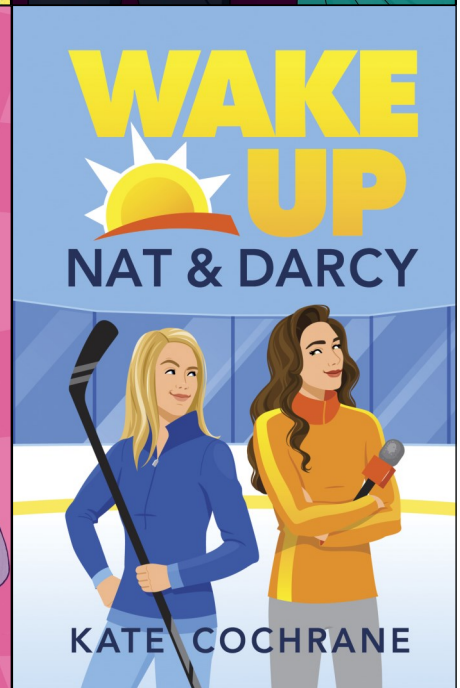
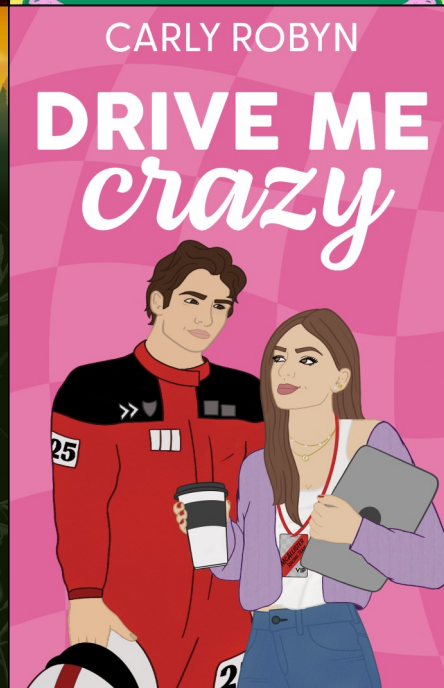
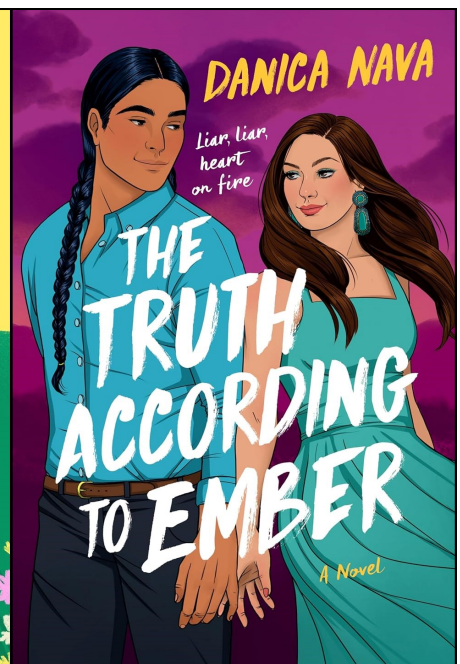
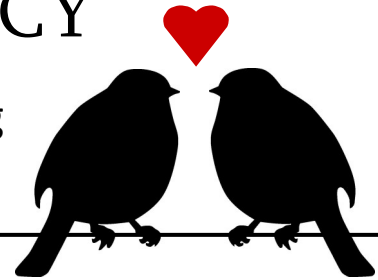


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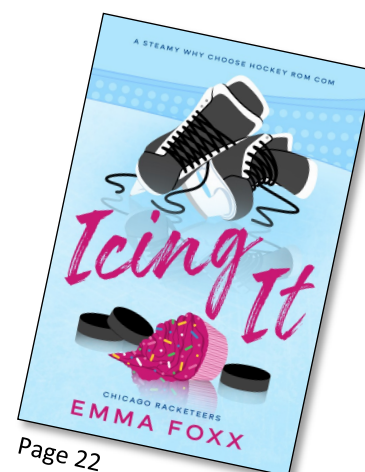
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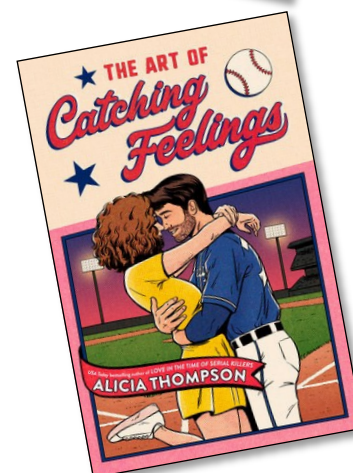
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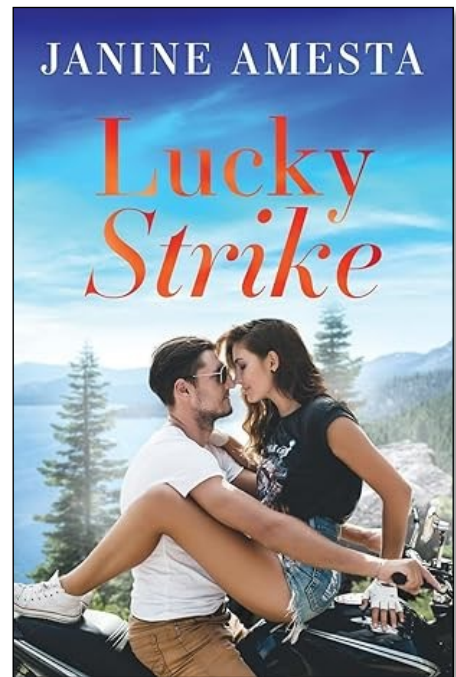
**LUCKY STRIKE:**

**Love in El Dorado, book 3  
by Janine Amesta**

After getting a late jumpstart in life, Luna Lanza isn't afraid to get what she wants, including the place of her dreams. When she loses out on the perfect duplex and settles for a standard apartment, she's disappointed. But Luna remains determined to make it work, even if it sparks a contentious relationship with her new landlord—the same guy she accidentally kissed in an impromptu photo shoot.

Still grieving the sudden death of his brother, reformed bad boy Sam Sunderland feels trapped managing his father's rundown apartment building. When the spunky beauty, who unexpectedly kissed him, moves in full of ideas, he can't help being intrigued—that is until she starts changing things behind his back, endangering his position and the relationship with his father.

Sam and Luna wrangle over rules and misunderstandings while fighting against the undeniable attraction between them. It's a hard lesson to learn that 'perfect' can take many different forms. But will the renovations they do together lay a foundation for something more?



**Tule Publishing  
January 2023**

Trade paperback  
80k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

**Rights available:**

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Primary agent:**

Kelly Peterson  
Rees Literary

**Material:** Available

Also in the series



"Janine Amesta's debut is everything you want in a romance —it's charming, funny, and romantic and the characters pop off the page...." — **Denise Williams, author of *How to Fail at Flirting***



**Janine Amesta** is a Mexican-American author who studied screenwriting. She honed her story-telling skills at a Hollywood production company where she worked as a script reader and story editor, preparing screenplays for production. She left the field to create Professor Pincushion, a YouTube channel on sewing with over 400k subscribers. She lives in Oregon. *Striking Gold* was her debut novel. [www.janineamesta.com](http://www.janineamesta.com)

A tender, sexy opposites-attract romance about a retired ballet dancer-turned-photographer tasked with helping a rising ballet star

**POINTE OF PRIDE**  
by Chloe Angyal

Carly Montgomery has only one goal as she arrives in Sydney, Australia: be the world's best Maid of Honor. And then, when she gets back to New York, she's going to figure out how to get promoted so she doesn't spend the rest of her ballet career in the corps de ballet playing Peasant Maiden #4. But then she meets Nick Jacobs, the most uptight, judgmental, inconveniently attractive man she's ever met. To their mutual horror, Nick is also in Sydney for a wedding. The same wedding. In which he is the Best Man.

