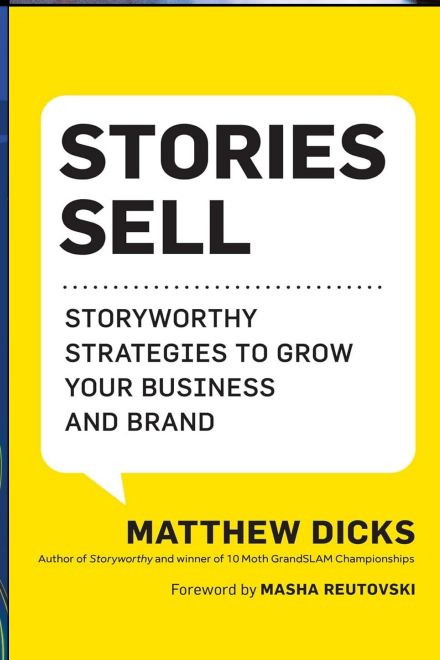
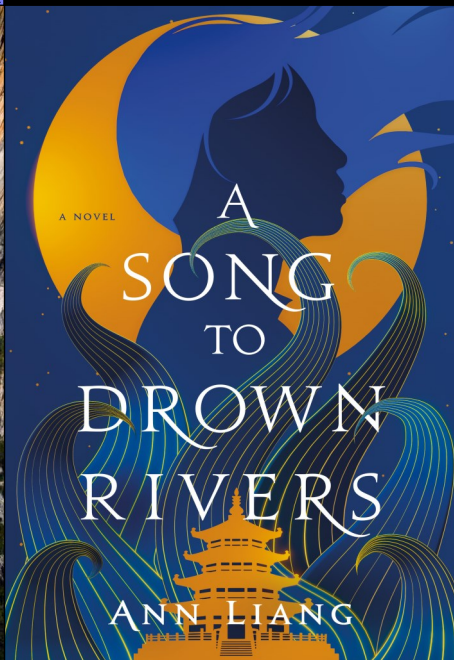
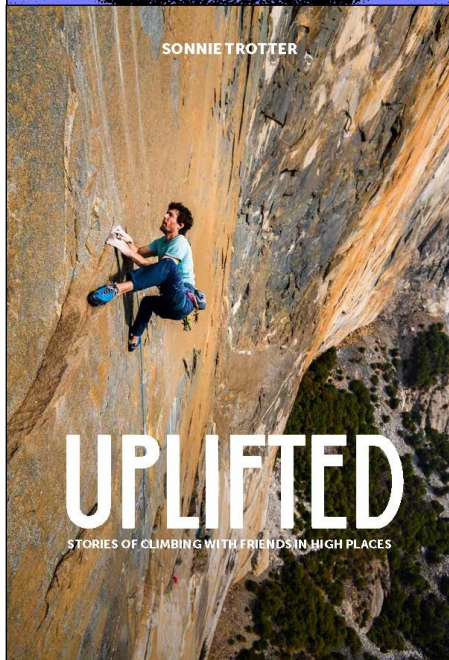
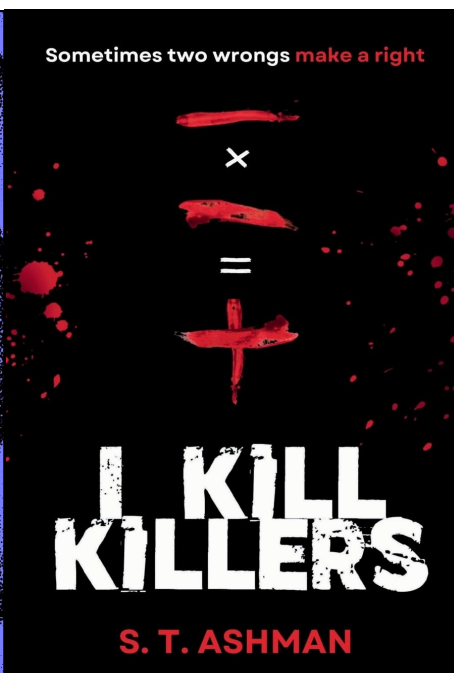
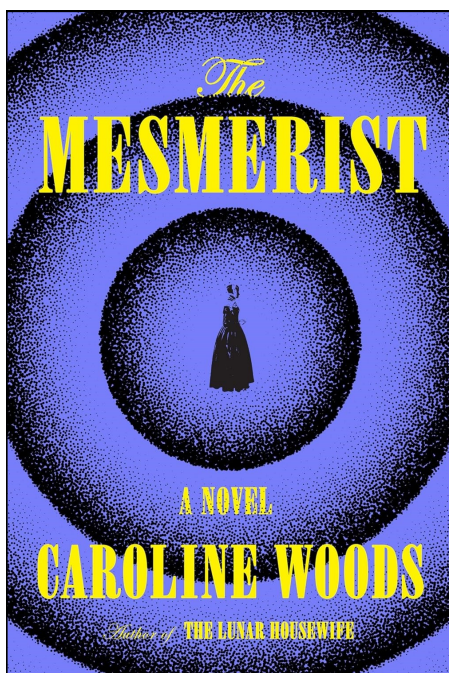
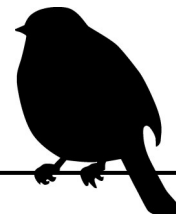


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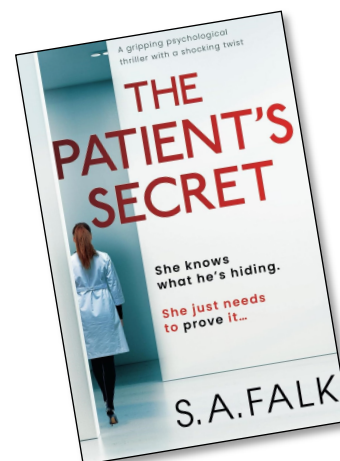
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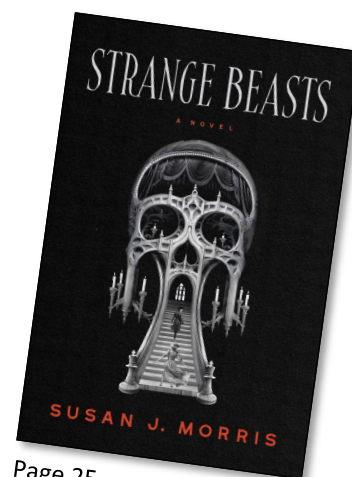
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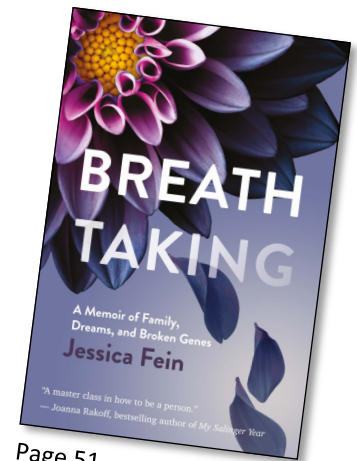


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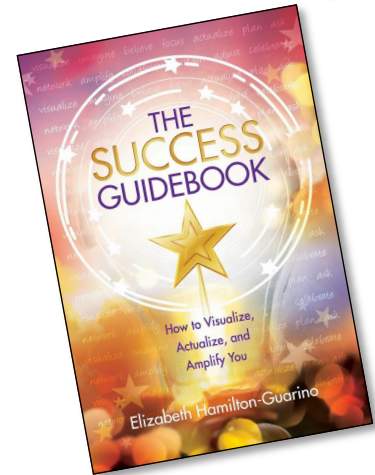
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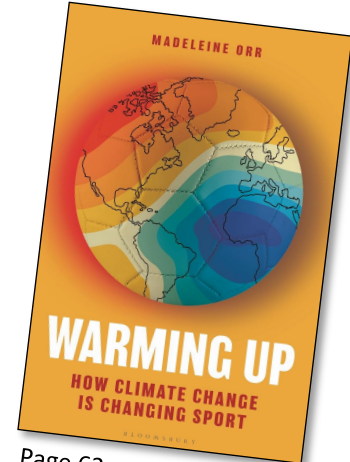
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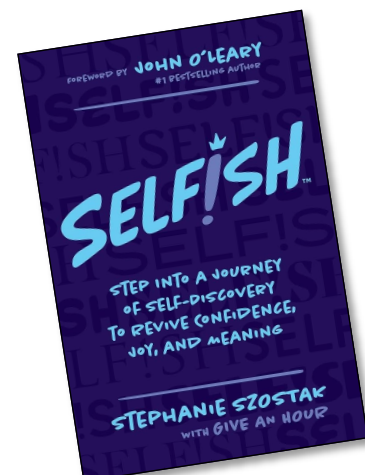
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FICTION

A Dubai balloon festival is attacked by the worst social engineering exploit the world has ever seen. Pilots die. Local politics get disrupted. Everyone blames AI. Manos Manu must follow his models—wherever they lead...

DESERT BALLOONS:

The Machine Murders, book 2

by **CJ Abazis**, translated to English by **Kalliopy Paleos**

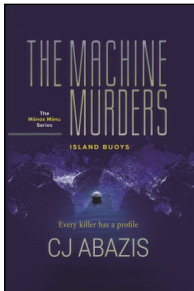
Manos Manu, an Interpol data scientist, arrives in the United Arab Emirates to solve a series of impossible murders that have shaken the Middle East.

Interpol's Singapore back office has proven world-class, with a machine learning team of the best engineers from around the globe—including Manos' girlfriend Mei. Tested under pressure in the field, his custom system is nothing short of brilliant.

But this time, his arch-nemesis is not simply a killer. Not even a web of determined developers, scattered across the world.

His enemy is his very own nature.

Also in the series

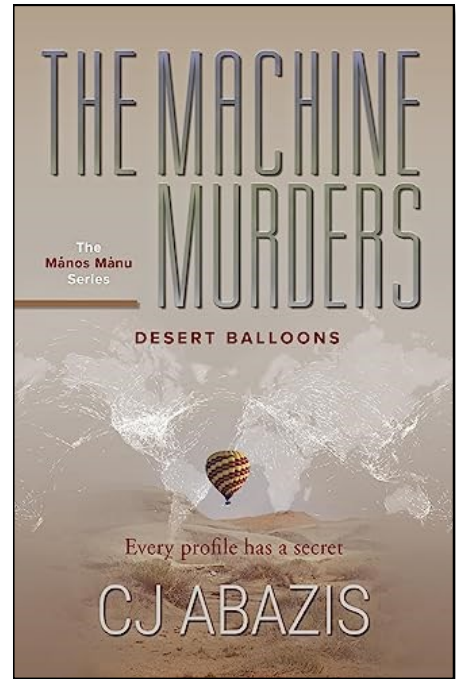


“The world of traditional crime solving and that of Manu will clash in this cosmopolitan novel, a mystery thriller that combines technology and action. Nice style, sharp dialogues, narrative comfort, and a model of machine learning that can find the murderer...or even more than one.” – **Kyriakos Athanasiadis**, *Kathimerini Newspaper*



CJ Abazis manages a software company in Athens, Greece. *The Island Buoys* is the first novel in *The Machine Murders* series. He has previously written bestselling novels that were published by prominent Greek publishing houses.

www.themachinemurders.com



Athens Bookstore Publications January 2024

Trade paperback

75k words

Genre: Technothriller

Rights available:

British and translation (except Greek)

Previous foreign publishers: Russia (Eksmo)

Highlights:

- * Bestselling Greek author
- * Author works with American poet Kalliopy Paleos to translate into English
- * **Previous book, *Island Buoys*:**
— Hit top 10 Amazon, Crime Action & Adventure

Handling foreign rights:

Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available

The Queen's Gambit meets *Dexter* in this pulse-pounding thriller about a killer hiding in plain sight

I KILL KILLERS
by **S.T. Ashman**

When a genius pianist turned hunter of serial killers finds herself connected to her latest victim by an eerie twist of fate, her world spirals into dark chaos. Caught in a relentless game of cat-and-mouse with a tenacious FBI agent, she is also thrust into a dangerous face-off with a serial killer whose lethal cunning could rival her own. *I Kill Killers* is a pulse-pounding journey into moral ambiguity, blurring the slippery line between heroes and villains.

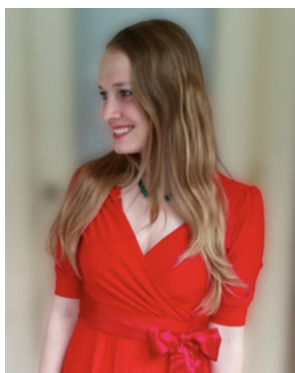
“A solid debut! Hints of Jeff Lindsey, Karin Slaughter, and Tess Gerritsen with one hell of a twist!” – **J.D. Barker**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Behind a Closed Door*

“*I Kill Killers* is EXACTLY the kind of plot that I just love beyond reason. This book was utterly fantastic from start to finish, and I have most definitely found one of my top thriller reads of the year here....Give me a plot about a killer who targets other deranged killers to take them out any day....A MUST MUST MUST for thriller lovers, mystery lovers and anyone who enjoys a good serial killer book. 5 stars”
– **@candice_reads**, 11.6k followers on Instagram

“What a great thriller!...Read this if you like: psychological crime thrillers, reading about serial killers, dual POVs. If you love horror books and thrillers I definitely recommend picking this one up.” – **Jamie Alexander** @james_mystical_library, 12.2k followers on Instagram

“Brilliant. It has been a long time since I’ve read a great book about serial killers....[G]reat book, probably the best one I have read all year. 5 stars” – **Kelly C. Librarian**, NetGalley review

“I feel like I’ve just been electrocuted and dumped in a bath full of ice water. Holy f*cking shit this book knocked my socks off!! This has to be one of the BEST murder, mystery, thrillers I’ve ever had the pleasure of readings. 5 stars” – **Sallie G.** NetGalley review



S. T. Ashman is a writer with a master’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania who once delved into the criminal justice system as a psychotherapist. This role has gifted her with unique insight into the human psyche—both the beautiful and the deeply shadowed. In another life, she likes to think she’d be wearing a trench coat and solving mysteries as the female version of Columbo. Under a penname, S.T. writes romance which has consistently hit the top 50 on Amazon and the top 100 for most Kindle Unlimited pages read. www.ashmanbooks.com



Independently published
October 2023

Trade paperback
81k words

Genre: Crime thriller

Rights available:
British and translation

Highlights:
* First book in a trilogy
* 5 star average rating on NetGalley
* Listen to our short podcast about *I Kill Killers* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:
Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available

Three women work to uncover the scorching lies and scandal behind a self-help movement, igniting a powder keg of secrets that could blow their town apart, in this suspense novel perfect for readers who love Southern mystery

WATCH IT BURN
by Kristen Bird

It's early morning in the small Texas town of Edenberg when the body of 65-year-old Beverly Hoffman is discovered in the Guadalupe River—drowned in only two inches of water.

After elementary school teacher Nichole Miller discovers the woman's body, she makes two phone calls: first to the police, who call Beverly's death a slip and fall, and second to her best friend, journalist Jenny Martin. Jenny is attempting to revive her flailing marriage and her all-but-DOA career, and she knows foul play when she sees it. The two women enlist the help of Beverly's daughter-in-law, Robin, who's eager to expose the truth.

Beverly had been beloved in the tight-knit community, having cofounded the wildly popular personal-development company Genetive, Inc., alongside her influential husband. But something sinister has been smoldering beneath the surface of their picturesque hometown. And Genetive is at the center of it all.

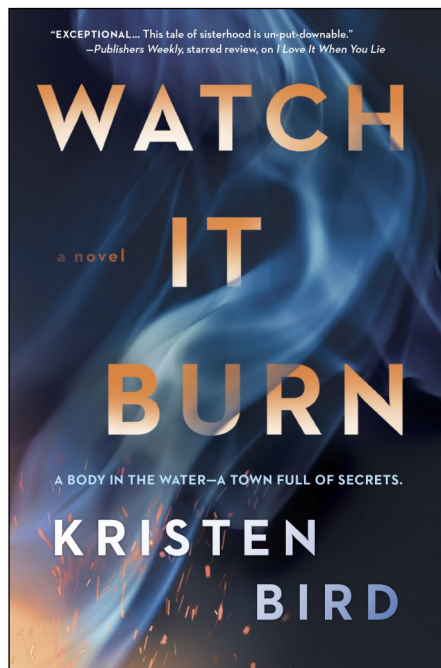
"A master at weaving tales of strong Southern women and sticky atmosphere, Kristen Bird is back with her darkest book yet. *Watch It Burn* is an enthralling look at how toxic ideologies can impact families and communities in a way that will haunt you for days after reading." – **Olivia Day, host of Thrillers by the Bookclub Pod**

"NXIVM meets Southern suspense in *Watch It Burn*, a propulsive dive into a self-help group with disturbing secrets and a growing hold over a small Texas town. Gripping, timely, and ominous, this one is not to be missed." – **Allison Buccola, author of *Catch Her When She Falls***

"Southern scandal and a small town punctured by violence, *Watch It Burn* is fast-paced crime fiction at its absolute finest." – **Chandler Baker, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Whisper Network***



Kristen Bird loves both writing and talking all things books. You can hear her on several podcasts, including *Killer Women*, *Thoughts from a Page*, and *The Shit No One Tells You About Writing*. She is the author of three novels with MIRA, an imprint of HarperCollins. These include *The Night She Went Missing* (February 2022), *I Love It When You Lie* (March 2023), and *Watch It Burn* (March 2024).
www.kristenbird.com



MIRA/HarperCollins
March 2024

Trade paperback
90k words

Genre: Suspense

Rights available:
British and translation

Previous foreign publishers: British
(UK Headline)

Primary agent:
Jill Marsal
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

A unique take on dark academia, featuring everyone's favorite vulpine sleuth, Vera Vixen

**SUMMERS END:
Shady Hollow, book 5
by Juneau Black**

It's late August in Shady Hollow, and the heat has intrepid reporter Vera Vixen eager to get away. She agrees to chaperone the annual field trip to Summers End, an ancient tomb built by an early woodland culture, along with her good friend Lenore Lee.

But when the two enter the tomb, they find bones that are distinctly more...modern. Digging a little deeper, Vera and Lenore discover that the deceased was involved in a recent excavation at the site, and very unpopular with their colleagues. Now the fox and raven have to delve into the dark world of academia and archaeology to determine which creature thought they were clever enough to get away with the perfect murder.

"Black's books...have become my favorite new comfort reads. The plotting is sharp, the prose lean and the atmosphere pure joy. Vixen and the rest of the critters never feel like anthropomorphic Disney cartoon characters. I eagerly await a fresh infusion of Shady Hollow mayhem."
— Sarah Weinman, *The New York Times*



**Black Lizard/Vintage Crime
July 2024**

Trade paperback
Estimated 58k words

Genre: Mystery

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Previous foreign publishers: British (Hodder), Germany (Rowohlt), Japan (Hayakawa), Spain (Alma Books)

Also in the series



Highlights:

- * Part of a series
- * **Previous book, *Shady Hollow*:**
— Indie Next Pick, February 2022
— Listen to our 5-minute podcast about *Shady Hollow*, book 1 [HERE](#)

Handling foreign rights:

Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available



Juneau Black is the pen name of authors Jocelyn Cole and Sharon Nagel. They share a love of excellent bookshops, fine cheeses, and a good murder (in fictional form only). Though they are two separate people, if you ask either of them a question about their childhood, you are likely to get the same answer. This is a little unnerving for any number of reasons. *Shady Hollow* was their debut novel, which they independently published in 2016. It was later picked up by Vintage/Anchor for publication in 2022. www.juneaublack.com

With a terrific twist ending, *The Bachelorette Party* will appeal to fans of Ruth Ware's *In a Dark, Dark Wood*

THE BACHELORETTE PARTY
by Sandra Block

Alex is getting married soon, and her best friends have big plans—a bachelorette sleepover at a “haunted” hunting lodge, the site of the famous 666 killing. As an intern at *Dateline*, Alex just so happens to be doing a ten-year anniversary profile on the killer. He has claimed innocence all along, and her own investigation has stirred up doubts, making her wonder if the “real killer” might still be out there after all.

Getting caught in a blizzard, Alex and her friends still make the most of the unique sleepover until...Alex wakes up outside in the bitter cold, her hands covered in blood. Running back to the lodge, she finds her friends missing and blood everywhere, but does not remember a thing. With her dangerous sleepwalking episodes, Alex fears the night of debauchery might have pushed her over the edge, but what exactly happened and where are her friends? With no cell phone, she digs out a map and compass to seek aid. But the old woman at a nearby farmhouse seems more sinister than helpful, and the man who picks her up hitch-hiking turns out to be no savior. With a killer on the loose, Alex must use her wits not only to find her friends, but to survive. She will soon find out that all is not as it seems. And the murder from a decade ago has come back to haunt her, turning her dream party into a nightmare.

Bewildered, I look closer. For a confused second, I think they are not mine. They must be someone else's hands. But with horror, I realize they are my hands. They are attached to my wrists. My wrists attached to my arms. My arms attached to my body. Me.
Yes, they must be my hands. And I have dipped them in something. In the brash moonlight, I can see it. Not from the shower, not sweat. Not ice. Not snow.
My hands are covered in blood.



Author **Sandra Block** is a practicing neurologist and former English major at Harvard and has published five psychological thrillers as well as work in *The Washington Post*. *Little Black Lies* was her debut and first in the *Zoe Goldman* trilogy (Grand Central Publishing) which garnered a Marilyn Stasio *New York Times* book review and was a finalist in the International Thriller Writers awards, and her first YA novel *Girl Overboard*

(Underlined) was released May 2022, earning positive *School Library Journal* and *Kirkus*. www.sandraablock.com

Scarlet/Penzler Publishers
September 2024

Trade paperback
81k words

Genre: Suspense

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher holds world English rights)

Highlights:
* Lead title

Primary agent:
Jill Marsal
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

For fans of *The Midnight Library* and *Demon Copperhead* comes a breathtaking story of magical realism about two sisters, deeply tied to their small Southern town, fighting to break free of the darkness swallowing the land—and its endless cycle of pecan harvests—whole

THE PECAN CHILDREN
by Quinn Connor

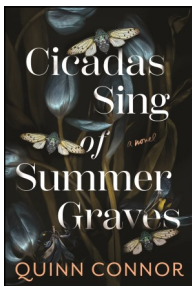
How long will you hold on when your world is gone?

In a small southern pecan town, the annual harvest is a time of both celebration and heartbreak. Even as families are forced to sell their orchards and move away, Lil Clearwater, keeper of a secret covenant with her land, swears she never will. When her twin Sasha returns to the dwindling town in hopes of reconnecting with the girl her heart never forgot, the sisters struggle to bridge their differences and share the immense burden of protecting their home from hungry forces intent on uprooting everything they love.

But there is rot hiding deep beneath the surface. Ghostly fires light up the night, and troubling local folklore is revealed to be all too true. Confronted with the phantoms of their pasts and the devastating threat to their future, the sisters come to the stark realization that in the kudzu-choked South, nothing is ever as it appears.

A story of the love between sisters, and an allegory of decay in small-town America, *The Pecan Children* walks the line between beauty and horror.

Also by the author



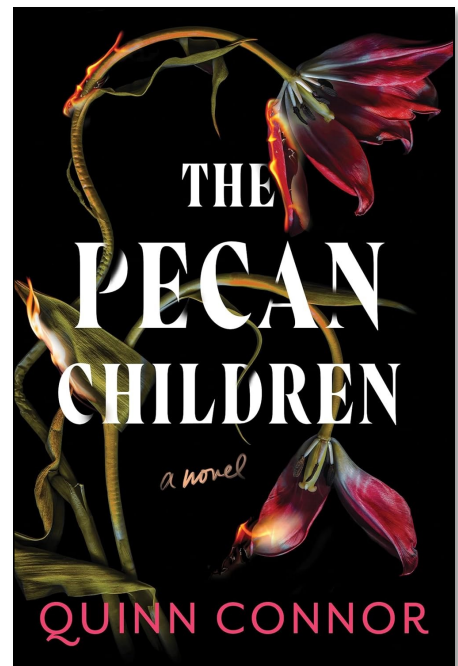
“A liquid southern Gothic that laps against the land of the living until old secrets that can’t be washed away are revealed. Seductive, haunting and beautiful.” – **Willa Reece**, author of *Wildwood Whispers*

“*Cicadas Sing of Summer Graves* immediately transported me to a hot, sticky lakeside summer, where the story wrapped around me, pulled me under, and wouldn’t let go.” – **Nichelle Giraldes**, author of *No Child of Mine*



Quinn Connor is one pen in two hands: Robyn Barrow and Alexandra Cronin. Both writers from young ages, Robyn and Alexandra met in college and together developed their unique co-writing voice. Robyn recently earned her Doctorate at The University of Pennsylvania, where she lives with her cat Theo. When she isn’t enjoying free wine at lectures, or researching abroad, she spends her days happily poring over medieval manuscripts. Meanwhile, Alexandra suffers in the North Texas heat, where she is not paid to study anywhere, but is the senior editor at a local magazine, where she is a Swiss-army writer asking both low and high stakes questions, from reviewing cupcakes, to longform political and true crime articles.

www.quinnconnorwrites.com



Sourcebooks Landmark
June 2024

Trade paperback
94k words

Genre: Gothic fiction

Rights available:
British and translation

Primary agent:
Jill Marsal
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

For readers of *The Wolf Den* and *Kaikeyi* comes the thrilling tale of the forgotten daughter of a legendary Egyptian pharaoh and the path she must take to escape her own dangerous fate

NEFERURA: The Pharaoh's Daughter
by Malayna Evans

Neferura, princess and high priestess of Kemet, knows her duty is to her people. When your mother is the great Pharaoh, it is hard to forget. But Neferura's unique position at court comes with high stakes for her country, especially when she's forced to serve her vile half-brother, a man determined to stop Neferura's potential rise.

Peace, it seems, never lasts for women who wield power in the open. Especially when they cross a vengeful man.

When Neferura overhears Thutmose's plot to end her mother's rule, she knows he must be stopped, no matter the cost. The discovery of a mysterious tattooed wisewoman and her shadowy network of spies offers an uneasy alliance. But the wisewoman wields more power than Neferura knew possible—power with the potential to rival her own. Neferura must decide where her loyalties lie and how much she's willing to sacrifice to protect the people she loves before everything crumbles at the hands of a tyrant.

"Historian Evans channels her knowledge of Egyptology into a gripping political drama of Egypt's 18th Dynasty...[and] seamlessly integrates vivid period details into the clever and tense plot." – *Publishers Weekly*

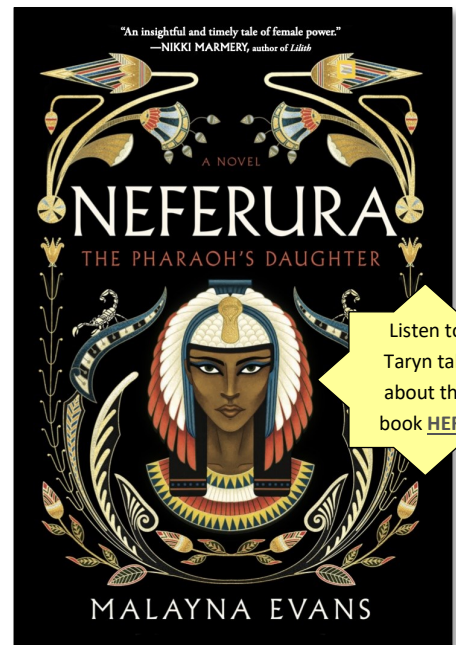
"[F]illed with murder, intrigue, and scandal...Evans infuses the novel with rich and historically accurate details that will transport readers to ancient Egypt." – *Booklist*

"A lively reimagining of one of the most intriguing women of ancient history, all set in the context of the author's deep knowledge of Egyptian history, culture, and religion" – **Peter F. Dorman, Egyptologist, University of Chicago**



Malayna Evans was raised in the mountains of Utah and spent her childhood climbing, reading, and finding trouble. After earning an MA in the history of the ancient Mediterranean, and a second MA in the history of the ancient Near East, Malayna received her PhD in Egyptology from the University of Chicago. She's one of a handful of scholars with expertise in ancient Egyptian history with an emphasis on women's history and gender studies in the world. Malayna's passion for the ancient world animates her writing and enables her to bring the world of ancient Egypt to today's readers. A single mom of two biracial teenagers, Malayna now lives in Oak Park, Illinois.

