned anything in the years spent crying along to Swift's songs, tracking her every hemline and haircut, and yes, even posing for photos in her living room, it's this: Taylor Swift will never go out of style.

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#### RISE OF A KILLAH by Ghostface Killah (St. Martin's Press, May 2024)

Editor: Elizabeth Beier; Material: manuscript; Page count: 256; Illustration details: Includes color photos throughout

With his fellow New Yorker RZA, Dennis Coles—aka Ghostface Killah—established the Wu-Tang Clan, the legendary hip-hop group whose flexible format (originally seven members, growing to ten, it performs in various combinations and also allows its members solo careers), danceable singles and intimate melodic lyrics have kept it at the pinnacle of rap and hip-hop from its founding in the early 1990s to today. *Rise of a Killah*, Ghost's autobiography, is intense rather than comprehensive, looking back at his childhood in Staten Island, his commitment to his family (including a brother with muscular dystrophy) and lifelong sidekicks, how crime and violence have affected his life, his fellow Wu-Tang members, a formative touring trip to Japan in 1997, and his art. Some of the many evocative and exciting elements in the book are Ghost's lyrics—some printed, some included as pages from drugstore black composition notebooks with his hand-written raps—as well as roughly-designed Xeroxed posters for the Clan's earliest performances and throwdowns, great in-concert photographs, a range of shots of limited-edition shoes and clothing, and a newly-commissioned cartoon of an attack on Ghost by an intruder slinging not bullets but bleach. Rich with both story and imagery, some of it exclusive to this book, *Rise of a Killah* is both a visual record and a real-feel narrative of a performer's life.

See more on our marketing and positioning here!

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### SPELLBOUND: From Merlin to Hermione, Mesmerizing Trivia About All Your Favorite Witches and Wizards by Winifred Owens (St. Martin's Castle Point, February 2024)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf due November; Page count: 256; Illustrations detail: black & white illustrations throughout

Whether they grew up preparing to pull a sword from a stone, admiring witches who twitched their noses and fought off demons, or waiting for their letter to Hogwarts, magic lovers have been absorbed by stories of witchcraft and wizardry for nearly a century. And there's no sign of them stopping. With hundreds of fascinating facts and behind-the-scenes moments from literature, comics, TV, and movies, *Spellbound* will further immerse readers in their favorite tales and help them discover new stories to love.

### YOU'LL LEAVE THIS WORLD WITH YOUR BUTT SEWN SHUT: And Other Little-Known Secrets, Shocking Facts, and Amusing Trivia about Death and Dying by Robyn Grimm (St. Martin's Castle Point, April 2024)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf due December; Page count: 256; Illustrations detail: two-color designed pages throughout

Death—it's a living! From the fascinating to the funny and even the oddly comforting, this book offers hundreds of facts to satisfy readers' morbid curiosity about what happens after they die. This peek behind the curtain of the death-care industry answers all the questions you don't know how to ask (and more a few you never thought to). We all end up on the mortician's table eventually. With **You'll Leave This World with Your Butt Sewn Shut**, at least you'll know what to pack!

### SORRY FOR WHAT I DID IN YOUR DREAM: And 101 Other Tear-Out Apologies to My Wife by Joe Hopper (St. Martin's Castle Point, February 2024)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf due November; Page count: 208; Illustrations detail: two-color designed pages throughout

Any well-meaning husband who has mistakenly incurred the wrath of a spouse will appreciate this funny and freeing collection of apologies. Whether you had the audacity to use the nice towels, load the dishwasher wrong, breathe too loudly at breakfast, or failed to signal before turning, you're clearly in the wrong. With 101 pre-written notes to tear out and deliver wordlessly, head bowed, to your better half, it couldn't be easier to say sorry and admit to your crimes. Make amends in the most entertaining way with *Sorry for What I Did in Your Dream*. This book makes the perfect gift for any married or soon-to-be married man.

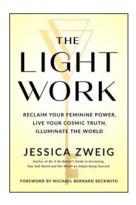


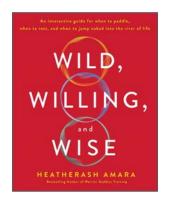


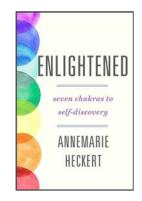


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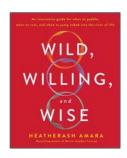
### WILD, WILLING, AND WISE An Interactive Guide for When to Paddle, When to Rest, and When to Jump Naked into the River of Life by HeatherAsh Amara (St. Martin's Essentials, July 2024)

Editor: Joel Fotinos; Material: manuscript; Page count: 144

In her first book since 2020, bestselling author and teacher HeatherAsh Amara brings readers a revolutionary, interactive guide to the energies that make up the flow of our lives. Whether we realize it or not, our lives are a constant cycle through three energies: the creativity and abundance of Wild, the courage and power of Willing, and the gratitude and surrender of Wise. HeatherAsh provides in-depth descriptions of the three archetypes, detailing how each presents in excess and deficiency, so that readers can begin to recognize emotional turmoil and hardship as an imbalance of their energies. Combining anecdotes, self-reflection quizzes, simple exercises, and visualizations, *Wild, Willing, and Wise* teaches readers how to bring the three energies into balance in order to find inner freedom and alignment. This interactive, radical guide is not a rule book, but an invitation into an ongoing journey. Join HeatherAsh Amara on her way to becoming fiercely engaged, wildly creative, unfailingly experimental, wonderfully confused, seriously delighted, and compassionately vulnerable.

Previous title's foreign sales: France/Trédaniel, Spain/Urano, Turkey/Ilksatir, UK/Yellow Kite

Also available: The Warrior Heart Practice (2020)





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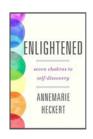
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#### ENLIGHTENED: Seven Chakras to Self-Discovery by Annemarie Heckert (St. Martin's Essentials, June 2024)

Editor: Joel Fotinos; Material: manuscript; Page count: 256

In her debut book, world-renowned Medium Annemarie Heckert leads readers on a healing journey through the chakras, offering a unique look at the role of the chakras in affecting how grief and trauma is stored in our bodies. Born with the ability to communicate with angels and spirits, Annemarie is a highly sought-after Medium whose deeply insightful readings help clients connect with their guardian angels and deceased loved ones for clarity, comfort, and guidance. She pairs her clairvoyance with her deep knowledge of the chakra system to provide clients with incredibly unique and comprehensive spiritual counseling. Now, drawing from over 25,000 consultations performed to date, Annemarie shares a selection of unforgettable client stories to give readers a glimpse into her life as a clairvoyant and provide unique lessons on spiritual development. With humor and grace, *Enlightened* introduces readers to Annemarie's gifts, and opens them up to the possibilities of their own Heavenly connections.



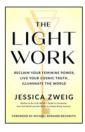
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### THE LIGHT WORK: Reclaim Your Feminine Power, Live Your Cosmic Truth, and Illuminate the World by Jessica Zweig (St. Martin's Essentials, August 2024)

Editor: Joel Fotinos; Material: manuscript; Page count: 272

Using the concept of Light as a tool for personal and spiritual growth, bestselling author and entrepreneur Jessica Zweig challenges readers to hit the proverbial "light switch" and illuminate their own lives. Rooted in the Pleiadian teachings of Light as "Information," "Truth," and "Love," Jessica's philosophy teaches readers to name, claim, and reframe their inner darkness in order to unlock their infinite potential and remember who they truly are. Jessica Zweig is the founder of a multimillion-dollar business, a bestselling author, and a social media phenomenon—but her path was not an easy one. *The Light Work* distills the highly-evolved spiritual concepts she learned along the way into practical applications, delivered with Jessica's signature straight-talk. How-to's, exercises, and journal prompts interweave with Jessica's powerful personal story to create a guidebook to a more inclusive, loving, and Light-filled life. Within these pages lies radical self-empowerment, because—as Jessica says—when you can claim all parts of yourself (your dark and your light, your power and your shame, your sh\*t and your shine), you become unstoppable. You become the Lightworker.