Nick Jacobs is coming back to Sydney with a secret. His life in Paris—where he recently retired from ballet—has fallen apart. With no girlfriend and no new career to speak of, Nick can't bear to tell his friends at home the humiliating truth. Nick doesn't want to team up with loud, chaotic Carly, but when she asks him for help securing her promotion, he sees an opportunity to kickstart his own flagging photography career. Looking at Carly through his lens all day starts to change how Nick sees her, and soon, he can't stop staring. Carly's a human hand grenade, but suddenly Nick wouldn't mind pulling the pin.

When she finds out the truth about him, though, the explosion might destroy them both.

Also in the series (can stand alone)



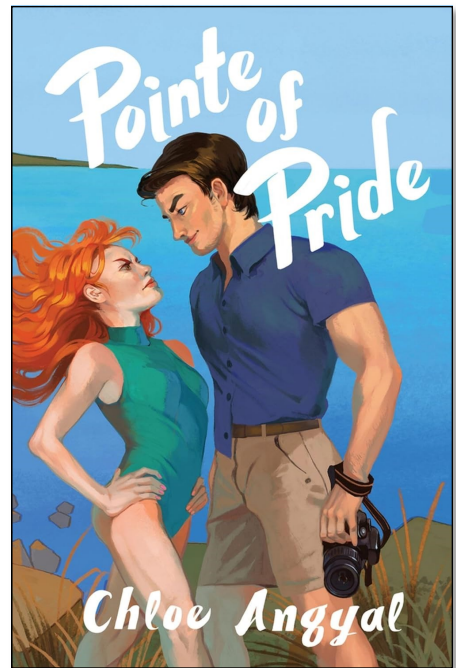
"[A]n emotional forbidden romance that doubles as a love letter to ballet and a travelogue through Sydney. This is a treat." – *Publishers Weekly*

"A sexy, smoldering romance that pulls back the curtain on the world of ballet and deftly portrays the ambition, drive, and passion of those who live and work in it." – *Library Journal*



**Chloe Angyal, PhD** is a journalist and author from Sydney, Australia. She currently lives in the Iowa City area. She's an editor at VICE News and the author of the non-fiction book *Turning Pointe: How a New Generation of Dancers is Saving Ballet From Itself* (Bold Type Books 2021), which *Publishers Weekly* called "vigorously reported" and *The Boston Globe* called "incisive and unsparing," and the novel *Pas de Don't* (Amberjack Publishing 2023).

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**Amberjack Publishing**  
**May 2024**

Trade paperback  
117k words

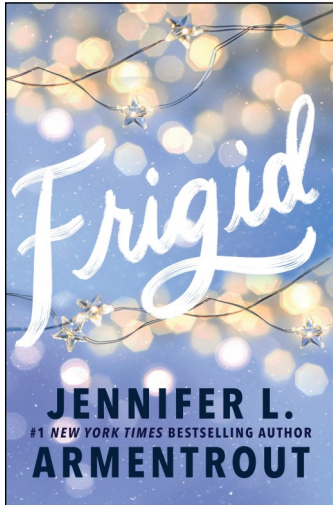
**Genre:** New adult contemporary romance

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

**Primary agent:**  
JL Stermer  
Next Level Lit

**Material:** Available

The bestselling New Adult duology revised and re-released!



**FRIGID**  
by Jennifer L. Armentrout

For 21-year-old Sydney, being in love with Kyler isn't anything new. They've been best friends ever since he pushed her down on the playground and she made him eat a mud pie. Somewhere over the years, she fell for him and fell hard. The big problem with that? Kyler puts the 'man' in man-whore. He's never stayed with a girl longer than a few nights, and with it being their last year in college, Syd doesn't want to risk their friendship by declaring her love.

Kyler has always put Syd on a pedestal that was too high for him to reach. To him, she's perfect and she's everything. But the feelings he has for her, he's always hidden away or focused on any other woman. After all, Kyler will always be the poor boy from the wrong side of tracks, and Syd will always be the one girl he can never have.

But when they're stranded together at a posh ski resort due to a massive Nor'easter, there's nothing stopping their red-hot feelings for each other from coming to the surface. Can their friendship survive the attraction? Better yet, can they survive at all? Because as the snow falls, someone is stalking them, and this ski trip may be a life-changer in more ways than one.



**SCORCHED**  
by Jennifer L. Armentrout

Most days, Andrea doesn't know whether she wants to kiss Tanner or punch him in the gut. He is seriously hot, but he's a major player, and they can't get along for more than a handful of minutes. Until now.

Tanner knows he and Andrea have had an epic love/hate relationship for as long as he can remember, but he wants more love than hate from her. He wants her. Now. Tomorrow. Forever. But the more he gets to know her, the more it becomes obvious

that Andrea has a problem. She's teetering on the edge, and every time he tries to catch her, she slips through his fingers.

Andrea's life is spiraling out of control, and it doesn't matter that Tanner wants to save her, because when everything falls apart and she's speeding toward rock-bottom, only she can save herself.

Sometimes life makes you work for that happily ever after....

**Bloom Books/Sourcebooks**  
**November & December 2024**

Trade paperback  
82k & 75k words

**Genre:** New Adult contemporary romance

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

**Foreign sales *Frigid*:** Denmark (Palatium Books), Germany (Piper), Italy (Nord), The Netherlands (VBK Media), Spain (Urano)

**Foreign sales *Scorched*:** Denmark (Palatium Books), Germany (Piper), Italy (Nord), The Netherlands (VBK Media), Spain (Urano)

**Highlights:**

\* #1 *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Kindle*, *Apple iBooks*, Germany, and Italy bestselling author

\* #jenniferlarmentrout has 188 million views on TikTok

**Primary agent:**

Kevan Lyon  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

Hot on  
TikTok!

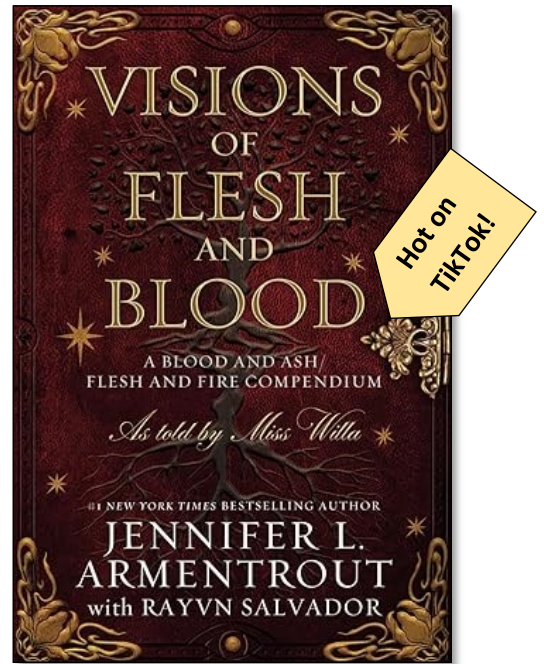
A must-add addition to the series that any *Blood and Ash/Flesh and Fire* fan will devour

**VISIONS OF FLESH AND BLOOD:  
A Blood and Ash/Flesh and Fire Compendium  
by Jennifer L. Armentrout with Rayvn Salvador**

*Visions of Flesh and Blood: a Blood and Ash/Flesh and Fire Compendium* is a comprehensive companion guide for background, history, reader-favorite information, art, and reference materials. Combined with original short stories and scenes from some of the world's most beloved characters, as well as never-before-seen visual enticements, it's a treat for the senses.

Told from the point of view of Miss Willa herself, the compendium acts like research material but reads like a journal and cache of personal notes, allowing the reader to revisit the characters and history they so love yet view things in a different way.

*Visions of Flesh and Blood* by Jennifer L. Armentrout with Rayvn Salvador is a must-add addition to the series that any *Blood and Ash/Flesh and Fire* fan will enjoy.



