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Book Club Fiction

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The Rose Arbor

RHYS BOWEN

8/6/2024

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Venice Sketchbook*, whose Amazon Publishing books have reached over 2 million readers and will be translated into over 20 languages, comes a riveting, heart-wrenching novel about an aspiring reporter in 1960s London embroiled in the police investigation of a missing girl, uncovering a pattern of vanished children dating back to World War II, and family secrets of her own.

London, 1968: Plucky, ambitious Lizzie Houghton aspires to be a reporter at the *Daily Express*. Stuck in the obituary department instead, Lizzie spends her days dating the wrong men and gossiping with her policewoman roommate, Marisa.

When Lizzie happens upon the story of a 3-year-old girl taken in broad daylight from a London park, she convinces Marisa to let her tag along in the investigation. Convinced the case and a string of missing children who vanished during the early days of World War II are connected, Lizzie sets out to solve the disappearances in the hope it will be her big break.

Only, the threads of mystery lead closer to home than expected, turning up long-held family secrets...

About the Author

Rhys Bowen is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than fifty novels, including *Where the Sky Begins*, *The Venice Sketchbook*, *Above the Bay of Angels*, *The Victory Garden*, *The Tuscan Child*, and her World War II novel *In Farleigh Field*, the winner of the Left Coast Crime “Lefty” Award for Best Historical Mystery Novel and the Agatha Award for Best Historical Novel. Bowen’s work has won twenty honors to date, including multiple Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity Awards. Her books have been translated into many languages, and she has fans around the world, including sixty-seven thousand Facebook followers. A transplanted Brit, Bowen divides her time between California and Arizona. For more information, visit www.rhysbowen.com.

Praise for Rhys Bowen

“Rhys Bowen crafts a propulsive, unexpected plot with characters who come vibrantly alive on the page.” —**Mark Sullivan, #1 bestselling author of *Beneath a Scarlet Sky***

“Rhys Bowen is one of the very best fiction writers of the day. With a deep understanding of the wounded human heart, and an uncanny ability to capture the quiet emotions and the grand scale of war, she rises above her contemporaries. This is magnificently written and a must read.” —**Louise Penny, *New York Times* bestselling author**

“This delightful mystery neatly blends historical details of late Victorian life, from rich foods to royalty, into a story spiced with humor and romance. Bowen’s depiction of Bella as a modern Victorian woman, skillfully navigating class differences while struggling with the choice between a safe life and her ambitions, rings true.” —***Library Journal* (starred review) for *Above the Bay of Angels***



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All Languages

In Any Lifetime

MARC GUGGENHEIM

7/16/2024

A celebrated physicist and devoted husband defies fate and risks everything to find the one universe where his beloved wife is still alive in this bold and thought-provoking novel.

Dr. Jonas Cullen has spent his career as a groundbreaking physicist defying the odds. But on the best night of his life—the night his wife, Amanda, tells him they're finally having a baby—everything is taken away when a tragic car accident claims the lives of Amanda and their unborn child.

Gutted by pain, Jonas sets out to find a way to bring back Amanda—or rather, find a parallel universe in which she's still alive. But that's easier said than done. As Jonas comes to understand all too well, the universe favors certain outcomes...and Amanda's death is one of them.

Guggenheim's novel takes readers on a suspenseful journey, intercutting scenes of Jonas's frantic, present-day search across multiple realities with glimpses from the past of his unfolding romance and eventual marriage. Will Jonas and Amanda reunite in some other world, or will fate succeed in taking her from him forever?

About the Author

Marc Guggenheim grew up on Long Island, New York, and earned his law degree from Boston University. After over four years in practice, he left law to pursue a career in television.

Today, Guggenheim is an Emmy Award-winning writer who writes for multiple mediums including television, film, video games, comic books, and new media. His work includes projects for such popular franchises as Percy Jackson, Star Wars, Call of Duty, Star Trek, and Planet of the Apes.

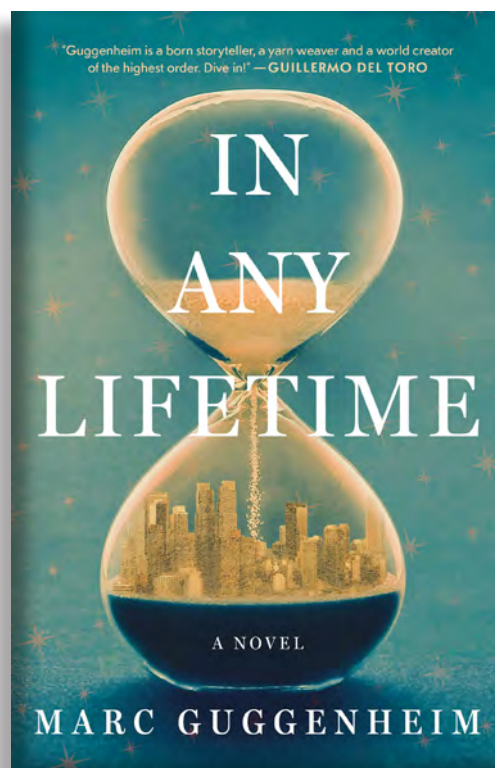
Guggenheim currently lives in Encino, California, with his wife, two daughters, and a handful of pets. Keep up to date on his latest projects with *LegalDispatch*, a weekly newsletter where he shares news and notes about writing, comics, and the entertainment industry. Check it out at www.marcguggenheim.substack.com.

Praise for *In Any Lifetime*

"Marc Guggenheim is one of the great imaginative minds of our medium and a born storyteller, yarn weaver, and world creator of the highest order. Dive in!"
—**Guillermo del Toro**

"Heartfelt and beautifully written, *In Any Lifetime* elegantly leaps between science fiction and romance, begging you to ask the age-old question: How far will you go for the one you love?" —**Brad Meltzer, #1 bestselling author of *The Lightning Road* and *The Escape Artist***

"*In Any Lifetime* is a special book, the kind that seamlessly weaves genres together to tell a story that feels vibrant and fresh but also timeless. A multiverse thriller/romance that is packed with heart and stakes—I was hooked from page one." —**Alex Segura, bestselling author of *Secret Identity***



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GENRE	Family Drama
PAGE COUNT	347

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All Languages

The Outlaw Noble Salt

AMY HARMON

4/9/2024

A sweepingly romantic tale of risk, redemption, and what happens when America's most famous outlaw falls in love from *New York Times* bestselling author Amy Harmon, whose books will be translated into over 24 languages and have reached over 2 million readers.

When infamous outlaw Butch Cassidy decides to go straight, he discovers that too many of the powerful men he crossed won't let bygones be bygones. To have a chance at a new life, he'll have to become someone else entirely.

A brief, fateful encounter with the celebrated singer Jane Touissant on the eve of his escape offers a glimpse of what might have been, but Butch disappears, leaving her behind, until their paths unexpectedly converge again in Paris.

Despite having discovered his true identity, Jane trusts the outlaw and enlists his protection on her upcoming American tour. Although Butch is reluctant to agree, fearing his sordid past may put the woman and her young son in danger, the salvation she offers is too hard to resist.

As they set forth on their journey, Butch's past and Jane's secrets put them at risk from threats far greater than the law, and this legend of the American West will have to decide what matters most—his life, his legacy, or the woman he loves.

About the Author

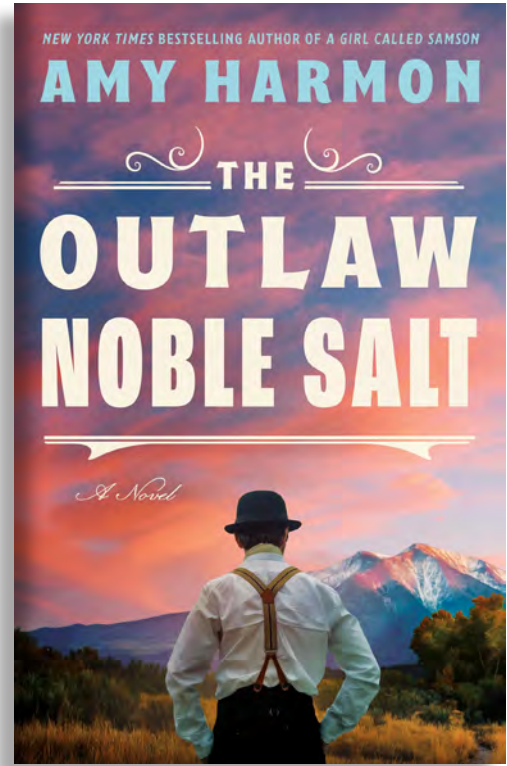
Amy Harmon is a *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and *New York Times* bestselling author. Her books have been published in more than two dozen languages around the globe. Harmon has written twenty novels, including the *USA Today* bestseller *Making Faces*. Her historical novel *From Sand and Ash* was the Whitney Award-winning Novel of the Year in 2016. Her novel *What the Wind Knows* topped the Amazon charts for thirteen weeks and was on the top 100 bestsellers chart for six months. *A Different Blue* is a *New York Times* bestseller, and her *USA Today* bestselling fantasy *The Bird and the Sword* was a Goodreads Best Book of 2016 finalist. For updates on upcoming book releases, author posts, and more, head to www.authoramyharmon.com.

Praise for Amy Harmon

"A thought-provoking, deeply moving read in which a patriotic woman, forbidden from serving her country due to her sex, defies all odds to do it anyway. Harmon's riveting narrative allows Samson's bravery, both on and off the battlefield, to soar from the pages of long-forgotten history." —**Historical Novels Review**

"I don't often find a book I can't put down, but I devoured *What the Wind Knows*. It's magical, atmospheric, and compelling, a book that will haunt you for a long time." —**Rhys Bowen, *New York Times* and #1 Kindle bestselling author of *The Tuscan Child*, *In Farleigh Field*, and the Royal Spyness novels**

"Amy Harmon brings a tragic and fascinating period of history to life with a poignant love story that plays out across time and oceans. Skillfully woven around vividly depicted historical events and figures, this is a page-turner, hard to put down until the end." —**Helen Bryan, international bestselling author of *War Brides*, *The Sisterhood*, and *The Valley***



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All Languages

Bohemian Hope (Böhmische Hoffnung)

Die Lemberg-Saga Book 1

KARIN LINDBERG

4/9/2024

The first book in a new historical family saga set in Sudetenland about forbidden love, political upheaval, and duty to one's family and country by #1 Kindle bestselling author Karin Lindberg.

Bohemia, 1937: When young Alba Lemberg returns home after a stay with relatives, the joy of seeing her family is short lived. Alba's parents, a prominent industrial couple, surprise her with a plan to set her up with a wealthy German man. Alba doesn't dream about marriage and children, but instead of taking over the family weaving mill.