<http://malaynaevans.com>



Listen to Taryn talk about the book [HERE](#)

Sourcebooks Landmark

February 2024

Trade paperback

92k words

Genre: Historical fiction

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Foreign sales: Ukraine (One More Page)

Highlights:

* Listen to our short podcast about *Neferura* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

Liza Flessing
Liza Royce Agency

Material: Available

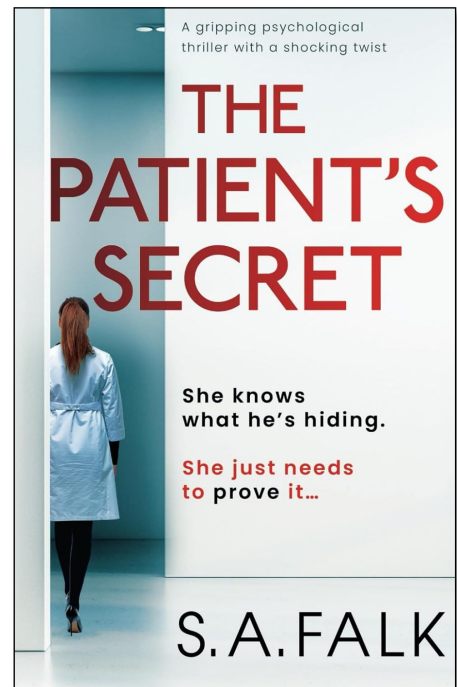
An unputdownable psychological thriller about a dangerous cat-and-mouse game between a mother desperate for the truth and the killer she believes has the answers.
For fans of *The Silent Patient*, Mike Omer, and Freida McFadden

THE PATIENT'S SECRET
by S.A. Falk

After a decade-long manhunt for the Blue River Strangler, prosecutors finally have the evidence they need to convict the accused, Kevin Blackford. The only thing standing in the way is Blackford's insanity defense. Hoping to prove otherwise, the prosecutor hires renowned forensic psychiatrist, Dr. Sharon Stevenson, to demonstrate Blackford's culpability.

But things take a sharp turn when Dr. Stevenson makes a startling discovery about Blackford; he suffers from Dissociative Identity Disorder (Multiple Personality Disorder as it once was called). One of the most controversial disorders yet to be seen by Dr. Stevenson, she becomes fascinated by Blackford's four distinct and legitimate personalities as she delves into the maze of the killer's psychosis.

With public pressure mounting, the prosecutor refuses to believe Blackford has such a rare condition, and hires another psychiatrist who determines Blackford is faking his condition. With her career on the line, Dr. Stevenson must prove not only that Kevin Blackford is insane, but also that she herself has not become a pawn in the killer's game of cat and mouse.



Storm Publishing
February 2024

Trade paperback
82k words

Genre: Psychological thriller

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Primary agent:
Liza Flessing
Liza Royce Agency

Material: Available



S.A. Falk has been captivated by the criminal mind since he was a teenager. From 2007 to 2012, Steve studied Psychology, Neuroscience, and Criminology. During this time, he not only studied serial killers and their pathologies, but he also studied the anatomy and physiology of mental illness. To further gain experience in the field, Falconi worked as a mental health counselor at a residential treatment facility for children who were victims of physical and/or sexual abuse.

This experience inspired him to redirect the focus of his career and pursue work with young people. After earning a Bachelor's degree in Psychology & Neuroscience, Steve wanted to combine his passion for counseling children with his long-time love of literature by becoming a high school English teacher. He continued his education and received a Master's degree in Secondary Education in 2015. For the last six years, he has taught high school English, focusing on American and British literature and, having passed his exams, will be moving into the role of principal. *The Patient's Secret* is his debut. <https://safalk.com>

P.I. Billie Levine sets her sights on stopping a killer who is tying up loose ends—Billie being one of them

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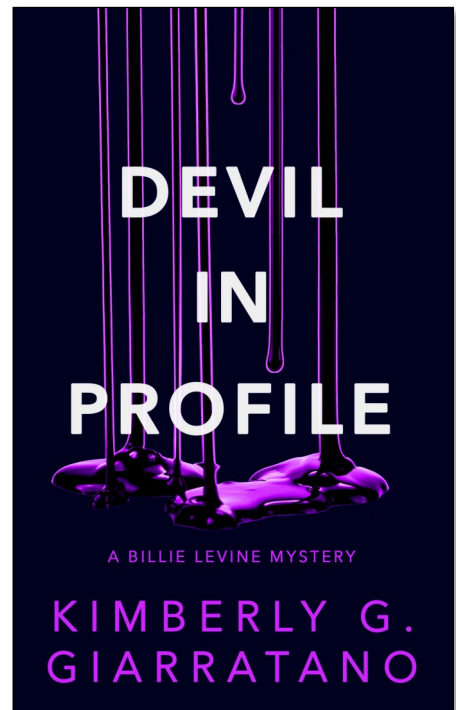
A Billie Levine mystery, book 2
by Kimberly G. Giarratano

Unlicensed P.I. Billie Levine is trying to bank some extra cash, so she picks up hours working as a process server for another investigative firm. Mindless and mostly 9 to 5, Billie is content to simply hand over court documents until, during a routine stakeout, she stumbles upon the corpse of an elderly man, an art collector with ties to Nazi Germany.

Compared to Billie, the dead man has it easy. Billie is feeling on edge lately. Maybe it's because her father is insisting his estranged kids come to his wedding in Sedona, or that David is making plans to move out, or that a smug teaching assistant is getting underfoot on her latest case.

Although, it's possible she could use the help when the cops zero in on Billie's boyfriend, Aaron, and his connections to an international art ring. Turns out, Aaron's stint in Israel has left him with more than just a thick scar across his neck. The woman he screwed over wants revenge, and she's determined to leverage Billie's murder case to get it.

With the detectives focused on Aaron, Billie sets her sights on stopping a killer who is tying up loose ends—Billie being one of them.



Datura Books/Angry Robot

September 2024

Trade paperback

90k words

Genre: Crime/mystery

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:

* *Death of a Dancing Queen:*

— Crimereads, Most Anticipated Crime Fiction 2023

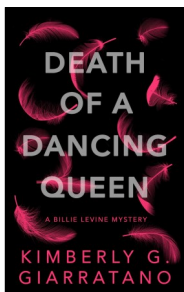
— ITW, Big Thrill Featured Book

Primary agent:

Liza Flessing
Liza Royce Agency

Material: Available

Also in the series



"Giarratano deftly twists her plot, nonchalantly drops corpses and shrewdly discloses secrets like a seasoned pro." — *Shelf Awareness*

"A strong mystery....An appealing and resourceful protagonist with realistic personal problems complements an intricate plot filled with valid suspects and motives. Readers will want to see more of Billie." — *Publishers Weekly*



Kimberly G. Giarratano is the author of *Death of a Dancing Queen* and several young adult mysteries. Her debut novel, *Grunge Gods and Graveyards*, won the 2015 Silver Falchion Award for Best YA at Killer Nashville. Her subsequent novel, *Dead and Breakfast*, won a Kindle Press contract via Kindle Scout in 2016. Kim is a former librarian and ESL teacher. She is a member of Sisters in Crime, currently voted in as their new Chapter Liaison, and lives in the Poconos with her husband and kids where she frequently sees bears in her backyard.

<https://kimberlyggiarratano.com>

All the Light We Cannot See meets *Ghost* in this gorgeous World War II novel about an American bombardier downed over Japan whose spirit remains trapped as a yūrei ghost and the war widow he comes to love

IN THE REALM OF ASH AND SORROW

by Kenneth W. Harmon

When bombardier Micah Lund dies on a mission over Hiroshima, his spirit remains trapped in the land of his enemies. Dazed, he follows Kiyomi Oshiro, a war widow struggling to care for her young daughter, Ai. Food is scarce, work at the factory is brutal, and her in-laws treat her like a servant. Watching Kiyomi and Ai together, Micah reconsiders his intolerance for the people he'd called the enemy. As his concern for the mother and daughter grows, so does his guilt for his part in their suffering. Micah finds a new reality when Kiyomi and Ai dream—one which allows him to interact with them.

While his feelings for Kiyomi deepen, imminent destruction looms. Hiroshima is about to be bombed, and Micah must warn Kiyomi and her daughter. In a place where dreams are real, Micah races against time to save the ones he loves the most. *In the Realm of Ash and Sorrow* is a tale about love in its most extraordinary forms—forgiveness, sacrifice, and perseverance against impossible odds.

"[A]n extraordinarily imaginative and compelling exploration of love, death, race, and patriotism with countless unusual twists to keep the reader guessing....Thorough research and stylish execution make for a striking tour de force." – *Kirkus*, starred review

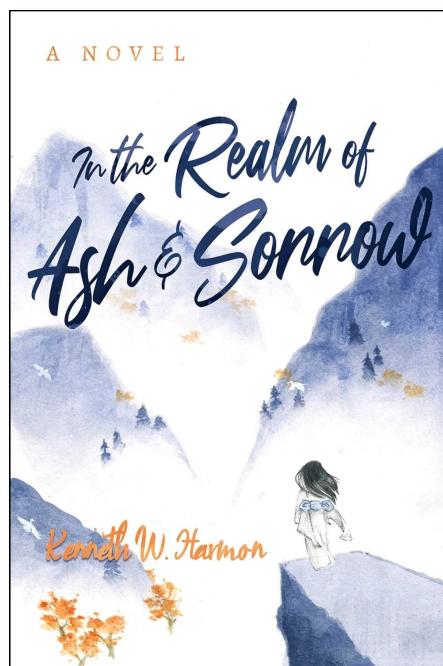
"What an unexpected and fascinating find!...What I knew before beginning this one was that it was about an American pilot who crashed his plane on Japanese soil during WWII. I had no idea that it would turn into one of the best works of Magical Realism that I've read in quite a while." – *Susan Sage*, author of *A Mentor and Her Muse*



Born in Fairfield, California, **Kenneth W. Harmon** attended the University of Texas at Arlington and went on to join the Fort Worth Police Department. In 2010, he decided to write short stories on the weekend with the goal of placing five stories within three years. In the first nine months of 2010, he placed 13 stories in 13 publications. Originally a horror writer (his debut, *The Amazing Mr. Howard*, was a semifinalist for the prestigious Bram Stoker Award), he now focuses on his

first loves, literary and historical fiction. Kenneth calls Fort Collins, Colorado home, where he lives with his wife and daughters.

<https://kennethwharmonauthor.com>



Regalo Press

January 2024

(previously independently published 2020)

Trade paperback

107k words

Genre: Historical fiction

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:

- * *Kirkus Reviews*, Best Book of 2020
- * Winner, Indie B.R.A.G. gold medallion
- * Finalist, National Indie Excellence Awards
- * Finalist, Indies Today 2020 Award
- * Finalist, Book Viral Millennium Award
- * Bronze Medalist, Readers' Favorite Awards
- * Named a Must-read, Best Book of 2020 by the Uncorked Librarian

Primary agent:

Lindsay Guzzardo
Martin Literary Management

Material: Available

A blistering, thought-provoking climate fantasy that combines the sociopolitical dynamics of *Jade City* and the gritty worldbuilding of *The Fifth Season*

AND THE SKY BLED
by S. Hati

Amid the chaos of a dying city ruled by colonizers, three rivals—a thief, a slumlord, and an heiress—race to find a hidden cache of magic that will decide the city’s fate.

In the occupied city of Tejomaya, calor—a magical fossil fuel—is found only in the blood rains that fall from the sky. While a six-month drought has brought Tejomaya to a desperate standstill, rumors of a secret stash of magic propel three unlikely treasure seekers to risk everything.

Tenacious and street-smart Zain Jatav has been forced to steal calor for her slumlord bosses for years. Finding the magic reserve might be her only key to freedom. But she’ll have to contend with Iravan Khotar, a slumlord himself and an ambitious revolutionary hoping to use the same magic to save his people from the mysterious illness devastating the slums—and to bolster a fight against their oppressors. Meanwhile, heiress Anastasia Drakos leads the ruling council of Tejomaya from the safety of a nearby island. With the hidden magic, she could finally take full control of the city and crush the slums beneath her unyielding fist.

As Zain, Iravan, and Anastasia draw closer to finding the treasure they seek, their paths tangle, and not for the first time—they’ve met before, a decade ago, in a fire that destroyed each of their lives in different ways. Their reunion might bring the already weakened city to its knees. Exploring the devastating mechanisms of power, this searing climate fantasy breathes life into a crumbling world poised on the brink of total destruction.

Bindery Books
October 2024

Trade paperback
113k words

Genre: Climate fantasy

Rights available:

British and translation (but Podium has world English audio rights)

Highlights:

* *And the Sky Bled* was chosen by and will be supported by Zoranne Host, a book reviewer with over 135,000 followers on social media. She’s also the founder of the online fantasy book club Fantasy & Frens

Rights holder:

Bindery Books

Material: Available



S. Hati is a speculative fiction writer, currently residing in the Bay Area. She holds a bachelor’s degree in microbiology from UCLA and a master’s degree in biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University, and pretends to use them both while working in health tech. She writes about brown girls in strange worlds that straddle the line between magic and science. *And the Sky Bled* is her debut novel.
<https://shatiwrites.wordpress.com>

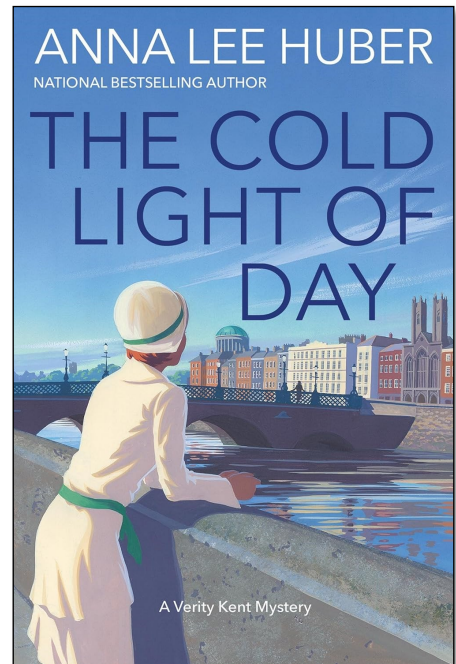
The latest novel in the action-packed historical mystery series featuring Verity Kent, fashionable former Secret Service agent turned intrepid sleuth and high-society darling on her next clandestine mission—from the *USA Today* bestselling author of the *Lady Darby Mysteries*. A treat for fans of Jacqueline Winspear and Susan Ella MacNeal

**THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY:
A Verity Kent Mystery, book 7
by Anna Lee Huber**

June 1920, Ireland: The streets of Dublin seethe with revolution as the Irish Republican Army clashes with British authorities. Roving assassination squads mean nowhere is truly safe, particularly for Verity Kent and her war hero husband, Sidney. Given their celebrity as society darlings and intrepid sleuths, they must tread carefully to go unnoticed—nearly impossible when they are called upon to search for Verity’s fellow spy and friend....

Captain Alec Xavier has seemingly vanished after traveling to Dublin to infiltrate the IRA at its highest levels. Doing her best to maintain a modicum of normalcy and stay under the radar of both the rebels and British Intelligence, Verity works undercover by day and waltzes through the city’s elite social scene by night. Still, she fears the worst for Alec—until shocking evidence mounts that not only is he alive, but that he has switched sides....

Already disillusioned with the British government, the news leaves Verity and Sidney reeling. Worse, they learn of a conspiracy within Dublin Castle, where personal vendettas are being carried out and sanctioned by British Intelligence under the cover of revolution. With the distinction between friend and foe never more blurred—or the margin for error narrower—Verity and Sidney cannot turn a blind eye. Especially when a familiar adversary appears, bringing a threat almost too terrifying to confront—even in the cold light of day....



Kensington
September 2024
Trade paperback
114k words

Genre: Historical mystery

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:
* *USA Today* bestselling author

Primary agent:
Kevan Lyon
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available March 2024



Anna Lee Huber is the *USA Today* bestselling and Daphne award-winning author of the *Lady Darby Mysteries*, the *Verity Kent Mysteries*, and the *Gothic Myths* series, as well as the anthology *The Deadly Hours*. She is a summa cum laude graduate of Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee, where she majored in music and minored in psychology. She currently resides in Indiana with her family and is hard at work on her next novel.

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Friendships, feuds, romance, and unexpected secrets shake up a small community in this sharply funny and compassionate novel by the author of *Five Winters*

PRICKLY COMPANY (previously titled *Hedgehog Highway*)
by Kitty Johnson

Frances Mathews doesn't get out much since her husband died, but that doesn't stop her from jump-starting a campaign to create a hedgehog highway in Hilltop Place—feeding stations, holes at the bottoms of gates and fences, and wild garden areas for hibernation. To Frances's delight, her neighbors are on board. Mostly.

There are Jess and Michael, whose marriage is cracking under the unanticipated strain of a recent adoption. And Ryan, a wounded war reporter struggling to connect with his son after a divorce and forced to return to an exasperating parental fold. Plus, a very forthright single mom new to the neighborhood and an exceedingly proper couple not about to upend their picture-perfect garden for prickly nuisances.

As relationships—from the romantic to the nerve-racking—form and secrets are unearthed, Hilltop Place is threatened in ways that affect them all...unaware hedgehogs included. What Frances and her charitable neighbors soon discover about themselves and each other is hardly what any of them expected.

"*Prickly Company* has it all: romance, suspense, intrigue, and a community of quirky characters all learning to help each other. As a bonus, there are lots of lovable, prickly hedgehogs that will have you rethinking your landscaping situation. I loved every page of this book!" – **Maddie Dawson, bestselling author of *Matchmaking for Beginners***

"Bursting with witty dialogue and plenty of hilarious moments, *Prickly Company* will enchant readers from the first page. I adored every quirky character and felt like part of the neighborhood by the end of this smart, funny, and charming novel." – **Kerry Lonsdale, *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of *Everything We Keep***



Kitty Johnson lives in Norwich, Norfolk, in the UK, with her partner and teenage son. She has an MA in creative writing from the University of East Anglia and teaches creative writing part-time. A nature lover, Kitty enjoys walking in the local woods and by the sea in Norfolk with her dog. Also an artist, she paints and makes collages in her studio when she has time. Kitty enjoys a challenge and once performed stand-up comedy as research for a book—an experience she found very scary but hugely empowering. Kitty also

writes as Margaret K. Johnson. <http://margaretjohnson.com>



Lake Union Publishing

May 2024

Trade paperback

90k words

Genre: Women's fiction

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Previous foreign publishers: Estonia (Ersen), Hungary (Kossuth), Russia (Eksmo)

Highlights:

* Listen to our short podcast about *Prickly Company* [HERE](#)

* **Previous book, *Five Winters*:**
— Hit #4 on the Bookstat E-Book Top 10

Primary agent:

Carly Watters
P.S. Literary

Material: Available

When a skeleton uncovered in a former New Zealand gold rush town shows signs of a violent death, forensics expert Alexa Glock is on the case—but there are those who would rather keep the past buried...

THE HUNGRY BONES:
An Alexa Glock Forensics Mystery, book 5
by Sara E. Johnson

Alexa Glock is at a crossroads, personally and professionally.

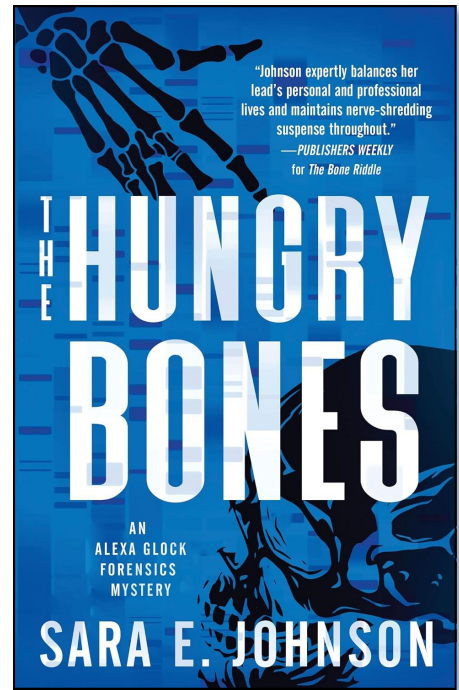
Now that DI Bruce Horne, who said he loved her, won't deny he cheated on his ex-wife, how can Alexa trust he won't cheat on her? She and her abandonment issues need some space, so she throws her hat in the ring for a position far from New Zealand: Abertay University in Scotland. Her professional crush, Dr. Ben Odden, is interested in her expertise in teeth. If he makes an offer, will Alexa bite?

Meanwhile, a human skeleton has been exhumed in a quaint former gold rush town in New Zealand. A benefactor believes that the bones are that of a Chinese gold miner, and she wants to repatriate the "hungry ghost" of her ancestor to China. Alexa is called in to examine the teeth and the secrets they contain. She didn't expect to discover a hole in the skull. When another skeleton is unearthed nearby and also shows evidence of a violent death, Alexa heads to the police station to open a cold case. Then, the town's beloved school principal goes missing. Alexa is quickly recruited to assist with the search, and as she digs into both cases, the secrets she uncovers make her dangerously unpopular with those who want to keep the past buried—and perhaps Alexa along with it.



Sara E. Johnson is a mystery writer who spent nine months exploring wondrous New Zealand. Everywhere she snooped, there was a mystery that needed writing. *The Bone Riddle*, Sara's fourth novel in the *Alexa Glock Forensic Mysteries*, was published in June 2023. The first three mysteries in the series are, in order of publication, *Molten Mud Murder*, *The Bones Remember*, and *The Bone Track*. Sara also writes articles for magazines such as *the Strand* and *CrimeReads*. She has a BA in Journalism and an MA in Education

from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Sara lives in Durham, North Carolina with her husband. Sara is a graduate of the Durham Citizen Police Academy. She is the past President of Triangle Sisters in Crime and a member of the North Carolina Writers' Network.
www.sarajohnsonauthor.com



Poisoned Pen Press
June 2024

Trade paperback
100k words

Genre: Forensic mystery

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:

- * Part of a series
- * Books in the series have been read by multiple local Maori for cultural accuracy and fact-checked by a forensic expert

Primary agent:
Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

From *USA Today* bestselling author Eliza Knight comes an endearing and vivid story told from the unique multi-narrative viewpoints of a young Queen Elizabeth, Hanna Penwyck, the fictionalized Keeper of the Queen's dogs, and Susan, the Queen's Corgi, whose love and loyalty were boundless

THE QUEEN'S FAITHFUL COMPANION
by Eliza Knight

A reigning queen...

Elizabeth wasn't born to be queen. After all, her uncle was the heir. But when he abdicates the throne, and her father steps in as king, everything in Elizabeth's life changes. But there is one thing that never wavers, and that is her endearing love of her Corgis—especially the new puppy Susan, who is gifted to her for her 18th birthday. Susan, a member of the royal household, is by her side during Elizabeth's WWII service, falling in love with Philip and getting married, the death of her father King George VI, her accession to the throne, the birth of her first child, and the early struggles with running a country.

A loyal servant...

Hanna Penwyck has grown up with her family in service to the crown. A little bit awkward, and often feeling alone, she has a connection with nature, animals—and the young princesses at Windsor. Her job is to maintain the health and wellness of the queen's most prized companion—she is the Keeper of the Queen's Corgis. And with Hanna, Elizabeth can open up, and talk about things she finds joy in, such as her dogs, nature, and hunting. Elizabeth is free to be herself, versus a queen who must keep herself at arm's length from everyone.

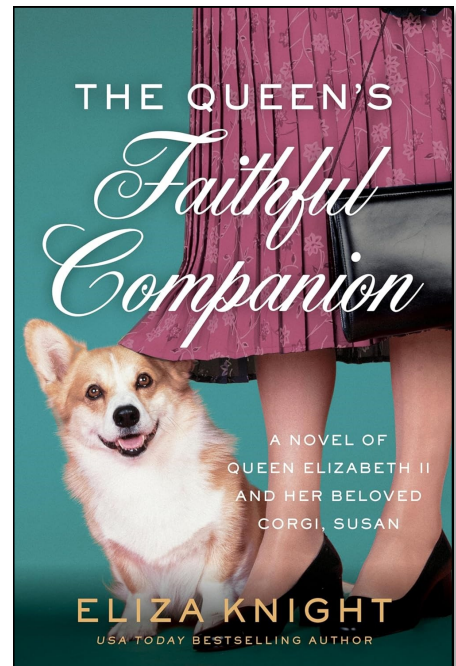
A faithful companion...

From the moment Susan became Elizabeth's, she understood her duty as a royal dog. To remind Elizabeth that she is more than just a queen, she is a human, and that the key to life is not just duty and honor, but connection, family, and unconditional and enduring love. Susan is the keeper of memories, of secrets, and she tries her hardest to help Elizabeth in her times of need. Through Susan we gain a dog's eye view of royal life, human relationships, and the heartwarming bond between a queen and her beloved companion.



Eliza Knight is a *USA Today* bestselling author of historical fiction including *The Mayfair Bookshop* (William Morrow Paperbacks, April 2022), and many Scottish romance titles including *The Highlander's Reward* and *Conquered by the Highlander*. Eliza runs the award-winning blog History Undressed. She was lucky to have grandparents who lived in Paris, so many a summer was spent exploring medieval ruins and historical sites. That passion continued on with her into adulthood. She lives atop a small

mountain with her own knight in shining armor, three princesses, and two very naughty puppies. <https://eknighauthor.com>



William Morrow Paperbacks
June 2024

Trade paperback
92k words

Genre: Historical fiction

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Previous foreign publishers: Czech (Grada), Hungary (Alexandra), Italy (Garzanti), Poland (Proszynski), Russia (MTS Library)

Highlights:

* *USA Today* bestselling author

* **Previous book, *The Mayfair Bookshop*:**

— *Globe & Mail* bestseller

— Selected as a Costco Book club selection

— Hasty Booklist, Most Anticipated Historical Fiction Novels

Primary agent:

Kevan Lyon

Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

Inspired by the legend of Xishi, one of the famous Four Beauties of Ancient China, *A Song to Drown Rivers* is an epic historical fantasy about womanhood, war, sacrifice, and love against all odds as the fate of two kingdoms hangs in a delicate balance.

A SONG TO DROWN RIVERS by Ann Liang

Her beauty hides a deadly purpose.

Xishi's beauty is seen as a blessing to the villagers of Yue—convinced that the best fate for a girl is to marry well and support her family. When Xishi draws the attention of the famous young military advisor, Fanli, he presents her with a rare opportunity: to use her beauty as a weapon. One that could topple the rival neighboring kingdom of Wu, improve the lives of her people, and avenge her sister's murder. All she has to do is infiltrate the enemy palace as a spy, seduce their immoral king, and weaken them from within.

Trained by Fanli in everything from classical instruments to concealing emotion, Xishi hones her beauty into the perfect blade. But she knows Fanli can see through every deception she masters, the attraction between them burning away any falsehoods.

Once inside the enemy palace, Xishi finds herself under the hungry gaze of the king's advisors while the king himself shows her great affection. Despite his gentleness, a brutality lurks and Xishi knows she can never let her guard down. But the higher Xishi climbs in the Wu court, the farther she and Fanli have to fall—and if she is unmasked as a traitor, she will bring both kingdoms down.

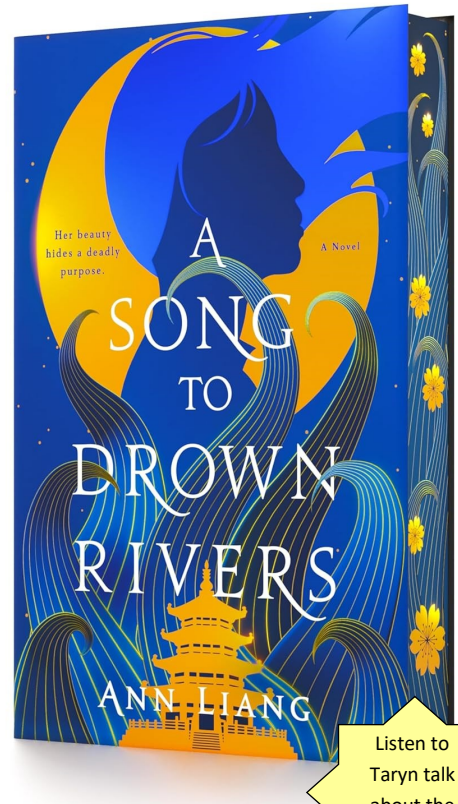
"Exquisite and devastating. It won't fail to move you." – **Shelley Parker-Chan, #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *She Who Became the Sun* and *He Who Drowned the World***

"A stunning, heart-rending feat of a story. *A Song to Drown Rivers* retells ancient legend with phenomenal voice, bringing a truly worthwhile addition to the historical fiction genre." – **Chloe Gong, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Immortal Longings***



Ann Liang is a graduate of the University of Melbourne. Born in Beijing, she grew up travelling back and forth between China and Australia, but somehow ended up with an American accent. She can be found making over-ambitious to-do lists, binge-watching dramas, and having profound conversations with her pet labradoodle about who's a good dog. Ann is the author of *If You Could See the Sun, This Time It's Real*, and the forthcoming *I Am Not Jessica Chen*.