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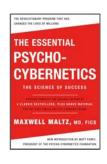
### THE ESSENTIAL PSYCHO-CYBERNETICS: The Science of Success: Contains Complete and Original Editions of 4 Classic Bestsellers, Plus Bonus Material by Maxwell Maltz (St. Martin's Essentials, July 2024)

Editor: Joel Fotinos; Material: manuscript; Page count: 480

Psycho-cybernetics, as defined by Dr. Maxwell Maltz, is the act of "steering your mind to a productive, useful goal so you can reach the greatest port in the world: peace of mind." Maltz introduced this concept to the world in 1960—since then, his works have touched the lives of more than thirty million readers. Combining five of Maltz's most powerful works, this compendium offers readers a path to the mental clarity and fortitude needed to succeed in today's busy, complicated world. *The Essential Psycho-Cybernetics* is an unparalleled encyclopedia for a life of freedom, success, and happiness.

This essential collection of timeless and practical wisdom includes:

- The Conquest of Frustration
- Live and be Free
- Magic Power of Self-Image Psychology
- The Search For Self Respect
- and bonus selections from Thoughts to Live By



#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**



#### UNCOMMON: Simple Principles for an Extraordinary Life by Mark Divine (St. Martin's Press, July 2024)

Editor: Michael Homler; Material: manuscript; Page count: 288

A motivational book about making yourself into an all around better person, following Mark Divine's trademark warrior monk philosophy. To be common is to be an everyday person. It's to do the things that you are expected to do, whether that's what your parents want for you, or your employer, or your spouse, et cetera. But if you want to be more than you are, more than you think you can be, then you need to recognize and learn from your mistakes to lead a life of excellence. As an elite Navy SEAL, entrepreneur, author, speaker, professor of leadership, and philanthropist, as well as the creator of SEALFIT, Kokoro Yoga, and Unbeatable Mind, Mark Divine uses years of wisdom, business development, martial arts, eastern philosophy, and military experience to take you through life's most important principles for finding your pursuit of excellence—so that you or anyone with the proper motivation can become uncommon.

Previous titles' foreign sales: China/Beijing Xinchang, Germany/Münchner Verlagsgruppe, Korea/MiraeBook, Russia/Eksmo, Spanish World/Conecta

Also available: 8 Weeks to SEALfit (2014), Kokoro Yoga (2016), Staring Down the Wolf (2020)





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#### IRON HOPE: How to Conquer Everything by James Lawrence (St. Martin's Press, March 2025)

Editor: Marc Resnick; Material: manuscript due December: Page count: 304

James Lawrence is the greatest endurance athlete ever. After completing 100 full Ironman triathlons in 100 consecutive days, James put himself so far above the competition and what is deemed humanly possible that probably no one will ever even try to break his record. What separates James from everyone else is not his genes or body but his ironclad mindset. In *Iron Hope*, James gives us the tools to forge our own ironclad mindset needed to achieve the impossible. His recipe for success is tough and straightforward: combine a big dream with small improvements repeated with great consistency. Great achievements are the result of mental toughness and keeping millions of small promises, and the key to crossing the finish line is making sure one foot goes in front of the other. A blend of narrative and self-help, *Iron Hope* gives us proven methods to overcome pain to reach greatness.

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### THE WAY HOME: Discovering the Hero's Journey to Wholeness at Midlife by Ben Katt (St. Martin's Essentials, February 2024)

Editor: Joel Fotinos; Material: manuscript; Page count: 288

Those reaching midlife are often bombarded by messages from society telling them who they should be and what their life should look like. While chasing the three-headed monster (achievement, perfection, and the approval of others), author Ben Katt realized that he had lost himself along the way. *The Way Home* is a book for those at midlife struggling to find their way back to themselves. Katt distills Joseph Campell's Hero's Journey into an accessible, ten-step program to help readers move beyond their limitations, find fulfillment, and make the greatest possible contribution to their community and world. Anyone—ordinary, extraordinary, or somewhere in between—can embark upon the Hero's Journey, leaving the familiar, falling into the unknown, and ultimately rising to wholeness. Bringing together personal experience, spiritual wisdom, and well-known mythologies, *The Way Home* serves as a practical guidebook to inspire and equip people in the second half of life, helping them move from isolation to belonging, from security to surrender, from conformity to wildness. This book serves as a reminder to those at a transition point in their life that the most important task is to stay connected with their own heart.

"A fantastically written, powerfully wise offering from Ben Katt to his generation, especially to men of his generation—and thus a gift to our world of pain and promise."—Krista Tippett, award-winning broadcaster and New York Times bestselling author



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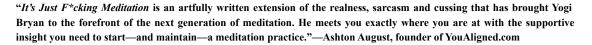
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### IT'S JUST F\*CKING MEDITATION: How to Find Yourself, Calm Your Anxiety and Manifest the Life of Your Dreams by Bryan Holub (Page Street Publishing, December 2023)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf; Page count: 160; Illustration details: full color photographs throughout

Who said meditation has to be so serious? Yogi Bryan has spent years honing his craft and cutting the crap in order to make meditation accessible for everyone, even when you think you don't have the time or patience to meditate. Whether you can't sit still or can't stop your mind from wandering, Yogi Bryan will help you achieve mental clarity so you can manifest your wildest dreams. In as little as five minutes a day, you can establish a practice that not only relieves stress and calms anxiety, but has also proven to boost your physical health as well. Once you have the basics down, you can discover the power of breath patterns, postures, affirmations, mantras, and more to unlock your self-confidence and higher calling. With the support of Yogi Bryan, meditation has never been more approachable or easier to work into your daily routine. If you've ever felt like meditation just wasn't for you—or if you've always wanted to try it but have been too intimidated—then buckle up, buttercup. Your journey starts here.



"Yogi Bryan is unapologetically authentic. His teachings are real, practical and effective. This raw and hilarious book teaches us how to embrace our messy and beautiful humanness."—Sarah Ezrin, award-winning author of *The Yoga of Parenting* 

"Yogi Bryan has crafted the perfect meditation book for those of us who have struggled for years with developing a meditation practice. Not only does he make it simple to understand meditation, he also provides easy ways to start and stay consistent."—Nate Palmer, bestselling author of *The Million Dollar Body Method* 



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#### ANGELARIUM: Oracle of the Fallen by Peter Mohrbacher (Page Street Publishing, January 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: sample cards and early .pdf of booklet; Page count: 96-page booklet; Illustration details: 36 full color cards

The Angelarium is home to all manner of angels, deities, and other spiritual figures. Not all of them are benevolent. Dive into the dark, evocative world of fallen angels, destruction, and arcane mystery with this oracle deck set in the fantastical Angelarium canon created by artist Peter Mohrbacher. Discover the lore behind the Watchers: Guardian angels who helped forge humanity only to inevitably turn to darkness. Each Watcher has a unique story to tell, and thus a unique lesson to offer. By studying the Watchers' archetypal stories, we may learn from them, avoid their mistakes and draw inspiration for tackling the challenges of life.

#### VINTAGE TATTOO TAROT by Alyssa Wilson (Page Street Publishing, May 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: sample cards due November; Page count:96-page booklet; Illustration details: 78 full color cards

With cards featuring tattoo artist Alyssa Wilson's queer, modern spin on the Rider-Waite deck, this gorgeous and unique tarot deck bucks heteronormativity and gender norms by featuring queer couples and many gender identities. Whether you're a first-time tarot reader or a long-time enthusiast, this deck is the perfect addition to your practice and will guide you on a journey of liberation, self-discovery and growth.

### THE INTUITIVE TAROT WORKBOOK: Guided Exercises to Unlock Your Intuition for Effortless Readings by Kathleen Medina (St. Martin's Castle Point, May 2024)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf due December; Page count: 176; Illustration details: full color designed pages throughout

Learning Tarot can feel overwhelming, but there's no need to memorize the many meanings of its seventy-eight cards. The answers we seek are already within us—Tarot simply helps bring them into focus. With *The Intuitive Tarot Workbook*, readers will learn how to tap into their psychic senses and access the ancient wisdom of Tarot for readings that are consistently clear, accurate, and insightful—no flash cards required. Simple, organic exercises cover everything from the overarching themes of the major arcana to the elements of each suit and the context provided by spreads to help readers build their confidence and skill.