With her parents distracted trying to keep the company and her sister's wedding on course, Alba secretly befriends Miroslav, a Czech laborer at the mill. Through their fledgling relationship, Alba begins to see the world—and romance—in a new light.

The Lemberg family must find a way to navigate love, heartbreak, and betrayal as tensions in the Sudetenland rise in this gripping family drama.

About the Author

Karin Lindberg worked in boardrooms of international corporations for ten years, but as soon as her first novel was published, she submitted her resignation to spend every free minute writing. She creates strong heroines and enthralling heroes, puts obstacles in their way and yet lets them experience their happily ever after. She has now published more than thirty novels, which have sold well over a million copies. *Bohemian Hope* is the first book in her new historical family saga, The Lemberg series. Karin Lindberg and her family live just outside Hamburg. .



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ZIBBY OWENS

3/1/2024

A wife, mother, and frustrated writer faces an impossible deadline for turning her life around in a hilarious debut novel from a celebrated publishing figure about family, friendship, success, and exhilarating self-(re)discovery.

Pippa Jones is a fortyish former literary sensation who fears she will be a one-hit wonder. After the follow-up book she was *almost* done writing, *Podlusters*, had to be tossed (it ended up sharing a plot and title with superstar author Ella Rankin's summer blockbuster!), she couldn't write a thing. Months of staring at a blank page made her confidence vanish like a one-night stand. When she finds out that she has only five days left to finish (or rather, *start*) or repay an advance she's already spent, Pippa has a brilliantly original idea. Okay, fine, her twelve-year-old son came up with it as a joke, but Pippa and her teenage daughter approved.

Pippa's not only going to make a bold statement, but she'll change the book world while she's at it! Can she pull it off? At this point, she doesn't have a choice.

When Pippa's publisher gets intimately involved, it unlocks a series of plot twists she never saw coming. From the courtyards of posh Beverly Hills hotels and Malibu mega-mansions to Brentwood and Santa Monica bookstores, Pippa races against time—in her used Volvo—and discovers more about her career, marriage, family, friends, and herself than she ever could have dreamed up.

About the Author

Zibby Owens is the author of *Bookends: A Memoir of Love, Loss, and Literature* and the children's book *Princess Charming* and is the editor of two anthologies: *Moms Don't Have Time to Have Kids: A Timeless Anthology* and *Moms Don't Have Time To: A Quarantine Anthology*. Creator and host of the award-winning daily podcast *Moms Don't Have Time to Read Books*, Zibby is the founder and CEO of Zibby Media, dubbed "the Zibby-verse" by the *Los Angeles Times*. It includes publishing house Zibby Books, online magazine *Zibby Mag*, Zibby's Book Club, retreats, classes, and events. She also owns Zibby's Bookshop, an independent bookstore in Santa Monica, California. A regular contributor to *Good Morning America* and other outlets, she loves recommending books as "NYC's Most Powerful Book-fluencer" (*Vulture*). A graduate of Yale University and Harvard Business School, Zibby currently lives in New York (with frequent visits to LA) with her husband, Kyle Owens of Morning Moon Productions, and her four children ages nine to sixteen. Follow her on Instagram @zibbyowens and on Substack, where she tells it like it is.

Praise for Zibby Owens

"Leave it to Zibby Owens to write a novel about a lovable woman single-handedly disrupting the publishing industry. *Blank* explores marriage, parenting, friendship, and the competitive high jinks of the book trade with the perfect amount of wit and light-touch humor. I devoured this book in a single sitting." —**Annabel Monaghan, author of *Nora Goes Off Script* and *Same Time Next Summer***

"This is a sunny rom-com with a deep, dark heart—comedic and sad in equal measures. Yes, it's a meta-satire about the publishing industry, but it's also an authentically serious story about the pressure to be everything to everyone. Or, in other words, about what it means to be a woman." —**Catherine Newman, author of *We All Want Impossible Things***

"Zibby Owens captures every writer's nightmare in her fiction debut: someone beats you to the bookshelves with basically the same book you are currently writing. Add to this some genuine home drama, financial worries, and trouble in paradise, and you have a book that you race through because you just want to know what is going to happen!" —**Laurie Gelman, author of the *Class Mom* series**



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The Curious Secrets of Yesterday

NAMRATA PATEL

6/11/2024

A woman's ambitions clash with familial expectations in a captivating novel about generational secrets and self-discovery by the bestselling author of *The Candid Life of Meena Dave*, a Center for Fiction First Novel Prize finalist.

Raised by her mother and grandmother and tutored in the healing wonders of spices, Tulsi Gupta is expected to carry on the ancestral tradition from her family's Salem spice shop. Restless and reluctant, Tulsi yearns to follow her own path—destiny has other plans.

When Tulsi finds a letter written by her grandmother, addressed and never sent, that speaks of a long-ago betrayal, she decides to unravel the mystery as a distraction. But Tulsi stumbles into much more than she bargained for. With each new discovery, she learns there's much more to her mother and grandmother than their expertise in the remedial aromas of coriander and cloves. When an attractive neighbor begins renovating the shuttered deli next door, Tulsi finds the courage to break her routine and chase the unexpected.

As Tulsi digs into the past and secrets come to light, she's determined to heal old family wounds and find her true purpose—and maybe even love—every step of the way.

About the Author

Namrata Patel is the bestselling author of *Scent of a Garden* and *The Candid Life of Meena Dave*. She examines diaspora and dual-cultural identity among Indian Americans in her writing and explores this dynamic while also touching on the families we're born with and those we choose. Namrata, who has been writing most of her adult life, has lived in India, New Jersey, Spokane, London, and New York City and currently resides in Boston. For more information, visit www.namratapatel.com.

Praise for Namrata Patel

"Patel has written a touching tale of one young woman's reckoning with her family's generational legacy, staying true to her roots and traditions while at the same time forging a path for herself. Full of warmth and humor, this book is recommended for all fiction collections." —**Booklist**

"A thoroughly entertaining rendition of one woman's search for belonging." —**Kirkus Reviews**



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GENRE	Contemporary
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All Languages

The Waves Take You Home

MARÍA ALEJANDRA BARRIOS VÉLEZ

3/19/2024

In this heartfelt story about how the places we run from hold the answers to our deepest challenges, the death of her grandmother brings a young woman home, where she must face the past in order to become the heir of not just the family restaurant, but her own destiny.

Violeta Sanoguera had always done what she was told. She left the man she loved in Colombia in pursuit of a better life for herself and because her mother and grandmother didn't approve of him. Chasing dreams of education and art in New York City, and with a new love, twenty-eight-year-old Violeta establishes a new life for herself, on her terms. But when her grandmother suddenly dies, everything changes.

After years of being on her own in NYC, Violeta finds herself on a plane back to Colombia, accompanied at all times by the ghost of her grandmother who is sending her messages and signs, to find she is the heir of the failing family restaurant, the very one Abuela told her to run from in the first place. The journey leads her to rediscover her home, her grandmother, and even the flame of an old love.

About the Author

María Alejandra Barrios Vélez is a writer born in Barranquilla, Colombia. She has an MA in creative writing from the University of Manchester and lives in Brooklyn with her husband and scruffy dog, Gus. She was the 2020 SmokeLong Flash Fiction Fellow, and her stories have been published in *Shenandoah Literary*, Vol. 1 Brooklyn, *El Malpensante*, *Fractured Lit*, *SmokeLong Quarterly*, *The Offing*, and more. Her work has been supported by organizations such as Vermont Studio Center, Caldera Arts, and the New Orleans Writers' Residency.

The Waves Take You Home is María's debut, inspired by the resilience and strength of the women in her family and the Caribbean city she spent most of her life in.

Praise for María Alejandra Barrios Vélez

"It's hard to put down an international love triangle, especially one featuring ghosts and a quest to save a family's legacy set along the Caribbean coast! Every page in *The Waves Take You Home* sizzles with life and lush descriptions. I grew nostalgic as I read for the sights and smells of Colombian street food and culture. It's a love story, deeply invested in all the ways love defines us—love for family, childhood crushes, tradition, and especially a well-cooked meal."

—**Adriana E. Ramirez, author of *Dead Boys*, winner of the PEN Fusion Award, and author of the forthcoming novel *The Violence***

"Richly atmospheric and poignant, *The Waves Take You Home* is a delicious feast for the heart. María Alejandra Barrios Vélez's debut thoughtfully examines the way generational roots bind us to the past and nurture our future. I could feel the oppressive heat of Barranquilla, Colombia, taste the flavorful paella, and smell the sweet vanilla in the air as Violeta 'Vi' Sanoguera learns to trust her intuition and find her voice. A story of self-discovery, family, food, and love I didn't want to end!" —**Lauren Parvizi, author of *La Vie, According to Rose***

"*The Waves Take You Home* is a tender, generous novel that sings with the rhythms of family, food, and love. A warm and wise meditation on the ghosts of lives unlived that challenges familiar immigrant narratives and resounds with the voices of three unforgettable women. María Alejandra Barrios Vélez conjured a world I didn't want to leave." —**Katie Gutierrez, national bestselling author of *More Than You'll Ever Know***



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All Languages

An Echo in Time

BOO WALKER

8/20/2024

Breaking a cycle of transgenerational trauma leads to a heartrending mystery in a powerful novel about love, loss, and truth by the bestselling author of *An Unfinished Story* and *The Stars Don't Lie*, whose books have reached over half a million readers.

Charli Thurman comes from a long line of family disasters and tragedies, all of which she's absorbed like an ill-fated Thurman trait. At twenty-nine years old, and unable to catch a break in life, love, and career, Charli sees only red lights with every step forward. As for breaking the cycle, Charli doesn't know where to begin. It goes back further than she imagined.

Skeptical but desperate, Charli attends a family constellation retreat in Costa Rica—an illuminating session in transgenerational patterns, memories, and trauma. Whatever terrible thing it was that happened in the past, it's created an imbalance that's still in the blood. Then Charli's research into a damaged inheritance leads her to Winchester, England, where more than a century ago a murder occurred.

When she meets a charming pub owner named Noah, whose own history is entwined with Charli's, the mystery deepens. Solving it becomes an astonishing journey of discovery, healing, and truth that could create the change Charli has been searching for, and hoping for, all her life.