A Song to Drown Rivers is her adult debut. www.annliang.com



Listen to Taryn talk about the book [HERE](#)

St. Martin's Press
October 2024

Hardcover
99k words

Genre: Historical fiction

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher holds world English rights)

Foreign sales: Australia 2 books (Macmillan Australia), British 2 books (Macmillan UK), France, on pre-empt (Bragelonne), Germany, on pre-empt (Knaur), Hungary (Könyvmolyképző), Italy (Mondadori), Portugal (Leya Portugal), Russia (Exmo), Spain (Penguin Random House Grupo Editorial)

Highlights:

- * Sold in a two-book "major deal"
- * Sold in a heated six-house auction
- * Author is hot on TikTok, #annliang has 3.2 million views, #asongtodrownrivers has 1.4 million views
- * Listen to our short podcast about *A Song to Drown Rivers* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

Kathleen Rushall
Andrea Brown Literary Agency

Material: Available

Hot on
TikTok!

A tangled and vivid portrait of the women caught in Picasso's charismatic orbit through the affairs, the scandals, and the art—only this time, *they* hold the brush

PICASSO'S LOVERS
by Jeanne Mackin

The women of Picasso's life are glamorous and elusive, existing in the shadow of his fame—until 1950s aspiring journalist Alana Olson determines to bring one into the light. Unsure of what to expect but bent on uncovering what really lies beneath the canvas, Alana steps into Sara Murphy's well-guarded home to discover a past complicated by secrets and intrigue.

Sara paints a luxurious picture of the French Riviera in 1923, but also a tragic one. The more Sara reveals, the more cracks emerge in Picasso's once-vibrant social circle—and the more Alana feels a disturbing convergence with her own life. Who are these other muses? What became of them? What will become of her?

Desperate to trace the threads, Alana dives into the glittering lives of the past. But to do so she must contend with her own reality, including a strained engagement, the male-dominated world of art journalism, and the rising threat to civil rights in America. With hard truths peeling apart around her, it turns out that the most extraordinary portrait Alana encounters is her own.

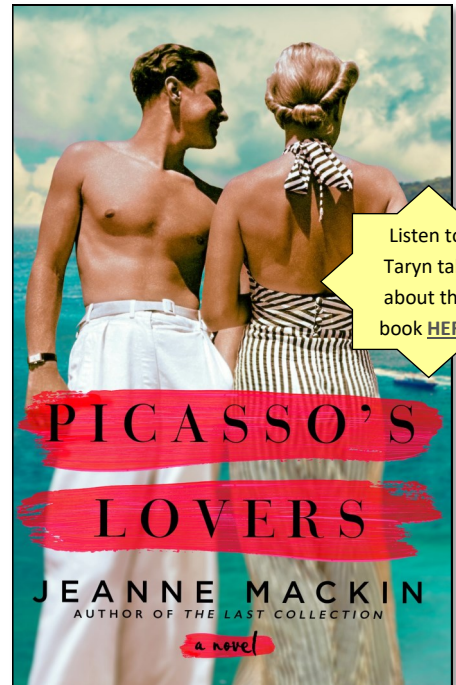
"Mackin paints a bold, sumptuous portrait of a great artist and the women who inspired, frustrated, loved, and loathed him....*Picasso's Lovers* is an epic, sensuous delight!" – **Kate Quinn, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Alice Network***

"Lyrical writing intertwined with a vibrant, richly detailed history makes Jeanne Mackin's *Picasso's Lovers* a delight for historical fiction readers. Art comes alive in this intimate glimpse into the women behind the masterpieces. A beautiful read!" – **Chanel Cleeton, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Next Year in Havana***

"Thanks to Mackin, the women who loved and inspired Picasso get their turn in the spotlight." – ***Publishers Weekly***



Jeanne Mackin is an award-winning novelist and author of *The Last Collection*. She is a fellow of the American Antiquarian Society and taught creative writing in the MFA program of Goddard College, and at Ithaca College. She lives in upstate New York. www.jeannemackin.com



Listen to Taryn talk about the book [HERE](#)

Berkley
January 2024

Trade paperback
93k words

Genre: Historical fiction

Rights available:
Translation

Foreign sales: British (Headline Review), Czech (Grada), Poland (Znak), Russia (Exmo), Spain (Navona), Ukraine (Laboratory)

Previous foreign publishers: Czech (Grada), France (City Editions), Hungary (Nouvion Trade Sociedad Anonima), Italy (Rizzoli), Norway (Cappelen Damm), Romania (Corint)

Highlights:

* Listen to our short podcast about *Picasso's Lovers* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

Kevan Lyon
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

A jaw-dropping, twist-filled emotional rollercoaster of a read for fans of *Gone Girl*, *The Perfect Marriage*, and *The Girl on the Train*

A MARRIAGE OF LIES
by Amanda McKinney

Rowan Velky is a reclusive detective, fiercely loyal to both her job and her marriage, although both seem to be falling apart. When a woman is found brutally murdered in an upscale neighborhood, the small town of Blackbird Cove enlists Rowan to find the killer.

Former Marine turned police officer Kellan Palmer is in love. The problem is the woman he is in love with is married. Their passionate affair plays out at a secluded park deep in the woods, until the day a dead body is found nearby.

Amber Bailey, a therapist in the throes of a midlife crisis, finds a notebook filled with the writings of a mad woman. Or are they clues to solve a murder?

There is one other in this story, the cunning spider who weaves the web that connects them all—and will stop at nothing until justice is served.

As boundaries are crossed, secrets are revealed, and loyalties are tested, decisions must be made—regardless of who is destroyed in the process. After all, what goes around comes around.

“Okay. Sorry, I had to ask. What about Mr. Kaing? Was he jealous of your friendship with his wife?”

My question about intimacy has stunned him. He takes a second to compose himself. “Not that I’m aware of. Listen, Detective, I understand your job, but you are going way off track here.”

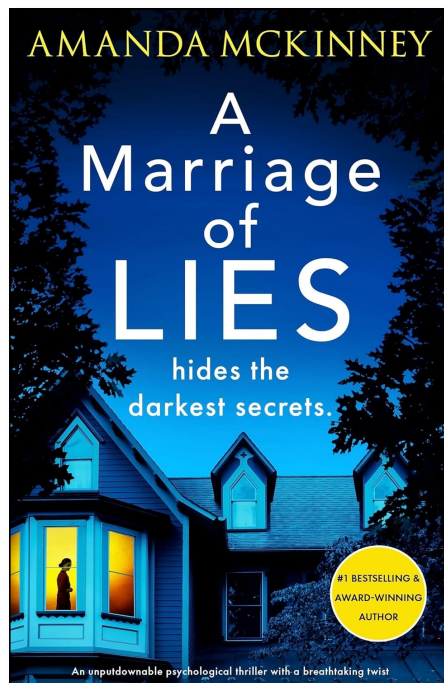
“I understand, and I apologize for the uncomfortable questions. I’m just trying to get every detail I can.”

He swallows deeply. “I understand.”



Amanda McKinney is the bestselling and multi-award-winning author of more than 20 romantic suspense, mystery, and thriller novels. Her books have received over 15 literary awards and nominations, including the prestigious Daphne du Maurier Award for Excellence, and have been included in lists such as *Popsugar’s* 12 Best Romance Books, and featured on the *Today Show*.

www.amandamckinneyauthor.com



Storm Publishing
March 2024

Trade paperback
59k words

Genre: Domestic thriller

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher owns world English rights)

Previous foreign publishers: Israel (Turquoise Publishing)

Highlights:

* Author’s previous work has hit #1 multiple times in several categories on Amazon

* Author’s previous work has won many awards including the Daphne du Maurier Award, the Golden Quill award, the I Heart Indie award, and more

Primary Agent

Jill Marsal
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

A tragic accident will force her to face the demons of her past helped by a man who will change her life forever

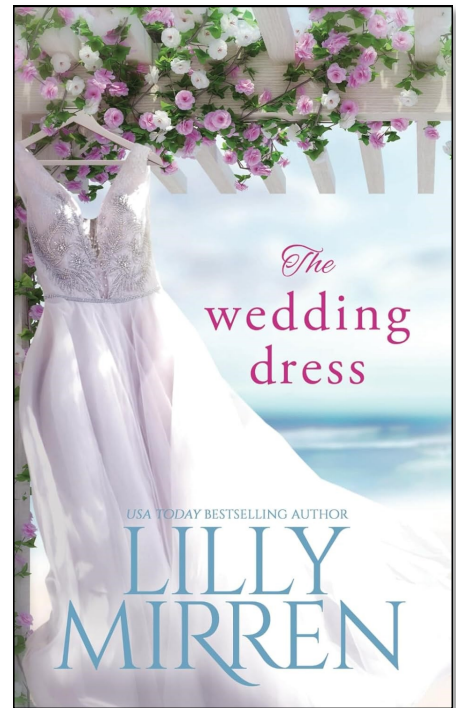
**THE WEDDING DRESS:
White Weddings, book 1
by Lilly Mirren**

Amelia has had a tough life—parents who couldn't raise her, a string of foster families and siblings she rarely sees. But when her favourite foster mother dies she'll stumble across something in the attic that will change everything. A wedding dress and a box full of letters that open her eyes to the truth about her past.

Callum's ready to move on from his career with the police force after losing his partner. A new career direction gives him a chance to start again as a personal trainer. When he meets a woman who has lost all hope, he finds purpose in helping her rediscover herself during the most challenging season she's ever had to face.

Powerful and romantic, this unforgettable love story will melt your heart and keep the pages turning all night long.

If she let herself think too long, it sent her into a spiral. She had so many questions, and yet there were no answers. She knew the danger of letting herself fall into a pit of despair, but she couldn't seem to keep it from happening because she had nothing to hold on to any longer.



**Independently published
December 2023**

Trade paperback
67k words

Genre: Women's fiction

Rights available:
British and translation

Previous foreign publishers: Arabic (Dar Sumo Publishing House), Russia (Arkadia)

Highlights:

- * *USA Today* bestselling author
- * Over 1 million copies of the author's books sold

Handling foreign rights:
Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available



Lilly Mirren is an Amazon top 20, Audible top 15, and *USA Today* bestselling author. She lives in Brisbane, Australia with her husband and three children. She always dreamed of being a writer and is now living that dream. Lilly Mirren has sold over one million books. Her books combine heart-warming storylines with achingly realistic characters readers can't get enough of. Her debut series, *The Waratah Inn*, set in the delightful Cabarita Beach, hit the *USA Today* bestseller list and since then, has touched the hearts of hundreds of thousands of readers across the globe. www.lillymirren.com

It was the perfect place to grow up...
and the perfect place to die

THE HOLLOW
by Kiersten Modglin

After experiencing a personal tragedy, Carmen McKenna finds Hunter's Hollow—a bustling campground in rural North Carolina—to be her new home...and worst nightmare.

Despite the promises of a chosen family and a safe place to grow up, living next door to the Hunters' two sons comes with its own set of challenges. Jack and Dean introduce Carmen to a world she's never known—one filled with young love, first heartbreak, and sinister secrets.

When a body is found at Hunter's Hollow, instantly shattering the tranquil façade that has surrounded the campground, the residents are forced to accept the truth: *a killer is among them.*

As the police search for answers to no avail, Carmen leaves the campground in hopes of clearing her mind and healing her broken heart.

Now, 11 years later and with the case still unsolved, Carmen returns to face the past and discover the truth about that terrible night. Before she can, a guest is reported missing from the campground and the circumstances are all too similar to the horror Carmen once faced.

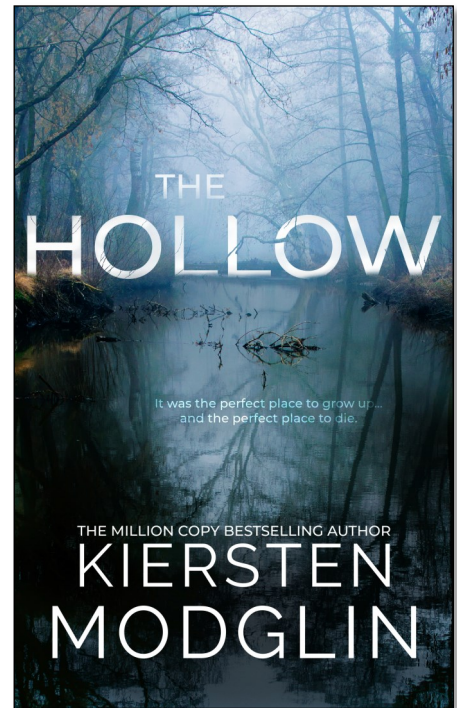
They say you can't go home again, but when buried secrets call to Carmen from Hunter's Hollow, she's determined to learn the truth about what happened back then—and what's happening now—if it's the last thing she does.



Kiersten Modglin is an Amazon Top 10 bestselling author of psychological thrillers. Her books have sold over a million copies. Kiersten is a member of International Thriller Writers, Novelists, Inc., and the Alliance of Independent Authors. She is a KDP Select All-Star and a recipient of ThrillerFix's Best Psychological Thriller Award, *Suspense Magazine's* Best Book of 2021 Award, a 2022 Silver Falchion for Best Suspense, and a 2022 Silver Falchion for Best Overall Book of 2021. Kiersten grew up in rural

western Kentucky and later relocated to Nashville, Tennessee, where she now lives with her family. Kiersten's readers across the world lovingly refer to her as "KMod." A binge-watching expert, psychology fanatic, and indoor enthusiast, Kiersten enjoys rainy days spent with her favorite people and evenings with her nose in a book.

www.kierstenmodglinauthor.com



Independently published
March 2024

Trade paperback
70k words

Genre: Psychological thriller

Rights available:
British and translation

Previous foreign publishers: Israel (S. Simson), Russia (Arkadia)

Highlights:

- * Amazon Top 10 bestselling author
- * #1 Amazon bestselling author in Psychological Fiction
- * Over one million copies of Kiersten Modglin's books sold
- * **Previous book, *Don't Go Down There*:**
 - Made it into the Top 100 on Amazon in less than 24 hours
 - Hit #73 overall in the Kindle Store, #5 in Psychological Fiction (Kindle), #6 in Psychological Fiction (Books), and #9 in Psychological Thrillers

Primary agent:
Carly Watters
P.S. Literary Agency

Material: Available end February 2024

From million-copy bestselling author Kiersten Modglin comes a fast-paced, heart-pounding thriller filled with secrets, lies, and hairpin twists and turns as dangerous as the icy roads the story is set upon

THE STRANGER
by Kiersten Modglin

Never trust a stranger....

But, late at night and trapped in the middle of nowhere during a terrible snowstorm, Tibby and Walker have no choice.

With roads shutting down and cell towers out, running into each other and deciding to travel together could either be their saving grace or worst mistake. When they're forced to take an unexpected detour and seek refuge in a roadside motel, the storm quickly becomes the least of their worries.

A disturbing discovery in the motel, the questionable actions of the mysterious owner and fellow guests, and a news report about a missing couple in the area set the scene for a terrifying night, but the worst is yet to come.

Each stranger holds a secret...but which one should be trusted?

I'm a firm believer in planning everything, which is probably why I'm feeling out of sorts with this one. It's the first time I've killed someone and let my emotions get involved. Let myself get sloppy.



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Independently published
February 2024

Trade paperback
45k words

Genre: Psychological thriller

Rights available:
British and translation

Previous foreign publishers: Israel (S. Simson), Russia (Arkadia)

Highlights:

- * Amazon Top 10 bestselling author
- * #1 Amazon bestselling author in Psychological Fiction
- * Over one million copies of Kiersten Modglin's books sold
- * **Previous book, *Don't Go Down There*:**
 - Made it into the Top 100 on Amazon in less than 24 hours
 - Hit #73 overall in the Kindle Store, #5 in Psychological Fiction (Kindle), #6 in Psychological Fiction (Books), and #9 in Psychological Thrillers

Primary agent:
Carly Watters
P.S. Literary Agency

Material: Available

In this fresh yet familiar gothic tale—part historical fantasy, part puzzlebox mystery—the worlds of Dracula and Sherlock Holmes collide in a thrilling exploration of feminine power

STRANGE BEASTS
by Susan J. Morris

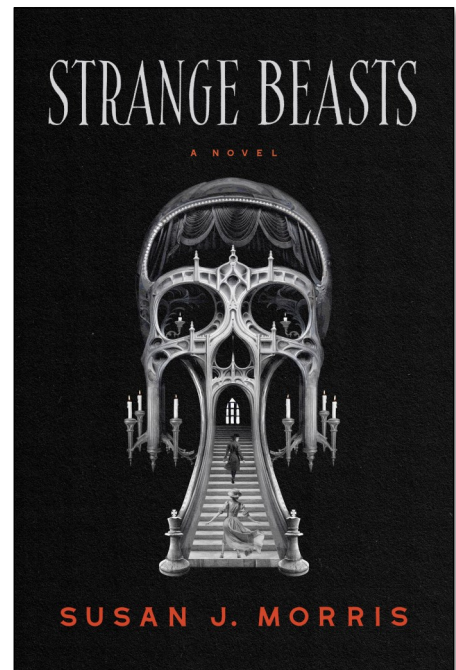
At the dawn of the 20th Century in Paris, Samantha Harker, daughter of Dracula’s killer, works as a researcher for the Royal Society for the Study for Abnormal Phenomena. But no one realizes how abnormal she is. Sam is a channel into the minds of monsters: a power that could help her solve the gruesome deaths plaguing turn-of-the-century Paris—or have her thrown into the asylum.

Sam finds herself assigned to a case with Dr. Helena Moriarty, daughter of the criminal mastermind and famed nemesis of Sherlock Holmes—a notorious detective that no one wants to work with on account of her previous partners’ mysterious murders. As the investigation sweeps them into a race to find and stop “the beast” from its killing rampage, ranging from the elite clubs of Paris to the dark underbelly of the catacombs, Hel and Sam are pitted against men, monsters, and even each other. But beneath their tenuous trust, an unmistakable attraction brews. Is trusting Hel the key to solving the murder, or is Sam yet another pawn in Hel’s game?

“I’d like to put in for the Paris case,” Sam said at once, not even bothering to ask why he might have a half-woman, half-goat in his office. “As a field agent.”
Mr. Wright choked on his crumpet. “The beast attacks?”
Sam could sympathize: the Paris case wasn’t exactly breakfast fare. Four brutal murders in two weeks, all in different locations: a box at the ballet and an art gallery’s washrooms; a moving carriage and a private dining salon.



Susan J. Morris is a fantasy author and editor, best known for a writing advice column featured on Amazon’s Omnivorous blog and her work editing *Forgotten Realms* novels. Susan delights in running workshops for Clarion West and in moderating panels for writing symposiums. She lives in Sammamish, Washington with her partner, two cats, and entirely too many plants. When not writing, reading, or wading through said plants, Susan indulges in playing video games such as Hades, Oxenfree, and Baldur’s Gate 3, training in Pilates (which is better for her shoulders than jujutsu was), and experimenting with new plant-based food recipes. *Strange Beasts* is her debut novel. <https://susanjmorris.com>



Bindery Books
October 2024

Trade paperback
104k words

Genre: Historical fantasy

Rights available:
Translation

Foreign sales: British (Hooderscape)

Highlights:

* *Strange Beasts* was chosen by and will be supported by Kathryn Budig, an internationally celebrated yoga teacher, author, and founder of the online community Haus of Phoenix and The Inky Phoenix book club, with nearly half a million followers on Instagram and Facebook

Rights holder:
Bindery Books

Material: Available

A ripped-from-the-headlines story set in the glossy offices of Silicon Valley startups and NYC new media, *Anna Bright is Hiding Something* explores our fascination with female founders breaking barriers—and sometimes behaving badly in the process

ANNA BRIGHT IS HIDING SOMETHING
by Susie Orman Schnall

Anna Bright is committing fraud. But nobody knows it yet. Not the board of her multibillion-dollar company, BrightLife; not her investors; not the media; not the public breathlessly anticipating the imminent launch of BrightSpot.

Jamie Roman, a hardworking journalist for BusinessBerry, is, no surprise, in awe of Anna: her company's billion-dollar valuation, her polished confidence, and her hustle. But when Jamie learns about Anna's misconduct, she embarks on a bicoastal journey to expose the crimes in the hope of making a name for herself as a journalist. It's not long before Anna learns what the young reporter is up to, however—and she'll do anything to stop Jamie, especially now that BrightLife's IPO is days away.

With news of the deceit about to break, each woman will risk everything for her version of the truth...and only one will emerge unscathed.

"Timely, gripping, and meticulously researched, *Anna Bright* knocked my socks off. It's that rare story where you cheer for the hero and the villain in equal parts and, in the end, feel completely satisfied." – **Annabel Monaghan, author of *Same Time Next Summer***

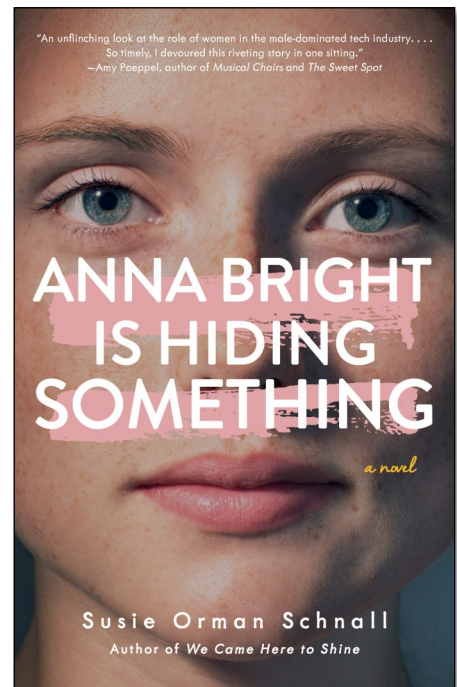
"Thought-provoking, sharp, and propulsive, *Anna Bright is Hiding Something* is a modern take on female ambition....This gasp-out-loud read had me holding my breath to see who would be the first to fall."
– **Lynda Cohen Loigman, Author of *The Two-Family House* and *The Matchmaker's Gift***



Susie Orman Schnall is the author of four novels: her thought-provoking debut, *On Grace* (SparkPress 2014), *The Balance Project* (SparkPress 2015) inspired by The Balance Project interview series she started in 2014, *The Subway Girls* (St. Martin's Press 2018), and *We Came Here to Shine* (St. Martin's Press 2020). Susie's writing has appeared in numerous publications including *The New York Times*, *The Huffington Post*, *Popsugar*, *Writer's*

Digest, and *Glamour*. She is also a frequent speaker at women's groups, corporations, and book clubs about her novels and work-life balance.

Susie grew up in Los Angeles, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, and now lives just outside of New York City with her husband and their three teenage sons. <https://susieschnall.com>



SparkPress
June 2024

Trade paperback
87k words

Genre: Women's fiction

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Previous foreign publishers: Brazil (Pensamento), Hungary (Nouvion Trade), Italy (Feltrinelli)

Primary agent:
Carly Watters
P.S. Literary Agency

Material: Available

A brilliant mind needs a strong heart

PRINCIPLES OF (E)MOTION

by Sara Read

Mathematical genius Dr. Meg Brightwood has just completed her life's work—a proof of a problem so impenetrable it's nicknamed the Impossible Theorem.

Reclusive and burdened by anxiety, Meg hadn't been taken seriously before. Now everyone wants to get their hands on what she alone possesses—especially her own mathematician father.

Having grown up a prodigy in a field plagued by sexism and plagiarism, Meg opts for a public presentation so there will be no doubt of her authorship. But a panic attack obliterates her plans. In defeat, Meg returns to the decaying house where she lives alone and locks away the one and only manuscript of her proof.

Then chance sends her the unlikeliest of allies: Isaac Wells—carpenter, high school dropout, in trouble with the law. And the one love of Meg's life. Fifteen years ago, they never did more than hold hands. Now adults, they reach toward each other through the minefield of the past and find a tenuous space where they can love and be loved for who they are now.

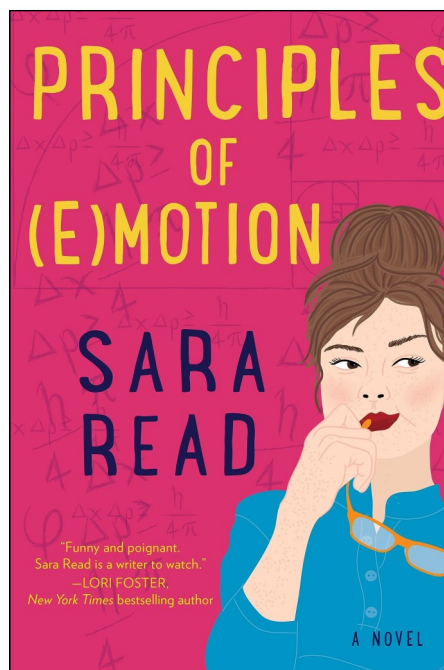
But when Meg goes to retrieve the Impossible Theorem, she finds it missing. Will she fight for the achievement of the century and the love of a lifetime?

"Give this to readers who like seemingly light relationship fiction that packs a deceptive, satisfying emotional punch." — **Booklist**, **starred review**

"*Lessons in Chemistry* meets advanced mathematics in Sara Read's heartwarming STEMInist novel." — **The Nerd Daily**



Sara Read has a degree in Women's Studies from UC Santa Cruz. She tried the nine-to-five life for about a nanosecond before moving to rural Virginia to become a flute-maker's apprentice and traditional fiddle player. Some years and two babies later, she returned to school for a Masters in Nursing and worked in Labor & Delivery, Oncology, and nursing education. Sara is currently taking a "sabbatical" from nursing to work on other projects. Sara's short stories have been featured in *The Missouri Review*, *Beloit Fiction Journal*, and *Zone 3 Press*, and she has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize. *Johanna Porter Is Not Sorry* was her debut novel. Sara lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, with her husband, two teens, a terrier, and three snarky cats. www.sararead.net



Graydon House

January 2024

Trade paperback

80k words

Genre: Women's fiction

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Previous foreign publishers: Arabic (Sinan)

Highlights:

* An Amazon Editor's Pick, Best Romance

* *The Nerd Daily*, Swoonworthy 2024 Romance Book Releases You Need

* **Previous book, *Johanna Porter is Not Sorry*:**

— An Amazon Editor's Pick for Best Literature & Fiction

— *Medium*, Half-Year Book Recs, 2023

— ThriftBooks, 19 March Releases We're Excited About

Primary agent:

Laura Bradford
Bradford Literary Agency

Material: Available

There's something wrong in Renfield County. It seems to have all started with the massacre at the Renfield family home, a farmhouse stained with blood that's seeped through generations. Because that's the thing about blood and madness—they're always spreading

THE POORLY MADE AND OTHER THINGS
by Sam Rebelein

Rachel Durwood is struggling to cope with her mother's sudden death. She's convinced there's some deeper meaning to her mother's passing, a meaning that can only be explained by going back to the beginning of the Renfield County trouble, the day Lawrence Renfield murdered his entire family in cold blood. Like any kid from a small town, there were urban legends that scared her growing up, but unlike most small towns, the Renfield stories were...different. Darker. The kind of stories that left a bad taste in her mouth that's still there 20-some years later. She wants to believe they're just stories, but she can't help but wonder where they came from, and how much of them have a base in reality. She needs to find out more, and she needs to tell her brother Tom to help them both make sense of it all—their mom, the stories, their childhood, Renfield itself.

Interspersed throughout Rachel's email detailing Renfield County's history to Tom are short stories that reveal the truth behind the urban legends that they heard growing up as kids, the often supernatural disturbances that are so much worse than anyone could've imagined. So many stories, and they all seem to trace back to the Renfield massacre. But the real question is whether the trouble started even before that day. If the land itself was cursed in some way. Maybe this was all set into motion long before the Renfields ever even decided to settle down and make themselves at home. But regardless of what started the trouble in Renfield County, there's one thing of which we can be certain: for those living there, the nightmare is far from over.