**Blue Box Press**  
**February 2024**  
Hardcover  
214k words

**Genre:** Romantic fantasy

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

**Foreign sales:** Brazil (Record), Bulgaria (Egmont), Hungary (Könyvmolykepzo), Italy (HarperCollins Italia), Poland (Muza), Spain (Urano), Ukraine (BookChef)

**Previous foreign publishers:** Brazil (Record), Bulgaria (Egmont), Croatia (Egmont), Czech (Albatros), Denmark (Gyldendal/Flamingo), Finland (Karisto/Otava), France (De Saxus), Germany (Heyne), Greece (Psichogios), Hungary (Könyvmolykepzo), Israel (Modan), Italy (HarperCollins Italia), Italy Lithuania (Baltos Lankos), The Netherlands (Zomer & Keuning), Poland (Muza), Portugal (Marcador), Romania (Editura Litera), Russia (AST), Serbia (Carobna knjiga), Slovakia (Zeleny Kocur), Spain (Urano), Sweden (Akademius), Turkey (Dogan Egmont), Ukraine (BookChef)

**Highlights:**  
\* #1 *New York Times*, *USA Today*, Kindle, Apple iBooks, Germany, and Italy bestselling author  
\* #jenniferlarmentrout has 188 million views on TikTok

**Primary agent:**  
Kevan Lyon  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



Number 1 *New York Times* and #1 international bestselling author **Jennifer L. Armentrout** lives in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. In early 2015, Jennifer was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, a group of rare genetic disorders that involve a breakdown and death of cells in the retina, eventually resulting in vision loss, among other complications. Due to this diagnosis, educating people on the varying degrees of blindness has become another passion for her, right alongside writing, which she plans to do for as long as she

can. Jennifer writes young adult, paranormal, science fiction, fantasy, and contemporary romance. She is published with Tor, HarperCollins Avon and William Morrow, Entangled Teen and Brazen, Disney/Hyperion, Harlequin Teen, and Blue Box Press; and PassionFlix recently made her *Wicked* series into a feature film. Jennifer has won numerous awards, including the 2020 Goodreads Choice Award in Romance for her adult fantasy, *From Blood and Ash*. [www.jenniferlarmentrout.com](http://www.jenniferlarmentrout.com)

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Tessa Bailey returns with an all-new sports rom-com about a burly, surly, single dad who falls head-over-hockey-stick for his quirky live-in nanny...

**THE AU PAIR AFFAIR:**

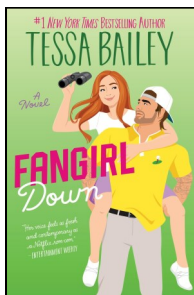
**Big Shots, book 2**  
by Tessa Bailey

Tallulah is smart, vivacious, and studying to be a marine biologist. She's also 26 and broke. So when Burgess, a battle-scarred hockey veteran and newly single dad, offers her a job as his live-in nanny, she jumps at the opportunity to get paid while living in a super fancy neighborhood and being around Lissa, his cool but introverted tween.

Her tween charge isn't the only one who could use some help fitting in, though. According to...well, everyone except Burgess, he needs to get back on the dating scene, and adventurous Tallulah is just the girl to show him how. But as boundaries are slowly crossed and Burgess finds himself pulled between his daughter, who wants her parents back together, and his insane chemistry with Tallulah, a huge rift is formed, and Tallulah does the "right" thing—breaks her own heart and walks away.

Though Burgess knows it's for the best—he's too jaded, with too much baggage—a chance meeting, and a new push from his daughter, forces him to put everything on the line and fight to prove he learned his lessons well and is worthy of a happily ever after with Tallulah.

Also in the series



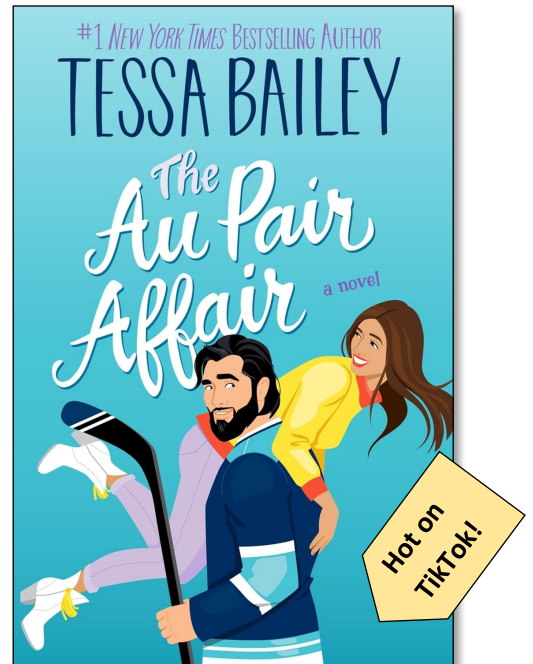
"Bestseller Bailey hits a hole-in-one with this charming golf-themed rom-com....This one's a keeper." – *Publishers Weekly*

"Bailey delivers her trademark high-heat, spicy romance, but it's the emotional connection between Wells and Josephine that makes the book a winner." – *Kirkus*



**Tessa Bailey** is the #1 *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of *It Happened One Summer* and *Hook, Line and Sinker*, the *Line of Duty* series, the *Crossing the Line* series, the *Broke and Beautiful* series, the *Academy* series, and more. She lives in Long Island, New York, with her husband and daughter.

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**Avon**

**July 2024**

Hardcover

102k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

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

**Foreign sales:** Russia (Exmo), Spain (Urano)

**Previous foreign publishers:** Albania (Botime Pegi), Brazil (Intrinseca), British (Piatkus), Bulgaria (IBIS Publishing House), Croatia (Znanje doo), Czech (Grada), Denmark (Politikens), Finland (Otava Finland), France (Editions L'Archipel), Germany (Rowohlt), Greece (Klidarithmos), Hungary (Maxim), Iceland (Bokafelagid), Indonesia (Gramedia Pustaka Utama), Israel (Ahavot 2018), Italy (Mondadori), Lithuania (Leidykla Sofoklis), Macedonia (TRI Publishing Group), The Netherlands (VOLT), Poland (Muza), Portugal (Particular), Romania (Nemira), Russia (Eksmo), Serbia (Publik Prakticum), Slovenia (Učila), Slovakia (Pandora), Spain (Urano), Sweden (HarperCollins Sweden), Turkey (Martı), Ukraine (Vivat)

**Highlights:**

\* #1 *New York Times* bestselling author  
\* #tessabailey has 262 million views on TikTok

**Primary agent:**

Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

A brash bounty hunter and an energetic elementary school teacher become the murder-solving team no one asked for—but they're stuck together, come hell or high tide, until a killer is found in this spicy rom-com featuring a brand-new bonus novella from Tessa Bailey

**MY KILLER VACATION**  
by Tessa Bailey

It was supposed to be a relaxing vacation in sweet, sunny Cape Cod—just Taylor Basse and her beloved brother—but discovering a corpse in their rental house has really thrown a wrench into their tanning schedule. Now a rude, crude bounty hunter has arrived on the back of his motorcycle to catch the killer and refuses to believe Taylor can be helpful, despite the countless hours she's spent listening to true crime podcasts. Not to mention her fulfilling teaching career of wrangling second graders.

Myles Sumner is only there to do a job, not babysit an amateur sleuth. Although...it is becoming less and less of a hardship to have Taylor around. Sure, she's stubborn, distracting and can't stay out of harm's way. She's also brave and beautiful and reminds him of home. In other words, the insatiable hunger and protectiveness she's awakening is a threat to his peace of mind. Before Myles sinks any deeper into this dangerous attraction, he needs to solve the murder and get back on the road. Only now there are two threats—and the biggest one is to his heart.