About the Author

Boo Walker is the bestselling author of *The Stars Don't Lie*, *A Spanish Sunrise*, *The Singing Trees*, and *An Unfinished Story*, among other novels. He initially tapped his creative muse as a songwriter and banjoist in Nashville before working his way west to Washington State, where he bought a gentleman's farm on the Yakima River. It was there among the grapevines and wine barrels that he fell in love with telling high-impact stories that now resonate with book clubs around the world. Rich with colorful characters and boundless soul, his novels will leave you with an open heart and a lifted spirit. Always a wanderer, Boo currently lives in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, with his wife and son. He also writes thrillers under the pen name Benjamin Blackmore. You can find him at boowalker.com and benjaminblackmore.com.

Praise for Boo Walker

"Beautifully written...Ideal for book groups and for readers who enjoyed Nicholas Sparks's novels."—***Publishers Weekly***

"The perfect mix of character-driven, heartstring-pulling drama and sharp-witted humor. Clearly, Boo Walker is an author whose time has come."—**Julianne MacLean, *USA Today* bestselling author**

"I was swept away by Boo Walker's deft storytelling and incredibly complex characters. Soulful but also full of sharp dialogue and humor, [this] is exactly the sort of book you get lost in, then mourn when it is over."—**Suzanne Redfearn, #1 Amazon bestselling author of *In an Instant***



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Children's

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Silly Boobies

AME DYCKMAN

ILLUSTRATED BY CHRISTOPHER WEYANT

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From a *New York Times* bestselling author and a Geisel Award winning illustrator comes a delightfully heartwarming tale about two birds who learn the transcendent power of true love.

The blue-footed boobies live on one rock, and the red-footed boobies live on another rock. They keep apart, each convinced that they are the best boobies.

But one day, a couple run into each other. And, for the first time, they look into each other's eyes, not at the color of their feet. The couple falls in love and marries over the objection of red and blue families.

Alas, in time, they have a surprise that causes both families to see that maybe they aren't so different after all.

About the Author

Ame Dyckman is the award-winning author of many books for children, including *Don't Blow Your Top!*, *How Dinosaurs Went Extinct: A Safety Guide*, and the *New York Times* bestselling *Wolfie the Bunny*. Ame lives with her family in beautiful central New Jersey. (It's a little like camping, but with malls and pizza.) If you can't make it to New Jersey, you can visit Ame on social media, or at www.amedyckman.com.

About the Illustrator

Christopher Weyant is the illustrator of Theodor Seuss Geisel Award winner *You Are (Not) Small* and five more books in that series, as well as Christopher Award winner *Eraser, Marker, Hudson and Tallulah Take Sides*, *Can I Tell You a Secret?*, and *Will You Help Me Fall Asleep?* Christopher's work can also be seen in *The New Yorker* and the *Boston Globe*, and his cartoons are syndicated worldwide. He lives in New Jersey with his family. Learn more at www.christopherweyant.com.

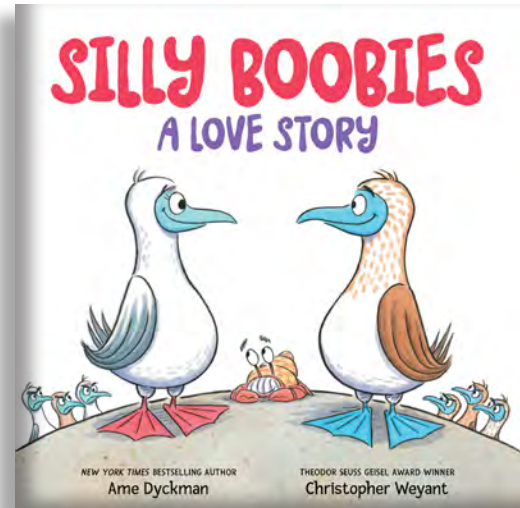
Praise for Ame Dyckman

"This gets all the elements of the successful picture book just right...A crowd-pleaser for crowds big and small."—**Booklist (starred review)**

"The text is pitch-perfect, and the art is its match."—**Chicago Tribune**

Praise for Christopher Weyant

"*New Yorker* cartoonist Weyant's illustrations, which use gouache, graphite, and lots of white space, carry the day, filling the dog's and cat's reactions to what they encounter with plenty of comic details (like the bold lettering conveying the dog-park dogs' frantic barking at the cat). Madcap fun."—**Booklist (starred review)**



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GENRE	Picture Book
PAGE COUNT	40

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When Rosie Walks George

AMY HEST

ILLUSTRATED BY TAE EUN YOO

5/21/2024

Imbued with warmth, this lovely oceanside tale from *New York Times* bestselling author Amy Hest and two-time *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Book honoree Tae Eun Yoo celebrates quiet moments with loved ones and the beautiful connection between young and old.

George is an old dog, and he doesn't run fast anymore. But he still needs to walk, and each day, his family takes turns leading him down the beach. All except Rosie, the youngest.

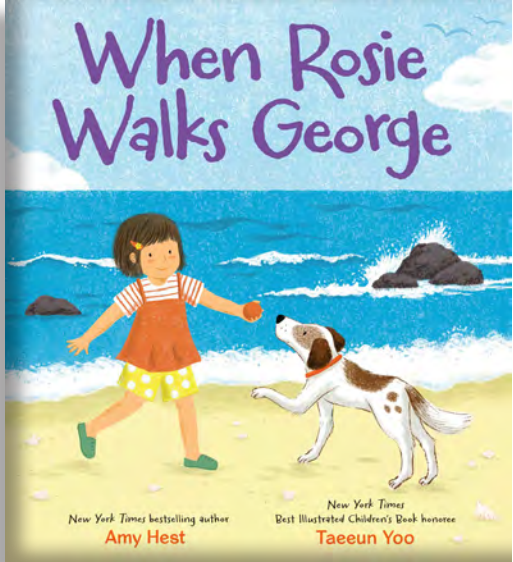
George keeps an eye on little Rosie. And she watches him as he takes time to sniff the ocean air and look for shells. When Rosie gets older, and it's finally her turn to take George for a walk, they take their time, enjoying the peacefulness of the beach together. And, George still keeps an eye on Rosie.

About the Author

Amy Hest has written many acclaimed children's books, including the *New York Times* bestseller *Kiss Good Night*, illustrated by Anita Jeram; *The Reader*, illustrated by Lauren Castillo; and *Sometimes It's Nice to Be Alone* by Phillip Stead. A three-time winner of the prestigious Christopher Award and a winner of the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award, she lives in New York City. Learn more at www.amyhest.com.

About the Illustrator

Tae Eun Yoo has twice received the prestigious *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Book Award and is the recipient of the Ezra Jack Keats Award. She wrote and illustrated *Love Makes a Garden Grow*, and has illustrated many books, including *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev, *Kitten and the Night Watchman* by John Sullivan, and *Round* by Joyce Sidman. She lives in South Korea with her family. Visit her at www.taeunwoo.com.



Children's

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Crime, Mystery & Thriller

If You Tell a Lie

LUCINDA BERRY

7/23/2024

Bestselling author Lucinda Berry, whose books will be translated into a dozen languages, serves up a haunting thriller about four friends sworn to secrecy over the events of one fateful summer—and the dark truths that threaten to erupt years later.

Liar, liar, truth's on fire.

They never considered how his wife might react. But who could've guessed Regina Crosby would murder her own husband? No, they hadn't thought it through. But Blakely always got her way, and the others followed her lead—even when they knew it was dead wrong.

The girls had been friends from day one at Camp Pendleton, a haven for gifted children. But their senior summer was different. When Mr. Crosby, the handsome tennis coach, wound up murdered after a reckless lie, Blakely, Grace, Meg, and Thera swore themselves to secrecy. And never spoke to each other again.

Until now. Twenty years later, a sinister note claiming to know what they did brings them back together. And once again, Blakely is pulling the strings.

Unfolding in a dual timeline, *If You Tell a Lie* is a disturbing journey into the dangerous, sometimes deadly, consequences of peer pressure—with a bone-chilling twist you'll never see coming.

About the Author

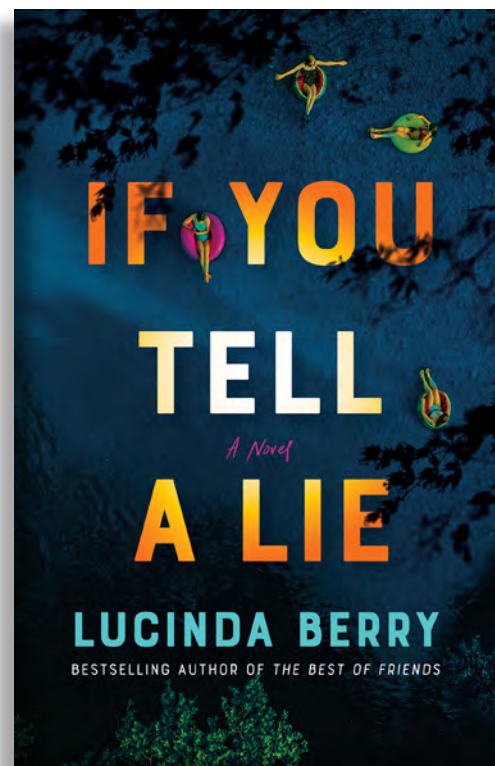
Dr. Lucinda Berry is a former psychologist and leading researcher in childhood trauma. Now she writes full time, using her clinical experience to blur the line between fiction and nonfiction. She enjoys taking her readers on a journey through the dark recesses of the human psyche. Her work has been optioned for film and translated into multiple languages. If Dr. Berry isn't chasing after her son, you can find her running through Los Angeles, prepping for her next marathon. To hear about her upcoming releases and other fun news, visit her on TikTok or sign up for her newsletter at www.LucindaBerry.com.

Praise for Lucinda Berry

"The action never wavers, and the surprises are unending. Berry is writing at the top of her game." —***Publishers Weekly* (starred review)**

"Berry starts with a heart-stopping bang—the dreaded middle-of-the-night phone call—then delivers a dark and gritty tale that unfolds twist by devastating twist. Intense, terrifying, and at times utterly heartbreaking. Absolutely unputdownable." —**Kimberly Belle, international bestselling author of *Dear Wife* and *Stranger in the Lake***

"Berry's flawlessly placed clues and psychological expertise grab you from the first word, not letting go until the last. Compelling, intricate, and shocking, this inventive thriller cleverly weaves from past to present with stunning precision. I was absolutely enthralled." —**Samantha M. Bailey, *USA Today* and #1 national bestselling author of *Woman on the Edge***



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GENRE	Psychological Thriller
PAGE COUNT	400

Rights Available

All Languages

The Honeymoon

SHALINI BOLAND

6/13/2024

From the million-copy, *USA Today* bestselling author comes a nail-biting psychological thriller about a dream honeymoon in Venice turned waking nightmare when a newlywed's husband disappears.