### THE BROKE WITCH: Magick Spells and Powerful Potions that Use What You Can Grow, Find, or Already Have by Deborah Castellano (St. Martin's Castle Point, January 2024)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf; Page count: 208; Illustration details: two-color designed pages throughout

It's time to de-influence witchcraft! Cultivating a beautiful magickal practice doesn't have to break the bank. Whether you want to attract abundance, boost your luck, heal yourself, or protect your home, *The Broke Witch* has you covered. It's brimming with tips and tricks for the thrifty witch that put the practical back in magick.

- Discover bewitching rituals, recipes, ingredients, and tools for every budget
- Infuse everyday habits and activities with powerful magick
- Learn which magickal materials you can swap in a pinch

With *The Broke Witch* by your side, you can create an authentic and economical practice that evolves with you—no elaborate crystal grids or designer herb bundles required!



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### THE COTTAGE WITCH'S GUIDE TO MAGIC: 30 Enchanting Projects to Make Your Home More Sacred by Suzanne Lemmon (Page Street Publishing, April 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf due November; Page count: 144; Illustration details: full color photographs throughout

Covering everything from kitchen witchery to enchanted wall hangings, *The Cottage Witch's Guide to Magic* is the ultimate handbook for house witches of all experience levels. Suzanne Lemmon (of the hit platform @thewitchandthegoddess) shares her expertise in crafting mystical wreaths, brooms, garlands and more to protect one's home and hearth. Suzanne's time-honed tips and tricks will help readers harness the power of energy-charged crystals and charms for altars and adornments; meanwhile, her detailed reference guide to working with herbs, flowers and other botanicals in spells of all kinds will prove indispensable to their daily practice. She provides in-depth information on selecting the right raw materials for each project to tailor it to each witch's specific intentions and goals and explains where to place these crafts within the home to maximize their potency. Combining detailed instructions, step-by-step photography and inspired projects, Suzanne guides readers in the art of practicing magic (and making gorgeous décor) to craft a purposeful and powerful home.

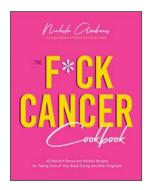


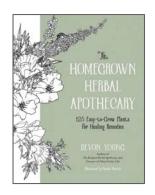
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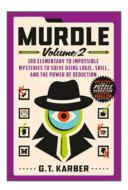


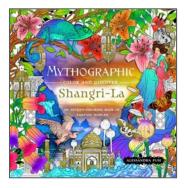






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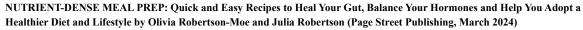


### THE F\*CK CANCER COOKBOOK: 60 Nutrient-Dense and Holistic Recipes for Taking Care of Your Body During and After Diagnosis by Nichole Andrews (Page Street Publishing, December 2023)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf; Page count: 160; Illustration details: color photos throughout

Take back your power with easy, fact-based lifestyle changes and delicious, nutrient-dense recipes. Nichole Andrews, a practicing oncology dietitian, specializes in helping cancer survivors heal during and after treatment. With this life-changing book, you'll be able to take tangible steps to prevent cancer from forming, as well as build up your immunity and strength after diagnosis. There is no "food hack" to beating cancer—and Nichole helps wade through all the myths that confuse the newly diagnosed. With her more than fifty whole-food recipes, as well as smart, effective lifestyle adjustments, you will greatly increase your chances of staying cancer-free. Forget all the misinformation—eat right and f\*ck cancer.

"If you're looking for sensible, evidence-based nutrition advice to help you battle and prevent cancer, this is a great resource!"—Dr. Idrees Mughal, MBBS, creator of @dr\_idz



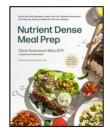
Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf due November; Page count: 160; Illustration details: color photos throughout

If you are looking for a simple and sustainable way to eat better, this collection of nutrient-dense recipes and meal plans will help make healthy eating a breeze. The nutrient-dense diet focuses on real, whole foods that repair gut health, balance hormones and fight inflammation, without the harsh restrictions of keto or Paleo diets. These sixty recipes highlight antioxidant-packed ingredients like organ meats and raw dairy, as well health-boosting processes like lacto-fermentation in delicious, approachable meals that you and your whole family will love. Five weeks of meal plans—that guide you from breakfast to dessert—help you easily adopt this diet and lifestyle. And thanks to Julia and Olivia's time-saving methods for batch-cooking, freezer-friendly and one-pan meals, each recipe is simple to make and prep for the week ahead. If you've been searching for a healthy, intuitive way of eating, this guide to nutrient-dense meal prep will set you down the path of success.



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### THE COTTAGECORE BAKING BOOK: 60 Sweet and Savory Bakes for Simple, Cozy Living by Kayla Lobermeier (Page Street Publishing, February 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf; Page count: 192; Illustration details: color photos throughout

From Kayla Lobermeier, author of *The Prairie Kitchen Cookbook*, comes an enchanting escape into the realm of cottagecore baking, where rustic charm meets mouthwatering flavors. Whether you are already living out your cozy cottage dreams or are just starting to embrace the softer, simpler life, you'll be captivated by the variety of baked goods on offer! Delight in luscious pies that are bursting with fresh, seasonal fruits; delicate teacakes and scones that enchant the eyes and the taste buds; and warm, crusty breads to fill your kitchen with pleasing aromas. Wherever you might be in your cottagecore journey, you'll soon find yourself embracing the slow-paced rhythms of cottage life as you whip up incredible sweet and savory treats.

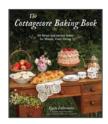
"This book doesn't disappoint! Kayla's nostalgic bakes and beautiful photographs will make you want to get straight into the kitchen and escape into a fairytale."—Aimee Twigger, creator of Twigg Studios

Also available: The Prairie Kitchen Cookbook (2023)

### HUNTING MUSHROOMS: How to Safely Identify, Forage and Cook Wild Fungi by Barbora Batokova (Page Street Publishing, May 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf due December; Page count: 240; Illustration details: color photos throughout

The first step to foraging mushrooms is spotting the different varieties and identifying them—and with this helpful introductory guide, you'll begin to do just that. This book profiles thirty commonly found mushrooms in North America and Europe, listing their unique characteristics so you can tell them apart and spot edible varieties for your kitchen with ease. Each profile is packed with information on what each mushroom looks like, where it grows, and any toxic lookalikes you might stumble across, so you can forage with confidence. There are also dozens of detailed photos giving you an easy starting point to begin your identification journey. You'll discover tips on how to begin foraging, what to wear, and the best times to go, as well as a dozen delicious recipes to use up your finds. Try out Yellow Chantarelle Goulash or a hearty Wild Mushroom Barley Bake. This beautiful guide will ease you into the world of mushrooms, so you can get out in nature, identify the different species, and harvest delicious fungi.





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### THE HOMEGROWN HERBAL APOTHECARY: 120+ Easy-to-Grow Plants for Healing Remedies by Devon Young (Page Street Publishing, March 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf; Page count: 160; Illustration details: b&w illustrations throughout

Unlock the benefits of growing and preparing your own restorative herbal remedies at home in this complete guide to cultivating your herbal practice. Devon Young, professional herbalist, trusted author, and creator of the blog Nitty Gritty Life, shares her wisdom about everyday healing for you and your family with growing and preparation instructions for over 120 common, easy-to-grow herbs. Accompanied by gorgeous hand-drawn botanical illustrations, this all-in-one reference manual has everything you need to know to grow, harvest, and make medicine with the best healing garden plants. With Devon's expertise, it's never been easier to become a self-sufficient home herbalist to heal yourself and your family in a holistic, sustainable way.