Sam Rebelein holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Goddard College (with a focus on Horror and Memoir) and a certificate of graduation from the Lubbock Area Square & Round Dance Federation. Hard to say which of these is his greatest accomplishment. His award-nominated work has appeared in several speculative fiction publications, including *Bourbon Penn*, *The Deadlands*, *Coffin Bell Journal*, *Pseudopod*, *Press Pause Press*, *Shimmer*, *Ellen Datlow's Best Horror of the Year*, and elsewhere. His debut novel *Edenville* is out now from William Morrow. www.srebelein.com

William Morrow
Early 2025
Hardcover
78k words

Genre: Horror stories

Rights available:
Translation

Foreign sales: British (Titan)

Previous foreign publishers: British (Titan), Russia (Exmo)

Highlights:
* **Previous book, *Edenville*:**
— A *CrimeReads* Best Horror Fiction of 2023
— Featured in *Debutiful's* Most Anticipated Books of 2023 list!
— Featured in *Library Journal's* Horror preview
— Featured in *Chicago Review of Books'* Must-Read Horror of October 2023
— The author was part of a panel at StokerCon 2023 called Rising Terrors: Exciting Voices in Horror

Primary agent:
Claire Harris
P.S. Literary Agency

Material: Available

Against the bold beauty of San Juan, a baffling genealogy test connects two 20-something women across cultures and class in this emotional yet refreshing story about sisterhood and self-discovery for fans of Nina LaCour, Xochitl Gonzalez, Elizabeth Acevedo, Annette Chavez Macias, and Julia Alvarez

FAMILIA

by Lauren E. Rico

As the fact checker for a popular magazine, Gabby DiMarco believes in absolute, verifiable Truths—until they throw the facts of her own life into question. The genealogy test she took as research for an article has yielded a baffling result: Gabby has a sister—one who’s been desperately trying to find her. Except, as Gabby’s beloved parents would confirm if they were still alive, that’s impossible.

Isabella Ruiz can still picture the face of her baby sister, who disappeared from the streets of San Juan 25 years ago. Isabella, an artist, has fought hard for the stable home and loving marriage she has today—yet the longing to find Marianna has never left. At last, she’s found a match, and Gabby has agreed to come to Puerto Rico.

But Gabby, as defensive and cautious as Isabella is impulsive, offers no happy reunion. She insists there’s been a mistake. And Isabella realizes that even if this woman is her sister, she may not want to be. With nothing—or perhaps so much—in common, Gabby and Isabella set out to find the truth, though it means risking everything they’ve known for an uncertain future—and a past that harbors yet more surprises....

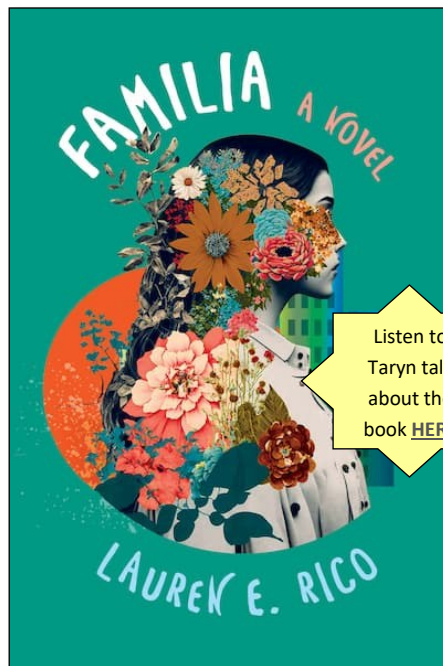
“A page-turning story of family lost and found, wrapped in the tangled threads of an engaging mystery and sprinkled with just a bit of Sazón, I loved everything about this modern yet timeless book.” – **Ann Dávila Cardinal, International Latino Book Awards-winning author**

“Lauren Rico’s *Familia* has it all....By page 30, I would have walked on coals to finish reading this story.” – **Jacquelyn Mitchard, New York Times bestselling author of *The Deep End of the Ocean***

“[A] novel of robust joy. The story spills off the page in a rush of emotion that makes you feel like you’ve been on the journey of a lifetime.” – **Amy T. Matthews, author of *Someone Else’s Bucket List***



Lauren E. Rico is an award-winning author. She is also one of the top classical music broadcasters in the country. Her voice has been heard nationally on SiriusXM and on radio stations in New York City, Charlotte, Connecticut, and Tampa. She’s even been known to accompany travelers as they fly the skies as part of the in-flight entertainment on several airlines. When she’s not talking on the radio or typing on her laptop, Lauren enjoys putting around the house with husband Tom and their rescue pup Sandy. www.laurenrico.com



Kensington
December 2023

Trade paperback
102k words

Genre: Women’s fiction

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:

- * Lead title
- * Sold at auction
- * An Indie Next Pick
- * A Library Reads Top Ten Fiction Title for December 2023
- * A GoodReads Editor’s Pick
- * GoodReads Readers’ Most Anticipated Books
- * Book of the Month Club Add-On Selection
- * *The Daily Mail*, Best New Books
- * *Library Journal* Fall Book Preview, Titles to Read in 2023
- * Listen to our short podcast about *Familia* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:
Jill Marsal
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

Two real, brilliant women on two sides of the law, in a daring game of cat and mouse...

THE LAST TWELVE MILES
by Erica Robuck

Washington, D.C., 1926. In the Prohibition Rum Wars, the Coast Guard is losing. Eleven million gallons of illegal liquor a year have created a booming smuggling economy, with criminals wreaking havoc on American cities, and everyday citizens thumbing their noses at Uncle Sam. But the Coast Guard has a new, secret weapon—a husband-and-wife pair who invented cryptanalysis and trained Great War soldiers—to crack smuggler codes, intercept traffic, and destroy the trade, one skiff at a time. That secret weapon is a mastermind in heels, who also happens to be a wife and mother: Mrs. Elizebeth Smith Friedman.

When Marie Waite—wife of a rumrunner and mother of two little ones—notices discrepancies in cargo, she insists on accompanying her husband, Charlie, on a run from their home in Miami to Nassau. There she becomes enthralled by Cleo Lythgoe, “The Bahama Queen,” who announces her retirement. In spite of Cleo’s warnings about a “new man in the government” who seems to know where they are before they get there, Marie knows an opportunity when she sees it, and she wants the crown for herself.

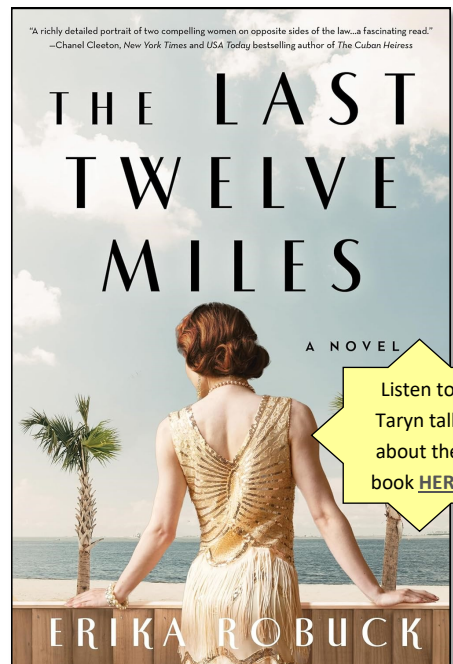
So begins Marie’s plan to rise as rumrunner royalty. What she didn’t count on was that, the more sophisticated her operation grows, the more she comes on the radar of the mastermind nabbing criminals by the daily dozen. Once Marie knows who she’s up against, she’s more determined than ever to triumph.

On the other side of the law, Elizebeth is the only codebreaker battling scores of smugglers. From solving thousands of intercepted codes and ciphers, to riding along on Coast Guard patrols, to national travel, to testifying in court rooms—all while managing her household—the strain begins to wear on her. Once the work becomes personal, and she discovers Marie as a premier adversary, Elizebeth’s desire to catch the woman becomes almost obsessive....

“Robuck’s meticulous research and impeccable characterization shine through in this fierce, feminist, and unforgettable novel.” – **Nicola Harrison, author of *Hotel Laguna***



Erika Robuck is a national bestselling author of novels *Sisters of Night and Fog*, *The Invisible Woman*, *The House of Hawthorne*, *Fallen Beauty*, *Call Me Zelda*, *Hemingway’s Girl*, and *Receive Me Falling*. She is a contributor to the anthology *Grand Central: Postwar Stories of Love and Reunion* (2014), and to the *Writer’s Digest* Essay Collection, *Author in Progress* (2016.) Erika was once named Annapolis’ Author of the Year, and she resides there with her husband, three sons, and a feisty miniature schnauzer. www.erikarobuck.com



Sourcebooks

June 2024

Trade paperback

79k words

Genre: Historical fiction

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:

- * Lead title
- * Listen to our short podcast about *The Last Twelve Miles* [HERE](#)
- * National bestselling author
- * **Previous book, *Sisters of Night and Fog*:**
— *Buzzfeed*, *BookBub*, and *BookTrib*, Most Anticipated
— Starred reviews, *Publishers Weekly* and *BookPage*

Primary agent:

Kevan Lyon
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

A queer comedy-adventure about pirates, pitched as *Our Flag Means Death* meets *Six of Crows*, in the style of Terry Pratchett's *Going Postal*

RUNNING CLOSE TO THE WIND
by Alexandra Rowland

Avra Helvaçi, former field agent of the Arashti Ministry of Intelligence, has accidentally stolen the single most expensive secret in the world—and the only place to flee with a secret that big is the open sea.

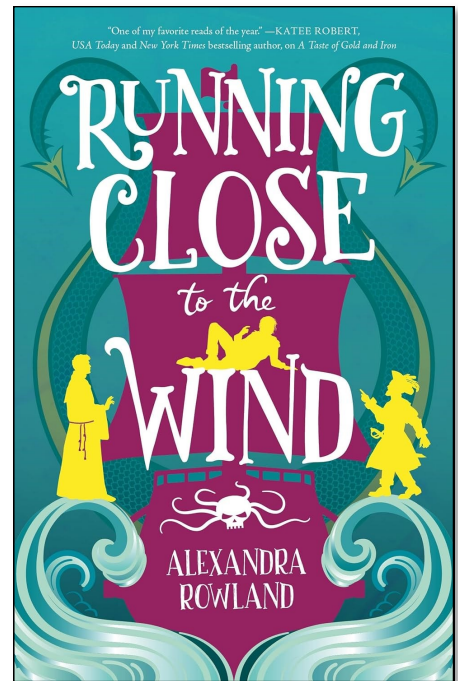
To find a buyer with deep enough pockets, Avra must ask for help from his on-again, off-again ex, the pirate Captain Teveri az-Haffar. They are far from happy to see him but, together, they hatch a plan: take the information to the isolated pirate republic of the Isles of Lost Souls; fence it; profit. The only things in their way? A calculating new Arashti ambassador to the Isles of Lost Souls who's got his eyes on Avra's every move; Brother Julian, a beautiful, mysterious new member of the crew with secrets of his own and a frankly inconvenient vow of celibacy; and the fact that they're sailing straight into sea serpent breeding season and almost certain doom.

But if they can find a way to survive and sell the secret on the black market, they'll all be as wealthy as kings—and, more importantly, they'll be legends.

As soon as he saw that ship come over the horizon, Avra Helvaçi said, "Eeee," scurried to his tiny cabin so he would be safely out from underfoot, shut the door, sat on the bunk with his little rucksack clasped in his lap, and began to silently compose and rehearse the apology he would imminently need to present, if only to keep himself from being shoved overboard and left for dead. Again.



Alexandra Rowland is the author of several fantasy books, including *A Conspiracy Of Truths*, *A Choir Of Lies*, and *Some by Virtue Fall*, as well as a cohost of the Hugo Award-nominated podcast *Be the Serpent*, all sternly supervised by their feline quality control manager. They hold a degree in world literature, mythology, and folklore from Truman State University. www.alexandrarowland.net



Tor
June 2024
Hardcover
140k words

Genre: Fantasy

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Previous foreign publishers: Germany (Panini), Italy (Fanucci), Russia (Eksmo)

Highlights:
* A LitHub most anticipated book of 2024
* **Previous book, *A Taste of Gold and Iron*:**
— A *Kirkus* Book of the Year
— An Indie Next Pick
— Starred reviews, *Kirkus*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *Library Journal*

Primary agent:
Britt Siess
Britt Siess Creative Management

Material: Available February 2024

An invitation she can't decline...

FOOL ME ONCE
by Nichole Severn

FBI criminologist Leigh Brody has no idea why she's been transferred out of her routine desk job and into Interpol Washington's elite task force. That is before her study of the latest crime scene reveals a killer has requested her by name.

Two victims. Both murdered a week apart with an MO she's never been able to forget. Bodies drained of blood. A killer who knows how to clean up after himself. And a toy soldier left with the remains. It's impossible for Leigh not to see the connection to her brother's murder 20 years ago. Which could mean her father was wrongfully convicted for his death...and the real killer has been out there all along.

To stop an unknown subject from striking again, she'll have to trust her new team with her own closely guarded secrets and return to the small New Hampshire hometown that turned her family into outcasts.

But the deeper Leigh investigates, the murkier the answers about the case become. Until she doesn't know who has her back and who will kill to keep the truth from coming to light.

Was killing someone supposed to be this easy?
The Mascoma River churns and bubbles beneath the wood
-slated bridge, drowning out the sound of my own
breathing as I drag dear Michelle out of the car by the tarp
I laid under her. Her shoes catch against the asphalt but
fail to slow me down. I've studied enough homicide
investigation scenes to know the longer I stay, the more
evidence I'll leave behind, but I've trained for this. I'm
good at this, as Michelle can attest. And when I'm done,
everyone in this town will know exactly how far I'm
willing to go.



Publishers Weekly bestselling author **Nichole Severn** writes mind-twisting suspense and bullet-proof romance with strong heroines, heroes who dare challenge them, and cases you won't be able to forget. She graduated from Utah Valley University with a degree in Psychology and is working for her masters in Marriage and Family Therapy. She's a member of Mystery Writers of America, a founding member of the Addicted to Danger Facebook group,

and volunteers for a number of non-profits focused on supporting mothers. She resides with her very supportive and patient husband, as well as her two children, in Utah. www.nicholesevern.com

Storm Publishing UK
May 2024

Trade paperback
90k words

Genre: Suspense

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:

- * First book in a series
- * *Publishers Weekly* bestselling author

Primary agent:

Jill Marsal
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

A warm and hopeful story of a defunct witch consumed by grief, who discovers a whimsical cast of characters in a magical arboretum—and the healing power of found family

HOUSE OF FRANK
by Kay Synclaire

Defunct witch Saika is ready to enact her sister’s dying request: to bury her ashes at the famed Ash Gardens. When she arrives at the always-stormy sanctuary, she is welcomed by its owner, an enormous, knit-cardiganed mythical beast named Frank, who offers her a role as one of the estate’s caretakers. Overcome with grief, Saika accepts, desperate to put off her final farewell to her sister. But the work requires a witch with true powers, and Saika’s been disconnected from her magic since her sister’s death two years prior. Saika gets by at the sanctuary using a fragment of a fallen star to cast a few enchantments—while hiding the embarrassing truth about herself.

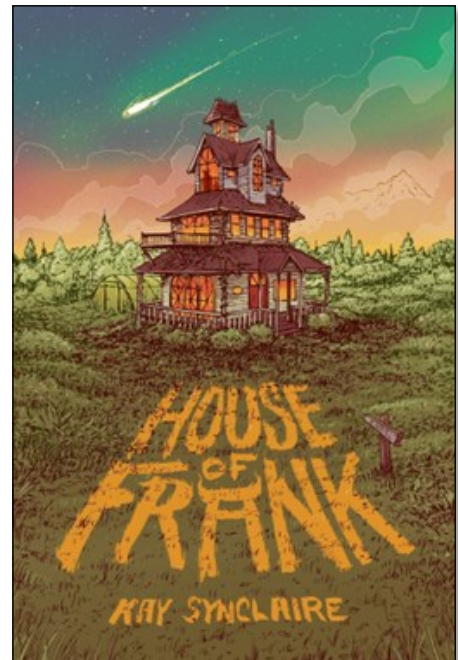
As Saika works harder in avoidance of her pain, she learns more about Frank, the decaying house at Ash Gardens, and the lives of the motley staff, including bickering twin cherubs, a mute ghost, a cantankerous elf, and an irritating half-witch, among others. Over time, she rediscovers what it means to love and be wholly loved, while allowing her joy and grief to coexist.

Warm and inventive, *House of Frank* is a stirring portrait of the ache of loss and the healing embrace of love.

We reach the end of the stairwell and cross through the foyer into the library. Frank is inside, tossing furniture and books. A lamp crashes to the floor.

Oli is already there, trying to get through to him. “Frank, it’s alright!”

“Bee’s gone!” he yells. He paces the library, and his massive stomps shake the room. “It’s not alright! Not in the least!” His paws ball into fists and slam into the bookshelf. Dozens of books and curios fall, crashing onto the floor.



Bindery Books

October 2024

Trade paperback

94k words

Genre: Cozy fantasy

Rights available:

British and translation (but Podium has world English audio)

Highlights:

* *House of Frank* was chosen by and will be supported by Jaysen Headley, a content creator on TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube known as Ezeekat and listed as the top 5 Booktok influencers in the world with nearly a million followers on social media

Rights Holder:

Bindery Books

Material: Available end February 2024



Kay Synclaire is the youngest of five children and the proud aunt of 12. Kay attended Philadelphia University before working in caretaking roles as a nurse assistant and preschool teacher. Kay currently lives in Philadelphia, with her sister, who is the co-author of her 2022 collection of short stories, *The Strange Accounts of Germantown and Other Peculiar Phenomena*. *House of Frank* is her debut novel.

In the tradition of *Legends & Lattes* comes a cozy fantasy steeped in sapphic romance about one of the Queen's private guards and a powerful mage who want to open a bookshop and live happily ever after...if only the world would let them

CAN'T SPELL TREASON WITHOUT TEA

Tomes & Tea, book 1
by Rebecca Thorne

All Reyna and Kianthe want is to open a bookshop that serves tea. Worn wooden floors, plants on every table, firelight drifting between the rafters...all complemented by love and good company. Thing is, Reyna works as one of the Queen's private guards, and Kianthe is the most powerful mage in existence. Leaving their lives isn't so easy.

But after an assassin takes Reyna hostage, she decides she's thoroughly done risking her life for a self-centered queen. Meanwhile, Kianthe has been waiting for a chance to flee responsibility—all the better that her girlfriend is on board. Together, they settle in Tawney, a town nestled in the icy tundra near dragon country, and open the shop of their dreams.

What follows is a cozy tale of mishaps, mysteries, and a murderous queen throwing the realm's biggest temper tantrum. In a story brimming with comfort and quiet fireside conversations, these two women will discover just what they mean to each other...and the world.

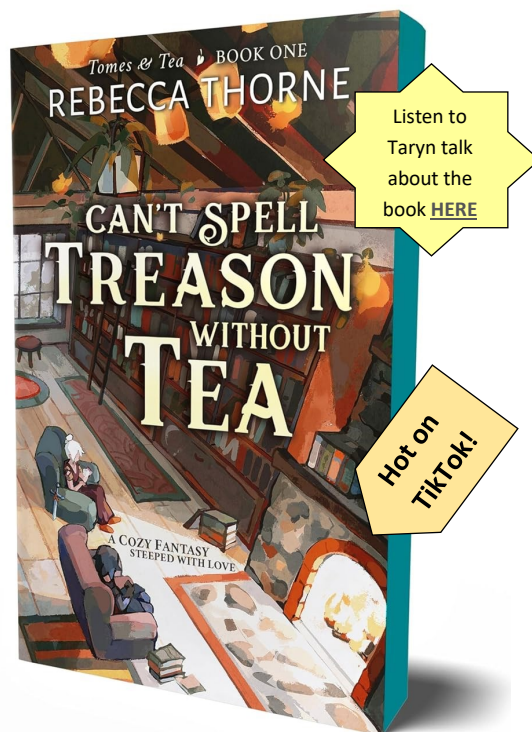
"I have desperately been searching for a book that makes me feel the same way as *Legends and Lattes*, and I found it....This book was everything that I wanted in a cozy fantasy. Everything. Everything." – **Megstearoom, TikTok (165k followers, 4 million likes)**

"This adorable story is a comfortable ride in a world of magic, dragons, welcoming neighbours, and power-hungry people in the company of a diverse cast of mostly heartwarming characters....In short, *Can't Spell Treason Without Tea* is an anxiety-free pill of a book." – **The Nerd Daily**



Rebecca Thorne is an author of all things fantasy, sci-fi, and sapphic romance. She thrives on deadlines, averages 2,700 words a day, and tries to write at least two books a year. (She also might be a little hyper-focused ADHD.) When she's not writing (or avoiding writing), Rebecca can be found traveling the country as a flight attendant, or doing her best impression of a granola-girl hermit with her two dogs.

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Bramble/Tor

(previously independently published September 2022)

May 2024

Trade paperback

90k words

Genre: Cozy fantasy

Rights available:

Translation

Foreign sales: Brazil (Astral), British 4 books (Tor UK), Germany (Piper), Ukraine (Laboratory)

Highlights:

- * First book in a four-book series
- * Sold at auction to Tor UK in a four-book deal
- * Waterstones selling an exclusive edition with sprayed edges with dragons
- * #1 new release Amazon, LGBTQ+ Fantasy Fiction
- * Hit a high of #5 Amazon Kindle Store, LGBTQ+
- * Nominated for the American Library Association's Reading List Award
- * #cantspelltrasonwithouttea has over 1 million TikTok views
- * Listen to our short podcast about *Can't Spell Treason without Tea* [HERE](#)

Primary agent:

Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available

First, she needs to get Kessandra to safety.
Then, Nix is going to annihilate a god

**THE CRIMSON RUIN:
This Gilded Abyss, book 2
by Rebecca Thorne**

In Sergeant Nix Marr’s expert opinion, she and Kessandra are fucked.

The underwater city of Fall isn’t the salvation they hoped. Their only transportation back to the surface was destroyed. Fall’s protective dome has cracked, and seawater is gushing inside. The remaining citizens have gone mad with violence...and a vengeful god lurks in the back of Nix’s mind, waiting to corrupt her too.

But Kessandra—Nix’s princess, the bane of her existence, the love of her life—refuses to accept defeat. According to Kessandra, there’s a second submersible, one used to map the ocean floor. If they can find it, commandeer it, they may escape.

But Nix knows the truth: the ancient god will never release her from its clutches. Poison is slipping through Nix’s veins, and soon, she’ll be overcome by bloodlust too. She’s going to die here. Which means her path is viciously clear:

First, she needs to get Kessandra to safety.
Then, Nix is going to annihilate a god.
Welcome to Fall.

**Independently published
March 2024**

Trade paperback
90k words

Genre: Fantasy horror

Rights available:
British and translation

Highlights:

- * Part of a trilogy
- * Author has a strong TikTok presence with over 1 million likes
- * **Previous book, *This Gilded Abyss*:**
— * #1 New Release on Amazon, LGBTQ+ Horror eBooks

Primary agent:
Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available March 2024

Also in the series



“This story handles worldbuilding with a deft hand. The intimacy between Nix and Kess isn’t just spice—it’s so well done! Rebecca Thorne’s book is fast-paced and imaginative.” – **Larissa Lee**

“Thorne weaves a credible relationship between our two characters....[And] nailed the horror atmosphere.”
– **JamReads**



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Her best friend is missing, her career is a disaster, she's stuck living with her parents, and now her heart isn't beating. Can Brooklyn Thomas confront her past to save her present?

BROOKLYN THOMAS ISN'T HERE

by **Alli Vail**

Summer is off to a bad start and getting worse. Brooklyn Thomas is pretty sure she's mostly dead. She can't feel her heart beat and she's disappearing: her reflection keeps vanishing from mirrors. No one else seems to notice. Not her coworkers at the artisanal doughnut shop she works at after failing at her high-paying marketing job. Not her crush, whom she keeps humiliating herself in front of. Not her parents, whose basement suite she's stuck living in now that she can't afford rent anymore. To top it all off, she's hallucinating stars from all her favorite TV shows who want Brooklyn to pull herself together and face the truth about what happened to her career, her best friend, and her relationship with her brother.

As her past collides with her present in painful and unexpected ways, Brooklyn must decide if she's strong enough to confront what haunts her and get a second chance at a real life—before mostly dead turns into actually dead.

Brooklyn Thomas Isn't Here explores how women contort and minimize themselves to fit the roles society and family offer them, and the serious price they pay for doing so.

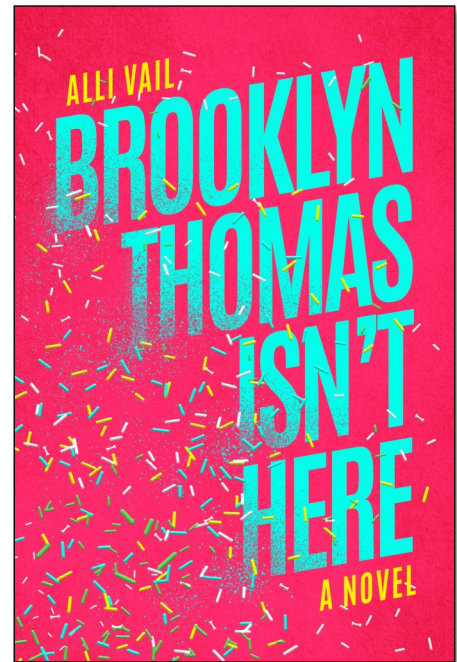
"With vivid prose and a heroine to root for, *Brooklyn Thomas Isn't Here* is a clever take on the ways women change shape to fit into society. Part existential study and part feminist rally cry, Alli Vail's incisive debut is a reminder that it is never too late for a second chance at life."

— **Holly James**, author of *Nothing but the Truth*

"An honest, compelling page-turner...a thought provoking read from an author with an experienced hand and an incredible depth of understanding for what women can experience in a man's world." — **Stella Harvey**, Author of *Finding Callidora* and Founder, Whistler Writers Festival



Alli Vail is a journalist and editor who spent eight years working for award-winning national and provincial newspapers, edited a New York-based graffiti magazine, led social media teams at digital-first companies, and has written reams of content at design and marketing agencies. Recently, she's been working as a content creator for the Whistler Writers Festival through Valancy. *Brooklyn Thomas Isn't Here* is her debut novel. <https://allivail.com>



Post Hill Press

May 2024

Trade paperback

86k words

Genre: Women's fiction

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher owns world English rights)

Primary Agent

Haley Casey
Creative Media Agency, Inc.

Material: Available

From perennially popular historical novelist Christine Wells comes a delightful tale of three young women in 1950s Paris who share a single dazzling Christian Dior gown

THE PARIS GOWN
by Christine Wells

Paris, 1955. Three friends—Claire, Gina, and Margot—who parted as very young women with their whole lives ahead of them, reunite in Paris years later, determined to start life anew.

Parisian Claire has been working hard to become a Michelin-starred chef one day, but ever since the heady time she spent in the company of socialites Gina and Margot, her dream has been to own a Dior gown. This seemed like a far-off fantasy, until her neighbor, Deidre Martin, who lives above Claire's family brasserie, mysteriously disappears from Paris, quitting her job at the United States Embassy and leaving Claire to mind her apartment. Most bafflingly, Deidre also makes Claire a very special gift: a stunning Dior gown.

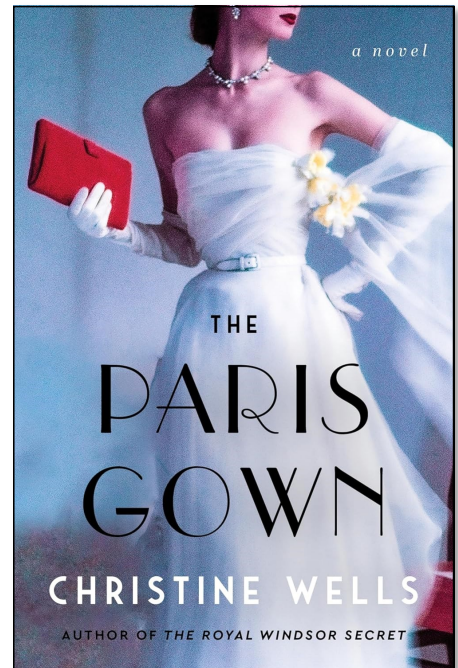
Meanwhile Gina, a cool American blue blood, lands on Claire's doorstep nursing a broken heart and a broken engagement after her father lost all of the family money in a risky business venture. A journalist aspiring to be a novelist, Gina has returned to Paris in the hopes of pursuing her dream. But when Deidre goes missing, Gina's journalistic instincts scent a story, and an invitation to the United States Embassy ball is too great an opportunity to miss. Only what on earth is she going to wear?