It was supposed to be the happiest time of their lives. But for newlywed Stella, the dream honeymoon has turned into a nightmare overnight.

Her perfect husband, Austin, has vanished without a trace. Alone in Venice, Stella frantically searches for him. But as fear turns into confusion, she finds herself questioning everything she knows about the man she married. Has Austin really abandoned her, or has someone from his past finally caught up with him—the business partner he threatened to sue? The obsessive ex-girlfriend who refuses to let go? When Stella becomes convinced someone is following her, panic sets in. As hours turn into days and clues start to unravel dark secrets, a terrified Stella can't help but ask herself: Is her husband who she thought he was at all?

Perfect for readers of *The Holiday*, *The Housemaid*, and *What You Did*, this will leave you guessing till the last jaw-dropping twist.

About the Author

Shalini Boland is the Amazon and *USA Today* bestselling author of eighteen psychological thrillers. To date, she's sold over two million copies of her books. Shalini lives by the sea in Dorset, England, with her husband, two children and their increasingly demanding dog, Queen Jess. Before kids, she was signed to Universal Music Publishing as a singer/songwriter, but now she spends her days writing (in between restocking the fridge and dealing with endless baskets of laundry). She is also the author of two bestselling sci-fi and fantasy series as well as a World War II evacuee adventure with a time-travel twist. When she's not reading, writing or stumping along the beach, you can reach her via Facebook at www.facebook.com/ShaliniBolandAuthor, on Twitter @ShaliniBoland, on Instagram @shaboland, on TikTok @shaliniboland or via her website: www.shaliniboland.co.uk.



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GENRE	Psychological Thriller
PAGE COUNT	295

Rights Available

All Languages

Fatal Intrusion

Sanchez & Heron Series Book 1

JEFFERY DEAVER & ISABELLA MALDONADO

8/6/2024

From #1 international bestselling author Jeffery Deaver, whose books are sold in 150 countries and will be translated into over 25 languages, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Isabella Maldonado, whose books will be translated into 23 languages, comes a heart-pounding new thriller series in which a government agent and a hacker turned security expert reluctantly join forces to catch a vicious serial killer.

A merciless serial killer derails daily life in Southern California. Victims are murdered in horrific ways designed to hint at their personal lives. The motive behind the grisly deaths eludes investigators, unable to anticipate or stop the killings. Local police would normally handle such a crime, but Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent Carmen Sanchez shoulders her way into the case. The second victim, who managed to repel the attacker, was her younger sister.

When the case suggests a connection the dark web, Carmen reluctantly employs an eccentric yet brilliant man from her past—Jake Heron. Once a criminal hacker, Jake now is a professor and security expert whose job is to protect against what he sees as the number-one threat facing us today: intrusion into every aspect of our lives. Over the course of seventy-two breathtaking hours, this unlikely pair with a troubled history team up in a desperate attempt to stop one of most evil serial killers ever seen.

About the Authors

Jeffery Deaver is a *New York Times* bestseller and #1 international bestselling author. His novels have appeared on bestseller lists around the world. His books are sold in 150 countries and translated into over twenty-five languages. He has served two terms as president of Mystery Writers of America, and was recently named a Grand Master of MWA. His *The Bodies Left Behind* was named Novel of the Year by the International Thriller Writers association, and his Lincoln Rhyme thriller *The Broken Window* and *Edge* were also nominated for that prize. His book *A Maiden's Grave* was made into an HBO movie starring James Garner and Marlee Matlin, and his novel *The Bone Collector* was a feature release from Universal Pictures, starring Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie. Lifetime aired an adaptation of his *The Devil's Teardrop*. NBC television recently aired the nine-episode prime-time series, *Lincoln Rhyme: Hunt for the Bone Collector*.

Wall Street Journal bestselling author Isabella Maldonado wore a gun and badge in real life before turning to crime writing. A graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico and the first Latina to attain the rank of captain in the Fairfax County Police Department just outside DC, she retired as the Commander of Special Investigations and Forensics. She uses her law enforcement background to bring a realistic edge to her writing, which includes the bestselling FBI Special Agent Nina Guerrero series (soon to be a Netflix feature film starring Jennifer Lopez), the award-winning Detective Veranda Cruz series, and the Agent Daniela "Dani" Vega series. Her books have been translated into 22 languages.

Praise for Jeffery Deaver & Isabella Maldonado

Praise for Jeffery Deaver

"The master of ticking-bomb suspense." —*People*

"[Rhyme] is among the most brilliant and vulnerable of crime fiction's heroes."

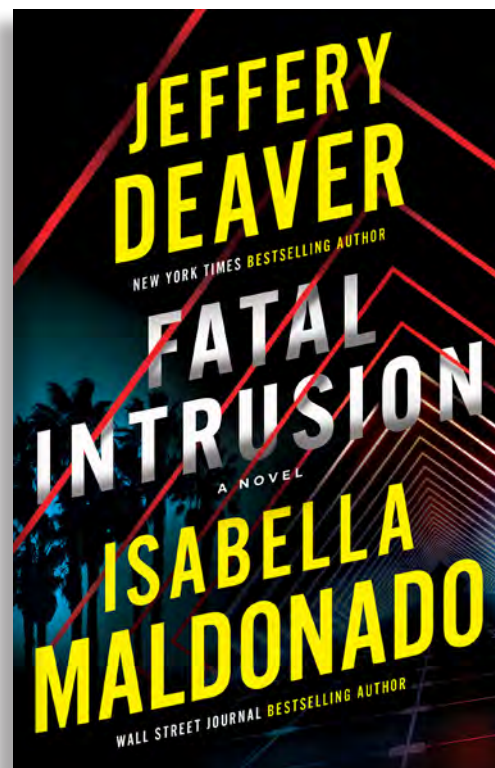
—*New York Post*

"[Deaver is] the most clever plotter on the planet." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Deaver is the master of the plot twist, and readers will only drive themselves crazy trying to outguess him." —*Booklist*

Praise for Isabella Maldonado

"Maldonado's a writer to watch, and she showcases her own extensive law enforcement background in this tightly plotted police procedural." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Police Procedural
PAGE COUNT	400

Rights Available

All Languages, excluding German and Italian

Rights Sold

Large Print (UK)

A Killing on the Hill

ROBERT DUGONI

4/9/2024

A gripping new historical thriller about a journalist's dangerous investigation into a murder mystery from *New York Times* bestselling author Robert Dugoni, whose books will be translated into over 30 languages and have reached over 10 million readers.

The Great Depression. High-level corruption. And a murder that's about to become Seattle's hottest mystery. It's the kind of story that can make a reporter's career. If he lives to write about it.

Seattle, 1933. The city is in the grips of the Great Depression, Prohibition, and vice. Cutting his teeth on a small-time beat, hungry and ambitious young reporter William "Shoe" Shumacher gets a tip that could change his career. There's been a murder at a social club on Profanity Hill—an underworld magnet for vice crimes only a privileged few can afford. The story is going to be front-page news, and Shoe is the first reporter on the scene.

The victim, Frankie Ray, is a former prizefighter. His accused killer? Club owner and mobster George Miller, who claims he pulled the trigger in self-defense. Soon the whole town's talking, and Shoe's first homicide is fast becoming the Trial of the Century. The more Shoe digs, the more he's convinced nothing is as it seems. Not with a tangle of conflicting stories, an unlikely motive, and witnesses like Miller's girlfriend, a glamour girl whose pretty lips are sealed. For now.

In a city steeped in old west debauchery, Shoe's following every lead to a very dangerous place—one that could bring him glory and fame or end his life.

About the Author

Robert Dugoni is a critically acclaimed *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and Amazon Charts bestselling author, reaching over nine million readers worldwide. He is best known for the Tracy Crosswhite police procedural series. He is also the author of the Charles Jenkins espionage series, the David Sloane legal thriller series, and several standalone novels including *Her Deadly Game*, *The 7th Canon*, *Damage Control*, and *The World Played Chess*. His novel *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* was named *Suspense Magazine's* 2018 Book of the Year, and Dugoni's narration won an AudioFile Earphones Award. The *Washington Post* named his nonfiction exposé *The Cyanide Canary* a Best Book of the Year. Several of his novels have been optioned for movies and television series. Dugoni is the recipient of the Nancy Pearl Book Award for fiction and a three-time winner of the Friends of Mystery Spotted Owl Award for best novel set in the Pacific Northwest. He has been a finalist for many other awards. Dugoni's books are sold in more than twenty-five countries and have been translated into more than thirty languages. He lives in Seattle. Visit his website at www.robertdugonibooks.com.

Praise for Robert Dugoni

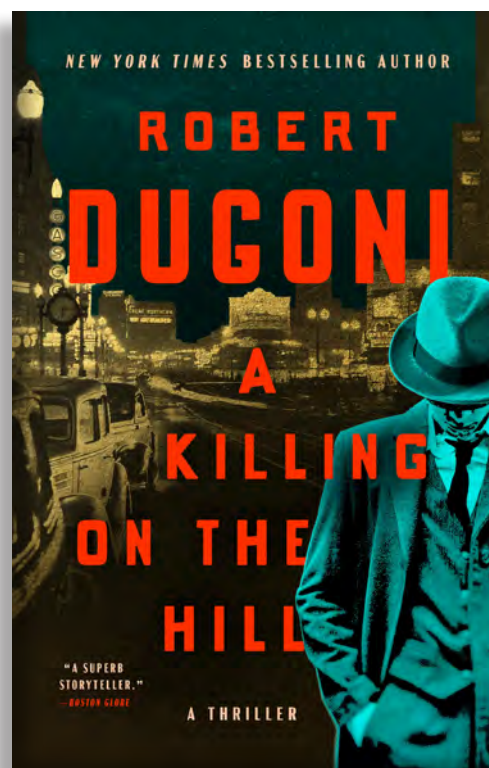
"Dugoni is a superb storyteller." —*The Boston Globe*

"I would follow Robert Dugoni anywhere." —**Lisa Gardner, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author**

"One of the best crime writers in the business." —**Associated Press**

"An author who seems like he hasn't met a genre he can't conquer."
—**Bookreporter**

"Crime writing of the absolute highest order." —*Providence Journal*



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Historical Thriller
PAGE COUNT	366

Rights Available

Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish

Echo Road

KENDRA ELLIOT & MELINDA LEIGH

7/23/2024

When cross-country cases collide, Bree Taggart and Mercy Kilpatrick team up to catch a serial killer in a scorching novel of suspense by bestselling authors Kendra Elliot, whose books have reached 12 million readers and will be translated into 17 languages, and Melinda Leigh, whose books have reached over 14 million readers and will be translated into 19 languages.