"There's definitely a suspenseful element, but the star here is the romance, with Myles and Taylor in nearly every scene together. It's entertaining, engaging, and entirely bingeable." – **Jeeves Reads Romance**

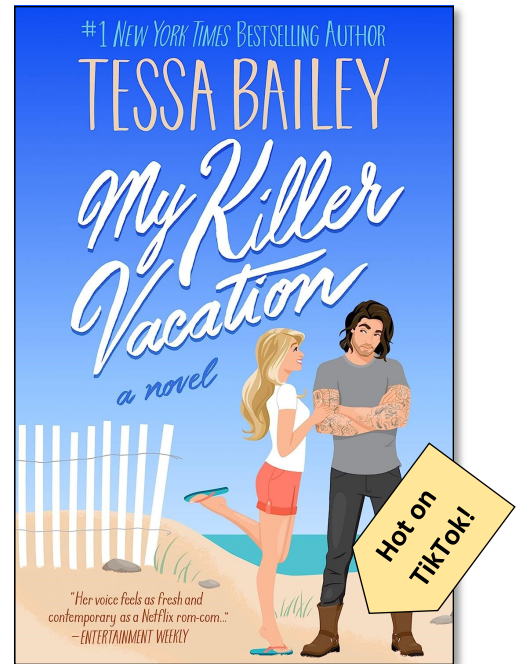
"If you are looking for a fun vacation read with a swoony hero and lots of grumpy-sunshine goodness, this book is for you." – **Smexy Books**

"*My Killer Vacation* was \*chef's kiss\*—it had me laughing and blushing at the down-to-earth, sultry story of Taylor and Myles that is one hundred per-cent a killer summer read." – **Pretty Little Memoirs**



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**Avon**

**April/May 2024 (originally independently published June 2022)**

Trade paperback

82k words

**Genre:** Contemporary romantic suspense

**Rights available:**

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Foreign sales:** Brazil (Intrinseca), British (Piatkus), Czech (Grada), Italy (Mondadori), Portugal (Infinto/Particular), Russia (Eksmo), Spain (Urano), Turkey (Marti), Ukraine (Vivat Publishing)

**Highlights:**

- \* Features a brand new bonus novella
- \* Debuted at #28 on the *USA Today* bestseller list
- \* #1 *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author
- \* #tessabailey has 262 million views on TikTok

**Primary agent:**

Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



From *New York Times* bestselling author Tessa Bailey comes a steamy novella full of hope and humor tracking a couple's fake marriage for a year after the wild New Year's Eve when they first say "I do."

**SAME TIME NEXT YEAR**  
by Tessa Bailey

Adored by all, Britta is an ambitious waitress working at Sluggers. The popular bar holds a special place in her heart and is a regular hangout for the Bridgeport Bandits, the local hockey club. With a half brother on the team, Britta has a strict no-dating policy for hockey boys. But she does have a soft spot for one particular player.

A beast on the ice, Sumner Mayfield is on the brink of breaking into the NHL. But time's running out. With his work visa about to expire, Sumner's only chance to stay in Bridgeport is to marry an American—and get a green card. Otherwise, it's back to Canada for the defenseman.

On New Year's Eve, the team begs Britta to marry Sumner that very night. Sum is embarrassed yet hopeful—he's desperately in love. But Britta balks at first. Until something about Sumner's soulful brown eyes and ripped physique makes her reconsider....

"Sumner, you're going to do these things with me . . ." She wets her lips, her words releasing in a harsh exhale.  
"Because if you do them to someone else, I will have to murder them with my bare hands."  
At first, I'm not sure I heard her correctly. But...did I?  
I did.  
My wife is possessive.  
Part of me wants to laugh out loud because the very idea that I could even consider another woman is so far outside the realm of possibility, she has no idea. What women? Where? I'm blind to every last one of them. There's only Britta.



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**Amazon Original Stories**  
**December 2023**

E-book  
39k words

**Genre:** Contemporary hockey rom-com

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

**Foreign sales:** Russia (Exmo)

**Previous foreign publishers:** Albania (Botime Pegi), Brazil (Intrinseca), British (Piatkus), Bulgaria (IBIS Publishing House), Croatia (Znanje doo), Czech (Grada), Denmark (Politikens), Finland (Otava Finland), France (Editions L'Archipel), Germany (Rowohlt), Greece (Klidarithmos), Hungary (Maxim), Iceland (Bokafelagid), Indonesia (Gramedia Pustaka Utama), Israel (Ahavot 2018), Italy (Mondadori), Lithuania (Leidykla Sofoklis), Macedonia (TRI Publishing Group), The Netherlands (VOLT), Poland (Muza), Portugal (Particular), Romania (Nemira), Russia (Eksmo), Serbia (Publik Prakticum), Slovenia (Učila), Slovakia (Pandora), Spain (Urano), Sweden (HarperCollins Sweden), Turkey (Marti), Ukraine (Vivat)

**Highlights:**  
\* #1 Amazon bestseller, Workplace Romance eBooks  
\* #1 Kindle Singles bestseller  
\* #1 *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author  
\* #tessabailey has 262 million views on TikTok

**Primary agent:**  
Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

Fifteen years later, Louisa Ward still gets butterflies every time she sees the gorgeous soldier, but she's tired of waiting and ready to find love, even if it can't be with him...

### LIVE, LOVE, SPY:

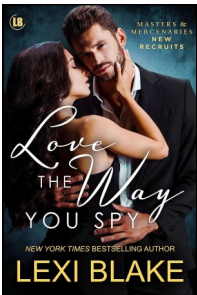
#### Masters and Mercenaries: New Recruits, book 2 by Lexi Blake

Life can often be awkward when you are a child genius. For Louisa Ward, that came in the form of meeting her one true love at age 12. TJ Taggart was perfect. But being a year younger and a full year ahead of him in school always made things weird. Working in the CIA has made her into a strong and capable woman. Until she sees TJ. Fifteen years later, she still gets butterflies every time she sees the gorgeous soldier, but she's tired of waiting and ready to find love, even if it can't be with him.

Not everyone knows what they want out of life when they are a teenager, but TJ Taggart could always see exactly where he wanted to go. But joining the Army would require a sacrifice. Since meeting Louisa, TJ knew she was the woman he wanted to spend his life with. He couldn't ask her to live that life with him. She was meant to change the world. There would be a chance to sweep her off her feet when his time in this dangerous life was done, and their happily ever after could begin.

On a top-secret mission, TJ's unit is ambushed by an unknown adversary. No rescue is coming. As he waits to die, all he can think of is the time he wasted and how badly he wants to be with Lou. He's more than a little surprised when his sweet, quiet girl shows up leading a CIA special ops squad to bust him out. Back in Dallas, it's time to claim the woman of his dreams. He has a plan to win her over, until the adversary who almost killed him returns to finish the job.

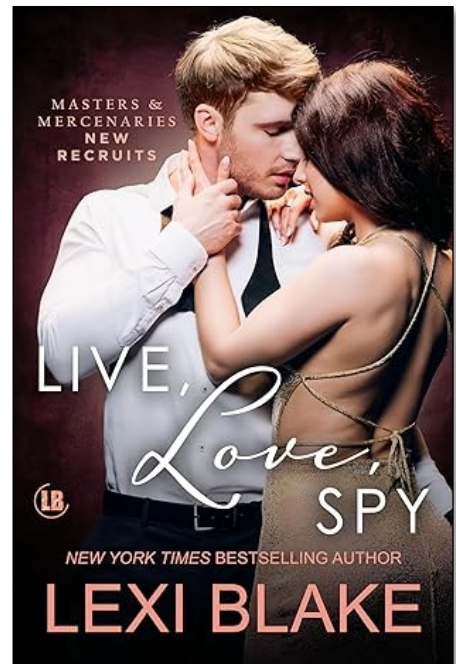
#### Also in the series



"*Love the Way You Spy* is a story of secrets and lies, betrayal and vengeance, espionage and murder, and forgiveness and love. The premise is intricate, intriguing, and captivating; the romance is seductive and passionate; the characters are numerous, powerful, determined, and dynamic; the world building is detailed and complex." – **The Reading Cafe**



*New York Times* bestselling author **Lexi Blake** lives in North Texas with her husband and three kids. Since starting her publishing journey in 2010, she's sold over three million copies of her books. She began writing at a young age, concentrating on plays and journalism. It wasn't until she started writing romance that she found success. She likes to find humor in the strangest places and believes in happy endings. [www.lexiblake.net](http://www.lexiblake.net)