"With meticulous attention to detail, Devon Young provides practical advice on cultivating a beautiful landscape full of herbs and medicinal plants, along with details on how to preserve them for your apothecary."—Kris Bordessa, author and founder of Attainable Sustainable

Also available: The Backyard Herbal Apothecary (2019), The Herbalist's Healing Kitchen (2019)

## THE NATURAL SOAPMAKING HANDBOOK: Easy Recipes and Techniques for Beautiful Soaps from Herbs, Essential Oils and Other Healing Ingredients by Simi Khabra (Page Street Publishing, May 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf due December; Page count: 160; Illustration details: color photos throughout

Make beautiful, all-natural soaps with these thirty incredible recipes and detailed, step-by-step tutorials that are sustainably free from palm oil, synthetic fragrances and artificial dyes. You'll learn all the best soapmaking secrets including how to make and properly store lye-water, mix oils for the perfect batter consistency and discover heavenly essential oil blends for your soaps. Plus, gain a deeper understanding of the processes and techniques that go into soapmaking so you can successfully craft your own stellar recipes. Perfect for beginner soapmakers and longtime hobbyists alike, the recipes in *The Natural Soapmaking Handbook* are easy to follow and use natural, sustainable ingredients that won't irritate your skin. Make pastel Milky Rose soap using natural colorants like French pink clay, have a go at creating a textured soap top with the exfoliating, oatmeal-inspired Breakfast Scrub bar, or experiment with essential oils and try the Sunlit Meadow recipe for luxurious, lavender-scented suds.







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### SO YOU WANT TO BE A GAME MASTER?: Everything You Need to Start Your Tabletop Adventure for Dungeons and Dragons, Pathfinder, and Other Systems by Justin Alexander (Page Street Publishing, November 2023)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: .pdf; Page count: 544; Illustration details: black and white designed interior

Thanks to tabletop roleplay, millions of fans are creating unforgettable collaborative stories. No matter what roleplaying game you want to play, this book is the key to unlocking endless adventure! Award-winning game designer Justin Alexander has created an incredible compendium of advice and maps, perfect for any aspiring Game Master. This book is packed with the strategies you need to create amazing dungeons, battles, roleplay encounters, and more. Full of practical, hands-on advice and sample maps, just reading the first chapter of this book will have you ready to run a game in less than an hour. From there, Justin teaches you all the skills and techniques you need to explore dungeons, solve mysteries, steal priceless artifacts, unravel strange conspiracies, and venture forth on epic journeys! No matter what game you're playing, this book is the key to unlocking the limitless realms of your imagination.

"It's not just the same old stuff you've heard time and again. Inside you'll find amazing ideas and actionable advice that any Game Master will find useful."—Monte Cook, co-creator of Dungeons & Dragons 3rd Edition



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MURDLE: VOLUME 2: 100 Elementary to Impossible Mysteries to Solve Using Logic, Skill, and the Power of Deduction by G.T. Karber (St. Martin's Griffin, September 2023)

Editor: Courtney Littler; Material: finished copies; Page count: 384; Illustration detail: black & white design throughout

Deductive Logico is back on the scene in *Murdle: Volume 2*. Based on the sensational hit online game, these clever and hilarious mini-mystery puzzles will challenge you to find whodunit, how, where, and why. Unearth the dark secrets of the Violet Isles, solve the riddles of an ancient and mysterious scholar, and explore the haunted lands of Drakonia...if you dare. Packed with pictures, codes, and maps, and brimming with wit and intrigue, *Murdle: Volume 2* is a thrilling casebook for the armchair detective in each of us.

"Murdle is brilliant fun! Each one is like working to unravel an Agatha Christie-esque mini-mystery in a visually enticing logic puzzle. Move over Wordle, my brain cells want to solve a Murdle!"—Celeste Connally, author of Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Lord

"Bite-sized mysteries that are simply to die for."—Mindy Quigley, author of Six Feet Deep Dish and Ashes to Ashes, Crust to Crust

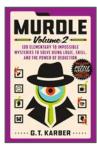
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Also available: Murdle: Volume 1 (2023)

Murdle: Volume 1 is already in its 7th printing and has been a top-selling puzzle book at Amazon and Barnes & Noble!

Murdle: Volume 3 will follow in April 2024





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### MY #BOOKTOK READING JOURNAL: Track and Review Your Favorite Reads by Nadia Hayes (St. Martin's Castle Point, November 2023)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: .pdf; Page count: 192; Illustration details: two-color designed pages throughout

If the BookTok revolution has you in its grasp—don't let go. Stay swooning from your latest book haul and rave about your newest binge series in this companion journal for true BookTok adventurers. Fill the pages of *My #BookTok Reading Journal* with your personal book reviews, heartfelt recommendations, spice-meter ratings (who can resist an enemies-to-lovers romance?!), and use it to manage your growing TBR list. Track the books that live up to the hype so you can share your recs with friends; record the heart-stopping quotes, the spicy love scenes, and the ugly-cry endings and relive them again and again; and create your own BookTok year in review!

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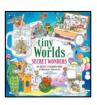


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MYTHOGRAPHIC COLOR AND DISCOVER: SHANGRI-LA: An Artist's Coloring Book of Fantasy Worlds by Alessandra Fusi (St. Martin's Castle Point, March 2024)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf; Page count: 96; Illustration details: black & white line drawings throughout Previous titles' foreign sales: Netherlands/BBNC, Russia/Eksmo

Also available: Animals (2018), Imagine (2019), Aquatic (2019), Enchanted Castles (2020), Paradise (2020), Odyssey (2020), Frozen Fantasies (2021), Dream Garden (2021), Wanderlust (2021), Wild Winter (2022), Voyage (2022), Menagerie (2022), Magical Earth (2022), Dream Weaver (2022), Cosmic Spirit (2023), Aviary (2023), Deep Blue (2023), Illusion (2023), Labyrinth (2023), Fairy Wonderland (2023), Crystal Kingdom (2024)

MYTHOGORIA: VENGEFUL FOREST: A Twisted Horror Coloring Book by Chellie Carroll (St. Martin's Castle Point, January 2024)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf; Page count: 96; Illustration details: black & white line drawings throughout Horror enthusiasts are loving this new series that already has over 100,000 copies in print with more titles planned for later in 2024!

Also available: Gory Underworld (2022), Night Terrors (2022), Nightmare Cabaret (2023), Darkest Desires (2023), Frozen Nightmares (2023)

IMAGINARIA: IN THE DEEP: An Artist's Coloring Book of Ocean Mysteries Inside the Lines by Simon Mendez (St. Martin's Castle Point, April 2024) Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf due December; Page count: 96; Illustration details: black & white line drawings throughout Also available: In the Wild (2023)

TINY WORLDS: SECRET WONDERS: An Artist's Coloring Book of Miniature Universes by Clara Gosalvez (St. Martin's Castle Point, February 2024)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf due November; Page count: 96; Illustration details: black & white line drawings throughout
This series is rife with detail in pocket-sized spaces. From buzzing societies in long-lost bottles to glittering fairies casting spells inside geodes, these imaginative illustrations are full of charm, detail, and illusion for even the most seasoned colorists.

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CRUSH AND COLOR: Harry Styles: Colorful Fantasies with a Dreamy Icon by Maurizio Campidelli (St. Martin's Castle Point, September 2023)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: finished copies; Page count: 80; Illustration details: black & white line drawings throughout

Previous titles' foreign sales: Hungary/Maxim

Also available: Jason Momoa (2020), Keanu Reeves (2020), Idris Elba (2020), Twentieth Century Foxes (2021), Lizzo (2021), Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson (2021), LeBron James (2021), Country Music Heartthrobs (2021), Ryan Reynolds (2022)

MANGATOPIA: Cupcakes and Kitties: A Cuteness Overload Coloring Book of Anime and Manga by Maddie Morales (St. Martin's Castle Point, January 2024)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf due November; Page count: 96; Illustration details: black & white line drawings throughout

WILD SPIRIT: A Retro Coloring Book for Peace & Love by Kira Cyan (Page Street Publishing, January 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf; Page count: 64; Illustration details: black & white line drawings throughout

THE CUTEST OF CUTE AMIGURUMI CRITTERS: A Coloring Book of Crocheted Baby Animals by K. Camero (St. Martin's Castle Point, March 2024)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf due December; Page count: 96; Illustration details: black & white line drawings throughout

MAGICAL WOODLAND COLORING BOOK: 30 Illustrations of an Enchanting Forest Getaway by Kate Pellerin (Page Street Publishing, March 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf due November; Page count: 64; Illustration details: black & white line drawings throughout

MAGICAL MUSHROOM COLORING BOOK by Marina Terauds (Page Street Publishing, May 2024)

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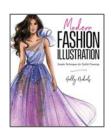
### MODERN FASHION ILLUSTRATION: Simple Techniques for Stylish Drawings by Holly Nichols (Page Street Publishing, December 2023)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf; Page count: 176; Illustration details: full color illustrations throughout

You've got a knack for designing—now what? With the help of successful fashion artist Holly Nichols, you'll learn how to take your passion to a new level. Elevate your designs with guides for drawing figures of all sizes, tools for digital creation, and lessons on how to market your art to the right audiences on social media. With this guide, you'll learn:

- How to Draw Proportions
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- How to Build a Background

- How to Create a Narrative
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- How to Use Social Media
- How to Use Procreate



With Holly's advice and expert tips, it's easier than ever to turn your dream of being a fashion illustrator into a reality.