In upstate New York, two suitcases are abandoned on the side of the road. Two bodies. Two murders. Suddenly, Sheriff Bree Taggart is at the center of a media firestorm. The press demands action. The community is on edge. So far, Bree's only leads are the victims' matching tattoos.

In Oregon, a senator's daughter goes missing. FBI Special Agent Mercy Kilpatrick agrees to keep the politically sensitive case on the down-low. When she finds a link between the disappearance and a double homicide three thousand miles away, Mercy is on the next plane out.

A formidable but wary team, Bree and Mercy must work together—to find a killer who's playing deadly games with the press, stirring up public rage, hungry for notoriety, and daring Bree and Mercy to catch him before he kills again.

About the Authors

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

Melinda Leigh is the #1 Amazon Charts and #1 *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author and an International Thriller Award nominee. Her novels include the *Bree Taggart* series, the *Scarlet Falls* series, the *Morgan Dane* series, and many more. Melinda's garnered numerous writing awards, including two RITA nominations; holds a second-degree black belt in Kenpo karate and has taught women's self-defense; and lives in a messy house with her family and a small herd of rescue pets. For more information, visit www.melindaleigh.com.

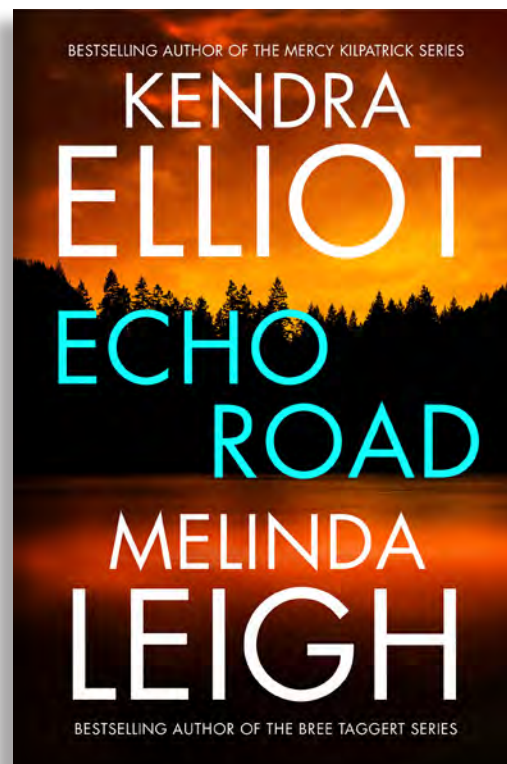
Praise for Kendra Elliot & Melinda Leigh

"Elliot skillfully interweaves the various plot threads, and credible, mostly sympathetic characters match the lovingly described locale." —**Publishers Weekly**

"Elliot succeeds in creating both a thrilling mystery and a fascinating character study of the people inhabiting these pages." —**Bookreporter**

"Leigh masters every aspect of a thriller, and with every book sets the crime fiction bar higher." —**USA Today**

"Fast paced and riveting." —**Karin Slaughter, international bestselling author**



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Suspense
PAGE COUNT	336

Rights Available

All Languages

Original Twin

PAULA GLEESON

5/28/2024

In this haunting debut about the bonds between sisters, one young woman must follow the invisible thread that connects her to her missing twin before someone else can sever it for good.

Twin sisters May and June couldn't be more different. May is quiet, self-conscious, withdrawn; June is boisterous, beautiful, magnetic...and missing.

It's been a year since June disappeared, a year of May waiting for her to turn up with an explanation of where she's been and why she left. But with the discovery of an old newspaper article comes a secret: their mother once vanished, too, on the same date when she was nineteen years old.

Just like June.

This was no coincidence. June was investigating this buried family mystery, and she left May a series of clues to pick up where she left off. Now, if May wants to find June, she'll have to retrace her footsteps through their mother's past.

The more answers she digs up, the more questions May has. And the biggest one of all: When her sister's trail of breadcrumbs runs out, what or who will she find?

About the Author

Paula Gleeson is a mystery and thriller writer for all ages. She lives just outside of Melbourne, Australia, and can often be found in her pj's drinking tea (wine) and watching horror movies snuggled between her doggo and a large cheese pizza. *Original Twin* is her debut novel. www.paulagleeson.com

Praise for *Original Twin*

"Swift and immersive, *Original Twin* is sure to mesmerize and keep you guessing. In her brilliant debut Gleeson weaves a compelling net of secrets, lies, and dangerous family drama. This deftly paced thriller is a sinister kaleidoscope of suspense! I dare you to put it down." —**Katya de Berra**, author of *When Ghosts Call Us Home*

"Razor sharp and deftly-plotted, Gleeson's debut unfolds like a feature film. The twists hit one after another until reaching a heart stopping crescendo that left me gasping for breath. I couldn't put it down!" —**Marlee Bush**, author of *When She Was Me*



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
PAGE COUNT	299

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All Languages

What Fire Brings

RACHEL HOWZELL HALL

6/11/2024

A writer-in-residence follows the last-known steps of a missing woman onto the secluded estate of a famous author in this twisting novel of suspense by the *New York Times* bestselling author of *These Toxic Things*.

Bailey Meadows has just moved into the remote Topanga Canyon home of thriller author Jack Beckham. As his writer-in-residence, she's supposed to help him once again reach the bestseller list. But she's not there to write a thriller—she's there to find Sam Morris, a community leader dedicated to finding missing people, who has disappeared in the canyon surrounding Beckham's estate.

The missing woman was last seen in the drought-stricken forest known for wildfires and mountain lions. Each new day, Bailey learns just how dangerous these canyons are—for the women who have also gone missing here...and for her. Could these missing women be linked to strange events that occurred decades ago at the Beckham estate?

As fire season in the canyons approaches, Bailey must race to unravel the truth from fiction before she becomes the next victim.

About the Author

Rachel Howzell Hall is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Last One*; *What Never Happened*; *We Lie Here*; *These Toxic Things*; *And Now She's Gone*; *They All Fall Down*; and, with James Patterson, *The Good Sister*, which was included in Patterson's collection *The Family Lawyer*. A two-time Los Angeles Times Book Prize finalist as well as an Anthony, Edgar, International Thriller Writers, and Lefty Award nominee, Rachel is also the author of *Land of Shadows*, *Skies of Ash*, *Trail of Echoes*, and *City of Saviors* in the Detective Elouise Norton series. A past member of the board of directors for Mystery Writers of America, Rachel has been a featured writer on NPR's acclaimed *Crime in the City* series and the National Endowment for the Arts weekly podcast; she has also served as a mentor in Pitch Wars and the Association of Writers & Writing Programs. Rachel lives in Los Angeles with her husband and daughter. For more information, visit rachelhowzell.com.

Praise for Rachel Howzell Hall

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

"Howzell Hall is at the height of her craft as the story unfolds on multiple tracks...[she] skillfully weaves together disparate threads that at first don't appear to be connected...It's an intriguing, riveting pleasure to watch the action unfold and see how the pieces fit together." —**NPR**

"Rachel Howzell Hall continues to shatter the boundaries of crime fiction through the sheer force of her indomitable talent. *These Toxic Things* is a master class in tension and suspense. You think you are ready for it. But. You. Are. Not." —**S. A. Cosby, author of *Blacktop Wasteland***



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Psychological Thriller
PAGE COUNT	340

Rights Available

All Languages

Sleeping with Friends

Friends and Enemies Series Book 1

EMILY SCHULTZ

1/1/2024

From the author of *The Blondes* comes a twisted, darkly humorous story about a woman's attempted murder, her lost memories, and the old friends who try to put her back together—or finish her off for good.

When Mia Sinclair-Kroner wakes from a coma, all she can remember are the movies she's known and loved. Her college friends quickly assemble for a weekend party, in an effort to help her remember. But with old friends come old wounds, and it soon becomes clear that Mia's accident might not have been an accident at all.

Was it Agnes, driven by her unspoken resentments? Or Zoey, who covets everything Mia has? Have the years apart only fanned the extinguished flame between Ethan and Mia, compelling him to violence? Or did Victor, who moved away, return with an agenda? Or was it Martin, the wealthy husband, who put a country estate between Mia and her past?

As old tensions and new suspicions rise, these friends must wade through their film knowledge, shared history, and everything that's kept them apart in order to figure out which one of them is trying to end things once and for all.

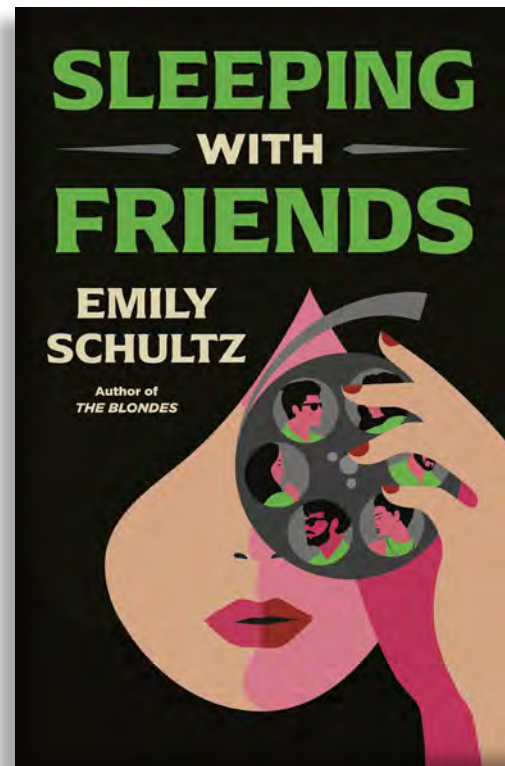
About the Author

Emily Schultz is the cofounder of *Joyland Magazine*. Her most recent novel, *Little Threats*, was published by GP Putnam's Sons and was named an Apple Books Best of November 2020 pick. Her novel *The Blondes* released in the United States with St. Martin's Press and Picador, in France with Asphalte Éditions, and in Canada with Doubleday. It was named a Best Book of 2015 by NPR and *Kirkus Reviews*. *The Blondes* was produced as a scripted podcast starring Madeline Zima (*Twin Peaks*), created by Schultz and Brian J. Davis. Her writing has appeared in *Elle*, *Slate*, *Evergreen Review*, *Vice*, *Today's Parent*, *Hazlitt*, the *Hopkins Review*, and *Prairie Schooner*. She lives in Brooklyn, where she is a producer with the indie media company Heroic Collective. Her next novel will be *Brooklyn Kills Me*, also from Thomas & Mercer. www.emilyschultz.com

Praise for *Sleeping with Friends*

"Funny, sarcastic, and unavoidably tragic...Schultz's handling of means, motive, and opportunity cements her, once again, as a dependable and bitingly clever writer." —**Booklist**

"This propulsive thriller will have you on the edge of your seat as old friends reunite to solve a mystery that implicates them all. Schultz raises questions of art and artifice, memory and trust, all while telling a page-turning, unputdownable story." —**Anna North, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Outlawed***



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
PAGE COUNT	224

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Rights Available

All Languages

Deeper Than the Dead

Vera Boyett Series Book 1

DEBRA WEBB

8/6/2024

Someone's found the skeleton in the closet, and it's not the only one. *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* bestselling author Debra Webb presents an emotional new mystery.