Warm-hearted Claire insists Gina wear the Dior gown to the ball, and after some hesitation, Gina accepts. At Dior for Gina's fitting, whom should assist them but Margot, the friend they thought had gone back to Australia to be married. But Margot is living in Paris and working at Dior under an assumed name, and clearly is not happy to have been found. Is their close friendship at an end? Or will the wonder and delight of the Dior gown bring these young women back together?

Gorgeous, perfectly fitted, lustrous and luxurious, the Dior gown has the power to change lives—as these three remarkable women are about to discover....



Christine Wells is the author of the historical novels *Sisters of the Resistance*, *The Wife's Tale*, *The Traitor's Girl*, and *The Juliet Code*, plus several historical romances. She began her first novel while working as a corporate lawyer and has gone on to write about periods ranging from Georgian England to post World War II France. Christine is passionate about helping other writers learn the craft and business of writing fiction and enjoys mentoring and teaching workshops. She loves dogs, running, holidays at the beach and hunting for antiques, and lives with her family in Brisbane, Australia. <https://christine-wells.com>



William Morrow
August 2024

Trade paperback
88k words

Genre: Historical fiction

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Previous foreign publishers:

Greece (Minoas), Hungary (Könyvmolykepző), Romania (Epica), Slovakia (Albatros Slovakia), Ukraine (Knigolove)

Highlights:

*** Previous book, *One Woman's War*:**

— One of BookBub's Best Historical Fiction books of Fall 2022

*** Previous book, *Sisters of the Resistance*:**

— A Barnes & Noble bestseller
— A *Globe and Mail* bestseller
— A *PopSugar* Best Book of June 2021
— Featured in *Vogue's* September 2021 issue
— A Delilah Book Club Pick

Primary agent:

Kevan Lyon
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

A vampire escapes the thrall of Dracula and embarks on her own search for self-discovery and true love in this epic and seductive gothic fantasy from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Hide*

LUCY UNDYING: A Dracula Novel
by Kiersten White

Her name was written in the pages of someone else’s story: Lucy Westenra was one of Dracula’s first victims.

But her death was only the beginning. Lucy rose from the grave a vampire and has spent her immortal life trying to escape from Dracula’s clutches—and trying to discover who she really is and what she truly wants.

Her undead life takes an unexpected turn in 21st Century London, when she meets another woman, Iris, who is also yearning to break free from her past. Iris’s family has built a health empire based on a sinister secret, and they’ll do anything to stay in power.

Lucy has long believed she would never love again. But she finds herself compelled by the charming Iris while Iris is equally mesmerized by the confident and glamorous Lucy. But their intense connection and blossoming love is threatened by outside forces. Iris’s mother won’t let go of her without a fight, and Lucy’s past still has fangs: Dracula is on the prowl once more.

Lucy Westenra has been a tragically murdered teen, a lonesome adventurer, and a fearsome hunter, but happiness has always eluded her. Can she find the strength to destroy Dracula once and for all, or will her heart once again be her undoing?

Don’t forget.
If my heart beat, it would beat your name.



Kiersten White is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling, Bram Stoker Award–winning, and critically acclaimed author of many books, including *Hide*, *Mister Magic*, *The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein*, the *And I Darken* trilogy, the *Camelot Rising* trilogy, and *Star Wars: Padawan*. Her books have been published in over 20 languages. White lives with her family in San Diego, where they obsessively care for their deeply ambivalent tortoise, Kimberly. www.kierstenwhite.com

Del Rey
September 2024
Hardcover
148k words

Genre: Gothic fantasy

Rights available:
Translation

Foreign sales: British (Del Rey UK), Italy, at auction (Il Castoro), Spain (Urano)

Highlights:

- * Lead title
- * Listen to our short podcast about *Lucy Undying* [HERE](#)
- * #1 *New York Times* bestselling author
- * **Previous book, *Mister Magic*:**
 - *USA Today* bestseller
 - Amazon Editor’s Pick, Best Mystery, Thriller & Suspense of the month
 - On the CrimeReads Best Horror Fiction of 2023 list
 - An Indie Next Pick
 - A Goodreads Choice Award nominee
 - An AppleBooks Must Listen for August 2023
 - *Mister Magic* and *Hide* are key titles at 2023 Waterstone BookFest, YALC, and MCM Comic Con
 - Film/TV rights optioned to Universal TV and Jordan Peele/Monkey Paw

Primary agent:
Michelle Wolfson
Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available

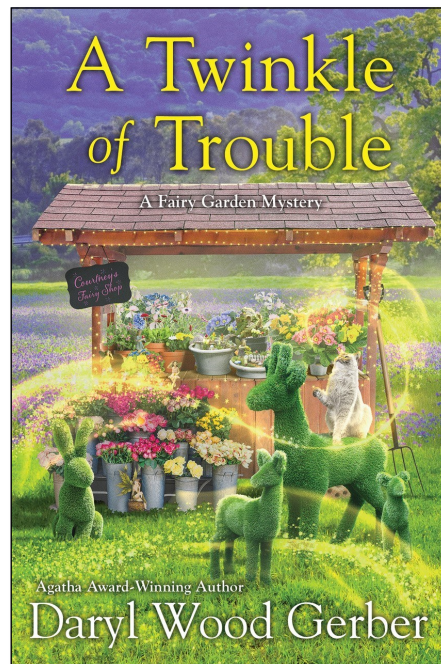
Listen to
Taryn talk
about the
book [HERE](#)

Carmel-by-the-Sea garden shop owner Courtney Kelly sees things others can't—like fairies, and hidden motives for murder...

**A TWINKLE OF TROUBLE:
Fairy Garden Mystery, book 5
by Daryl Wood Gerber**

Courtney is delighted when her tiny friend Fiona returns from the fairy realm, appearing at the base of a Cypress tree. When her Ragdoll cat, Pixie, emerges from her own portal—aka the cat door—the three set off for a busy day. Busier than usual, since Courtney has rented a small plot of land at the Flower Farm, where she hopes to grow her own supplies for her fairy-garden business. Plus, the annual Summer Blooms Festival is coming up, and Courtney has booked a booth....

But the murder of Courtney's friend, Genevieve, casts a pall over the festival. Ever since Genevieve sold her floral business, she'd been building a career as an influencer. She was perennially opinionated—but in her new role she'd become surprisingly vicious, dissing local entrepreneurs with nasty posts and unwarranted bad reviews. That's landed a couple of Courtney's other friends on the suspect list—including Flower Farm owner Daphne Flores. And when a second victim is discovered, seeds of doubt about Daphne's innocence sprout in Courtney's mind. Working with only a germ of a clue, Courtney will have to overturn every rock to get the dirt on the real killer....



**Kensington Cozies
April 2024**

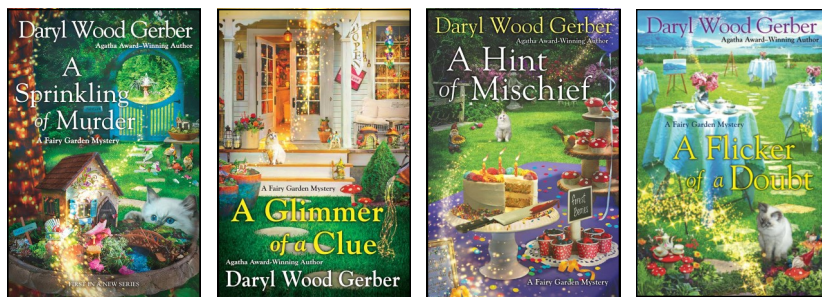
Trade paperback
83k words

Genre: Cozy mystery

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher owns world English rights)

Highlights:
* Agatha Award-winning and national bestselling author

Also in the series



Daryl Wood Gerber is the Agatha Award-winning and nationally bestselling author of the *Aspen Adams* novels of suspense, including *Desolate Shores*, *Fan Mail*, and *Cold Conviction*. In addition, Daryl writes the bestselling *Cookbook Nook Mysteries*, *French Bistro Mysteries*, and *Fairy Garden Mysteries*. As Avery Aames, she wrote the *Cheese Shop Mysteries*. Fun Tidbit: as an actress, Daryl appeared in *Murder, She Wrote*. She has also jumped out of a perfectly good airplane and hitchhiked around Ireland by herself. <https://darylwoodgerber.com>

Primary agent:
Jill Marsal
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

What if you're the only one who believes your son is missing? A chilling, twisty psychological suspense novel, perfect for fans of Laura Dave and Gillian Flynn

THE SON'S SECRET
by Daryl Wood Gerber

What if you're the only one who believes your son is missing? Maggie Lawson is the smart, capable dean of a boutique college, but even the most confident mother has a weakness—her child. When Maggie can't reach her son Aiden, a college senior with a bright future, to tell him his father, her ex-husband and investigative reporter, has been shot, she starts to worry. She texts. She calls. Aiden ghosts her. For years Maggie has feared that because of the dangerous stories her husband pursues something would happen to her family. Her worry turns to panic when she learns from her son's new bride that Aiden walked out on her. The daughter-in-law assures Maggie that everything is fine. Aiden has left before. But the woman's cavalier attitude gnaws at Maggie.

To make matters worse, Aiden's best friend hasn't seen or heard from him, either. Has someone kidnapped him? Is he dead? As much as Maggie hates her helicopter tendencies, this time she needs to trust her maternal instinct, especially after her daughter-in-law receives a bizarre ransom note. Leaving no stone unturned, Maggie races against the clock to save her son before he takes his final breath.

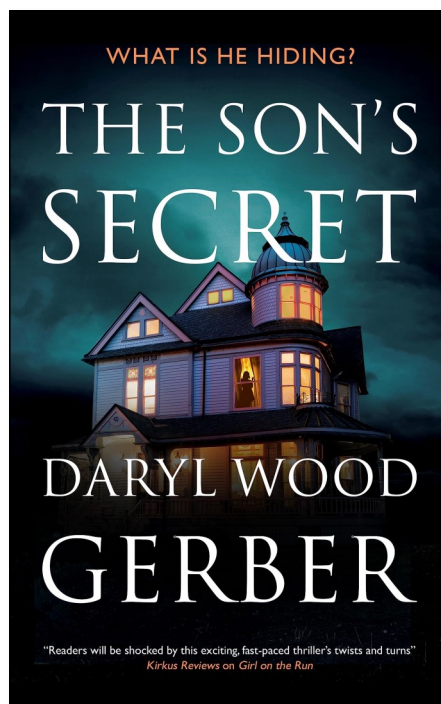
"New Orleans is a perfect setting for the mixed bag of motives in this page-turner" – *Kirkus*

Was my opinion of my son completely off base? Had he changed into a self-centered human being who didn't care about hurting his wife or his family? Was there nothing more I could do? Should I give up? No, I couldn't believe any of that. None of it. Aiden was in trouble. I could feel it in my bones.



Daryl Wood Gerber is the Agatha Award-winning and nationally bestselling author of the *Aspen Adams* novels of suspense, including *Desolate Shores*, *Fan Mail*, and *Cold Conviction*. In addition, Daryl writes the bestselling *Cookbook Nook Mysteries*, *French Bistro Mysteries*, and *Fairy Garden Mysteries*. As Avery Aames, she wrote the *Cheese Shop Mysteries*. Fun Tidbit: as an actress, Daryl appeared in *Murder, She Wrote*. She has also jumped out of a perfectly good airplane and hitchhiked around Ireland by herself.

<https://darylwoodgerber.com>



Severn House
January 2024

Hardcover
89k words

Genre: Psychological suspense

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher owns world English rights)

Highlights:
* Agatha Award-winning and national bestselling author

Primary agent:
Jill Marsal
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

A tightly plotted page-turner ripped from the headlines of history, as three very different women must work together to stop a killer and save the truest home they've ever known

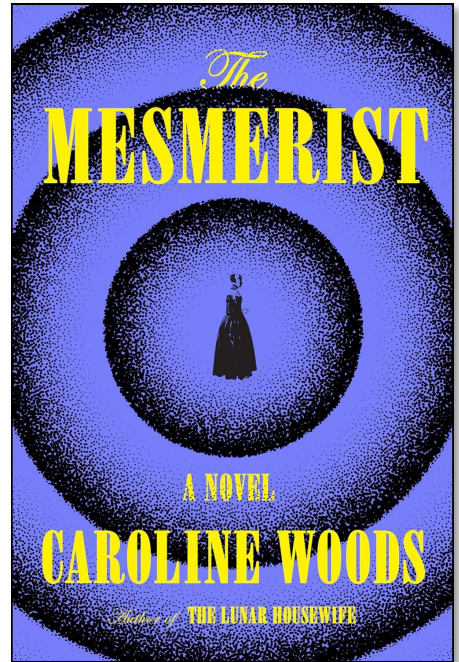
THE MESMERIST
by Caroline Woods

Before hypnotism, there was Mesmerism. And in 1894 Minneapolis, in the wake of a national financial crisis, spiritualism of every stripe is all the rage, and women are dying under mysterious circumstances. But until a new guest lands at the Bethany Home for Unwed Mothers, refusing or unable to speak or explain her arrival, the sordid stories of unexplained deaths seem unconnected. Faith's reticence is quickly interpreted as malevolence, setting the house abuzz with whispers of dark magic.

Abby, a staunch Quaker, lifelong supporter of progressive causes, and Bethany Home's treasurer, thinks the rumors of mystical powers swirling around Faith are nonsense, but she recognizes the danger of a good story. Refusing to allow the Home's important mission to be clouded by scandal, Abby tasks Faith's roommate, May, with tracing Faith's path to Bethany Home.

May is desperate to end her year at Bethany Home engaged and on track to her happily-ever-after—even if her prince charming is Hal, a man she's not sure she can trust. She uncovers a Minneapolis she never expected as she begins digging into Faith's shadowy background, and her investigation brings her closer to polite society and Hal than she could have dreamed. The more May learns, the more she's forced to question the motives of everyone around her, including Abby and Faith, and as more women turn up dead, May must reevaluate the future she wants, and which lies she's willing to tell, for whom.

"The magic of *The Mesmerist* is not only found in the spiritualism that haunts every page, but also the three tenacious women at its core, dedicated to unmasking America's first serial killer. With expert skill, Woods turns the screw, ratcheting up the real danger and the contemporary panic around women's independence. A darkly textured, delicious read." – **Katy Hays, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Cloisters***



Doubleday
September 2024
Hardcover
85k words

Genre: Historical suspense

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher owns world English rights)

Previous foreign sales: British (HQ), Czech (Albatros)

Highlights:
* **Previous book, *The Lunar Housewife*:**
— Starred reviews, *Publishers Weekly* and *Booklist*
— Named a most anticipated book of summer 2022 by *The New York Times*, *The Today Show*, *Bookpage*, *Publishers Weekly*, *CrimeReads*, and more

Primary agent:
Shannon Hassan
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available



Caroline Woods is the author of the novels *Fräulein M.* and *The Lunar Housewife*, named a most anticipated book of summer 2022 by *The New York Times*, *The Today Show*, *Bookpage*, *Publishers Weekly*, *CrimeReads*, the Read with Jenna community, and more. Her short fiction has been published in *Slice Magazine* (which nominated her for a Pushcart Prize), *LEMON*, and *236*, BU Creative Writing's literary journal. Caroline lives just outside Chicago, Illinois with her husband

and two daughters. www.carolinewoodswriter.com

NON-FICTION

Could one honest, vulnerable conversation deepen your relationship forever?

12 QUESTIONS FOR LOVE: A Guide to Intimate Conversations & Deeper Relationships by Topaz Adizes

We all crave connection. But sometimes we need help getting there. By asking your partner these thought-provoking questions, you'll discover the strength in having mindful, meaningful conversations and unlock a deeper level of lasting intimacy.

Author Topaz Adizes invites you to bravely explore the heart of your relationship through 12 carefully crafted questions drawn from thousands of candid conversations with real couples featured in his Emmy Award-winning documentary series {THE AND}.

In today's fast-paced world, it is easier than ever to become isolated, disconnected, and idling in surface-level relationships. Having observed a decade's worth of extraordinary conversations unfold, Topaz explores the key to feeling closer, more secure, and more connected with your partner.

This essential, inclusive guide includes:

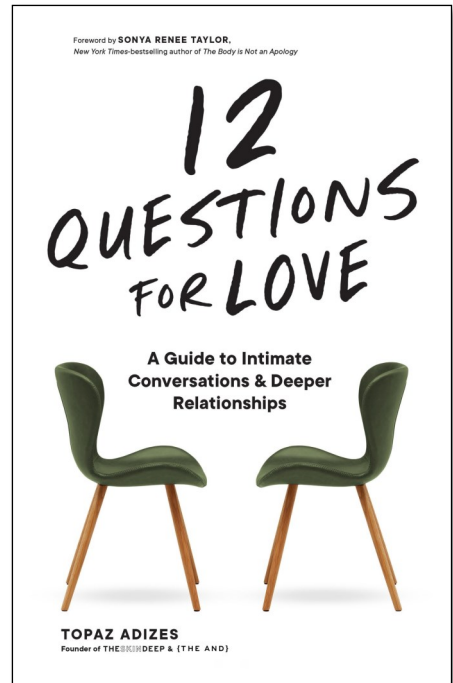
- Powerful tools to create a safe, sacred space for connection
- 12 questions proven to nurture authentic intimacy
- Strategies for staying connected in the midst of conflict
- Confidence to craft better, stronger questions of your own (hint: you'll get better answers)

Make every conversation count, and you'll uncover the magic that awaits when you dare to be braver, go deeper, and love like never before.



Topaz Adizes is an Emmy Award-winning writer, director, and experience designer. His works have been selected to Cannes, Sundance, IDFA, and SXSW; featured in *New Yorker* magazine, *Vanity Fair*, and the *New York Times*; and have garnered an Emmy for new approaches to documentary and two World Press Photo Awards for immersive storytelling and interactive documentary. He is the founder and executive director of The Skin Deep, an experience design studio focused entirely on human connection in the digital age.

Topaz graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from UC Berkeley and Oxford University in the UK. He has worked around the world ranging from Mexico, Sweden, Zambia, Japan, Vietnam, Albania, and Cuba, and speaks four languages—English, Hebrew, Spanish, and Swedish. www.topazadizes.com



**Sasquatch Books
January 2024**

Hardcover
60k words

Genre: Non-fiction, relationships

Rights available:
British and translation

Foreign sales: Brazil (HarperCollins Brazil), China (CITIC Press), Germany (Droemer), Taiwan (Domain Publishing)

Highlights:

- * Based on insight culled from 1,500 real conversations from {THE AND}, The Skin Deep's Emmy Award-winning documentary series
- * The Skin Deep has over 2 million active and engaged followers across its platforms
- * Foreword by Sonya Renee Taylor, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Your Body is Not an Apology*

Rights holder:
Sasquatch Books

Material: Available

This intimate and lavishly illustrated journey into the world of the hummingbird is a treasure and a gift for birdwatchers, gardeners, and anyone who loves these amazing little creatures

A LITTLE BOOK OF HUMMINGBIRDS
by Tara Austen Weaver

Hummingbirds are beautiful and mesmerizing. Did you know they can flick their tongue twelve times a second? Or that they “tile” their nests with pieces of lichen and moss (the nests themselves are spun from spiderwebs and thistledown)? Or that some species sing and dance as they woo their mates? Perhaps it’s no surprise that hummingbirds elicit such enthusiasm from those who love them.

This small-format hardcover book includes:

- 45 lifelike ink-and-watercolor drawings showcasing all the species commonly found in the US and Canada, as well as the most frequent visitors—often depicted with their favorite flowers
- Fascinating facts on cultural history, folklore, migration patterns, habitat, lifecycle, biology, and anatomy
- Information on creating your own hummingbird haven using feeders, flowers, water, and shelter
- Birdwatching tips and best places to visit to see hummingbirds

This book is part of the collectible mini gift book series *Little Book of Natural Wonders*, and makes a gorgeous gift (or irresistible treat for yourself) for all hummingbird lovers!



Sasquatch Books

April 2024

Hardcover

13k words

Genre: Non-fiction, home & garden

Rights available:
British and translation

Highlights:

- * Part of the *Little Book of Natural Wonders* series
- * Features 45+ vintage-inspired, full-color illustrations

Also in the series



“Each posey-size volume reads like a very smart love letter to cultivating beauty.”
– *Seattle Times, Pacific NW Magazine*

Rights holder:
Sasquatch Books

Material: Available



Tara Austen Weaver is an award-winning writer, editor, and avid gardener. She is the author of several books, including *Orchard House*, *Growing Berries and Fruit Trees in the Pacific Northwest*, and the *Little Book of Flowers* series. She is trained as a Permaculture Designer, Master Gardener, and Master Composter/Soil Builder. Tara writes frequently about gardening, agriculture, food, art, travel, and social justice. www.taraweaver.com

Get creative with these globally inspired recipes—each with a unique sesame twist—in this stylish, palate-pleasing cookbook

OPEN SESAME:
45 Sweet and Savory Recipes for Tahini & All Things Sesame
by Rachel Belle

Like a little black dress, tahini can seamlessly transition from day to night, from savory to sweet. Reimagine how tahini can fit into your everyday repertoire with all the style and whimsy from the host of the James Beard-nominated *Your Last Meal* podcast Rachel Belle. Forty-five inventive recipes draw inspiration across the globe—plus a robust (and surprising) dessert section to hit that sweet spot.

This creamy, nutty ingredient is more than just a cult condiment:

- It's an allergy-friendly nut substitute
- Replaces dairy in vegan dishes
- Full of heart-healthy fats, plant-based protein, and chock-full of essential vitamins
- Adds a roasty-toasty, elevated flavor to many desserts

Sprinkle some sesame sparkle into your life with recipes including:

- Everything-Including-the-Bagel Salad
- Falafel-Spiced Tahini Deviled Eggs with Crispy Chickpeas
- Chocolate Miso Whoopie Pies with Tahini Cream
- and, of course, Ethereally Creamy Israeli-Style Hummus (now available in traditional, golden, and hot pink!)

“When Rachel Belle said she was working on a cookbook, I sighed and hoped for the best. And then this slightly insane book about sesame and tahini arrived and I was truly surprised: these are ingredients I haven’t cooked with in years, flavors I literally haven’t explored since my childhood, but who among us can resist the sounds of Hot Pink Hummus? Gingery Sesame Chicken Soup with Rice Noodles? Tahini Frangipane Apricot Galette? By the end of the first reading I had been swayed. My mouth was officially watering.” – **Isaac Mizrahi, performer, writer, and designer**



Rachel Belle is the Seattle-based creator and host of *Your Last Meal*, a James Beard Award finalist for Best Podcast, and a national Edward R Murrow award-winning news radio feature reporter with 20 years broadcast journalism experience. Her food writing has been published in places like *Lucky Peach*, *Eater*, and *The Stranger*, she has appeared on The Cooking Channel (as a taco expert!), *Discovery Investigates*, Lifetime, and PBS and has emceed and hosted events across Washington. *Seattle Weekly* named Rachel

“Seattle’s Best FM Radio Personality.” Rachel loves traveling the world, hiking through wildflowers, campfire cooking, trying as many dumplings and pizzas as possible, and petting every single cat she sees.

www.hellorachelbelle.com

Sasquatch Books
November 2024
Trade paperback
21k words

Genre: Non-fiction, cookbook

Rights available:
British and translation

Rights holder:
Sasquatch Books

Material: Available

Countless companies seek to leverage innovation to lead their industries—but many fail because they don't understand what makes innovation teams unique. Cagan and Boatwright draw on 50+ years of experience to offer 13 tips to successfully manage innovation teams

MANAGING THE UNMANAGEABLE:

13 Tips for Building and Leading a Successful Innovation Team by Johnathan Cagan & Peter Boatwright

Nearly all innovation is done by teams. And while there are many books about the innovation process, and also many about managing teams, the management of innovation teams has gone unaddressed.

Yet innovation teams are not like other teams. The team is tasked with going where none have gone before—with scaling a mountain whose height, form, and hidden passes are unknown, and doing so before a rival team from the other side of the mountain finds the summit.

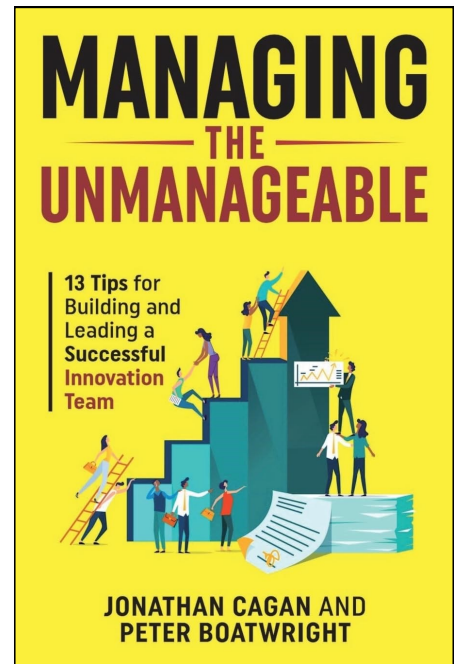
In *Managing the Unmanageable*, Jonathan Cagan and Peter Boatwright offer 13 tips that can greatly improve the odds for success for any innovation team. Filled with eye-opening real world examples, bolstered by ground-breaking research studies, and enlivened with illustrations by artist Kurt Hess, it's a fascinating read that any manager with a mandate to innovate will find irresistible—and invaluable.

“Demystifies a process that too often entails risk and guesswork or gets bogged down in aimlessness....Inspiring guidance for managing innovation teams to create lasting success.” – *Publishers Weekly BookLife*

“Finally, innovation managers have a handbook that they can rely on—one that should be in the collection of every technology leader and innovation practitioner.” – **Tolga Kurtoglu, Former Chief Technology Officer, HP**



Jonathan Cagan and Peter Boatwright are Carnegie Mellon professors and practitioners with a combined 50+ years of experience in research, consulting, and hands-on innovation. Together, they created the Integrated Innovation Institute at Carnegie Mellon and its professional masters degree program. They've also co-authored two previous books, *The Design of Things to Come* and *Built to Love*.



Rivertowns Books
March 2024

Trade paperback
50k words

Genre: Non-fiction, business

Rights available:
British and translation

Highlights:

- * The authors combine expertise in strategy and technology, a unique blend that helped them found the Integrated Innovation Institute at Carnegie Mellon, which trains everyone from engineers and product designers to CEOs in the arts of innovation
- * Includes illustrations by Kurt Hess

Rights holder:
Rivertowns Books

Material: Available

Enjoy a year of Chinese holidays feasting with family and friends the Chinese American way in this intergenerational cookbook cowritten by mother and daughter

FEASTS OF GOOD FORTUNE:

75 Recipes for a Year of Chinese American Celebrations, from Lunar New Year to Mid-Autumn Festival and Beyond
by Hsiao-Ching Chou & Meilee Chou Riddle

Covering everything from traditional Lunar New Year menus to get-togethers such as Thanksgiving and birthdays with tantalizing recipes such as Stir-Fried Kale with Dried Cranberries, *Feasts of Good Fortune* has something for everyone. Here you'll find the perfect dish to contribute to "tuan yuan" (the act of coming together) family meals among the book's 75 recipes.

Author and James Beard Foundation cookbook committee member Hsiao-Ching Chou (*Chinese Soul Food*) brings her on-ramp approach to Chinese cooking full circle with a complete guide to home cooking for annual celebrations typical of the Chinese American experience.