"To some, Holly's art provides comfort, to others, the possibility of a dream fulfilled. Whether you're looking to pursue a career in fashion illustration or are seeking a new hobby—this book is what you're looking for."—Mackenzie Newcomb, founder of Bad Bitch Book Club

### MODERN FASHION ILLUSTRATION: THE COLORING BOOK: 40+ High Fashion Gowns and Dresses to Style and Color by Holly Nichols (January 2024)

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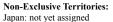
Bring your fashion dreams to life with these runway-inspired illustrations. Try out your boldest color combinations on glamorous gowns, unwind by styling daring dresses and eye-catching accessories, or experiment by adding creative embellishments of your own. Each dazzling design is yours to customize and is printed on high-quality perforated paper to ensure your art will look as display-worthy as the clothes on the page, plus there are colored illustrations to help inspire your work. So, grab your markers and colored pencils and get lost in the world of haute couture!

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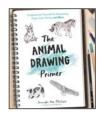
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### THE BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO URBAN SKETCHING: Everything You Need to Know to Capture Your Favorite Places in Ink and Watercolor by Taria Dawson (Page Street Publishing, December 2023)

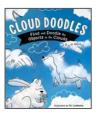
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Capture the world as it lives and breathes in the pages of your sketchbook. Taria Dawson, creator of the popular blog Urban Sketching World, makes it easy to draw on location. Using the art form's loose, colorful, and spontaneous method, you'll learn to create sentimental impressions of the places where you live and travel. And all with minimal supplies! Record your favorite dining experiences, covering everything from the restaurant's atmosphere to your food's mouthwatering textures. Chronicle the changing landscape of your home city as you illustrate the ornate architecture of old buildings next to budding skyscrapers. Or relax and unwind at the park as you practice introducing organic shapes and motion into your visual stories. Full of tips for drawing everything from simple road signs to iconic city skylines, this is the perfect guide to help you document all your sketchy adventures, no matter where you are or where you go.

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### THE ANIMAL DRAWING PRIMER: Fundamental Tutorials for Illustrating Dogs, Cats, Horses and More by Jennifer Rae Phillips (Page Street Publishing, November 2023)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: .pdf; Page count: 176; Illustration details: black & white line drawings throughout

SLOW DOWN AND DRAW SOMETHING: Finish These Meditative Doodles and Calm Your Anxiety by Kalei Hughes Moyles (St. Martin's Castle Point, January 2024)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf due November; Page count: 96; Illustration details: black & white line drawings throughout

CLOUD DOODLES: Find and Doodle the Objects in the Clouds by Ro Ledesma (St. Martin's Castle Point, March 2024)

Editor: Castle Point Books; Material: early .pdf; Page count: 96; Illustration details: black & white line drawings throughout

### THE BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO PROCREATE: Everything You Need to Know to Master Digital Art by Roché Woodworth (Page Street Publishing, December 2023)

Editor: Page Street Publishing, Material: early .pdf; Page count: 168; Illustration details: full color illustrations throughout

Start your digital art journey the right way with this incredible collection of all the know-how, tools, and techniques you need to jump head first into Procreate®. Digital artist extraordinaire Roché Woodworth has spent years mastering Procreate, and now she shares those skills, from setting up a digital canvas to completing your first masterpiece. Roché's helpful instruction on color theory, composition, and other foundational drawing techniques set you up for success to create adorable portraits, furry friends, playful landscapes, and more. Simple step-by-step instructions guide you through a variety of fun projects, which are paired with helpful reference images of the Procreate tools and functions you need to complete each masterpiece. Armed with Roché's guidance and beginner-friendly tutorials, all you need is an iPad©, Apple Pencil©, and your creativity to start making the digital art of your dreams.

"This book is a wonderful treasure trove of Procreate fundamentals, handy tips and creative insight that only an experienced artist like Roché could offer."—Mimi Purnell, creator of @mimimoo\_illustration



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WATERCOLOR WANDERLUST: A Beginner's Guide to Painting Beautiful Landscapes Including Majestic Mountains, Striking Seascapes, Rolling Plains and More by Hannah Pickerill (April 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf due December; Page count: 224; Illustration details: full color illustrations throughout

ACRYLIC LANDSCAPES FOR BEGINNERS: Your Step-by-Step Guide to Painting Scenic Drives, Misty Forests, Snowy Mountains and More by Sarah Johnston (April 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf due December; Page count: 192; Illustration details: full color illustrations throughout

INK AND WASH IN THE GARDEN: Watercolor and Ink Birds, Insects, Wildlife and More by Camilla Damsbo Brix (April 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf due December; Page count: 160; Illustration details: full color illustrations throughout

Also available: Ink and Wash Florals (2022)



### FAST AND FABULOUS KNITS: 18 Speedy Sweater and Top Patterns for Busy Knitters by Jaime Dorfman (Page Street Publishing, April 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf due December; Page count: 160; Illustration details: full color photos throughout

Knitting the sweater of your dreams doesn't have to take long at all! Thanks to Jaime Dorfman, the designer behind the colorful and creative knitwear brand Jaime Creates, you can have the show-stopping knitted wardrobe you've always longed for in no time. Wielding bulky and super-bulky yarns to expert effect, Jaime's designs are modern, trendy, and flattering—all while knitting up in a flash. And whether you are seasoned in knitting sweaters or will be casting on your very first jumper, never fear! Jaime's inspiring patterns are made up of beginner-friendly techniques, so no matter where you are in your knitting journey, you can tackle each garment with ease. Hop aboard the cable train with designs like the Magnolia Jumper; get totally textured with the Miss Ziggy Vest and Shine Bright Like a Diamond Cardigan; or add a splash of color with the Intarsia Color Block Jumper. With patterns that come together as quickly as these do, you'll soon have a closet full of chic, cheerful wardrobe staples!

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#### KNITTING LIGHT: 20 Mostly Seamless Tops, Tees & More for Warm Weather Wear by Marie Greene (February 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf due December; Page count: 208; Illustration details: full color photos throughout

#### CUDDLE CROCHET PLUSHIES: 30 Patterns for Adorable Animals You'll Love to Snuggle by Glory Shofowora (January 2024)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf due November; Page count: 168; Illustration details: full color photos throughout

#### HANDMADE RENAISSANCE FAIRE FASHION: 20+ Patterns for Crafting Faire-Ready Capes, Cloaks and Crowns—the Authentic Way! by Mara and Alassie (December 2023)

Editor: Page Street Publishing; Material: early .pdf; Page count: 120; Illustration details: full color photos throughout









#### THE ATLAS COMPLEX by Olivie Blake (Tor Books, January 2024)

Editor: Lindsey Hall; Material: manuscript; Page count: 496

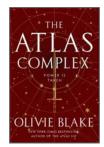
Only the extraordinary are chosen. Only the cunning survive. An explosive return to the library leaves the six Alexandrians lethally vulnerable to the terms of their recruitment, driving the fractured alliances to opposing strategies. While those who remain with the archives wrestle with the ethics of their astronomical abilities, an unlikely partnership seeks to influence politics on a global stage. While each member of the erstwhile cohort does what it takes to secure their place on the board, the outside world mobilizes to destroy them, and the Caretaker himself, Atlas Blakely, may yet succeed with a plan foreseen to have world-ending stakes. It's a race to survive as the six Society recruits are faced with the question of what they're willing to betray for limitless power—and who will be destroyed along the way. Here is the much-anticipated, epic conclusion to Olivie Blake's trilogy, soon to be a TV show with Amazon, which began with the viral sensation, *The Atlas Six*.