**Independently Published**  
**March 2024**

Trade paperback  
132k words

**Genre:** Romantic suspense

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Previous foreign publishers:** Italy (Follie Letterarie), The Netherlands (Sisters Press)

#### Highlights:

\* *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author  
\* Over 3 million copies of Lexi Blake's work sold

#### Primary agent:

Kevan Lyon  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

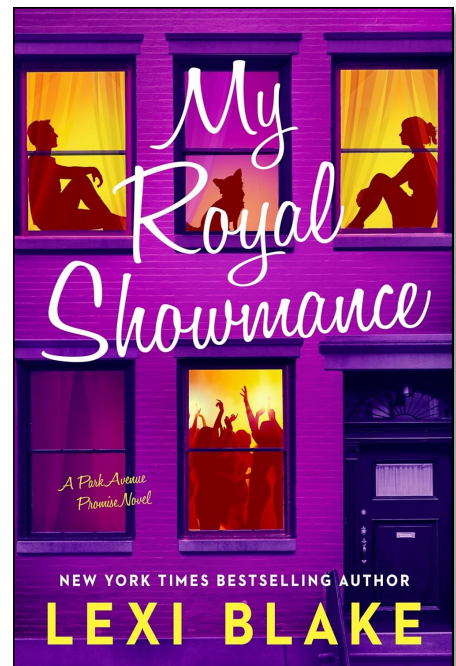
Three young women make a pact in high school— to always be friends and to one day make it big in Manhattan

**MY ROYAL SHOWMANCE:**  
**Park Avenue Promise, book 2**  
**by Lexi Blake**

Anika Fox knows exactly where she wants to be, and it's not on the set of a reality TV dating show. She's working her way up at the production company she works for and she's close to achieving some of her dreams. The big boss just wants one thing from her. He's got a potential problem with the director of *The King Takes a Bride* and he wants Anika to pose as a production assistant and report back.

As the prince of a tiny European country, Luca St. Marten knows the world views him as one of the pampered royalty of the world. It couldn't be further from the truth. His country is hurting and he's right there on the front lines with his citizens. When he's asked to do a dating show, his counselors point out that it could bring tourism back to Ralavia. It goes against his every desire, but he agrees.

When one of the contestants drops out at the last minute, Anika finds herself replacing the potential princess. She's sure she'll be asked to leave the first night, but Luca keeps picking her again and again. Suddenly she finds herself in the middle of a made-for-TV fantasy, and she's unsure what's real and what's simply reality TV.



**Blue Box Press**

**June 2024**

Trade paperback

Estimated 91k words

**Genre:** Contemporary romance

**Rights available:**

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Previous foreign publishers:** Bulgaria (IBIS), Romania (Editura Litera)

**Highlights:**

\* *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author

\* Over 3 million copies of Lexi Blake's work sold

\* **Previous book, *Start Us Up*:**

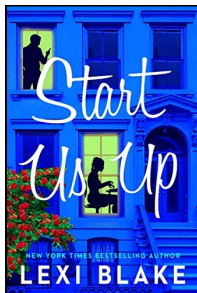
- Apple Books' Best Books of August
- One of Barnes & Noble's Five Favorite Indie Books of the Week
- Kobo Best of the Month book

**Primary agent:**

Kevan Lyon  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available February 2024

Also in the series



"*Start Us Up* is a story of betrayal and deception, mental illness and acceptance, family and friendships, relationships and love. The premise is emotional yet captivating; the romance is seductive; the characters are dynamic and desperate." – **The Reading Café**

"*Start Us Up* offers a delightful exploration of second chances, personal growth, and the merging of old traditions with modern technology." – **Bookcase and Coffee**



*New York Times* bestselling author **Lexi Blake** lives in North Texas with her husband and three kids. Since starting her publishing journey in 2010, she's sold over three million copies of her books. She began writing at a young age, concentrating on plays and journalism. It wasn't until she started writing romance that she found success. She likes to find humor in the strangest places and believes in happy endings. [www.lexiblake.net](http://www.lexiblake.net)

Two star hockey players and their best friend's little sister star in this in a runaway bride rom-com

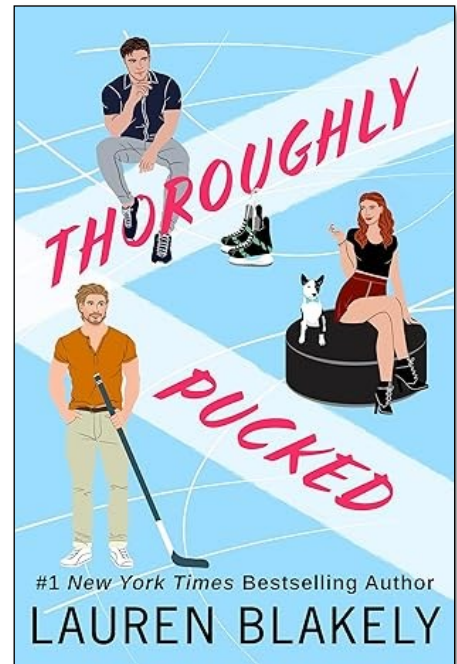
**THOROUGHLY PUCKED:  
My Hockey Romance, book 3  
by Lauren Blakely**

Picture this. I'm about to walk down the aisle when the groom decides to drop this news on me—he wants to dial it down to just f-buddies. That's when my brother's two pro-hockey playing buddies sneak me out of the church seconds before the wedding march begins. They whisk me away in a convertible and we hit the open road.

But what's a runaway bride to do with a broken heart and a non-refundable honeymoon? Book an extra ticket and take a double honeymoon with two off-limits, totally charming, absolutely gorgeous star athletes who want to lift my spirits.

When we arrive there's only bed in the hotel room. And it happens to fit three. The goalie, the forward, and me.

Looks like I'm about to get thoroughly pucked on my double honeymoon. Talk about lifting my spirits....



**Independently Published  
January 2024**

Trade paperback  
95k words

**Genre:** Contemporary hockey rom-com

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Foreign sales:** Russia (Exmo)

**Previous foreign publishers for the series:** France (Chatterley's/Univers Poche), Germany (Ullstein), Hungary (Könyvmolyképző), Italy (Sperling), Russia (Exmo)

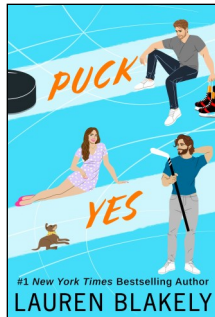
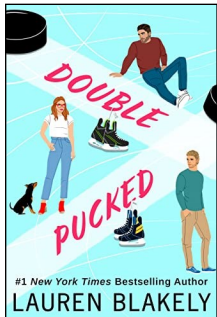
**Highlights:**

- \* #1 *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestselling author
- \* Over 3.5 million copies of Lauren Blakely's books sold
- \* **First book, *Double Pucked*:**
- \* #1 New Release on Amazon, Romantic Comedy
- \* Hit #4 in the Kindle Store
- \* Hit #16 on Amazon Charts
- \* Hit #1 in Sports Romance and Romantic Comedy on Amazon
- \* #doublepucked garnered 1.5 million views on TikTok 20 days after pub

**Primary agent:**  
Michelle Wolfson  
Wolfson Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

Also in the series



"[L]et me tell you, when this trio collides? My Kindle smoked as the pages sizzled with the explosion of their collective chemistry." – **Red Cheeks**

**Reads**

"Lauren Blakely knocked it out of the ice rink with her first MFM and hockey romance book." – **Book Lovin' Mamas**



**Lauren Blakely**, a #1 *New York Times* bestselling, #1 *Wall Street Journal* bestselling, and #1 Audible bestselling author, is known for her contemporary romance style that's sweet, sexy, and witty. She also writes red-hot, sexy romance for her Lauren Blakely *After Dark* line. With 14 *New York Times* bestsellers, her titles have appeared on the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestseller lists more than 100 times combined, and she's sold more than 3.5 million books.