Organized first chronologically by holiday or celebration then by undated food-centric celebrations, this book includes full menus for:

- Lunar New Year (Sticky Rice with Chicken and Chinese Sausage)
- Lantern Festival (Glutinous Rice Balls with Black Sesame Paste)
- Honoring the Dead/Qing Ming (Tea Eggs!)
- Dragon Boat Festival (Zong Zi)
- Mid-Autumn Festival (Mooncakes)
- Birthdays & Party Bites (Stir-Fried Long-Life Noodles)
- Side Dishes for East-meets-West Menus (Braised Kale with Dried Cranberries)
- Hot Pot Parties

Includes funny, relatable chapter openers from Hsiao-Ching's 16-year-old daughter Meilee on reconnecting with and rediscovering her Chinese American heritage as a young adult ("Does Anyone Really Like Mooncakes?"), this deeply meaningful cookbook is an exploration of what it means to grow up in a "forever hyphenated culture."



Hsiao-Ching Chou is an award-winning food journalist, a cooking instructor, author of cookbooks *Chinese Soul Food* and *Vegetarian Chinese Soul Food*, and member of the James Beard Foundation cookbook committee and Les Dames d'Escoffier.



Meilee Chou Riddle is a student of filmmaking, writing, and music. Her award-winning films have been featured in regional and national film festivals. They live in Seattle with their family. mychinesesoulfood.com

Sasquatch Books
December 2024

Trade paperback
59k words

Genre: Non-fiction, cookbook

Rights available:
British and translation

Rights holder:
Sasquatch Books

Material: Available

One fly to catch them all

PHEASANT TAIL:

Advanced Simple Fly Fishing

by Yvon Chouinard, Craig Mathews, and Mauro Mazzo

Afficionados and authors Chouinard, Mathews and Mazzo join together again to reveal the secret to successful fly fishing: the pheasant tail fly. In *Simple Fly Fishing* (2014, 2018), they made the case for replacing unnecessary gear with knowledge and technique.

Now, after years of continuing to simplify, they offer the next step: the feathers that can be used to tie any kind of fly: nymphs, dry flies, emergers, and beetles. Then they tell how to use this one fly to catch any kind of fish. In concise text, with instructional photos throughout and QR codes that link to how-to videos for tying and fishing with these flies, this book and its techniques force you to rely on your skills and to be creative to be successful.

Patagonia

June 2025

Trade paperback

17k words

Genre: Non-fiction, sports

Rights available:

British and translation

Highlights:

* Yvon Chouinard is the founder and owner of Patagonia, Inc.

* The book will include QR codes throughout linked to videos of the techniques, such as casting, reading the river, and more

* Book includes beautiful full-color photography

* Patagonia is calling 2025 "The Year of Fish," this book will receive a lot of marketing support

Rights holder:

Patagonia Books

Material: Available



Yvon Chouinard, a noted fly fisher (chosen by *Fly, Rod, and Reel* as Angler of the Year in 2009) and environmentalist, is the founder and owner of Patagonia, Inc. He cofounded, with Craig Mathews, 1% for the Planet, a group of businesses giving back to the environment. He lives in Ventura, California and Moose Jaw, Wyoming.

Craig Mathews, with his wife, Jackie, is the owner and founder of Blue Rib-

bon Flies, a retail fly fishing outfitter base in West Yellowstone, Montana. Craig has authored five books on fly fishing in the western United States and Yellowstone National Park and is renowned as an expert fly fishing guide.

Mauro Mazzo is an FFF Certified Master and THCI Casting Instructor, and he writes and photographs on a regular basis for European fly fishing magazines. He has fished around the globe, from the Italian Alps to Himachal Pradesh, from Cuba to the Kola Peninsula. He lives in Milan, Italy.

A fascinating and tragic story about criminals, politicians and the wild days at the end of Prohibition

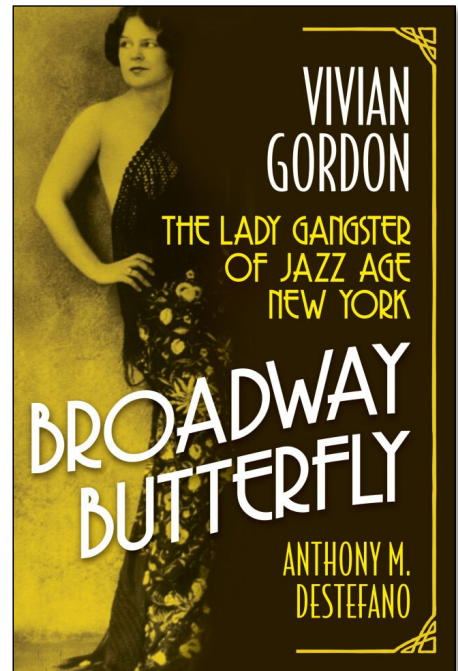
BROADWAY BUTTERFLY:

Vivian Gordon, the Lady Gangster of Jazz Age New York
by Anthony M. DeStefano

Like so many other pretty butterflies, Indiana-born Vivian Gordon fluttered to New York in 1920 looking for fame and fortune. Before long, the flame-haired chorus girl parlayed her youth, beauty, and ambition into more profitable means as a tough and glamorous symbol of Prohibition-era excess. She was a speakeasy owner, blackmailer, high-end escort, extortionist, racketeer, and con woman. But given her dangerously intimate associations—from ruthless underworld gangsters to corrupt high-ranking city officials—Vivian was also a woman who knew too much and who rightfully feared for her life.

On February 26, 1931, Vivian’s bludgeoned and garroted body was found dumped in Van Cortland Park in the Bronx. Now, in the first in-depth biography of its kind, Pulitzer Prize and Emmy Award-winning journalist Anthony M. DeStefano unravels her tumultuous life and the headline-making murder that became an obsession for many, including then-Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The evidence Vivian left behind was damning: a diary with more than three-hundred names implicating powerful officials, philanthropists, businessmen, and every major gangland figure in collusion and corruption. The investigation eventually resulted in the career end of James “Jimmy” Walker, disgraced mayor of New York City. Ultimately, *Broadway Butterfly* finally finds a place in history for Vivian, a woman with a rare legacy in gangster lore, whose demise was as tragically inevitable as the brutality of the city’s demimonde during Prohibition.



Citadel Press

June 2024

Hardcover

80k words

Genre: Non-fiction, true crime

Rights available:

British and translation

Previous foreign publishers: France
(Editions La Manufacture de Livres)

Highlights:

* Anthony M. DeStefano is a Pulitzer Prize and Emmy-winning investigative journalist

Primary agent:

Jill Marsal

Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available



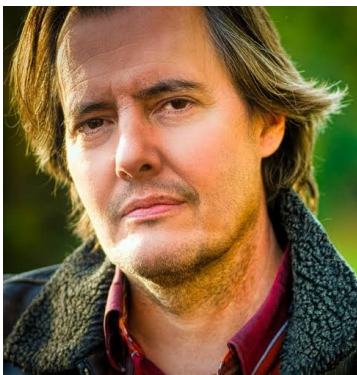
Bestselling true crime author **Anthony M. DeStefano** is a national expert on the American Mafia. He is the author of nine books on the subject, including the recent bestsellers: *The Deadly Don* and *Top Hoodlum*. In addition to being an organized crime expert, DeStefano is an award-winning journalist who covers crime in New York for *Newsday*. He has won numerous awards for his work, including a Pulitzer Prize and an Emmy. <https://tonydestefano.com>

The story of the epic friendship between John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, the golden era of improv, and the making of a comedic film classic that helped shape our popular culture

**THE BLUES BROTHERS:
An Epic Friendship, the Rise of Improv, and the Making of an
American Film Classic**
by Daniel de Visé

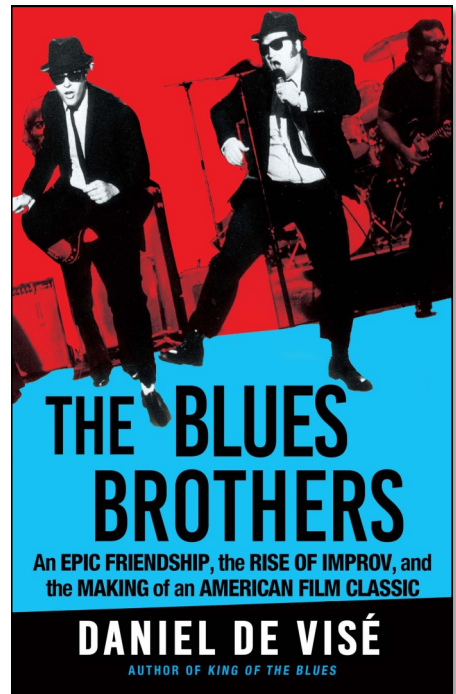
“They’re not going to catch us,” Dan Aykroyd as Elwood Blues tells his brother Jake, played by John Belushi. “We’re on a mission from God.” So opens the musical action comedy *The Blues Brothers*, which hit theatres on June 20, 1980. Their scripted mission was to save a local Chicago orphanage; but Aykroyd, who conceived and wrote the film, had a greater mission: to honor the then-seemingly forgotten tradition of rhythm and blues, some of whose greatest artists—Aretha Franklin, James Brown, John Lee Hooker, Cab Calloway, Ray Charles—made the film as unforgettable as its wild car chases. Late and vastly over budget, beset by mercurial and oft drugged-out stars, *The Blues Brothers* opened to tepid reviews at best. However, in the 44 years since it has been acknowledged a classic: inducted into the National Film Registry for its cultural significance; even declared a “Catholic classic” by the Church itself; and re-aired thousands of times on television to huge worldwide audiences. It is, undeniably, one of the most significant films of the 20th century.

The story behind any classic is rich; the saga behind *The Blues Brothers*, as Daniel de Visé reveals, is epic, encompassing the colorful childhoods of Belushi and Aykroyd; the comedic revolution sparked by Harvard’s *Lampoon* and Chicago’s *Second City*; the birth and anecdote-rich, drug-filled early years of *Saturday Night Live*, where the Blues Brothers were born as an act amidst turmoil and rivalry; and of course the indelible behind-the-scenes narrative of how the film was made, scene by memorable scene. Based on original research and dozens of interviews probing the memories of principals from director John Landis and producer Bob Weiss to *SNL* creator Lorne Michaels and Aykroyd himself, *The Blues Brothers* vividly portrays the creative geniuses behind modern comedy.



Daniel de Visé is the author of *King of the Blues: The Rise and Reign of B.B. King*, *The Comeback: Greg LeMond*, *The True King of American Cycling and a Legendary Tour de France*, *Andy and Don: The Making of a Friendship and a Classic American TV Show*, and coauthor of *I Forgot to Remember: A Memoir of Amnesia*. He shared a 2001 Pulitzer Prize for his journalism and has worked at the *Washington Post* and *Miami Herald*, among other

newspapers. He lives in Maryland. <https://danieldevisé.com>



Grove Atlantic
March 2024

Hardcover
117k words

Genre: Non-fiction, popular culture

Rights available:
Translation

Foreign sales: British (White Rabbit/Orion), Germany (Reclam), Spain (Libros del Kultrum)

Highlights:

- * *Kirkus* starred review
- * The 1980 film was hugely popular worldwide, and was inducted into the National Film Registry for its cultural significance
- * Dan De Visé is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist
- * **Previous book, *King of the Blues*:**
 - Starred reviews from *Kirkus*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Library Journal*, and *Booklist*
 - *Library Journal*, Best Arts Book of the Year
 - *Kirkus*, Best Nonfiction Book of the Year
 - *Booklist*, Top 10 Art Book of 2022
 - Amazon Editor’s Pick, Best History

Primary agent:
Deborah Grosvenor
Grosvenor Literary Agency

Material: Available

A guide to using the power of storytelling for success in business of all types and sizes, whether you're an online marketer, small business owner, independent contractor, or Fortune 500 executive

STORIES SELL:
Storyworthy Strategies to Grow Your Business and Brand
by Matthew Dicks

The corporate world is flooded with data: spreadsheets, charts, graphs, and yawn-inducing PowerPoint presentations. But human brains are wired for stories. Stories move us in ways that data can't, and a well-told story trumps a mountain of facts and figures.

Matthew Dicks has learned the value of storytelling in his career as a novelist, marketing consultant, and award-winning slam storyteller. He's found that the basic principles of effective storytelling are universal and teachable. In *Stories Sell*, he applies those principles to business communication, guiding readers to craft stories that connect with audiences—whether a single person or a crowded auditorium.

Jam-packed with examples, *Stories Sell* reveals the ingredients of a compelling story and then demonstrates how they can be incorporated into persuasive marketing copy, productive face-to-face conversations, and presentations that people actually want to hear (no PowerPoint slides required!). Topics include:

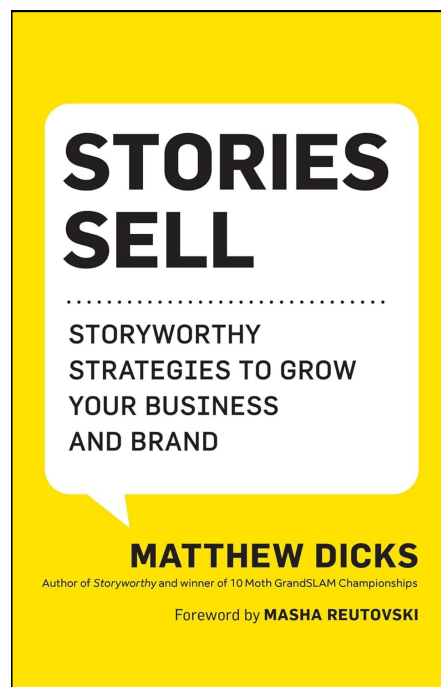
- the three elements of a winning story: stakes, suspense, and surprise
- finding the right narrative structure (and why beginning at the beginning isn't always the best method)
- when and how to use humor
- zipping while others zag: making yourself stand out from competitors

Above all, *Stories Sell* gives readers permission to be themselves, take risks, and make a splash in a sea of corporate blah. *Stories Sell* teaches readers to find their voice and share those stories with the world.



Matthew Dicks is the internationally best-selling author of novels including *Memoirs of an imaginary friend* and the non-fiction titles *Storyworthy* and *Someday Is Today*. Matthew is a record 56-time Moth StorySLAM champion and 9-time GrandSLAM champion whose stories have been featured on their nationally syndicated *Moth Radio Hour* and their weekly podcast. His stories have also appeared on PBS's *Stories From the Stage*. He also the co-founder and artistic director of Speak Up, a

Hartford-based storytelling organization, and he teaches storytelling around the world, from Yale University to the Graded School in Sao Paulo, Brazil. His clients have included Amazon, Slack, Johnson & Johnson, Saatchi & Saatchi, Salesforce, MetLife, Pfizer, The Freeman Companies, Rustic Pathways, and many more. matthewdicks.com



New World Library
June 2024

Trade paperback
115k words

Genre: Non-fiction, business

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has World English rights)

Previous foreign publishers: Bulgaria (AMG), Russia (Exmo), Spain (Grupo Ático)

Highlights:

- * Author is a record 56-time Moth StorySLAM champion
- * Author's business clients have included Amazon, Slack, Johnson & Johnson, Saatchi & Saatchi, Salesforce, MetLife, Pfizer, and many more
- * Internationally bestselling and award-winning author

Primary agent:

Taryn Fagerness Agency

Material: Available

When is the simple act of taking a breath an act of courage?

BREATH TAKING:

A Memoir of Family, Dreams, and Broken Genes
by Jessica Fein

At the age of five Jessica Fein’s daughter Dalia was diagnosed with a rare degenerative disease that would claim her life at 17. Before that moment came, and inspired by Dalia’s own insuppressible zest for life, Fein and her family would discover how to live in the present when the future can’t be fixed.

In this heartfelt yet clear-eyed memoir, Fein maps both her journey to becoming an adoptive mom and the roller coaster ride of loving and caring for a terminally ill child, persevering when the simple act of taking a breath can become an act of courage. Through it all, she discovers the need to be both relentless advocate and calm presence, to show vulnerability as well as strength, and to allow joy to be louder than sorrow.

“An epic story of love and resilience.” – **Kirkland Hamill, author of the critically acclaimed memoir *Filthy Beasts***

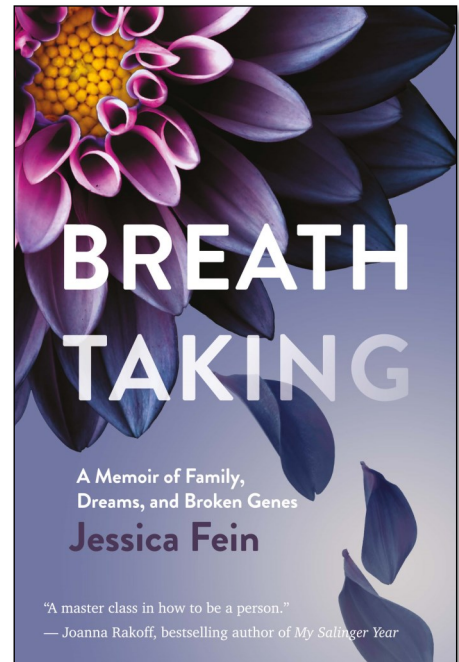
“Astonishing...one of the most moving memoirs I’ve read.” – **Caroline Leavitt, *New York Times* best-selling author of *With or Without You* and the forthcoming *Days of Wonder***

“More than an honest and humorous memoir, *Breath Taking* can be the guide star so many seek when life hands them more than they ever imagined they could endure.” – **Daniel DeFabio, Co-founder Disorder: The Rare Disease Film Festival, Co-founder The Disorder Channel**

“A story of relentless heartbreak met with wit, strength, and resilience.” – **Jennifer Weisel Bailey, *ELLE Magazine***



Jessica Fein is a mother, writer, and head of brand and creative services at Bright Horizons, a billion-dollar global childcare and education company. She and her husband adopted their three children from Guatemala. When her daughter Dalia was four years old, she was diagnosed with a rare degenerative disease, MERRF Syndrome. After the diagnosis, Jessica became immersed in the pursuit of a cure and turned into a fierce advocate for her children. Jessica now serves on the Board of Directors of MitoAction, the research, education, and advocacy organization for mitochondrial disease. She is the annual emcee for Boston’s Energy Walk & 5K, a mitochondrial disease fundraiser. Jessica was a *Boston Globe* opinion columnist and is the author of *Moving On: How to Make the Transition from College to the Real World* (Penguin 1996). Jessica lives in Boston with her husband and three children. www.jessicafeinstories.com



Behrman House

May 2024

Hardcover

67k words

Genre: Non-fiction, memoir

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Rights holder:

Behrman House

Material: Available

The culmination of tens of thousands of hours of research and application and insights honed by personality typing upwards of 50,000 people throughout the author's career

THE POWER OF PERSONALITY:

Unlock the Secrets to Understanding Everyone in Your Life—Including Yourself!

by Eric Gee

The Power of Personality demystifies the 16 different personality types by teaching the reader how to identify and appreciate their own unique type and that of others. By re-examining previously held assumptions on personality and debunking/clarifying them, the reader will be able to understand a person deeper than that person understands themselves. Considering the existential threat of our current, fractured sociopolitical climate tearing itself from within, this skill is not a luxury; it's a necessity.

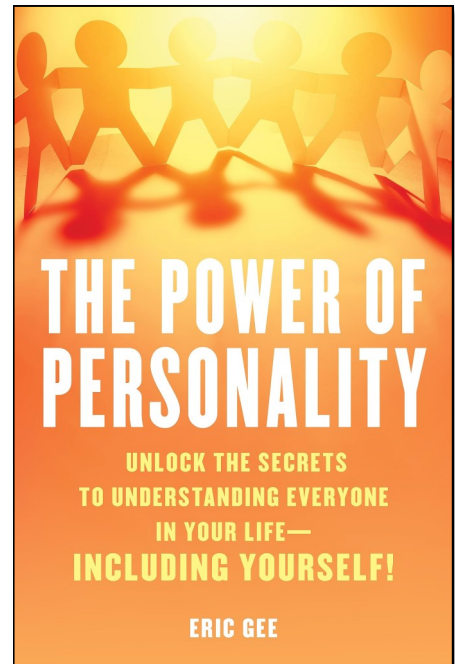
- 16 easy-to-remember, animal archetypes
- An instant conversation centerpiece that everyone can relate to—*The Power of Personality* is the best kind of non-fiction book: one whose subject matter will appeal to all readers because its subject matter is the reader
- A step-by-step guide on how to personality type. *The Power of Personality* is unique in that it trains you to be the test. No more arbitrary questions. No more mistyping

The Power of Personality is groundbreaking in that it will not only change the way readers see the world but will empower them to reexamine their relationships within it. Gone will be the daze of social disconnect and miscommunication. This book is a must-read, a harbinger of a “Youtopia” where, regardless of whether people are shoes, purses, hats, or polka dot cardigans, everyone is seen, heard, and accepted for who they truly are.



Eric Gee has performed personality type-based life coaching for over 20 years. He built and operated a successful education company that utilized his personality typing method to better the lives of more than 20,000 students, parents, and teachers. As creator of the Youtopia Project website and the Youtopia 16 Assessment, Eric Gee has disseminated his method to over half a million users since the website's creation in 2016. He has lectured on personality typing at universities such as UC Riverside

and Otis College of Art and Design. The Youtopia Project is the culmination of tens of thousands of hours of research and application, insights honed by personality typing upwards of 50,000 people throughout his career. youtopiaproject.com



Prometheus/Rowman & Littlefield

April 2024

Hardcover

80k words

Genre: Non-fiction, self-help

Rights available:

Translation

Foreign sales: British (Hodder), Germany (MVG)

Highlights:

* Eric Gee is the founder of the Youtopia Project and the Youtopia 16 Assessment

Primary agent:

Steve Harris
CSG Literary

Material: Available

An inspirational guide for visualizing and actualizing success on a personal and professional level

**THE SUCCESS GUIDEBOOK:
How to Visualize, Actualize, and Amplify You
by Elizabeth Hamilton-Guarino**

Author Elizabeth Hamilton-Guarino, master life coach and founder of The Best Ever You Network has long espoused that we must redefine success for our authentic selves—a one-size fits-all-concept is not only outdated but unworkable. Success is so much more than data or the dollars in our bank account. True success is reflected in the smiles that brighten our faces and the peace that settles in our hearts. It's the gratitude we seek in all things and the intention and actions being our very best in each moment.

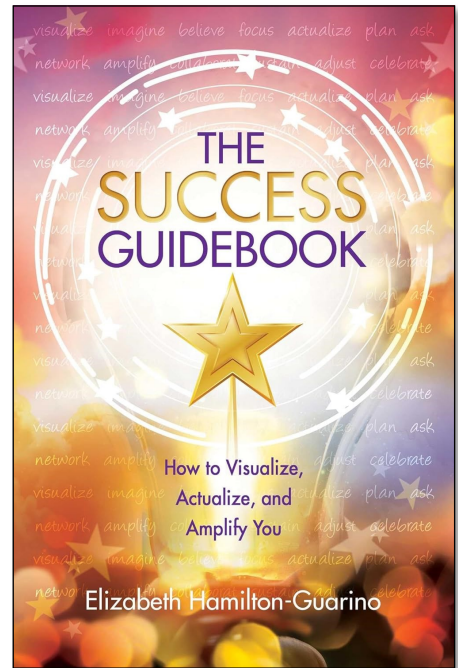
In *The Success Guidebook*, readers will find inspiration, motivation, and a pathway to live their best, most fulfilling life. By implementing Elizabeth's unique Ten Factors of Success—the behaviors consistently exhibited by people who stand out and behave with world-class excellence—readers will learn how to finally overcome the stubborn obstacles that have stood in their way and harness the power to move forward with clarity, a renewed purpose, and the personalized confidence to build a life of bold, brave, and infinite possibilities. Included are profiles of 20 people who exemplify these principles. Here's the secret: You don't need to be on a national or international platform to be world-class. You can have it right in your own home, to be and feel successful in each and every moment of your life. This book will help you learn how to tap into world-class behaviors and get the results you desire—at last.

"In this the latest literary gift from Elizabeth Hamilton-Guarino, you will readily see the gift is multi-fold. In reading her book, not only will you receive the wisdom and genuine, generous presence of someone who deeply wishes you to have the greatest success possible, you will feel yourself uplifted by your own power to achieve it." – **Michael McGlone, actor, writer, and singer**



Elizabeth Hamilton-Guarino is one of America's most trusted mindset, leadership and personal and corporate development consultants. As the Founder and CEO of Best Ever You and Compliance4, Elizabeth has helped thousands around the globe be their best and achieve world-class excellence. As a trusted leader, influencer, consultant, trainer, and speaker, and author, Elizabeth provides development and training to individuals and organizations around the world. Elizabeth graduated with honors in 1991 from

St. Ambrose in Davenport, Iowa and currently attends Harvard Business School. Elizabeth is the recipient of the 2019 Excellence in Finance—Leaders Award for her significant contribution towards the financial sector from FiNext. Elizabeth serves as a Leadership Advisor for the Olympia Snowe Women's Leadership Institute. Elizabeth and her husband, Peter R. Guarino, and their four sons live in Maine. www.elizabethguarino.com



Health Communications, Inc.
April 2024
Trade paperback
75k words

Genre: Non-fiction, self-help

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:

- * The author's radio show BestEverYou.com has 1.3 million subscribers and a global reach
- * The Best Ever You network has over 1 million followers on verified social media platforms
- * **Previous book, *The Change Guidebook*:**
 - Winner, 2023 Silver Nautilus Book Award in the Personal Growth & Self-Help
 - Winner, Silver Award in the 2022 Global Book Awards
 - Winner, Book Excellence Award, Inspirational Category
 - Winner, Silver Award Nonfiction Book Awards

Primary agent:
Steve Harris
CSG Literary

Material: Available

Create a secure emotional bond with your children—for a close, fulfilling parent-child relationship that lasts a lifetime. Therapist and wildly popular attachment research expert Eli Harwood (@attachmentnerd) illuminates attachment theory for the only parenting approach proven to have a lasting impact

**RAISING SECURELY ATTACHED KIDS:
Using Connection-Focused Parenting to Create Confidence,
Empathy, and Resilience
by Eli Harwood**

How do you raise confident, resilient, and empathetic children so they become adults with a secure attachment style?

The first ingredient needed is a trusting and connected relationship. When children feel seen, heard, and supported, all the other parenting tips and tricks start to work.

In this essential guide for parents across the age spectrum, author Eli Harwood shares what attachment theory—the science that explores the innate human need to bond with other humans—says about helping our children learn, grow, and thrive. Through making complex attachment research accessible, she provides a practical road map to the only parenting approach proven to have lasting positive impact.

When you parent with connection in mind, trust and a safe emotional bond develops, which is key to help kids self-regulate according to the most advanced relationship science today. This book includes strategies and practice scripts for navigating tricky terrain, Nerd Alert! sections to help explain the science, and personal stories of scenes from connection-focused parenting.

Most parenting books are focused on changing unwanted behaviors, but this book is unlike anything else out there: it'll update and upgrade other parenting approaches to make parenting for a lifetime of connection *actually fun*.

**Sasquatch Books
September 2024**

Trade paperback
25k words

Genre: Non-fiction, parenting

Rights available:
British and translation

Previous foreign sales: Germany, at auction (Goldmann), Spanish (V&R)

Highlights:

- * Announced 100,000 first print run
- * Eli Harwood is a social media star with over 165k followers on TikTok and 560k followers on Instagram

Rights holder:
Sasquatch Books

Material: Available



Eli Harwood is a licensed therapist who has been studying attachment theory for the past 15 years. She is trained in the attachment evaluation tool, The Strange Situation, as well as in the TBRI, which is a clinical application of attachment intervention for kids with trauma. Eli has been sharing insights on her social media to educate people about attachment since early 2022. <https://attachmentnerd.com>

The first-ever biography of an overlooked PGA star
and one of the best Black golfers in history

CALVIN PEETE:
Golf's Forgotten Star
by Gordon Hobson

His story is unprecedented in the world of golf. Born to a family of migrant laborers, Calvin Peete dropped out of school in the eighth grade, went to work picking crops, first swung a golf club at the age of 23—and rose to the top of the PGA.