"Lethally smart. Filled with a cast of brilliantly realized characters, each entangled with one another in torturously delicious ways, *The Atlas Six* will grip you by the throat and refuse to let go. Olivie Blake is a mind-blowing talent."—Chloe Gong, author of *New York Times* bestselling *These Violent Delights* 

Foreign sales: Brazil/Intrinseca, Denmark/Politikens, Finland/Aula, France/Michel Lafon, Germany/Tor|Fischer, Israel/Kinneret, Italy/Sperling, Poland/Muza, Portugal/Planeta, Russia/AST, Spanish World/Urano, Sweden/Bokfabriken, Turkey/Marti, UK/Tor|Pan Macmillan, Ukraine/Family Leisure Club

Previous title's foreign sales: Brazil/Intrinseca, Bulgaria/Studio of A, Croatia/Znanje, Czech Republic/Euromedia, Denmark/Politikens, Finland/Aula, France/Michel Lafon, Germany/Tor|Fischer, Greece/Dioptra, Hungary/Könyvmolyképző, Israel/Kinneret, Italy/Sperling, Japan/Hayakawa, Poland/Muza, Portugal/Planeta, Romania/BookZone, Russia/AST, Slovakia/Vydavatelstvo Zeleny Kocur, Spanish World/Urano, Sweden/Bokfabriken, Turkey/Marti, UK/Tor|Pan Macmillan, Ukraine/Family Leisure Club

Also available: The Atlas Six (2022), The Atlas Paradox (2022)





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#### JANUARIES by Olivie Blake (Tor Books, October 2024)

Editor: Lindsey Hall; Material: manuscript; Page count: 480

Containing modified fairytales, contemporary heists, absurdist poetry, and at least one set of actual wedding vows, *Januaries* is a series of magical ruminations on life and love, featuring both new and iconic stories. This collection is perfectly positioned to hold fans over until our next original book from bestselling author Olivie Blake in 2025.

Foreign sales: UK/Tor|Pan Macmillan

Alone With You in the Ether foreign sales: Brazil/Intrinseca, Germany/Penguin Italy/Sperling & Kupfer, Poland/Muza, Spain/Urano, Turkey/Marti, UK/Tor|Pan Macmillan

One for My Enemy foreign sales: France/Michel Lafon, Germany/Tor|Fischer, Poland/Znak, Spain/Urano, Turkey/Marti, UK/Tor|Pan Macmillan

Masters of Death foreign sales: Czech Republic/Euromedia, Poland/Znak, Spain/Urano, Turkey/Marti, UK/Tor|Pan Macmillan

Also available: Alone With You in the Ether (2022), One for My Enemy (2023), Masters of Death (2023)







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#### THE DAUGHTERS' WAR by Christopher Buehlman (Tor Books, June 2024)

Editor: Lindsey Hall; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 304

This standalone novel follows young warrior Galva dom Braga on her journey from untested academy swordswoman to feared and bloodied veteran knight, set during the war-torn, goblin-infested years just before *The Blacktongue Thief. The goblins have killed all of our horses and most of our men. They have enslaved our cities, burned our fields, and inflicted a waking nightmare on the known world. Now, our daughters take up arms.* Galva—Galvicha to her three brothers, two of whom the goblins will kill—has defied her family's wishes and joined the army's untested new unit, the Raven Knights. They march toward a once-beautiful city overrun by the goblin horde, accompanied by scores of giant war corvids. Made with the darkest magics, these fearsome black birds may hold the key to stopping the goblins in their war to make cattle of mankind. The road to victory is bloody, and goblins are clever and merciless. The Raven Knights can take nothing for granted—not the bonds of family, nor the wisdom of their leaders, nor their own safety against the dangerous war birds at their side. But some hopes are worth any risk.

"Readers of epic fantasy novelists, like Tolkien or Brandon Sanderson, will enjoy this journey, which is by turns fun, magical, or terrifying for the travelers...this title is transporting."—Library Journal (starred review) on The Blacktongue Thief

Foreign sales: UK/Gollancz

Previous title's foreign sales: Czech Republic/Dobrovsky, Germany/KlettCotta, Hungary/Agave, Italy/Fazi, Poland/MAG Jacek Rodek, Russia/Azbooka, Spain/Trini Vergara, Turkey/Ithaki, UK/Gollancz, Ukraine/Vivat

Also available: The Blacktongue Thief (2021)



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Japan: not yet assigned Korea: Imprima Korea



#### BLOOD OF THE OLD KINGS by Sung il-Kim; translated by Anton Hur (Tor Books, October 2024)

Editor: Lindsey Hall; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 320

Powered by corpses of sorcerers, the Empire has conquered the world. It claims to have brought peace and stability to its conquered lands, but some see that peace for what it is—a lie—and will give everything to fight it. Loran was desperate for revenge after the Empire killed her family, so much so that she climbed the volcano where the legends say an ancient dragon slumbers, and she leapt in. When it turns out the legends are true, Loran accepts an even greater mission: bring down the Empire and become King. Cain arrived in the Imperial capital lost and orphaned, and it's only thanks to the kindness of a stranger-turned-mentor that he survived on the city's streets. When his friend is found murdered, he will leave no stone unturned to find those responsible, even if it means starting a war. Arienne's future has never been in question—born a sorcerer, she'll be a Power Generator for the Empire upon her death. But when she starts to hear the voice of a powerful necromancer in her head, she realizes the only thing more terrifying than dying for the Empire is never getting to truly live in the first place. When peace is a lie, there is power in truth—and as Loran, Cain, and Arienne hunt for answers in their own lives, each of their rebellions could bring the Empire down.

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#### ASUNDER by Kerstin Hall (Tordotcom, August 2024)

Editor: Ruoxi Chen; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 352

Sabriel meets For the Wolf in Nommo Award finalist Kerstin Hall's beguiling new standalone epic fantasy. We choose our own gods here. Karys Eska is a Deathspeaker, locked into an irrevocable compact with an eldritch being—three-faced, hundred-winged, unforgiving—who has granted her the ability to communicate with the newly departed. She pays the rent by using her abilities to investigate suspicious deaths. When a new case goes sideways and connects her to a dying stranger with some very dangerous secrets, her entire world is upended. Ferain is willing to pay a ludicrous sum of money for her help. To save him, Karys inadvertently binds him to her very shadow, an act that may doom them both. Together, they must journey to the heart of a faded empire, haunted by arcane horrors and the unquiet ghosts of their pasts. And all too soon, Karys knows her debts will come due.

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#### **GLASS HOUSES by Madeline Ashby (Tor Books, August 2024)**

Editor: Miriam Weinberg; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 288

A masterful near future whodunit for fans of *Glass Onion* and *Black Mirror*, *Glass Houses* is a twisty techno-thriller with a very Agatha Christie bent. A group of employees and their CEO, celebrating the sale of their remarkable emotion-mapping-AI-algorithm, crash onto a not-quite-deserted tropical island. Luckily, those who survived have found a beautiful, fully-stocked private palace with all the latest technological updates (though one without connection to the outside world). The house, however, has more secrets than anyone might have guessed and a much darker reason for having been built and left behind. Kristin, the hyper-competent "human emotional support technician" (i.e. the eccentric, boyish billionaire-CEO Sumpter's idea of an HR department) tries to keep her colleagues stable throughout this new challenge, but staying sane seems to be as much of a challenge as staying alive. Being a "woman in technology" has always meant having to be smarter than anyone expects, and Kristin's survival skills are more impressive than anyone knows. Selling off the start-up was supposed to be the beginning of a glorious future—but now the increasingly spare set of employees are looking at the past with new eyes.