Crime analyst and newly disgraced deputy police chief Vera Boyett doesn't visit home often, and she certainly doesn't venture back into the cave on her family land. But when the remains of her long-missing stepmother are discovered, Vera will have to face a past that threatens all she is.

She and her sister Eve had a fairy-tale childhood: good until it was tragic, with a stepmother they never found a bond with. At least they had each other, a baby half-sister, and a mutual devotion that would have them do the unthinkable.

It's summer in small-town Tennessee, so thick with humidity it could drown you and so rife with secrets it could smother you. And deep beneath the surface, there are more bodies than you'd think...

About the Author

Debra Webb is a *USA Today* bestselling author of more than 170 novels. She is the recipient of the prestigious Romantic Times Career Achievement Award for Romantic Suspense as well as numerous Reviewers' Choice Awards. In 2012, Webb was honored as the first recipient of the esteemed L. A. Banks Warrior Woman Award for her courage, strength, and grace in the face of adversity. Webb was also awarded the distinguished Centennial Award for having published her hundredth novel. She has more than four million books in print in many languages and countries. Webb's love of storytelling goes back to her childhood, when her mother bought her an old typewriter at a tag sale. Born in Alabama, Webb grew up on a farm. She spent every available hour exploring the world around her and creating her stories. Visit her at <https://debrawebb.com>.

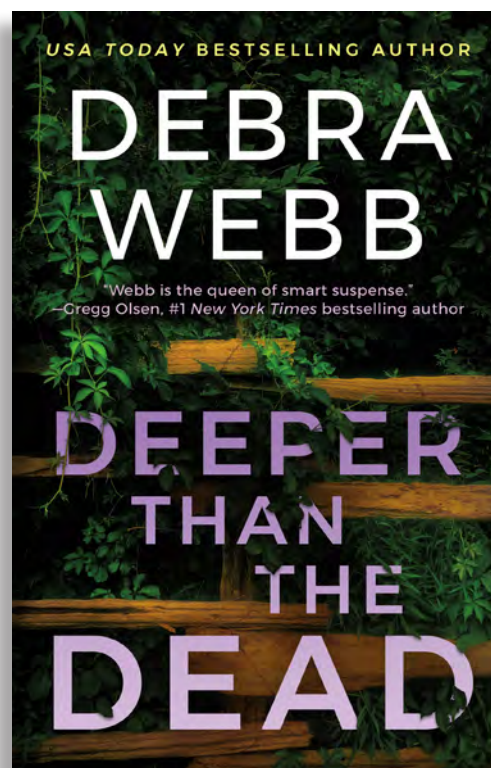
Praise for Debra Webb

"Expertly plotted and whip-smart, *Deeper Than the Dead* is an exceedingly clever crime thriller filled with secrets, betrayals, and complex characters. Webb manages to hit that sweet spot between family drama and police procedural. This one is sure to be a hit in the crime thriller genre. A wild and massively entertaining ride." —**Christina McDonald, *USA Today* bestselling author**

"Debra Webb writes the kind of thrillers I love to read...her characters are fully rendered and reveal themselves authentically as her novel unfolds and careens to its stunning conclusion...Webb is the queen of smart suspense." —**Gregg Olsen, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author**

"An intriguing, fast-paced combination of police procedural and thriller." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"Debra Webb's name says it all." —**Karen Rose, *New York Times* bestselling author**



IMPRINT	Thomas & Mercer
GENRE	Mystery & Suspense
PAGE COUNT	398

Rights Available

All Languages

The Unquiet Bones

LORETH ANNE WHITE

3/5/2024

A shocking discovery of human bones reopens an almost fifty-year-old cold case—and rips apart the lives of a group of friends—in a riveting novel by Loreth Anne White, the Amazon Charts and *Washington Post* bestselling author of *The Maid's Diary*, whose work will be translated into 10 languages and has reached over 2 million readers.

When human bones are found beneath an old chapel in the woods, evidence suggests the remains could be linked to the decades-old case of missing teen Annalise Jansen.

Homicide detective Jane Munro—pregnant and acutely attuned to the preciousness of life—hopes the grim discovery will finally bring closure to the girl's family. But for a group of Annalise's old friends, once dubbed the Shoreview Six by the media, it threatens to expose a terrible pledge made on an autumn night forty-seven years ago.

The friends are now highly respected, affluent members of their communities, and none of them ever expected the dark chapter in their past to resurface. But as Jane and forensic anthropologist Dr. Ella Quinn peel back the layers of secrets, the group begins to fracture. Will one cave? Will they turn on each other?

The investigation takes a sharp turn when Jane discovers a second body—that of the boy long blamed for Annalise's disappearance. As the bones tell their story, the group learns just how far each will go to guard their own truth.

About the Author

Loreth Anne White is the Amazon Charts, *Washington Post*, and *Bild* bestselling author of *The Maid's Diary*, *The Patient's Secret*, *Beneath Devil's Bridge*, *In the Deep*, *In the Dark*, *The Dark Bones*, and *A Dark Lure*. With more than three million books sold around the world and translations in over twenty languages, she is an ITW Thriller Awards nominee, a three-time RITA finalist, an overall Daphne du Maurier Award winner, an Arthur Ellis Award finalist, and the winner of multiple other industry awards. A recovering journalist who has worked in both South Africa and Canada, she now calls Canada home. She resides in the Pacific Northwest, dividing her time between Vancouver Island, a ski resort in the Coast Mountains, and a rustic lakeside cabin in the Cariboo. When she's not writing or dreaming up plots, you'll find her in the lakes or ocean or on the trails, where she tries—unsuccessfully—to avoid bears. For more information on her books, please visit her website at www.lorethannewhite.com.

Praise for Loreth Anne White

"[An] exceptional psychological thriller...White does a superb job keeping the reader guessing as she peels back the layers of a seemingly perfect family to reveal the shocking truth. Suspense fans will want to see more from this talented author." —***Publishers Weekly* (starred review)**

"Intensely moving reading experience...Loreth Anne White is a writer at the top of her game, and it's never been more evident..." —***Mystery & Suspense***



IMPRINT

Montlake

GENRE

Suspense

PAGE
COUNT

351

Rights Available

Chinese, French, German, Hungarian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish

Rights Sold

Russian

Nonfiction

A Light through the Cracks

BETH RODDEN

5/1/2024

Renowned rock climber Beth Rodden's inspiring memoir about overcoming devastating trauma, refusing to be held hostage by fear, and taking a leap toward healing.

Beth Rodden is twenty years old and already an elite rock climber and professional risk-taker when a climbing excursion in Kyrgyzstan escalates into a nightmare. Beth, her boyfriend, and two other climbers are kidnapped by militant rebels. After six harrowing days of hiding, marching, and dodging gunfire, they miraculously escape captivity. But fear follows Beth home, and pushing past it becomes a fixation.

She and her boyfriend, Tommy, train obsessively, achieving rock-climbing greatness and conquering each groundbreaking goal they set, all the while burying the terrors of Kyrgyzstan deep inside. Then comes an unexpected breaking point. For Beth, a woman at the top of her profession, the only way to overcome the anxiety that still controls her is to let go of the lifeline she's been clinging to. Blowing up her successful and familiar life, Beth clears a path to a new one—a healthy new normal beyond the anxieties of the past and the myopic pursuit of athletic perfection.

Charting a powerful journey of ambition, hope, love, physical and emotional endurance, and the true fulfillment of being oneself, *A Light through the Cracks* is Beth's story of climbing up and through life.

About the Author

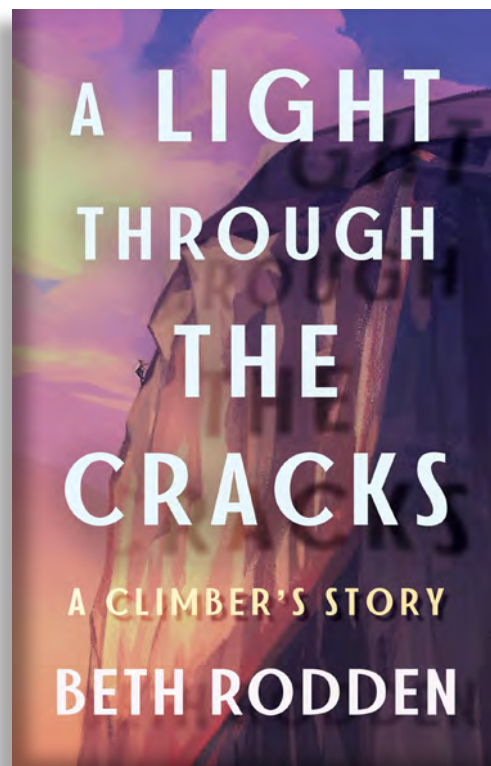
Beth Rodden has been climbing for thirty years, and she hopes to be climbing for thirty more. She lives with her family in California. For more information, visit bethrodden.com.

Praise for *A Light Through the Cracks*

"In this breathtaking memoir, Beth seamlessly weaves together her stories as an all-time athlete, kidnapping survivor, partner, and mother. She brings the reader into her inner world as she learns to let go of fear and expectations in order to find her true strength—not just the strength of her body, which set records and made her a legend of the climbing community, but the strength of her very heart and soul." —**Sanni McCandless Honnold, cofounder of Outwild, life coach, and mother**

"Beth's ability to be truly humble and wildly inspiring is totally unique. To read such a raw, honest, and vulnerable insight into Beth's journey is a gift."

—**Shauna Coxsey, Olympian, world champion, and mother**



IMPRINT	Little A
GENRE	Memoir
PAGE COUNT	303

Rights Available

All Languages

Romance

No Romeo

My Kind of Hero Series Book 1

DONNA ALAM

8/6/2024

Opposites attract in a fake-wedding-turned-accidentally-real romance by the *USA Today* bestselling author Donna Alam. Perfect for fans of T L Swan, LJ Shen and Vi Keeland.