<https://laurenblakely.com>

A hilarious hockey romance featuring a lovable hockey goalie, a sassy heroine, a deal made between enemies, spice hot enough to make you question your religious values, and a slow journey of mutual healing that ultimately ends in love

**THE CRUELEST KIND OF HATE:**

**Riverside Reapers, book 3**

**by Celeste Briars**

Hockey’s golden boy, Gage Arlington, is a world-renowned goalie and lovable jerk who expects his second season playing on the Riverside Reapers to go smoothly. Until his luck changes one game and he sustains an almost-career-ending injury. Now facing three months of recovery time, his sole focus is to get back on the ice. With a (supposedly) foolproof plan, he enlists the help of a certain dance instructor to rehabilitate him, only to find out that she’s none other than the girl who hates his guts and rear-ended his car to prove it.

Dance instructor, Calista Cadwell, has been strapped in a never-ending rollercoaster loop her whole life. And when her mother falls terminally ill, she’s left with no choice but to become her brother’s primary caretaker. Then she discovers her brother is being bullied by his hockey teammates. So, when an arrogant, hip-hindered hockey player comes begging for her help, she forms a plan of action.

Gage and Calista strike a deal: she’ll help him with his recovery in return for some hockey lessons for her brother. However, when Gage’s true feelings threaten to complicate their business transaction, Calista finds herself at a crossroads: does she put herself first and chase after love, or does she become another cog in a family-oriented machine?



**Independently published**  
**March 2024**

Trade paperback  
106k words

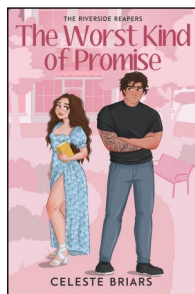
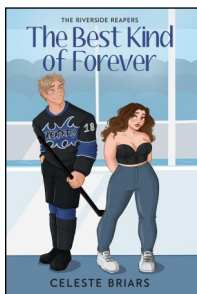
**Genre:** Contemporary hockey rom-com

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Highlights:**

- \* Can be read as a standalone, part of a 6-book series
- \* #celestebriars has over 3.5 million views on TikTok
- \* **Previous book, *The Best Kind of Forever*:**  
— Hit the top 200 on Kindle (paid)
- \* **Previous book, *The Worst Kind of Promise*:**  
— Hit 102 on Kindle (paid)  
— Hit #30 in Sport Romance and #10 in Hockey Romance on Amazon

Also in the series



“Looking for your next hockey romance to read, then you have to pick up *The Best Kind of Forever* by Celeste Briars!”  
— **Cheryl’s Book Nook**



**Celeste Briars** is an indie author who specializes in spicy hockey romances. She’s a UC Davis alumna with a Bachelor’s in Psychology.  
<http://celestebriars.com>

**Primary agent:**  
Jill Marsal  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

While Juliana Ryan is hell-bent on keeping the condescending but infuriatingly attractive Ben Thomas at a distance, universe seems to be taunting her...

**LET'S CALL A TRUCE**  
by Amy Buchanan

Juliana Ryan is trying to perfect an impossible juggling act. When her husband dies unexpectedly, leaving her with two grieving kids and a stunted career from years as a stay-at-home mom, she has no choice but to make it work all alone. Her faux-confidence comes crashing down when she overhears her new colleague, the condescending but infuriatingly attractive Ben Thomas, talking about how her kids and inexperience are a liability the company can't afford. Torn between her fear of failure and her need to keep a roof over her family's head, she vows to prove him wrong.

While she is hell-bent on keeping him at a distance, the universe seems to be taunting her. At every turn, personal and professional, the two of them are thrown together. When they are forced onto a career-making project, Juliana has no choice but to call a truce. As their lives become more intertwined, Juliana realizes the man she deemed her nemesis may understand her life—her stress and responsibilities—better than anyone. She finds it hard to ignore his perpetual smile and charming determination, and what used to be boardroom-clearing arguments turn into desk-clearing kisses.

But just when Juliana decides to open her heart again, Ben's past threatens their newfound peace, and she has to figure out whether a second chance at love brought on by a truce is worth it after all.

**St. Martin's Griffin**  
**February 2025**

Trade paperback  
100k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

**Rights available:**  
Translation (US publisher has World English rights)

**Primary agent:**  
Jemiscoe Chambers-Black  
Andrea Brown Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



**Amy Buchanan's** affair with romance and books started at three when she watched *Beauty and the Beast* and couldn't decide if she was more obsessed with the prince or the library (The library. Definitely the library). She writes fun and spicy contemporary romances with relatable heroines, swoonworthy heroes, and loving found families. She lives in Central Florida with her three littles, two pups, and one husband. On top of writing, she uses her Masters in Higher Education Administration to run a scholarship foundation for first-generation college stu-

dents. When not working, she trolls travel sites for luxury rentals outside of her travel budget and (poorly) trains for half-marathons. *Let's Call a Truce* is her debut novel. [www.amybuchananbooks.com](http://www.amybuchananbooks.com)

Can a professional rogue earn an honest happy ever after?

**THE GENTLE ART OF FORTUNE HUNTING:  
Gentlemen of Uncertain Fortune, book 1  
by KJ Charles**

Robin Loxleigh and his sister Marianne are the hit of the Season, so attractive and delightful that nobody looks behind their pretty faces. Until Robin sets his sights on Sir John Hartlebury's heiress niece. The notoriously graceless baronet isn't impressed by good looks or fooled by false charm. He's sure Robin is a liar, a fortune hunter, and a heartless, greedy fraud—and he'll protect his niece, whatever it takes.

Then, just when Hart thinks he has Robin at his mercy, things take a sharp left turn. And as the grumpy baronet and the glib fortune hunter start to understand each other, they also find themselves starting to care—more than either of them thought possible.

But Robin's cheated and lied and let people down for money. Can a professional rogue earn an honest happy ever after?

"This felt like KJ's very own sexy and skullduggerous take on the romcom trend, and I loved it." – **Talia Hibbert, USA Today bestselling author of *Get a Life, Chloe Brown***

"Both a frothy romp alongside two Regency con artists and a pointed commentary on class consciousness. But there's such tender-heartedness, particularly on the part of the titular fortune hunters, that the book always feels like a warm hug, something to sink into when the world is falling apart." – **Entertainment Weekly**

"The sort of book you finish with a heartfelt, happy sigh and lots of warm, fuzzy feelings. It's clever, it's fun, it's witty and it's gloriously romantic, and I gobbled it up and never wanted it to end." – **All About Romance**

**KJ Charles** is the author of many historical romances including *The Doomsday Books*, *The Charm of Magpies* series, the *Society of Gentlemen* series, and more. She is a writer and editor living in London. She has a serious reading habit, two kids, a cat, a blog, and several books coming out. Her work has been featured several times in the *Washington Post*, and they have won many awards and accolades, including Rainbow Awards Best Gay Historical Romance, RT Top Pick, RT Seal of Excellence, and Goodreads M/M Readers Choice Awards Best Paranormal.

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**Orion**

(originally self-published February 2021)

**January 2024**

Trade paperback

77k words

**Genre:** Historical m/m romance

**Rights available:**

Translation (US publisher has World English rights)

**Foreign sales:** Germany (Second Chances)

**Previous foreign publishers:** France (MxM/Reines-Beaux), Israel (Dorit Tamir-Alma Books), Italy (Triskell Edizioni), Japan (Shinshokan), Russia (Eksmo), Taiwan (Reve Books), Thailand (Reading Room Co.)