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#### ARCHANGELS OF FUNK by Andrea Hairston (Tordotcom, May 2024)

Editor: Lee Harris; Material: manuscript; Page count: 384

Octavia Butler meets Neil Gaiman in a contemporary fantasy tale about running from your past and hiding from your future. The Water Wars have scrambled the world. Flood refugees are on the run. Disruptors and the Nostalgia Militia roam the roads wreaking havoc. Invisible Darknet lords troll the internet solidifying their power, while Cinnamon, her three Circus-Bots, and two dogs work with a community of Farmers, Motor Fairies, and Wheel-Wizards to provide housing, healthcare, and education for flood refugees. Slipping into periodic despair, Cinnamon's been hiding out. She's ready to ditch the *Next World Festival* she runs—a sci-fi carnival jam featuring music, dance, masked revelers, drum circles, and storytellers in a grassy amphitheater on the farm she inherited. Her elders haunt her, insisting she do the Festival no matter what. As she confronts threats to the life she's attempting to live from the Darknet Lords and the Nostalgia Militia, Cinnamon must determine how best to honor her elders and her history, while building a future for herself and her charges. It's not going to be easy.

Andrea Hairston's novel Master of Poisons was voted a Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2020!

Also available: Redwood and Wildfire (2022), Will Do Magic for Small Change (2022)











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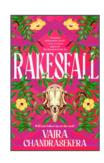
#### RAKESFALL by Vajra Chandrasekera (Tordotcom, June 2024)

Editor: Carl Engle-Laird; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

For readers of China Miéville and Sofia Samatar, *Rakesfall* is a groundbreaking, standalone science fiction epic about two souls bound together from here until the ends of time, from the author of *The Saint of Bright Doors*. Some stories take more than one lifetime to tell. There are wrongs that echo through the ages, friendships that outpace the claws of death, loves that leave their mark on civilization, and promises that nothing can break. This is one such story. Annelid and Leveret met after the war, but before the peace. They found each other in a torn-up nation, peering through propaganda to grasp a deeper truth. And in a demon-haunted wood, another act of violence linked them and propelled their souls on a journey throughout the ages. No world can hold them, no life can bind them, and they'll never leave each other behind. But their journey will not be easy. In every lifetime, oppressors narrow the walls of possibility, shaping reality to fit their own needs. And behind the walls of history, the witches of the red web swear that every throne will fall. Tracing two souls through endless lifetimes, *Rakesfall* is a virtuosic exploration of what stories can be. As Annelid and Leveret reincarnate ever deeper into the future, they will chase the edge of human possibility in a dark science fiction epic unlike anything you've read before.

"A work of boundless creativity. Every mind-expanding chapter is another twist of the kaleidoscope. This is a fearless, hallucinatory novel that takes colonial (and all) power structures on with art and style."—Ray Nayler, Locus Award-winning author of *The Mountain in the Sea* 

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#### **EXTINCTION by Douglas Preston (Forge Books, April 2024)**

Editor: Robert Davis; Material: manuscript; Page count: 384

Comparison: James Rollins and Michael Crichton

With *Extinction*, #1 New York Times bestselling author Douglas Preston has written an epic thriller in the tradition of Michael Crichton that explores the very real effort to resurrect the woolly mammoth and other extinct megafauna from the Pleistocene Age. Erebus Resort, occupying a magnificent, hundred-thousand acre valley deep in the Colorado Rockies, offers guests the experience of viewing woolly mammoths, Irish elk, and giant ground sloths in their native habitat, brought back from extinction through the magic of genetic manipulation. When a billionaire's son and his new wife are kidnapped and murdered in the Erebus back country by what is assumed to be a gang of eco-terrorists, Colorado Bureau of Investigation Agent Frances Cash partners with county sheriff James Colcord to track down the perpetrators. As killings mount and the valley is evacuated, Cash and Colcord must confront an ancient, intelligent, and malevolent presence at Erebus, bent not on resurrection—but extinction.

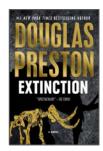
"A thriller as breathlessly riveting as you would expect from a genre master like Doug Preston, but much more too: it's meaty and thought-provoking, and tells us a lot about our distant past—and our immediate future. Spectacular!"—Lee Child, #1 New York Times bestselling author

"Preston's latest thriller, Extinction, is Jurassic Park for the Pleistocene Era—and that's no exaggeration. It's got everything I love: fantastic creatures, wild adventures, and dynamic heroes. But most frightening of all, it shines a disturbing light on where the science of genetic engineering might be venturing next. Read at your own risk!"—James Rollins, #1 New York Times bestselling author

Foreign sales: Bulgaria/Bard, France/Archipel, Germany/Droemer, UK/Head of Zeus

Also available: The Codex (2003), Tyrannosaur Canyon (2005), Jennie (2006), Blasphemy (2008), Impact (2010), The Kraken Project (2014)

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#### CUCKOO by Gretchen Felker-Martin (Tor Nightfire, June 2024)

Editor: Kelly Lonesome; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 320

IT meets But I'm a Cheerleader and Invasion of the Bodysnatchers in a brand new horror novel from the acclaimed author of Manhunt. In 1993, five young queer kids, whose parents want them "fixed," find themselves thrown together at a secretive "tough love" camp deep in the Utah desert. Tormented and worked to the point of collapse by hardline religious zealots intent on straightening them out, they slowly become aware that something in the mountains north of the camp is speaking to them in their dreams and that the children who return home to their families aren't the ones they sent away.

"Highly recommended for those looking for particularly upsetting or disturbing horror fiction."—Booklist (starred review) on Manhunt

"A sensual, tender, honest, and inspirational story of imperfect but well-meaning people banding together in an attempt to not only survive but thrive...This novel confidently plants a flag declaring its place among the greatest band-of-survivor zombie tales."—*Library Journal* (starred review) on *Manhunt* 

"As erotic as it is devastating, as brilliant as it is visceral, Manhunt is a modern horror masterpiece."—Carmen Maria Machado, bestselling author of In the Dream House and National Book Award finalist for Her Body and Other Parties

Foreign sales: UK/Titan

Previous title's foreign sales: France/Sonatine, Germany/Festa, Turkey/Ithaki

Also available: Manhunt (2022)

See more on our marketing and positioning here!





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#### A MASK OF FLIES by Matthew Lyons (Tor Nightfire, August 2024)

Editor: Kristin Temple; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 352

A Mask of Flies by "rising horror star" (Publishers Weekly) Matthew Lyons is a crime horror novel which blends It Follows and The Outsider with a pinch of The Evil Dead, in which a criminal and the cop she's taken hostage must find their way to safety—pursued by threats both human and supernatural—after a failed bank robbery. In the bloody aftermath of a botched bank heist, career criminal Anne Heller has no choice but to return to her family's cabin—a secluded shack in the San Luis Valley, and the site of her mother's untimely death. Along for the ride are Jessup, Anne's partner, and Dutch, the police officer she's taken hostage. As they wait for help, Anne discovers strange relics of her mother and begins to unfold the mystery of her childhood at the cabin. Anne's quest to uncover more is interrupted when Jessup goes missing, only to turn up dead. She and Dutch bury her friend, but that night, the dead man comes back, seemingly risen from his grave to knock at the cabin door. Not a dream, not a hallucination, but not exactly Jessup, either. Something else. Something wearing her friend's face. Something hungry. The cops aren't the only ones after Anne, and unraveling the secrets of her mother's past may be her only hope of getting out alive. A Mask of Flies is a gritty, heartfelt meditation on death, family, and the ever-changing, monstrous nature of grief.