Leaving the groom at the altar wasn't the biggest problem of my day.
It wasn't leaving my suitcases at his house.
Or even the text messages he'd sent my maid of honour.
The biggest problem? Finding myself in Oscar Deubel's Bentley.
Cool blue eyes, a bespoke suit, and cheekbones as sharp as his tongue.
The man has no mercy, but he does have plans.
A plot for revenge that includes me, him, and a little fake dating.
Oscar is as beautiful as he is corrupt, and annoying as he is hot,
But my heart is safe because I know his type.
Until his touches begin to linger, and his looks devour.
Lines blur and pretend suddenly feels real.
Until I discover his plans for betrayal...
And I hurt him first.
Because the one person I can't ever fall for is Oscar Deubel.
Right?

About the Author

Donna Alam is a *USA Today* bestselling author. A writer of love stories with heart, humour, and heat, she aspires to sprinkle a little joy into the lives of her readers. When not bashing away at her keyboard, she can often be found hiding from her responsibilities with a book in her hand and a mop of a dog at her feet.



IMPRINT	Montlake
GENRE	Contemporary Romance
PAGE COUNT	365

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The Sawmill Book Club

CAROLYN BROWN

7/9/2024

A restless woman discovers the comforts of small-town Texas—and more—in a bighearted novel about the next chapters in life by *New York Times* bestselling author Carolyn Brown, whose books have reached 9 million readers and will be translated into a dozen languages.

Unsure of the future but ready for risks, Libby O'Dell trades big-city life for whatever the back roads hold. In this case it's the small community of Sawmill, Texas, where Libby's taken a temporary job putting an antique store in order. Her new boss, Benny Taylor, a handsome charmer with a three-legged dog named Elvis, isn't a bad change of scenery, either.

Across the street Benny's surrogate grandmothers—the widows Minilee and Opal—are ready with homemade corn bread, sweet tea, and an invitation for Libby to join their book club. Even if it is mostly a gathering for local gossip and meddling. The ladies' main agenda: find Benny a wife. Except Benny's not looking, and Libby's only passing through until she decides what direction she's headed next.

Truth is, Sawmill is starting to feel pretty nice. Benny, even nicer. Time will tell if this meantime job in a stopover town is just what Libby's been looking for—and where she belongs.

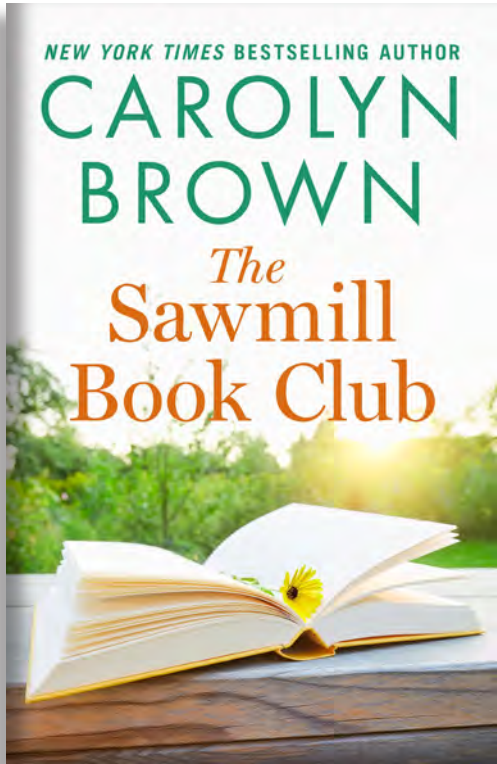
About the Author

Carolyn Brown is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Publishers Weekly* bestselling author and RITA finalist with more than 130 published books. She has written women's fiction, historical and contemporary romance, and cowboys-and-country-music novels. She and her husband live in the small town of Davis, Oklahoma, where everyone knows everyone else, knows what they are doing and when, and reads the local newspaper on Wednesday to see who got caught. They have three grown children and enough grandchildren and great-grandchildren to keep them young. For more information, visit www.carolynbrownbooks.com.

Praise for Carolyn Brown

"Brown throws together a colorful cast of characters to excellent effect and maximum charm in this small-town contemporary romance...This first-rate romance will delight readers young and old."—*Publishers Weekly*

"Carolyn Brown writes the best comfort-for-the-soul, heartwarming stories, and she never disappoints..."—*Harlequin Junkie*



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Romance

Last Call for Love

REBEKAH CRANE

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For an American woman on an impromptu summertime trip to an Irish island, life changes in a heartbeat in a refreshing New Adult romance by the author of *June, Reimagined*, whose work will be translated into over half a dozen languages.

The last thing Chicagoan Maeve Kaminski expects to inherit from her estranged biological father is a pub. Now thousands of miles from home, Maeve is on a remote Irish island and the new owner of The Moorings. Charming? Yes. Practical? No. The bright side: Maeve is in debt, and off-loading a famous pub for a pretty penny could be the gift she's been waiting for.

Briggs Murphy is suffering from a broken heart. Literally. Recently diagnosed with the same condition that killed his father, he's not looking for love. But when Maeve shows up with her color-coordinated datebook and striking blue eyes, he falls hard. Too bad she's off-limits. According to familial legend, they're enemies. And for the sake of the island, they better stay that way.

Love was never the plan. But for Briggs and Maeve, it might just save them both. To make it work, they'll have to rewrite history...before it's too late.

About the Author

Rebekah Crane is the author of nine novels, including *June, Reimagined*; *The Upside of Falling Down*; and *The Odds of Loving Grover Cleveland*. She lives in Colorado with her husband, two daughters, and their rambunctious husky, Grover. For more information, visit rebekahcrane.com.

Praise for Rebekah Crane

"[T]he real love story here is between the protagonist and her authentic life...A sincere story about navigating life and love." —*Kirkus Review*

"[An] appealing love story that provides romantics with many swoon-worthy moments." —*Publishers Weekly*



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Cloak of the Vampire

Cloak of the Vampire Series Book 1

SAPIR A. ENGLARD

6/18/2024

From the author of the *The Millennium Wolves* series, which has over 125 million reads on the Galatea app, comes the hauntingly romantic story of a young woman's descent into the league of vampires, and the otherworldly lord who means to keep her there. *Cloak of the Vampire* is *365 Days* meets *True Blood* with a dark academia twist.

Twenty-one-year-old Aileen Henderson has a dark past. So far, she's managed to hide it by living an unassuming life, working a minimum wage job as a grocery store clerk. No one can find out who she really is. No one can know what she's done. So, Aileen exists as one third of a friend group that focuses their attention and activity around Cassidy, a massively talented and self-centered singer whom Aileen has already saved once from an abusive relationship.

One night, when it appears Cassidy may be getting assaulted in an alleyway behind a bar, Aileen tries to rescue her—again. But instead of saving her friend, Aileen ends up getting abducted by the very men who attacked Cassidy. But this is no ordinary attack. Aileen and Cassidy have been imprinted on by a very old and powerful vampire intent on collecting talent for his league. Soon, they become engrossed in a secret society of vampires that exist just out of reach of human awareness.

About the Author

Sapir Englard is the author of the massive digital hit *The Millennium Wolves*. Published in 2019 on the Galatea app, the twelve-book series has amassed more than 125 million reads. Englard's success has been documented in the *Boston Globe*, *Forbes*, *Tech Crunch*, and more. A graduate of Berklee College of Music, Sapir is a full-time writer and musician. The *Millennium Wolves* series is published in French by Hugo Publishing.



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Romance

Cover Story

RACHEL LACEY

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Rachel Lacey, author of *Stars Collide*, delivers a steamy tale of Hollywood fame and subterfuge about a glamorous actress and the sexy bodyguard posing as her girlfriend.

Natalie Keane is one of Hollywood's top leading ladies, but she's paid a steep price for her fame. After she was stalked eight years ago, the ensuing media frenzy almost broke her. So when a new threat arises, Natalie agrees to extra security, but she wants to keep it under wraps. The last thing she needs is another tabloid spectacle, especially during awards season.

Taylor Vaughn has made a career as a bodyguard to the stars, but an injury has kept her sidelined for the past three months, jeopardizing her future in the job she loves. When an opportunity arises to work for Natalie Keane, Taylor jumps at the chance—even before knowing the details of the assignment.

From the moment they meet, Natalie knows this could work: Taylor, the bodyguard, masquerading as her girlfriend. The perfect cover story. But as circumstances push the two women closer, the lines between fantasy and reality begin to blur.

About the Author

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

Rachel loves to keep in touch with her readers! You can find her at www.RachelLacey.com, on Instagram @rachelslacey, and on Facebook at Rachel Lacey Author. And don't forget to subscribe to her e-newsletter for exclusive news and giveaways: www.subscribe.page.com/rachellaceyauthor.

Praise for Rachel Lacey

"Utterly captivating! Rachel Lacey is a master of crafting vibrant, fully-drawn characters readers can't help but love." —**Alexandria Bellefleur, bestselling & Lambda Award-winning author of *Written in the Stars***

"The trademark wit, sweetness, and warmth of Rachel Lacey's writing, showcased in a sparkling age-gap, celebrity romance, featuring charming prose, endearing characters and sexy repartee...deserves a standing ovation." —**Milena McKay, Lambda Award-winning author of *The Headmistress***



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Nine Tailed

Realm of Four Kingdoms Series Book 1

JAYCI LEE

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An enemy on her tail, an innocent at her side, and a dangerous force inside her she's afraid to unleash. Jayci Lee melds Korean folklore with modern Americana in this fiery new romantasy series perfect for readers of Sarah J. Maas and Olivie Blake.

Sunny Cho is a bit of a loner and a bit of a nomad. She's also a 132-year-old gumiho, a nine-tailed fox spirit. Above all, she avoids attachments: she never wants to grieve again. That's why she left her friend Ben and his brother Ethan eight years ago, worried her presence would get them hurt.

Now Ben's dead. Ethan has become a brilliant PI—not to mention, distractingly hot—and tracks Sunny down in Vegas, hoping her sharp mind can help him find answers. And between the strange calling card and the undead assassin that shows up at her door, Sunny quickly realizes this is all her fault. Someone is trying to bring her out of hiding.

The god of the Mountains tells Sunny it's her old foe, wielding dark powers beyond comprehension. Comforting, right? With danger around every corner, Sunny and Ethan travel the roads of Americana to find answers, safety, and perhaps even some hope.

About the Author

Jayci Lee writes poignant, sexy, and laugh-out-loud romance every free second she can scavenge and is semiretired from her fifteen-year career as a defense litigator. She loves food, wine, and travelling, and incidentally so do her characters in books like *The Dating Dare* and *A Sweet Mess*. Jayci lives in sunny California with her tall-dark-and-handsome husband, two amazing boys with boundless energy, and a fluffy rescue whose cuteness is a major distraction.