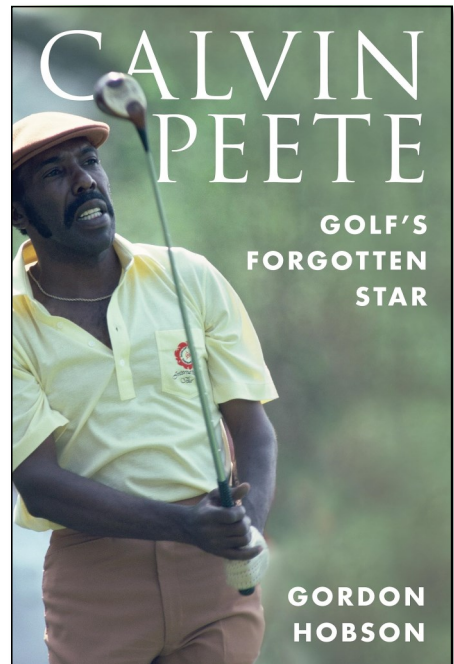
In *Calvin Peete: Golf's Forgotten Star*, Gordon Hobson tells for the first time Peete's incredible story. Hobson recounts how, when Peete joined the lily-white PGA tour in 1976, he stood out from the competition in more ways than one. Peete wasn't raised in country clubs and didn't learn the game at prestigious golf universities. He sported a huge Fu Manchu, cowboy boots, and had diamonds embedded in his teeth. Peete had a permanently bent left elbow and practiced endless hours in a public park to develop one of the most accurate swings in the history of golf. He endured years of futility and despair, but, eventually, he emerged as the best player on the Tour from 1982-86.

Calvin Peete's story is inspiring, but it also reveals the struggles many Black golfers endured even after the Caucasian-only clause was removed from the PGA's bylaws. He may have won 12 championships, played on the US Ryder Cup team twice, and won the prestigious Vardon Award, but the road to success wasn't easy. *Calvin Peete: Golf's Forgotten Star* shows how, even without the advantages some people are born into, one can find success through hard work, determination, and fortitude.

"A compelling read that ignites excitement and delivers insight on one of golf's most exceptional ball strikers." – **Debert Cook, CMP, publisher, African American Golfer's Digest**



Gordon Hobson is a retired attorney and first-time author from Columbus, Ohio. He was raised in a golfing family and has caddied in an LPGA event, a PGA Pro-Am, and for Bruce Fleisher when he won the 1968 US Amateur.



Rowman & Littlefield
February 2024

Hardcover
25k words

Genre: Non-fiction, sports

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:
* #1 New Release in Golf, Amazon

Primary agent:
Steve Harris
CSG Literary

Material: Available

Jamie Madigan, PhD, a leading expert in video game and board game psychology, explains how to use real psychological techniques to be a happier and more engaged D&D player or game master

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

by Jamie Madigan, PhD

In *The Psychology of Dungeons and Dragons*, Jamie Madigan, PhD, a leading expert in video game and board game psychology, explains how to use real psychological techniques to be a happier and more engaged D&D player or game master. Thanks in part to the success of *Stranger Things* and *Critical Role*, Dungeons & Dragons is having a massive renaissance, exploding in popularity in the last decade. It's now bigger than ever thanks to an accessible new edition, online tools, a ceaseless stream of new gaming guides, and a growing number of people playing it for audiences online.

The Psychology of Dungeons and Dragons is written for players and will help you enjoy the game more, run it more smoothly, get along better with your fellow players, and approach play on your own terms. It will do this by explaining how the psychology behind the game drives how we play the game, how we form relationships with other players, and how we change once we put away the dice and step away from the table. Madigan uses scientific research (translated for a mainstream audience) to create a practical guide for players and game masters curious about the intersection of their favorite game and the field of psychology. Each chapter contains practical tips and takeaways for everyone at the table to use when prepping for, thinking about, and playing their games.



Jamie Madigan has a PhD in psychology. His mission in life is to popularize understanding of how psychology can be used to understand why games are made how they are and why players behave and think as they do. He is the author of two books, *Getting Gamers: The Psychology of Video Games and Their Impact on the People Who Play Them* and *The Engagement Game: Why Your Workplace Should Look More Like a Video Game*. He has appeared as an expert on the psychology of video games in

dozens of print, web, and radio outlets, including *The Washington Post*, *Wired*, *Nature*, *The Atlantic*, *the Chicago Tribune*, *The Times London*, the BBC, *The Guardian*, and more. www.psychologyofgames.com



Leyline

Summer 2024

Hardcover

93k words

Genre: Non-fiction, psychology

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:

* Lead title

* The author's podcast, [The Psychology of Video Games](#), has over 50k subscribers

* Dungeons & Dragons is one of the most popular and famous role-playing games ever made. Read an article about the game in [Smithsonian Magazine](#)

Primary agent:

Courtney Miller-Callihan
Handspun Literary Agency

Material: Available

From conscious creativity leader James McCrae comes a guide to reclaim creativity as a sacred path to healing; awaken your sense of wonder, execute your craft, and reclaim the artist within

THE ART OF YOU:

The Essential Guidebook for Reclaiming Your Creativity

by James McCray

Creativity is our true magic. The ability to convert our thoughts into reality is a defining characteristic of being human. But it can also be hard work—especially in a culture that values conformity, trends, and marketability above authentic expression. For anyone who has hit a creative wall and wants to reignite their imagination and passion, author and poet James McCrae’s *The Art of You* is a powerful resource to help you access your inner magic and spark your joy in creativity.

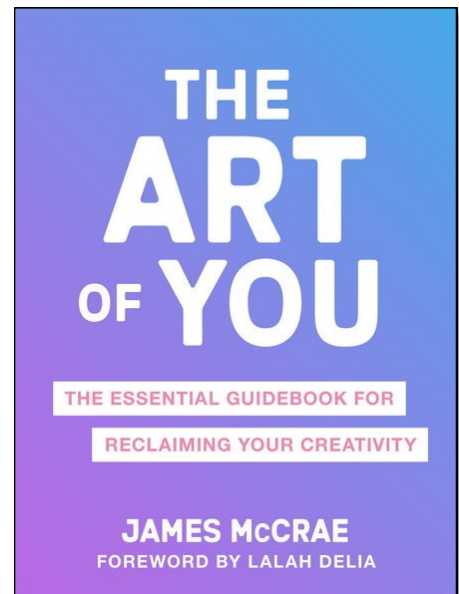
The Art of You helps you dissolve blockages and jump-start your imagination through the Yin-Yang approach. “We’ve been taught to focus on the Yang, which is about drive and effort,” says McCrae. “But we do so at the expense of the Yin: allowing, expansiveness, and flow.” Here he shares a flexible set of tools, exercises, rituals, and insights to help you address the most common impediments to the creative process—and awaken your sense of wonder, your childlike curiosity, and your ability to create something uniquely you out of nothing.

“*The Art of You* offers great insights and steps on how to cultivate creativity. This is essential reading for anyone looking to share their unique experience, to foster deep connections, and to inspire others.” – **Yung Pueblo, #1 New York Times bestselling author**



James McCrae is an author, poet, teacher, and meme artist based in Austin, Texas. He is the founder of Re-Creation Studio, a multi-disciplinary creativity school and community that fuses art, writing, and consciousness. James is the author of two books, *Sh#t Your Ego Says*, which has been translated into five languages, and *How to Laugh in Ironic Amusement During Your Existential Crisis*, the first ever book of published memes. As a creative strategist, James has worked with top global brands (including Microsoft, NBC, Target, SONY, Organic Valley, and United Healthcare). His work has been featured in *Forbes*, *HuffPost*, *Adweek*, *Yogi Times*, and *Entrepreneur*, and more. On his popular Instagram page (@wordsarevibrations) James shares daily memes, poems, and illustrations that delight and inspire his audience of 334k followers. He also hosts *Words Are Vibrations*, a podcast that explores the intersection of creativity, consciousness, and culture.

<https://jamesmccrae.com>



Sounds True

February 2024

Trade paperback

55k words

Genre: Non-fiction, creativity

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:

* James McCrae is a popular meme artist and created interior images for the book

* The author has 334k followers on Instagram (@wordsarevibrations) and averages 7,200 engagements per post

* Foreword written by Lalah Delia (Instagram following: 550K), the best-selling author of *Vibrate Higher Daily*

Primary agent:

Michelle Martin
MDM Management

Material: Available

After four billion years of evolution, our one species suddenly has the capacity to engineer intelligence and re-engineer biology. The future of our species, and of life on earth, depends upon our ability to use these god-like powers wisely

SUPERCONVERGENCE:

How the Genetics, Biotech, and AI Revolutions Will Transform our Lives, Work, and World

by **Jamie Metzl**

Superconvergence: How the Genetics, Biotech, and AI Revolutions Will Transform our Lives, Work, and World explores what the intersecting AI, genetics, and biotechnology revolutions mean for the future of life on earth. After four billion years of evolution, our one species suddenly has the capacity to engineer intelligence and re-engineer biology. The future of our species, and of life on earth, depends upon our ability to use these god-like powers wisely. In clear and powerful prose, the book examines what's happening, what's at stake, and what we can do now, on every level, to minimize risks and build the best possible future.

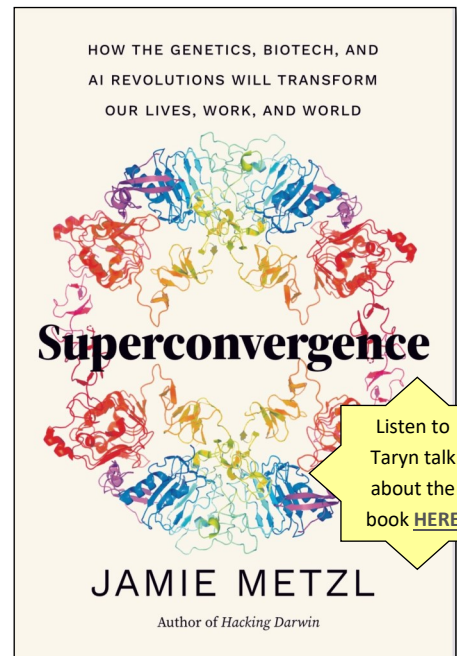
"During the 25 years I have known Jamie Metzl, he has always been ahead of the curve. There is no one better to help us understand and prepare for the fast approaching technological revolutions. *Superconvergence* is brilliant. I can't recommend it more strongly." – **Sanjay Gupta MD, bestseller author, neurosurgeon, and Emmy-award winning chief medical correspondent (CNN)**

"[A] fine counter-blast to the pessimism of today, Jamie Metzl lays out just how spectacular the future of humanity and planet can be..." – **Matt Ridley, author of *How Innovation Works***



Jamie Metzl is a leading technology and healthcare futurist, geopolitical expert, author, investor, entrepreneur, and media commentator. Founder and chair of the global social movement OneShared.World and an Atlantic Council Senior Fellow and Singularity University expert, Jamie previously served in the US National Security Council, State Department, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and as a Human Rights Officer for the United Nations in Cambodia, and was a member of the World Health Organization expert advisory

committee on human genome editing. Jamie been called "the original COVID-19 whistleblower" for his groundbreaking efforts calling for a full investigation into pandemic origins and was the lead witness in the March 2023 US congressional hearings on pandemic origins, the first such hearings held anywhere in the world. He is the author of a history of the Cambodian genocide, the historical novel *The Depths of the Sea*, the sci-fi thrillers *Genesis Code* and *Eternal Sonata*, and the non-fiction bestseller *Hacking Darwin: Genetic Engineering and the Future of Humanity*, which has been translated into 12 languages. His short story "A Visit to Weizenbaum" was made into the 2021 short film *Source Code*.
<https://jamiemetzl.com>



Timbre Press/Hachette

June 2024

Hardcover

52k words

Genre: Non-fiction, technology & science

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Foreign sales: Korea (The Business Books and Co.)

Previous foreign publishers: Arabic (Arab Scientific), Brazil (Faro), China (Beijing Xiron), Germany (Edition Korber), Poland (Otwarte), Portugal (Edicoes Saida), Russia (AST), Serbia (Laguna), Taiwan (Ecus Cultural Enterprice), Turkey (Can Yayinlari)

Highlights:

- * Lead title
- * Listen to our short podcast about *Superconvergence* [HERE](#)
- * The author has appeared on major podcasts like Joe Rogan and Lex Fridman reaching 30 million people globally
- * The author gave the [opening keynote](#) talk at the Dubai Future Forum 2023

Primary agent:

Jill Marsal
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

A comprehensive guide to car ownership and maintenance intended for anyone—regardless of age, gender and experience

**MECHANIC SHOP FEMME'S GUIDE TO CAR OWNERSHIP:
Uncomplicating Cars for All of Us
by Chaya Milchtein**

When did you last pick up a book about cars? Typically written for men, particularly automotive enthusiasts and mechanics, these books rarely appeal to the everyday car owner. *Mechanic Shop Femme's Guide to Car Ownership* is different. Automotive educator, journalist, and social media influencer Chaya M. Milchtein is a queer woman who has spent the last decade deeply entrenched in the automotive industry.

In a country where economic injustices disproportionately impact marginalized people, particularly people of color and the LGBTQ+ community, a reliable car and an excellent relationship with a quality mechanic is vital to climb out of poverty. Chaya understands that a vehicle is an economic necessity that can provide access to career opportunities, financial security, and physical safety. She also understands that queer folks and women often find it daunting to buy a car and, subsequently, deal with the realities of getting it insured and repaired.

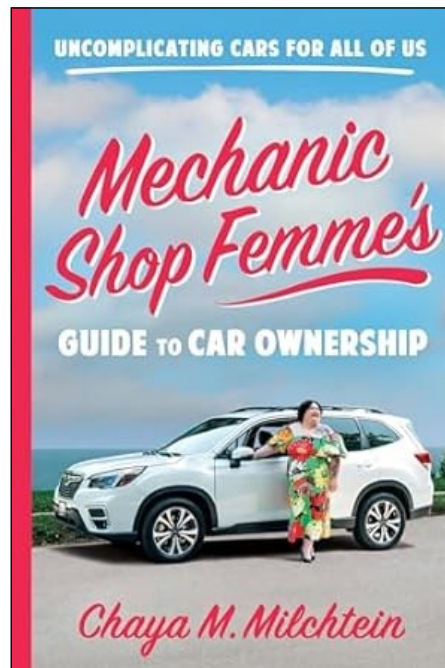
In *Mechanic Shop Femme's Guide to Car Ownership*, Chaya speaks to readers of all identities and socio-economic backgrounds, arming them with the necessary knowledge to navigate the intimidating automotive industry. At its core, this book is an accessible and comprehensive guide that will put readers at ease by providing them with basic knowledge about car ownership and maintenance. From buying a car, to getting it insured, finding the perfect mechanic, and dealing with car emergencies, Chaya encourages her audience to make educated decisions regarding their vehicles.



Chaya Milchtein is an automotive educator, writer, and speaker. As founder of Mechanic Shop Femme, she's made it her life's mission to educate women and LGBTQ+ people about their cars. She has written for publications like *Al Jazeera*, *Shondaland*, *Rewire* by PBS, *Helpful Mechanic*, *Prism*,

Daily Xtra, *The Huffington Post*, and others. She teaches private virtual automotive classes for students across the United States and Canada, and has taken these popular classes and created workshops for libraries, universities, and nonprofits. Offering automotive education that is accessible for everyone, regardless of experience, is the core of her business.

www.mechanicshopfemme.com



**Little, Brown Spark
April 2024**

Trade paperback
69k words

Genre: Self-help

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:
* #1 New Release in Automotive Repair, Amazon
* Author has over 500k followers on TikTok

Primary agent:
Maria Vicente
P.S. Literary

Material: Available

Learn the 12 behavior and mindset shifts master luminaries use for handling decision-making, failure, innovation, change, and crisis

PASSION STRUCK:

Twelve Powerful Principles to Unlock Your Purpose and Ignite Your Most Intentional Life

by **John R. Miles**

Are you living intentionally, with purpose and passion? Are you embracing the flame that ignites within you, or are you evading it? Will your future self be proud of your story, or do you yearn for something more?

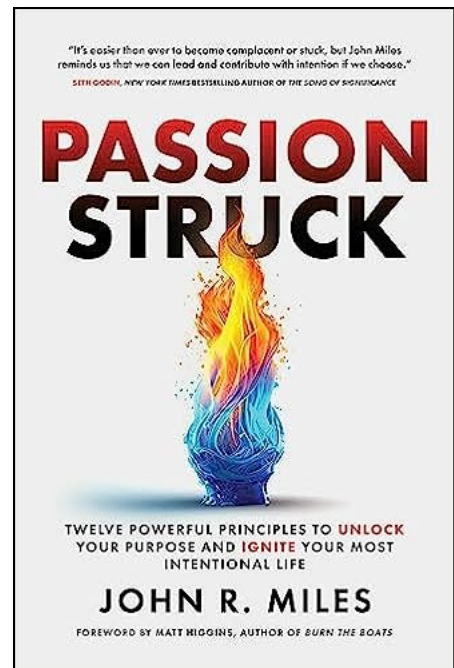
We all have personal limits that apply to different areas of our lives, such as creating abundance, making changes to our health or body, overcoming recurring patterns of self-sabotage, or simply believing in ourselves. However, we can tap into our unlimited potential when we push ourselves beyond these limitations. Once we let go of our doubts, we can begin to have faith in our new life. By intentionally acting as if it's attainable, we can gradually transform into the embodiment of that belief.

John R. Miles—entrepreneur, award-winning podcast host, former US Navy officer, and Fortune 50 senior executive—reveals his groundbreaking discoveries that allow you to reshape your past and create an empowered and limitless future through authentic and candid personal stories. Alongside these narratives are 12 science-based principles on mindset and behavior that Miles discovered by examining and interviewing successful professionals such as Marc Benioff, David Rubenstein, Katy Milkman, Bernie Marcus, Uri Levine, Marshall Goldsmith, Robin Sharma, Susan Cain, Shawn Springs, Thaddeus Bullard, Elon Musk, Susan Wojcicki, Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Navy SEALs, astronaut Chris Cassidy, and General Stanley McChrystal.



John R. Miles is one of the foremost authorities on the power of intentional behavior change and personal mastery, with a global reputation as a leader, speaker, educator, and advocate. Miles is the founder and CEO of Passion Struck and hosts one of the top health podcasts, *Passion Struck with John R. Miles*. For over two decades, he has helped many of the most well-known organizations on the planet, ranging from Dell, Lowe’s, Kroger, Target, Delhaize, Lend Lease, Safeway, ID.me, Proctor and Gamble, Nestle, Booz Allen, NASA, and the Department of Defense to excel in their work, thrive in times of change, and attain elite performance. He has established close personal connections with other business titans such as Marc Benioff, Michael Dell, Jim McKelvey, and numerous others, sharing the stage with them to inspire and motivate people. He reaches tens of millions of people every year through his social media posts, podcast, and YouTube channels, enabling them to boost their personal responsibility, productivity, creativity, and mastery. <https://johnrmiles.com>

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Post Hill Press
February 2024

Hardcover
85k words

Genre: Non-fiction, self-help

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Foreign sales: Bulgaria (Skyprint Publishing House)

Highlights:

- * Founder of Passion Struck®
- * Passion Struck podcast is in the top 0.05% of all podcasts worldwide
- * Passion Struck YouTube channel has over 1.2 million views and 102k subscribers

Primary agent:

Jill Marsal
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Material: Available

Hell Gate Bridge brings rare mental illnesses into the light, seeks to heal the fractures in our broken maternal and mental healthcare system, and shows how we can overcome the impossible when we fight to save the ones we love

**HELL GATE BRIDGE:
A Memoir of Motherhood, Madness, and Hope
by Barry Miskin**

In the summer of 2016, Barrie Miskin became pregnant with her daughter and was encouraged to discontinue the low dose of antidepressants she had been on for over a decade for the safety of the baby. This ended up being a grave mistake. By January 2017, Barrie was no longer recognizable to her family, her friends or herself.

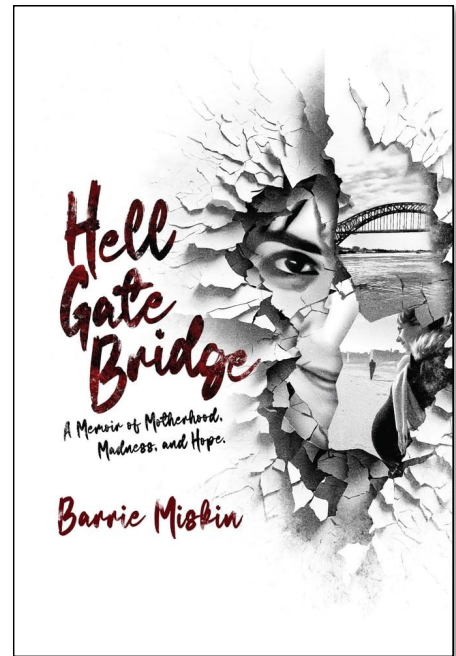
In Barrie's family's desperate effort to obtain a diagnosis and a treatment, they journeyed through the cold, bleak, and murky world of mental healthcare in the United States. Sometimes, they were met with compassion and care but more often than not, they were treated with dismissiveness, ignorance, and sometimes, cruelty. When Barrie was finally diagnosed with the very rare condition of pregnancy induced depersonalization and derealization disorder, she had to begin the long climb out of the dark well she was imprisoned in—all while trying to raise her beautiful baby daughter, keep her teaching career, and preserve her marriage.

Hell Gate Bridge brings rare mental illnesses into the light, seeks to heal the fractures in our broken maternal and mental healthcare system, and shows how we can overcome the impossible when we fight to save the ones we love.

“An addictive, harrowing account of one woman's descent into depersonalization-derealization disorder and a biting commentary on the American psychiatric care system. Barrie Miskin is a master storyteller, laying herself bare with honesty, earnestness, vulnerability, and charm. With the highs, lows and twists of an elegantly plotted novel, *Hell Gate Bridge* explores the paranoia and isolation of maternal mental illness from a whole other universe. This book is poised to be a seminal text.”
– **Mila Jaroniec, author of *Plastic Vodka Bottle Sleepover***



Barrie Miskin's writing has appeared in *Hobart, Narratively, Expat Press*, and elsewhere. Her interviews can be found in *Write or Die Magazine*, where she is a staff writer. Barrie is also a public school teacher in Queens, New York, where she lives with her husband and daughter. *Hell Gate Bridge* is her debut book.
www.barriemiskin.com



Woodhall Press

June 2024

Trade paperback

66k words

Genre: Non-fiction, memoir

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Primary agent:

JL Stermer
Next Level Lit

Material: Available

A scientific, groundbreaking approach to happiness and personal fulfillment

THE HAPPINESS FORMULA:

A Scientific, Groundbreaking Approach to Happiness and Personal Fulfillment

by Alphonsus Obayuwana, MD, PhD, CPC

In 1979, Dr. Alphonsus Obayuwana was awarded a national research grant and Smith-Kline Medical Perspective Fellowship to develop an instrument for measuring human hope, with the purpose of detecting hopelessness early enough in troubled human individuals so assistance could be offered in time to prevent suicide. The Hope Index Scale (HIS) that resulted from this grant became very popular with Fortune 500 companies and other institutions both in the US and in other countries. This led to the foundation of decades of research that ultimately resulted in this cutting-edge book, *The Happiness Formula: A Scientific, Groundbreaking Approach to Happiness and Personal Fulfillment*.

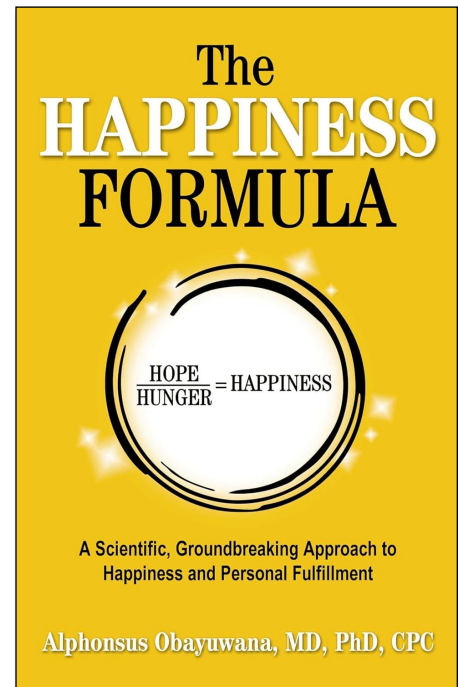
Unlike other books about happiness, which are too often filled with dos and don'ts, wishful thinking, and empty aphorisms, *The Happiness Formula* breaks new ground by introducing a universal unit of measure called the "Personal Happiness Index" or PHI. This makes it possible—for the first time ever—to calculate and assign numerical happiness scores to human individuals by plugging their unique hopes, hungers, assets, and aspirations into an equation.

Despite its title, *The Happiness Formula* is much more than a mathematical equation for measuring happiness. It is a book about life; the relationship between human hope and happiness; how to find, measure and boost them; and, most interestingly, how to confirm the happiest country in the world and even help identify the happiest living human, or HLH. It challenges the World Happiness Report of 2023, debunks three major happiness myths, and then introduces the Triple-H Equation—the simple but profound formula about what makes life worth living. This is a book for happiness seekers and happiness advocates everywhere.



Alphonsus Obayuwana, MD, PhD, CPC, is a physician-scientist, a happiness coach, and the founder and CEO of Triple-H Project LLC—an entity that trains and certifies happiness coaches. He is a Literary Titan Gold Award-winning author who has published several peer-reviewed articles in the national medical journals about human hope and happiness, including *The Hope Index Scale* that became widely used at the Coca-Cola company, General Motors, Veterans Administration, and many academic institutions inside and outside the United States. He is also the author of *The Five Sources of Human Hope* and *How to Live a Life of Hope*. triplehproject.com

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Health Communications Inc

March 2024

Trade paperback

53k words

Genre: Non-fiction, self-help

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Primary agent:

Steve Harris
CSG Literary Agency

Material: Available

The sports world has a new opponent:
climate change

WARMING UP:

**How Climate Change is Changing Sport
by Madeleine Orr**

In recent years, a world championship marathon was held at midnight to avoid the blistering sun. Professional athletes needed oxygen tanks to play during wildfire season in California. Players collapsed and play was suspended amid the heat and bushfire smoke at the Australian Tennis open. Ski resorts in the Alps have turned into ghost towns. Golf courses are sinking into the sea. And then there's the Qatar World Cup, among the greatest follies in sporting history, one that saw hundreds (perhaps thousands) of heat-induced deaths before a ball was even kicked.

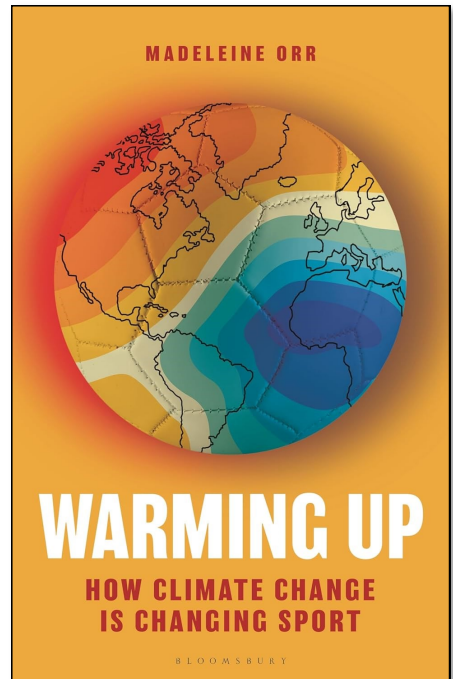
The threat climate change poses to sport is clear, but with billions of participants and fans around the world who rely on the sector for entertainment, jobs, fitness, and health, this is one industry we can't afford to lose. In this book, Madeleine Orr shows it doesn't have to be this way. There are ways to mitigate, and perhaps counter, even the worst elements of climate change.

A world-leading sport ecologist, Madeleine interviews athletes, coaches, politicians, and thought-leaders to learn more about the inevitable consequences for this trillion-dollar industry. From the frontlines of climate change, *Warming Up* takes readers through a play-by-play of how global warming is *already* impacting sport, and how the sports world can fight back.