#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: not yet assigned Korea: not yet assigned



#### THE SPELLSHOP by Sarah Beth Durst (Bramble, July 2024)

Editor: Ali Fisher; Material: manuscript; Page count: 384

From Sarah Beth Durst, the "hidden gem of the fantasy world" (*Book Riot*), comes her first ever foray into cozy fantasy romance, for readers of T.J. Klune and Travis Baldree! Kiela has always had trouble dealing with people, and as librarian at the Great Library of Alyssium, she hasn't had to. She and her assistant, Caz, a sentient spider plant, have spent most of the last eleven years sequestered among the empire's precious spellbooks, protecting the magic for the city's elite. But a revolution is brewing and when the library goes up in flames, she and Caz steal whatever books they can and flee to the faraway island where she grew up. She's hoping to lay low and figure out a way to survive before the revolution comes looking for her. To her dismay, in addition to a nosy—and very handsome—neighbor, she finds the town in disarray. The empire with its magic spellbooks has slowly been draining power from the island, something that Kiela is indirectly responsible for, and now she's determined to find a way to make things right. Opening up a spell shop comes with its own risks—the consequence of sharing magic with commoners is death. And as Kiela comes to make a place for herself among the quirky townspeople, she realizes that in order to make a life for herself, she must break down the walls she has kept so high.

Foreign sales: Germany/Tor|Fischer, UK/Tor|Pan Macmillan



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#### THE COVEN by Harper L. Woods (Bramble, August 2024)

Editor: Monique Patterson; Material: manuscript; Page count: 304

From *USA Today* bestselling author Harper L. Woods, *The Coven* combines the sexy high-heat vampires of J.R. Ward and the witchy goodness of *The Atlas Six* with the dark academia suspense of *Ninth House*. Raised to be my father's weapon against the Coven that took away his sister and his birthright, I would do anything to protect my younger brother from suffering the same fate. My duty forces me to the secret town of Crystal Hollow and the prestigious Hollow's Grove University—where the best and brightest of my kind learn to practice their magic free from human judgment. There are no whispered words here. No condemnation for the blood that flows through my veins. The only animosity I face comes from the beautiful and infuriating Headmaster, Alaric Grayson Thorne, a man who despises me just as much as I loathe him and everything he stands for. But that doesn't mean secrets don't threaten to tear the school in two. No one talks about the bloody massacre that forced it to close decades prior; they only discuss the opportunity it can afford to those fortunate enough to attend. Because for the first time in fifty years, the Coven will open its wards to the Thirteen. Thirteen promising students destined to change the world. If the ghosts of Hollow's Grove's victims don't kill them first.

"The Coven is the delicious first book in this steamy duology by Harper L. Woods."—RT Book Reviews (20 Must-Read Supernatural Romance Books)

"If you are a fan of dark romances and you enjoy the darker side of witchy elemental magic, then *The Coven* is a book that you need to grab right now!"—Book Briefs

Foreign sales: Israel/Venus, UK/Transworld

\*Rights have already sold in Brazil, France, Italy, Poland, and Turkey via the agent, Beck Romance Books. Tor controls all other territories.\*

Book Two, The Cursed, will follow in September 2024!



#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: not yet assigned Korea: not yet assigned



#### THE STARS ARE DYING by Chloe Peñaranda (Bramble, October 2024)

Editor: Monique Patterson; Material: manuscript due November; Page count: 352

Shadow and Bone meets Caraval in a dark romantic fantasy loosely inspired by the Greek myths of Astraea with a page-turning new epic world and a darkly seductive star-crossed romance. In a world abandoned by the celestial guardians and left to suffer a tyrant king's reign, all Astraea knows is safety in seclusion. With fragmented memories of only five years of her life, she's determined to discover more about her past, even if that means fleeing the cruel arms that hold her safe from the wicked vampires rumored to roam the land. But when Astraea stumbles upon the mysterious Nyte, she soon realizes determination alone isn't enough to guard her heart. He lingers like the darkness that expands between the stars, and soon she discovers her captor's wicked means of control weren't based on a lie to keep her under lock after all. In her desperation, Astraea accepts Nyte's help before she can decide if she might have sold her allegiance to one of the bloodthirsty beings the people of her world fear. Once their bargain is struck, Astraea's chance to escape comes in the form of accompanying her best friend Cassia to the King's Central. There on royal territory it's the centenary of the Libertatem, a succession of trials hosted by the king in which five human lands compete for a cycle of safety from the vampires seeking blood, claiming souls, and savaging after dark. So when tragedy strikes, Astraea must decide if taking the place of a murdered participant for the safety of her kingdom is a ruse worth dying for, or if protection—and the answers to her past—really are her strongest desires.

#### **Non-Exclusive Territories:**

Japan: not yet assigned Korea: not yet assigned



#### PLAY DIRTY by Lora Leigh (Bramble, March 2024)

Editor: Monique Patterson; Material: manuscript; Page count: 320

*Play Dirty* is the first in a new trilogy featuring ex-Navy SEALS that combines the bodyguard goodness of *Twisted Games* by Ana Huang with the edgy deliciousness of Penelope Douglas. She saved his life when they were kids and then he saved hers. When she became a young woman, Poppy knew she would never love anyone the way she loved Jack Lee Bridger. But after a near tragedy, Jack left home to become a Navy SEAL and Poppy knew there wouldn't be another like him. Not for her. She remembered the way it felt when he looked at her with those smoldering eyes. The way he kissed her, touched her. Now it's years later and danger is dogging her footsteps. And Jack is back.

"Lora Leigh is one of my favorite writers...the original and still the best!"—Sylvia Day, #1 New York Times bestseller

Previous series' foreign sales: France/J'ai Lu, Hungary/Ulpius-Haz, Israel/Adel, Italy/Mondadori, German/Lyx, Japan/Oakla, Romania/SC Nemira, Slovakia/Ikar, Spanish/Nefer, Thailand/Crystal, UK/Pan Macmillan, Vietnam/Le Chi

#### PEN PAL by J.T. Geissinger (Bramble, July 2024)

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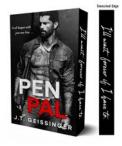
With over 18.8 million views on TikTok, J.T. Geissinger is already an indie superstar and a #1 international and Amazon Charts bestselling author. *Pen Pal* combines the high-octane sexiness of Ana Huang and the addictive thrills of Rachel Hawkins with a delicious twist, and this standalone dark romance is the first in a six book deal! The first letter arrived the day my husband was buried. It was postmarked from the state penitentiary and contained a single sentence: I'll wait forever if I have to. It was signed by Dante, a man I didn't know. Out of simple curiosity, I wrote back to ask him what exactly he was waiting for. His reply? You. I told the mystery man he had the wrong girl. He said he didn't. I said we'd never met, but he said I was wrong. We went back and forth, exchanging letters every week that grew increasingly more intimate. Then one day, the letters stopped. When I found out why, it was already too late. Dante was at my doorstep. And nothing on earth could have prepared me for what happened next.

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For readers of Colleen Hoover and Elle Kennedy, *The Sound of Us* is an angsty, deeply emotional, heated romance that is sure to stoke readers' fires, from a *New York Times* bestselling author. Skye doesn't feel like she has much to live for after she loses her dad. But when her best friend convinces her to not give up on her degree and return to Chicago University, she decides to give it a try. Except the world seems so dark now, and music is the only thing that saves her each painful night. Then she hears him on the radio and suddenly there's a bright light in the dark. Dante. One by one Dante has lost everyone who has ever meant anything to him. But losing his sister seems to break him. Consumed by guilt and a burning need for revenge, Dante spiraled. Drug. Alcohol. Sex. Anything that would ease the demons that haunted him. Music is the only thing that saves him. Until he met her. Skye. Just one kiss and he knows he wants more. He'll do anything to keep her near. Even things she may not forgive him for in the end.

#### **CURVY GIRL SUMMER by Danielle Allen (Bramble, June 2024)**

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A delicious friends-to-lovers contemporary romance for readers of *Before I Let Go* by Kennedy Ryan, *Curvy Girl Summer* is the first in a new trilogy of sexy, edgy romantic dramas featuring three curvy, beautiful Black women who are best friends. In this first book, when Aaliyah's date stands her up at the local bar on her thirtieth birthday, she is ready to give up on love...until her sexy bartender offers to be her dating guardian and she discovers that what she is looking for is right in front of her.

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