**Highlights:**

- \* First book in a series
- \* New York Public Library's Best Books for Adults 2021, Romance
- \* Author has received many awards and accolades including RT Top Pick, RT Seal of Excellence, Rainbow Awards Best Gay Fantasy Romance, and Goodreads M/M Readers Choice Awards

**Primary agent:**

Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Available

Ex-lovers. Ex-rivals. New cohosts. Oh, puck

## WAKE UP, NAT AND DARCY

by Kate Cochrane

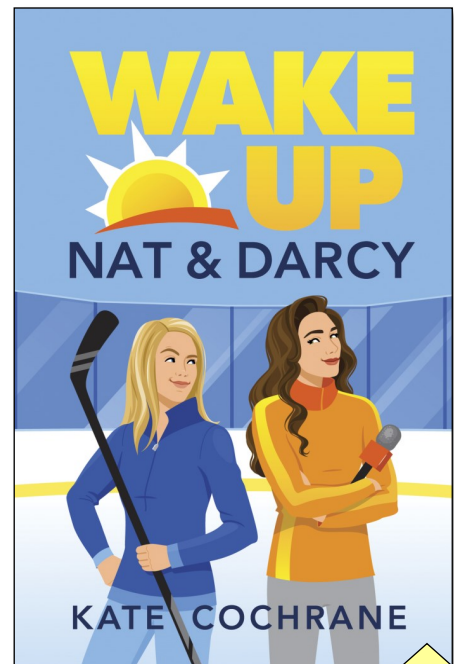
Cut from the US women's hockey team right before her third chance at gold, Natalie Carpenter is scrambling for a plan that'll help her avoid moving back home. The answer: a guest-hosting gig on *Wake Up*, USA's winter games coverage. Her cohost: Darcy LaCroix, Nat's ex-girlfriend, one-time college teammate turned adversary.

Since leaving Team Canada, Darcy has worked hard to make a name in broadcasting. If her big break requires sharing screen time with the former cocky freshman who turned her world upside down, so be it. At this point, there's nothing between them except history.

But audiences disagree. #PuckingHotties is trending hard, and Nat and Darcy agree to lean into it—for ratings, obviously. It's not like Nat can forget the way Darcy broke her heart or their bitter team rivalry.

Between working, traveling together and that irresistible spark, it's getting hard to separate what's real and what's for the camera. Because somewhere underneath everything that went wrong is the sneaking suspicion that nothing will ever feel quite this right again.

Natalie sat up, her head pounding. Damn, she looked good on that screen. Deep inside her, teenage Natalie's heart stuttered at the sight of her former teammate. It only lasted a second. As soon as Darcy explained why Natalie lost her spot on the team and mentioned her replacement, Natalie's heart hardened. Hurt-infused anger consumed her.



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

**Carina Adores**  
**November 2024**

Trade paperback  
90k words

**Genre:** Contemporary f/f rom-com

**Rights available:**

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Highlights:**

- \* Lead title
- \* Listen to our short podcast about *Wake Up, Nat and Darcy* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**

Paige Terlip  
Andrea Brown Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



**Kate Cochrane** grew up in rural New Hampshire and played Division I ice hockey at Dartmouth College. She received her law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law and practiced as an attorney for four years before becoming a stay-at-home mom to her two children while her wife completed her residency and fellowship. Now, she works as a Law Librarian. In 2017, she was a fellow in the Lambda Literary Writer's Retreat for Emerging LGBTQ Voices with Malinda Lo as her mentor. *Wake Up, Nat and*

*Darcy* is her debut novel. [www.katebcochrane.com](http://www.katebcochrane.com)



A hilarious and sweeping love story about a comedian forced to return to her Jersey Shore hometown and confront everything she left behind ten summers before—including the man who broke her heart

## SUMMERTIME PUNCHLINE

by Betty Corrello

Then. Delfina Silva-Miller wants one thing: to leave behind Evergreen, New Jersey and never look back. Despite her adoring grandmother's best efforts, Del can't bear to live another moment at the whims of her deadbeat dad (so cliché) and her ever-temperamental crush, Eddie Rodriguez (humiliating).

Now. If there's one thing Del knows how to do, it's spin her bad luck into a killer joke. After years of hard work, she's finally landed a coveted spot at a huge comedy festival, molding the often tragic raw material of her life into comedic gold. But when Del loses her job, boyfriend, and apartment in the span of a few hours, she's forced to pack her bags and return to the home she swore off at 18.

Del is determined not to let her history with Evergreen distract her. She has 45 days to perfect a new comedy set and march into her new life. Instead, she marches right into Eddie Rodriguez. But he's nothing like the boy she left behind ten years ago.

As the festival draws closer, Del is faced with the terrifying possibility that everything she's ever wanted isn't as far away as it once seemed.

Vividly evoking the boardwalks and beaches of the Jersey Shore, *Summertime Punchline* is a hilarious, vulnerable, and sweeping love story celebrating the complicated relationships—romantic and not—that impact our lives, for better or worse.

"I laughed, I swooned, I dabbed my eyes. Corrello is a voice to watch."  
– Rachel Runya Katz, author of *Thank You for Sharing*

"Vivid, fresh, and wholly singular. Please welcome to the stage....Betty Corrello!" – Julia Whelan, author of *Thank You For Listening*

"A wonderfully witty love letter to stand-up comedy, true love, and there being no place like home." – Georgia Clark, author of *It Had to Be You*



**Betty Corrello** is a writer and comedian from Philadelphia. Despite her hardened exterior, she is biologically 95% marshmallow. Betty blames this on the abundance of water in her astrological chart. Her greatest passion is writing stories where opposites attract, but love is chosen. When she's not writing, she can be found fretting about niche historical events most have forgotten—or petting her very tiny dog. *Summertime Punchline* is her debut novel. [www.bettycorrelloauthor.com](http://www.bettycorrelloauthor.com)



**Avon**

**May 2024**

Trade paperback

90k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

**Rights available:**

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Primary agent:**

Claire Harris  
P.S. Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

What if this is the one time the ick factor fails her?

**THE ICK FACTOR:**

**Tis the Season for Revenge, book 4  
by Morgan Elizabeth**

Kat has never been on more than seven dates with a man before catching the dreaded ick. That’s all it takes to realize he’s not the one for her. It’s usually something small—the way he puts ice in his cup, drinks his coffee, or his preferred name in the bedroom, but it’s enough to make her realize she could never spend an eternity with him.

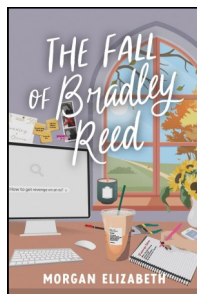
Theodore is ready to take over the company his father left for him. He’s spent his entire life working towards the moment when he becomes president, every waking moment dedicated to that goal. Unfortunately, his family man boss isn’t too keen on his strictly single ways and worries if he gets this job, he’ll never start a family. That’s when he lies and tells his boss he has a fiancé.

Now, he not only has to prove he deserves the job, despite his rival doing everything he can to sabotage him, but he has to find himself a fiancé—and fast.

It’s good that his sunshine assistant has an open schedule and can promise a no-strings deal. Seven dates to impress his boss and take down his rival with zero risk that she’ll fall for him.

But what if this is the one time the ick factor fails her?

Also in the series



“This book was the perfect holiday book. It far surpasses the *Die Hard* Christmas test, and is a book that you do not want to miss.”  
– **Bookcase and Coffee**



**Morgan Elizabeth** is a born and raised Jersey girl, living there with her two boys, toddler daughter, and mechanic husband. She’s addicted to iced espresso, barbecue chips, and Starburst jellybeans. She usually has headphones on, listening to some spicy audiobook or Taylor Swift. There is rarely an in-between. Writing has been her calling for as long as she can remember. She is now the author of over a dozen romance novels, including the *Springbrook Hills* series, the *Ocean View* series, the *Season of Revenge* series, and the *Mastermind Duet*.

[www.authormorganelizabeth.com](http://www.authormorganelizabeth.com)



**Independently published**

**March 2024**

Trade paperback

110k words

**Genre:** Contemporary romance

**Rights available:**

British and translation

**Previous foreign publishers:** Czech (Albatros), Russia (Exmo)

**Highlights:**

**\* First book in the series, *Tis the Season for Revenge*:**

- Hit #1 in Contemporary Women’s Fiction, Amazon
- Hit #1 in the entire Amazon store and spent two months in the top 100
- Hit #1 in fiction/romance/general on IngramSpark
- Received a “Best of BookTok” banner on Amazon

**Primary agent:**

Taj McCoy  
Rees Literary Agency

**Material:** Available March 2024

*The Notebook* meets *Sweet Home Alabama*, this Noah Kahan-coded contemporary romance is bound to give you all the feels

**ALL MY LOVE:**  
**Aspen Oaks series, book 1**  
**by Morgan Elizabeth**

Riggins has been in love with Stella for as long as he can remember. As kids, they'd sneak out and spend long nights under the stars writing songs together, sharing their deepest confessions, and dreaming about getting out of their small town. When his band gets a record deal and a headlining tour, he convinces her to come see the world with him, and she agrees.