Dr. Madeleine Orr is one of the first researchers to take a deep dive into the impacts of climate change on sport. A *Forbes* 30 Under 30 inductee in 2021, she is a research fellow at the University of British Columbia in the Faculty of Management. Previously, she was an Assistant Professor of Sport Management at SUNY Cortland. Madeleine is the founder and co-director of The Sport Ecology Group, an international consortium of academics who consult on climate issues for the Commonwealth Secretariat, the UNFCCC, the NFL, the MLB, the NCAA, and countless amateur sports organizations in North America and Europe. Her work has been recognized by the North American Association of Environmental Education (30 Under 30, Class of 2020), *Corporate Knights Magazine* (30 Under 30 in Sustainability Leadership, Class of 2020), and the *Forbes* 30 Under 30 list in 2021. Madeleine works closely with reporters at the BBC and ESPN to further public understanding of climate and sustainability issues in sports. She is a regular on the sport sustainability speaking circuit, having recently spoken at the UN's Sport Positive Summit, the Green Sports Alliance Summit, and the Commonwealth Sport for Development and Peace Network meetings.

www.madeleineorr.com



Bloomsbury Sigma

May 2024

Hardcover

96k words

Genre: Non-fiction, sports

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:

* Lead title

* Madeleine Orr was named to the 2020 *Forbes* 30 under 30 list, the *Corporate Knights* 30 Under 30 in Sustainability Leadership, and 30 Under 30 in Environmental Education – North American Association for Environmental Education

* Includes many international examples such as Beijing 2008 Olympics, Rugby World Cup Japan 2019, ice skating in Canada, Finland, and The Netherlands, Kenyan runners, and more

Primary agent:

Joe Perry
Perry Literary Agency

Material: Available

The third edition of the essential guide for college students and recent graduates to help them prepare for starting their career—now revised and updated for Gen Z to reflect the realities of the current job market

**GETTING FROM COLLEGE TO CAREER THIRD EDITION:
Your Essential Guide to Succeeding in the Real World
by Lindsey Pollak**

How do you get a job without experience and get experience without a job? It's the question virtually every college student and recent graduate faces. With the rise of hybrid work, advances in artificial intelligence, and ever-shifting economic circumstances, the situation for aspiring Gen Z professionals has never been more challenging. But there is help.

Lindsey Pollak's *Getting from College to Career* is the definitive guide to building the experience, skills, and confidence you need to tackle today's fast-moving job search, offering action-oriented tips and strategies ranging from the simple to the expert.

Revised with new material, this third edition includes up-to-date advice on how to:

- Use the best digital and mobile tools—including AI—for career prep and job hunting
- E-mail, text, and Zoom like a professional
- Interview in person and virtually
- Reskill and upskill for “jobs of the future”
- Manage your mental health through career ups and downs
- And more!

Getting from College to Career gives you the cutting-edge information and guidance you need to get your foot in the door of the real world. Don't start your first job search without it!

“A well-written, lively and easy to follow guide.” – **Time.com**



Lindsey Pollak is a *New York Times* bestselling author, international speaker and “generational translator.” She is a globally recognized career and workplace expert and the leading voice on generational diversity. She is the author of four career and workplace advice books including *The Remix: How to Lead and Succeed in the Multigenerational Workplace*, named a book of the month by both the *Wall Street Journal* and *Financial Times*. A sought-after speaker, Lindsey's keynote audiences and consulting clients have included more than 300 corporations, law firms, conferences, and universities around the world. Her advice and opinions have appeared in such media outlets as *The Today Show*, *The New York Times*, CNBC, CNN, and NPR. Lindsey is a graduate of Yale University and is based in New York City. www.lindseypollak.com

**Harper Business
September 2024**

Hardcover

Estimated 92k words

Genre: Non-fiction, business

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Previous foreign publishers: Vietnam (Quang Van Education)

Highlights:

- * *New York Times* bestselling author
- * Author was named to the Think50 Radar list in 2020

Primary agent:

Michelle Wolfson
Wolfson Literary Agency

Material: Available March 2024

A provocative exploration of the witches—and witch hunts—in the untold history of abortion, from the days of Socrates through the Salem Witch Trials and the 1980s Satanic Panic, all the way to our fraught post-Roe present, from journalist Sophie Saint Thomas

REPRODUCTIVE RITES:

The Real-Life Witches and Witch-Hunts in the Centuries-Long Fight for Abortion Access
by Sophie Saint Thomas

For millennia, across cultures and continents, women and people who experience pregnancy, as well as midwives and those who assist them, have been persecuted as witches (whether they actually practiced the craft or not). In this dauntless, voice-driven reassessment of that history, journalist Sophie Saint Thomas follows the tangled threads of witches and reproductive rights through the ages.

Through it all, she maintains an intersectional eye toward the subcultures most affected by reproductive oppression (including Native Americans, enslaved Black women, and trans people) and a scathing exposure of the hypocrisy of anti-choice crusaders (from the eugenicist Church of Satan founder Anton LaVey to the astrology-loving Republican Nancy Reagan). With heart, humor, and deeply researched insights, *Reproductive Rites* brings a new level of context to the urgency of our present moment as we fight for our rights in a post-Roe v. Wade America.

Running Press Adult
October 2024

Trade paperback
75k words

Genre: Non-fiction, history

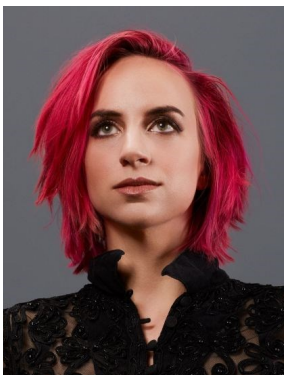
Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Primary agent:

Eric Smith
P.S. Literary Agency

Material: Available February 2024



Sophie Saint Thomas is an award-winning author, journalist, and astrologer based in New York City and originally from the US Virgin Islands. She writes for *VICE*, *Playboy*, *GQ*, *Glamour*, *Marie Claire*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and more and is *Allure Magazine's* resident astrologer and a sex columnist for *AskMen*. She is the author of five books, including *Weed Witch: The Essential Guide to Cannabis for Magic and Wellness*, *Sex Witch: Magickal Spells for Love, Lust, and Self-Protection*, and *Glamour*

Witch: Conjuring Style and Grace to Get What You Want.

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Create your inspirational playbook for life

SELF!SH:

Step into a Journey of Self-Discovery to Revive Confidence, Joy, and Meaning
by Stephanie Szostak

Chances are, if you've picked up this workbook, you are looking for a mind shift. You want more out of life. You are self-motivated to "do the work" to heal, grow, and thrive. Take a journey inward with humility and compassion. Forget the roles you play, the job title or the status symbol. Surrender. Make space for all of you, the bold and the vulnerable. This isn't about proving anything to yourself or anyone else. There is no audience here. Quiet down your inner critic. Follow your heart. Surprise yourself!

Built around eight self-reflection exercises, this workbook will guide you every step of the way through prompts, questions, and examples that will culminate in you creating your personal Playbook. You will be empowered to cultivate a sense of worth tied to your intrinsic value, your character, and your principles. You will gain clarity on what is truly important to you, what motivates you, and what gets you emotionally charged to live the life you want.

"Szostak is on a mission to improve well-being using science-inspired tools. In this delightful playbook you'll find exercises to discover your strengths, boost your resilience, and improve your mood—it's a welcome tool to promote thriving." – **Ethan Kross, international bestselling author of *Chatter***

"We need this now more than ever—a book that is part diary, part story, part experiment in self....This book will help people, I am certain of that!" – **Dr. Jennifer Ashton, ABC News chief medical correspondent and co-host of GMA3**



Stephanie Szostak is an actress, a Give an Hour Ambassador, and speaks on overcoming failure, being an outsider, and living with authenticity. Stephanie left her native France to study business and play varsity golf at the College of William & Mary. At 29 years old, after a brief stint at Chanel in New York City, she took a leap and gave the acting world a try. Her most notable projects include *The Devil Wears Prada*, *Iron Man 3*, *Dinner for Schmucks*,

and the ABC hit series *A Million Little Things*. Ten years into her career, she suffered from crippling imposter syndrome which pushed her to address her mindset and develop her own playbook as a daily practice of mental fitness.



Post Hill Press
November 2023
Trade paperback
25k words

Genre: Non-fiction, self-help

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:

- * Sold on pre-empt
- * Foreword by John O'Leary, #1 nationally bestselling author of *On Fire*
- * Featured on *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *New York Live*, and *Us Weekly*
- * First print run immediately sold out
- * Top New Release on Amazon, Journal Writing Self-help
- * Hit #2 on Amazon, Journal Writing Self-help
- * Hit #11 on Amazon, Happiness Self-help
- * Written in partnership with Give an Hour, a national mental health non-profit organization

Primary agent:
Liza Fleissig
Liza Royce Agency

Material: Available

At the intersection of science and art, this must-have coffee table book will open your eyes to colors that you've never seen before

**THE UNIVERSE IN 100 COLORS:
Weird and Wonderful Colors From Science and Nature
By Tyler Thrasher & Terry Mudge**

Life has had over 3 billion years to evolve here on planet Earth. During that time, we've developed an arsenal of senses to decipher the universe. With our amazing ability to paint, create, decode, scan, and unravel our visual reality, it would be hard to believe that there are some things the average human can overlook. This design-forward book highlights 100 mind-blowing colors that you might otherwise live your whole life unaware of. These colors exist in the strangest of places, and serve extremely specific functions in nature, or were human-made with one goal in mind. From Cosmic Latte (the average color of the universe) to Dragon's Blood (a tropical tree that bleeds a deep red resin with incredible medicinal potential); Sonoluminescence (a color created by sound!) to Eiengrau (the color we perceive in the absence of light, and no, it's not "pitch black"), here is the universe in living color.

Includes:

- Foreword by Hank Green
- A short and sweet introduction to color theory
- Photos, diagrams, snappy descriptions, and easy-to-understand category symbols
- Structural colors and colors outside the range of human visibility!
- Myth-busting section

Perfect for anyone who loves science or art, this gorgeous compendium of colors is bursting with astonishing facts and stunning photography.



Tyler Thrasher is a self-taught chemist and botanist with a BFA in computer animation and art history. He spent much of his childhood living in greenhouses, which would go on to inspire his love for nature. During college Tyler spent his free time crawling through caves, which inspired a body of art that involved synthesizing crystals onto preserved insects and organic matter such as skulls. This quickly became his full-time job and ultimately unraveled a deeper fascination for nature and experimentation, which has carried over into the idea for this very book. tylerthrasher.com



Terry Mudge opened the Stemcell Science Shop in 2016 with the goal of elevating the lackluster standard in scientific goods. After several successful years Terry launched his monthly Matter box, one of the most popular science subscription boxes around. He now spends his time hunting down fascinating pieces of nature and science to keep people tantalized by the infinite possibilities of the universe.

**Sasquatch Books
December 2024**

Hardcover
47k words

Genre: Non-fiction, science

Rights available:
British and translation

Highlights:

- * Tyler Thrasher is hot on social media, with over 368k Instagram followers
- * Foreword by YouTuber and *New York Times* best-selling author Hank Green (8 million TikTok followers)
- * Large-format, sleek coffee table book with beautiful photos

Rights holder:
Sasquatch Books

Material: Available

An original and empowering no-BS breakdown of how your unconscious is driving your behavior and how you can hack it to get the results you want in your life

YOUR UNCONSCIOUS IS SHOWING

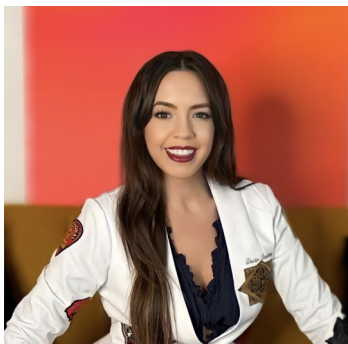
By Dr. Courtney Tracy

Raise your hand if you've ever wanted to do something (or stop doing something) that you couldn't. Be it finally eating more fruits and vegetables, quitting an unhealthy habit, or letting go of jealous behaviors, our conscious minds are often claiming to have goals aligned with bettering ourselves—goals which, for some reason, we don't follow through on. But if we genuinely want to accomplish something, shouldn't we simply be able to?

Nope. And, according to Dr. Courtney Tracy, it's all because of our unconscious mind. (I do not mean subconscious.)

In her groundbreaking debut, *Your Unconscious is Showing*, Dr. Courtney Tracy will guide readers through her highly original perspective on the unconscious, what it contains, and how it's the true driving force behind who we are and what we do. Most people move through life not understanding their own unconscious, and as a result, they are ruled by it. Your unconscious is not always your friend—in fact, it can be a real asshole (and make you one, too). Through a combination of personal anecdotes, client histories, and easy-to-understand scientific research, *Your Unconscious is Showing* will demystify the way the unconscious operates, physically, cognitively, psychologically, and relationally.

In each chapter, she will debunk some commonly held notions around human behavior and pop psychology with her No-BS Truths (“you don't have an inner child!”) and provide practical and usable tools for understanding how your unconscious was formed (spoiler: it started before you were even born—that's why it's so powerful), offering a definitive guide on how you, too, can hack your mind and live the life you want.



Dr. Courtney Tracy, also known as “The Truth Doctor,” is a USC-trained licensed clinical social worker, doctor of clinical psychology, autistic human, recovered borderline, and the founder of the Truth Doctor, a mental wellness company built to teach people what it means to be human. Clinically, she specializes in substance use and borderline personality, and holds over 10 years of direct client experience. She

also offers private coaching for high-profile social media creators and influencers. In 2017, Dr. Courtney founded her first multi-disciplinary treatment center in Santa Barbara, CA. Since 2020, she has developed the Truth Doctor, sold her first center, and has begun writing her debut non-fiction book alongside the development of her next treatment business. She is married to her partner of 18 years, has a young son, and is expecting her second child. www.thetruthdoctor.com

St. Martin's Essentials

March 2025

Trade paperback

25k words

Genre: Non-fiction, self-help

Rights available:

Translation

Foreign sales: British, at auction (John Murray One)

Highlights:

- * Sold in a 7-way auction in a significant deal
- * Author has 1.8 million TikTok followers, with 2.8 million likes
- * 114k Instagram followers
- * The Truth Doctor Show has 54.9 subscribers on YouTube

Primary agent:

CeCe Lyra

P.S. Literary Agency

Material: Available March 2024

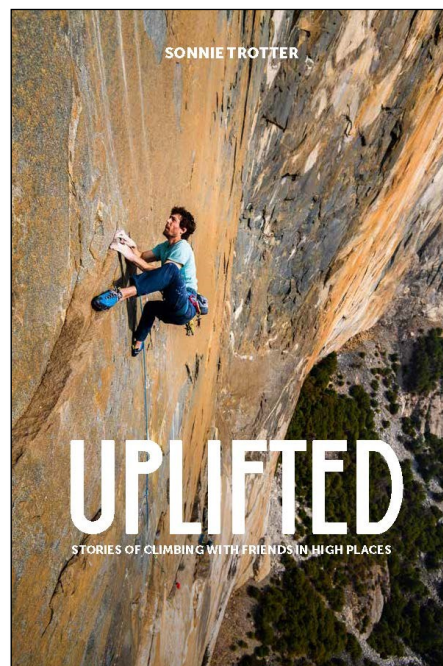
How is a person changed by commitment to their passion, and how does their commitment change over time? These are questions that esteemed climber Sonnie Trotter asks as he reflects on the most thrilling adventures of his life

UPLIFTED:
Stories of Climbing with Friends in High Places
by Sonnie Trotter

2020 was Sonnie Trotter's 25th year climbing. He's been at the forefront of the sport for most of that time, specializing in first ascents on rock faces most people cannot imagine scaling. In *Uplifted*, Sonnie recounts the most memorable moments of his career but also the rich relationships that are the spine of the sport, as well as the psyche that draws one to and evolves as one grows into and through this unique and challenging endeavor.

From learning to climb in an ancient grain silo in southern Ontario, to mastering some of the hardest, tallest rock climbs on Earth, Sonnie shares entertaining but candid tales about life on the road, living in the dirt, overcoming obstacles, and changing within his sport. He writes as if he is sharing stories around the campfire at the end of a great day, when you are bone-tired but loving the camaraderie, so much so that you don't want to retire to your tent. He embodies a "humble masculinity" in what is perceived as a high-adrenaline, hard-charging sport, but reveals that it is very much about careful consideration, insightful reflection, and balancing challenge and risk.

Sonnie speaks openly about how his attitude towards the risks climbing demands has changed as he has aged and changed his life's circumstances. Now married with two young children, he describes how he has reconciled these parts of his life and his identity. This is a crossroads that many—whether from commitment to a sport or through other circumstances of life—have faced and will relate.



Patagonia Books
November 2024

Hardcover
60k words

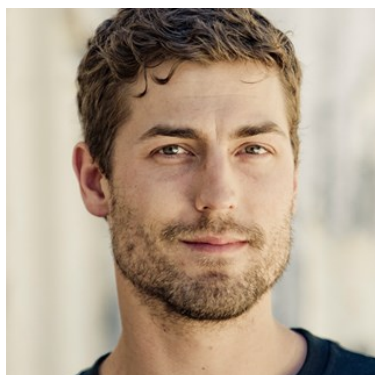
Genre: Non-fiction, sports

Rights available:
British and translation

Highlights:
* Includes photos throughout

Rights holder:
Patagonia

Material: Available February 2024



Sonnie Trotter was 18 when he first traveled to Rifle, Colorado. That trip opened his eyes and he immediately dedicated himself to climbing. His lists of accomplishments encompass all styles of climbing, from deep water soloing to big walls. Highlights include a free ascent of The Prophet on El Capitan and first ascents of Cobra Crack in Squamish and The Shining on Mount Louis.

The story of a unique and eye-opening adventure to the Alaskan Arctic to see how climate change has impacted land, wildlife, and indigenous culture

**INTO THE THAW:
A Quest for Wonder Amid the Arctic Climate Crisis
by Jon Waterman**

Forty years ago, author and photographer Jon Waterman took his first paddling journey into the Noatak headwaters in the Alaskan Arctic. In this fully illustrated book, he ventures once again, this time “into the thaw,” documenting the changes—both environmental and cultural—wrought by climate change. Sharing this eye-opening adventure with his son, Waterman documents the effects on altered land, wildlife and the Inuit-Inupiat life.

On the vertical and overhung sections of wall at the top, he points out the active layer of permafrost ground—replete with roots and dirt and decomposed plants—that thaws every summer. Then, below it, the colder, glossy, blackened wall of permafrost ice under active thaw. He hucks a rock at the bulletproof ice, which repels his missile without a dent. Old as the Pleistocene.



Jon Waterman found his calling as a writer while shooting photographs on expeditions more than four decades ago. Drawn to the physical challenge and peace he felt in the natural world, he continually fell short explaining this allure to others. The necessity of being fully present in the outdoors to witness beauty, and then to preserve the natural world, became essential to Jon. So he turned to writing to explain both adventure and conservation. He has also shot and written television films, including *The Logan Challenge*, *Surviving Denali*, *Odyssey Among the Inuit*, *ANWR Trek*, and *Chasing Water*. Jon is mostly known for his Northern explorations, detailed in many of his books and countless journals since 1978. Beginning in 2007, the rivers of the Southwest began to call, with an extended journey and National Geographic Society research projects. For two ambitious water and river conservation expeditions, he lectured extensively, produced a comprehensive river map and a photography exhibit, then published two books, *Running Dry* and *The Colorado River*. Jon is grateful for support and repeated funding from the National Geographic, two grants from the Walton Family Foundation, and grants from the Storer Foundation, SavetheColorado.org, the Kenney Brothers Foundation, New Belgium Brewing, Patagonia, and the Campion Foundation. He has two sons and lives in Carbondale, Colorado.

**Patagonia Books
October 2024**

Hardcover
70k words

Genre: Non-fiction,

Rights available:
British and translation

Highlights:

- * Stunning full-color photographs throughout
- * For his conservation efforts, the author has received funding and grants from the National Geographic, two grants from the Walton Family Foundation, and grants from the Storer Foundation, SavetheColorado.org, the Kenney Brothers Foundation, New Belgium Brewing, Patagonia, and the Campion Foundation

Rights holder:
Patagonia Books

Material: Available

An irreverent, interactive guided journal for anyone who wants to stop being miserable and get the hell on with living, using the tenets of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy as a guide

F*CKING DEAL WITH IT

A Journal for Practicing Acceptance and Getting the Hell on with Your Life

by Christina Wolfgram

Ready to transform your life with the power of acceptance? You can pay a lot (assuming you can find a therapist) for Acceptance and Commitment Therapy or you can try this guided journal. Packed with prompts and exercises based in ACT and featuring a macrodose of attitude, this journal will help you accept the inevitable crappy parts of living with humor and perspective, so you can start enjoying the life you have.

Author and mental health influencer Christina Wolfgram (*Sobcast: The Podcast*) walks readers through the four major steps from acceptance to commitment in a way that won't make you barf:

- Why the F*ck Am I So Miserable? Identify your pain points.
- Jealousy is a Sickness (Get Well Soon!) Turn jealousy into inspiration.
- F*cking Deal With It! Accept that sometimes things just suck.
- The Best is Yet to Come, B*tch! Commit to your core values.

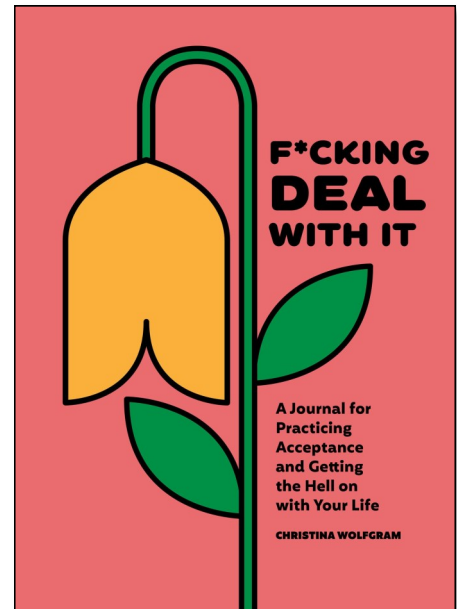
Each spread offers a prompt that's both fun and therapeutic—from a Who Am I Right Now? fill-in-the-blanks exercise to Good Sh*t I Want More of in My Daily Life List. Try it—what have you got to lose but your misery?

“As a therapist, I love this journal! It is so easy to follow and so cute! The use of values and coping tools are practical and experiential. I share this with my clients as an adjunct to therapy since this journal is perfect for between sessions.” – **Micheline Maalouf, LMHC, M.S., NCC**



Christina Wolfgram is a sit-down comedian because she rarely stands up. Her signature comedy videos have been viewed over a billion times online (no, really, a billion); her series *Christina Tried Her Best* racked up 100 million+ views. She has a Master's in Professional Writing from USC and a prescription for Lexapro. A huge believer that daily creativity = a happier brain, she teaches writing workshops to help people find their voice. Christina founded *Crying is Cool*, a fashion store for stylish sensitives, and hosts *Sobcast the Podcast*, where she begs the question, “What even is mental health?” and chronicles her own journey with anxiety, depression, and the horrifying, hilarious reality of being human. She lives in Portland, Oregon, with her perfect cat. www.christinawolfgram.com

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Sasquatch Books

May 2024

Trade paperback

12k words

Genre: Non-fiction, self-help

Rights available:
British and translation

Highlights:

* The author's comedy videos have been viewed over a billion times

Rights holder:
Sasquatch Books

Material: Available

Part nature guide, part self-help column, and all love letter to the more-than-human world, *Utter, Earth* is an exercise in wonder, for animal lovers and readers of Brian Doyle, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, and Amy Leach

UTTER, EARTH:
Advice on Living in a More-than-Human World
by Isaac Yuen

A light, literary take on an animal book for grown-ups, a tongue-in-cheek self-help column with lessons drawn from nature, a sort of hitchhiker's guide to the more-than-human world—Isaac Yuen's *Utter, Earth* is a celebration, through wordplay and earthplay, of our planet's riotous wonders.

In a time of dirges and elegies for the natural world, *Utter, Earth* features odes to sloths, tributes to trilobites, and ringing endorsements for lichen. For animal lovers and readers of Brian Doyle, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, and Amy Leach, each essay of this one-of-a-kind collection combines joyous language, whimsical tangents, and scientific findings to remind us of and reconnect us with those to whom we are inextricably bound. Highlighting life that once was, still is, and all that we stand to lose, this living and lively mini encyclopedia (complete with glossary) shines the spotlight on the motley, fantastical, and astonishing denizens with whom we share this planet.

"To shoal is to be social, to sense together, we learn in one of Yuen's more-than-human essays. But to school is to sweep together in unison, to dazzle with coherence. It's this spirit of schooling that animates *Utter, Earth*, essays that—in their curiosity, play, and care—aim to weave us back into a world of which we are but one small part."
— **David Naimon, host of *Between the Covers***

"Isaac Yuen's playful, precise book will delight biologist and linguaphile alike. With persnickety glee and accuracy, he holds obscure facts of the more-than-human world up to the light in a style that's a mashup of Rachel Carson, Gary Larson, Ross Gay, David Sedaris, and David Attenborough." — **Elizabeth Bradfield, author of *Toward Antarctica***



Isaac Yuen is the creator of *Ekostories*, an award-winning essay blog that explores the power of narrative to affect lasting change. His writing can be found in *The Willowherb Review*, *Entropy*, *GulfCoast*, *Orion*, *Shenandoah*, *Tin House*, and elsewhere. Isaac's work has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and deemed "Notable" in *Best American Science and Nature Writing*. He is an associate fiction editor with *Tahoma Literary Review* and a literary consultant with the Berlin-based Public Art Lab for the "Living Libraries for Nature Writing" project, based in the Allgäu region of southern Germany. He was recently a writer-in-residence at the Jan Michalski Foundation for Writing and Literature in Montricher, Switzerland. Isaac lives in Berlin. <https://ekostories.com>

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West Virginia University Press

April 2024

Trade paperback

45k words

Genre: Environment

Rights available:

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Foreign sales: Korea (Haksan Publishing)

Highlights:

- * Lead title
- * Includes 18 illustrations by Julian Montague
- * The lead essay was published in *The Pushcart Prize XLVII*

Primary agent:

Akin Akinwumi
Willenfield Literary Agency

Material: Available

Growing up amid addiction and chaos in a Minnesota trailer park, Tyler and his two brothers broke the cycle and forged a different path

TRAILER PARK PARABLE:

A Memoir of How Three Brothers Strove to Rise Above Their Broken Past, Find Forgiveness, and Forge a Hopeful Future by Tyler Zed

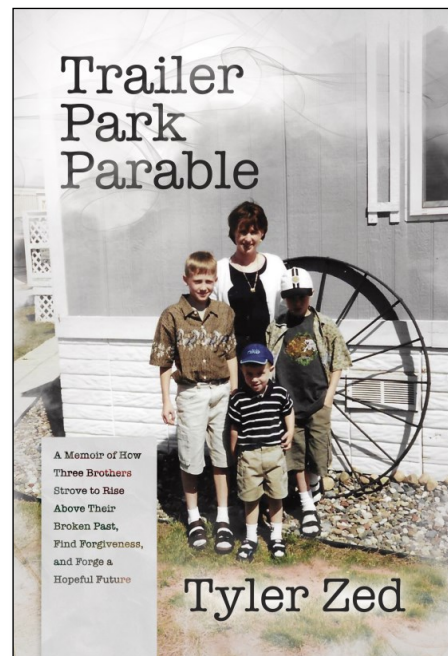
“Attempted murder victim told the Brainerd Dispatch she believes her 16-year old son saved her.”

This is the news article detailing the event that would drastically change the life of Desmond Janousek (Tyler Zed) and his family.

Growing up in a trailer park in small-town Minnesota, the Janousek household, with three boys, was full of chaotic fun—from playing hockey to building forts, to making their own home movies. It was also full of addiction and abuse that ultimately led to their father attempting to murder their mother on Christmas Eve of 2007.

Trailer Park Parable follows Desmond and his family before Christmas Eve 2007 and the events leading to that night, as well as the years after—how the boys dealt with varying degrees of PTSD and their own battles with addiction, before turning their creative coping mechanisms into million subscriber successes on YouTube.

From living in a trailer park to running their own multimillion dollar business, this story highlights a true American dream story countering a popular narrative that tells us: you may as well not even try, it’s rigged against you.



**Post Hill Press
January 2024**

Trade paperback
61k words

Genre: Non-fiction, memoir

Rights available:
Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

Highlights:
* #1 New Release in Substance Abuse Recovery, Amazon
* Tyler’s YouTube channel, Zeducation, has over one million followers and has over 93 million views globally
* *Trailer Park Parable* already hit #69 overall in the Kindle store, pre-orders

Primary agent:
Lindsay Guzzardo
Martin Literary Management

Material: Available



Tyler Zed (real name Desmond Janousek) was born in Minnesota in 1990. He served in the United States Air Force as a medical technician from 2011 to 2015. After getting out of the military, he attended the University of Minnesota where he began creating YouTube videos as a hobby under the alias “Tyler Zed.” Years later, his channel, [Zeducation](#), has garnered over a million subscribers and continues to get millions of views a week.



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