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The Promise of Tomorrow

MARY ELLEN TAYLOR

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From the author of *The Brighter the Light*, whose work has reached over 2 million readers and will be translated into 13 languages, comes the moving story about one woman's reason for leaving home and the love that brings her back.

When Olympia leaves her small Virginia town, she doesn't expect to look back, much less ever come home. But after a year on the road, her sister's engagement pulls Olympia into everything she left behind: her family, her husband, and the grief she's been trying to forget.

She's determined to stay a few days, maybe a week—just enough time to visit gravestones and sign off on the divorce her husband, Spencer, asked for. But he's reeling from their shared loss, as well as complications with his aging parents, leaving his heart just as fragile as Olympia's. The more time they spend in each other's orbit, the less sure they are they'll be able to walk away for good.

As family secrets come to light and family bonds stretch to the breaking point, Olympia must decide where she's going next and where she belongs. She's used to coping with life's complications alone, but maybe the best way to heal is together.

About the Author

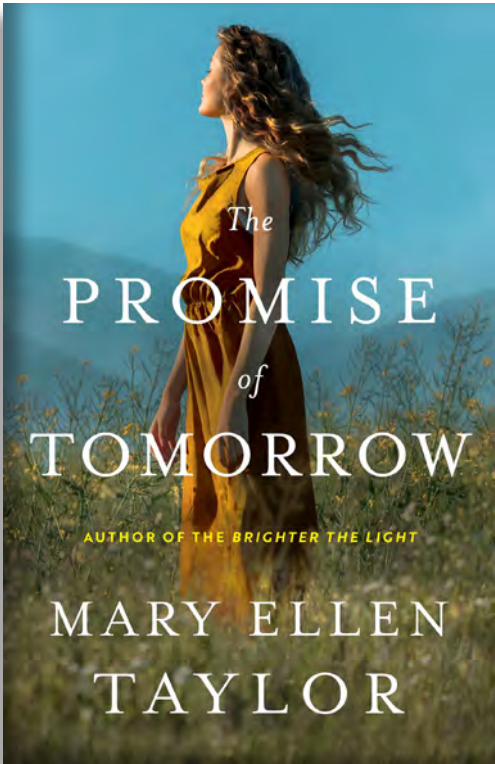
A southerner by birth, Mary Ellen Taylor has a love for her home state of Virginia that is evident in her contemporary women's fiction. When she's not writing, she spends time baking, hiking, and spoiling her miniature dachshunds—Buddy, Bella, and Tiki.

Praise for Mary Ellen Taylor

"Taylor expertly employs the parallel timelines to highlight the impact of the past on the present, exploring the complexities of familial relationships while peeling back the layers of her flawed, realistic characters. Readers are sure to be swept away."—*Publishers Weekly*

"A complex tale...grounded in fascinating history and emotional turmoil that is intense yet subtle. An intelligent, heartwarming exploration of the powers of forgiveness, compassion, and new beginnings."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Mary Ellen Taylor writes comfort reads packed with depth...If you're looking for a fantastic vacation read, this is the book for you!"—*Steph and Chris's Book Review, on Spring House*



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The Alloy Era Series Book 2

S.B. DIVYA

8/13/2024

From Hugo and Nebula award nominated author S.B. Divya comes the sequel to the epic space opera *Meru* exploring the human side of the future through a young human-alloy hybrid's coming-of-age adventure.

Akshaya is the hybrid daughter of Jayanthi and Vaha, a rare example of human and alloy relations. Viewed as an outsider to both communities, Akshaya feels stuck between worlds. Growing up on a spaceship means she never has gotten the real human experience.

To prove to everyone that she can survive as a typical human on Earth, Akshaya embarks on a journey to circumnavigate the planet using only manmade technology. But, Akshaya's venture turns dangerous when not all beings accept her unique existence. An epic space adventure with a beating heart.

About the Author

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

Praise for S.B. Divya

"Empathy convincingly overcomes anxiety in this thoughtful, inventive, and impressively understated space opera from Divya, [who] filters the immensity of outer space through the lens of close personal relationships, crafting compassionate and responsible characters (whatever their physical forms may be) that will surely win over readers." —***Publishers Weekly* (starred review)**

"Divya has created a richly imagined and eerily familiar world...confronting urgent questions about humans' place in a society increasingly run by AIs." —***Kirkus Reviews***

"This stunning near-future thriller from Divya (*Runtime*) tackles issues of economic inequality, workers' rights, privacy, and the nature of intelligence... Crack worldbuilding and vivid characters make for a memorable, page-turning adventure, while the thematic inquiries into human and AI labor rights offer plenty to chew on for fans of big-idea sci-fi. Readers will be blown away." —***Publishers Weekly* (starred review)**

"*Meru* proves a worthy addition to the canon of post-human space epics." —***The Washington Post***



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The Canopy Keepers

VERONICA G. HENRY

3/1/2024

What happens when nature will no longer stand by and accept its destruction? A female fire chief discovers an ancient world rooted with secrets that can save—or destroy—in the newest fantasy by Veronica G. Henry, author of *Bacchanal*.

Beneath the forest floor, they watch...

Syrah Carthan doesn't know why she accepted a job as the first female fire chief at Sequoia National Park, where, decades earlier, a forest fire killed her parents. That day, her brother, Romelo, disappeared, as if pulled into the scorched earth itself. Syrah has always had an uncanny affinity for the natural wonders of the park she protects, but after she sanctions a prescribed burn that goes terribly wrong, she quits her position in disgrace.

However, when another devastating wildfire breaks out, Syrah, reluctantly pulled back into action, discovers an unknown world that has existed underground since the beginning of time. This secret society, built around the forest's complex root system, is now divided into two factions. One is ruled by the Keeper, the giant sequoias' benevolent caretaker. The other by a mysterious undoer, who's determined to wage war on humanity. Through him, nature can retaliate and wipe out the earth's careless ravagers for good.

Torn between human loyalty and preserving the delicate balance of nature, Syrah must make a choice—one that will change both her destiny and that of the world above and below forever.

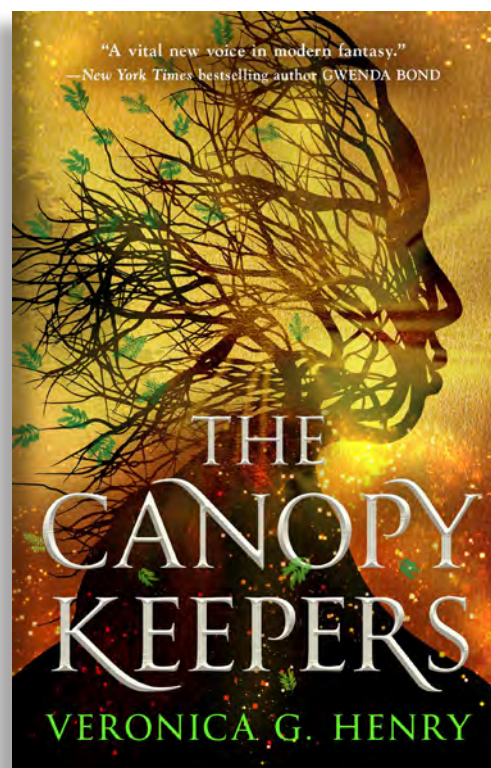
About the Author

Veronica G. Henry is the author of *Bacchanal* and, in the Mambo Reina series, *The Quarter Storm* and *The Foreign Exchange*. Her work has debuted at #1 on multiple Amazon bestseller charts and was short-listed for the Manly Wade Wellman Award and chosen as an Amazon editors' pick for Best African American Fantasy. She is a Viable Paradise alum and a member of SFWA and the MWA. Her stories have appeared, or are forthcoming, in the *Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction* and *FIYAH* literary magazine. For more information, visit www.veronicahenry.net.

Praise for Veronica G. Henry

"Henry digs in to themes of family, environmentalism, and the connection between humans and the natural world..." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Perfectly balanced between the fantastical and sharp reality, *The Canopy Keepers* is a genre-defying work as prescient as it is brilliant. Henry has written yet another extraordinary novel everyone should be reading." —**Cadwell Turnbull**, award-winning author of *No Gods, No Monsters*



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Remember Me Tomorrow

FARAH HERON

10/8/2024

A missing student. A singular investigation. A new romance. Every bit of it is a mystery in a delightful novel of cosmic twists by the author of *How to Win a Breakup*.

East House is the oldest and least desirable dorm on campus, but it has a draw for lonely university freshman Aleeza Kassam: Jay Hoque, the hot and broody student who vanished from East House five months ago without a trace. It's irresistible to an aspiring investigative journalist like Aleeza.

But when she starts receiving texts from Jay, the mystery takes an unexpected turn. To put it mildly. His messages are coming not only from Aleeza's own dorm room but from the *past*—only weeks before he disappeared. Sharing space, if not time, Aleeza and Jay are living the impossible, and they start working together to prevent his inevitable disappearance. Causing a temporal paradox that could blow up the universe is a risk they're going to have to take.

Aleeza digs through Jay's suspicious friends, enemies, and exes, determined to find out what happened to him. Or what *will* happen to him. But it's becoming more than a mystery. Aleeza is catching feelings for her charming new roommate. Wherever, and whenever, he may be.

About the Author

Farah Heron is the author of *How to Win a Breakup*, *Tahira in Bloom*, *Accidentally Engaged*, and *Kamila Knows Best*. After a childhood filled with Bollywood, Monty Python, and Jane Austen, Farah Heron constantly wove uplifting happily ever afters in her head while pursuing careers in human resources and psychology. She started writing her stories down a few years ago and is thrilled to see her daydreams become books. Her romantic comedies for adults and teens are full of huge South Asian families, delectable food, and most importantly, brown people falling stupidly in love. Farah lives in Toronto with her husband and two teens, a rabbit named Strawberry, and two cats who rule the house. For more information, visit www.farahheron.com.

Praise for Farah Heron

"There's gaming, baking, and fake dating in this charming pastry-filled romance...Readers will appreciate Heron's attention to diversity and representation, and details of the Indian/Tanzanian/Muslim community."
—*Teen Vogue*

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

"Heron has penned an enjoyable coming-of-age romantic comedy. Touching on the pressures of social media, discovering your passions, and staying true to yourself, your morals, and your real friends, the book offers readers characters whose feelings and insecurities will resonate...A sweet read filled with fashion, flowers, and romance." —*Kirkus Reviews*



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