It doesn't take long before he gets too far into the rockstar lifestyle, everything starts to fall apart—including their relationship. When she leaves without a word and never looks back, it leaves him shattered, spiraling and confused.

Until he finds out why....

Nine years ago, Stella went on tour with her childhood love. When things fell apart, it broke her, and she's spent every moment since putting herself back together, crafting a facade that will please everyone around her while forcing herself to *survive*. It's going well until one day, Riggins shows up at her house in their small town of Ashford, New Jersey, and blows her safe little world apart. Now they're stuck piecing together their versions of the past together and seeing if they can move forward together.

**Independently published**  
**May 2024**

Trade paperback  
Estimated 100k words

**Genre:** Contemporary romance

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Highlights:**

- \* First book in a series
- \* Filled with Easter eggs for Noah Kahan fans
- \* #1 Amazon bestselling author

**Primary agent:**

Taj McCoy  
Rees Literary Agency

**Material:** Available end February 2024



**Morgan Elizabeth** is a born and raised Jersey girl, living there with her two boys, toddler daughter, and mechanic husband. She's addicted to iced espresso, barbecue chips, and Starburst jellybeans. She usually has headphones on, listening to some spicy audiobook or Taylor Swift. There is rarely an in-between. Writing has been her calling for as long as she can remember. She is now the author of over a dozen romance novels, including the *Springbrook Hills* series, the *Ocean View* series, the *Season of Revenge* series, and the *Mastermind Duet*.

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A laugh-out-loud, enemies-to-lovers rom-com about a Gucci wearing millionaire who falls for a small-town single mom

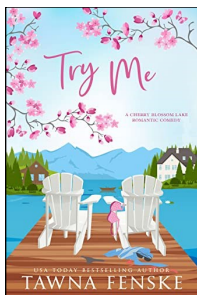
**CHARM ME:  
Cherry Blossom Lake, book 2  
by Tawna Fenske**

Call me cocky, but it's a fact women fall at my feet. So why does this one want to kick me in the junk? Might be my work for her uncle's legal defense. Or the dubious ways I earned my millions. Or the scandal that cost my career.

Maybe it's just that I'm not a nice guy. A fact I'm regretting once Lucy storms in and gets me rethinking my rule on dating single moms. She's funny and smart and so sexy it shouldn't be legal. Take it from a disbarred lawyer. One desperate to dodge this desire sparking like frayed wires in a champagne flute of kerosene.

A few stolen kisses and I'm suddenly starved for a simple life on this sweet lake, but that's absurd. Guys like me don't belong in small towns. Towns this charming, this good, this...pure. It should be easy staying chaste with Lucy, since our encounters include a precocious pre-teen, one misguided bat, and a goat who won't take no for an answer. But nothing's easy with a woman born to boss five grumpy brothers. Big as they are, those guys don't scare me. Not like my feelings for Luce and her daughter. Those have me quaking in my Gucci loafers. So does this big-ass secret bearing down like a toxic tsunami.

Also in the series



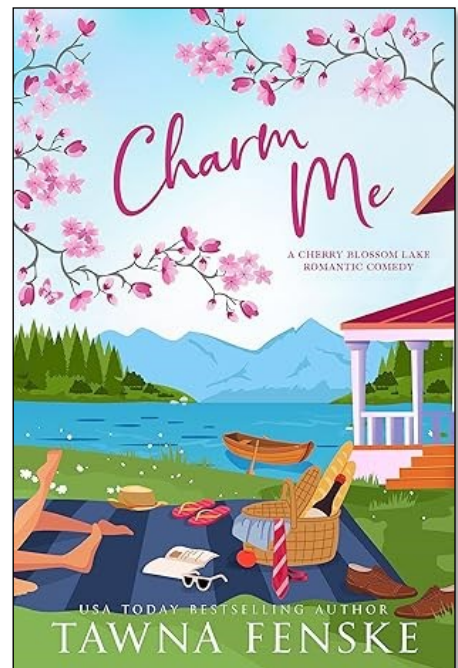
"Try Me is a story of family and relationships, secrets and lies, greed and power, misunderstanding, forgiveness and love. The premise is heartwarming and animated; the romance is spicy and passionate-the sexual tension is palpable; the characters are dynamic and inspiring." – **The Reading Cafe**



*USA Today* bestselling author **Tawna Fenske** has traveled a career path that took her from newspaper reporter to English teacher in Venezuela to marketing geek to PR manager for her city's tourism bureau. She lives with her husband in Bend, Oregon. Tawna has published several romantic comedies with Sourcebooks, including *Making Waves*, which was nominated for contemporary romance of the year by *RT Book Reviews* and *Now That It's You*, which was nominated for a RITA award.

She also writes heartwarming romantic comedies for Montlake Publishing, and steamy, humorous series romance for Entangled Publishing.

<http://tawnafenske.com>



**Independently published  
January 2024**

Trade paperback  
75k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Previous foreign publishers:** France (J'ai Lu), Germany (Lübbe-LYX), Romania (Editura Litera), Turkey (Nemesis Kitap)

**Highlights:**

- \* *USA Today* bestselling author
- \* RITA-nominated author

**Primary agent:**  
Michelle Wolfson  
Wolfson Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

I'm nuts for Lana, and the fallout might explode both our lives like a mug cake microwaved in a tin cup

**SHOW OFF:**

**Juniper Ridge, book 6**  
**by Tawna Fenske**

I wish I didn't know how one awful instant can flip your world upside down. And *really* I wish I didn't think that's why there's an edge to Lana Judson's sunshine smile.

Hell, I wish I didn't think of Lana at all. I'm busy busting ass to be the best—and yeah, *grumpiest*—chef around. It helps keeping people at a distance. My evenings blur with butter and basil, while daytime's devoted to helping my brother and hating myself for how he wound up in a wheelchair. We've got our routine, and it doesn't include sweet smiles or blue eyes or lush curves or...why is it so damn hot in here?

The thing is, Lana spins stories as a PR goddess. I'm all for icing cookies, but sugarcoating the truth? *Never*. Directness is best, even if it means awkward dessert dates that are definitely *not* dates, and embarrassing chats with my dog.

But one truth I'm terrified to face? I'm nuts for Lana, and the fallout might explode both our lives like a mug cake microwaved in a tin cup.



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Estimated 70k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Previous foreign publishers:** France (J'ai Lu), Germany (Lübbe-LYX), Romania (Editura Litera), Turkey (Nemesis Kitap)

**Highlights:**

- \* *USA Today* bestselling author
- \* RITA-nominated author

**Primary agent:**  
Michelle Wolfson  
Wolfson Literary Agency

**Material:** Available May 2024

Also in the series



*USA Today* bestselling author **Tawna Fenske** has traveled a career path that took her from newspaper reporter to English teacher in Venezuela to marketing geek to PR manager for her city's tourism bureau. She lives with her husband in Bend, Oregon. Tawna has published several romantic comedies with Sourcebooks, including *Making Waves*, which was nominated for contemporary romance of the year by *RT Book Reviews* and *Now That It's You*, which was nominated for a RITA award.

She also writes heartwarming romantic comedies for Montlake Publishing, and steamy, humorous series romance for Entangled Publishing.

<http://tawnafenske.com>

I've fallen for them too. All of them.  
How can I possibly choose?  
But worse, how can I possibly walk away?

**ICING IT:**

**A Chicago Racketeers stand-alone  
by Emma Foxx**

Sex is a fantastic stress reliever. Or so I'm told by the two hot guys who offer to help me get over some of my work-induced anxiety by getting under *both* of them. I say yes. For one night. And proceed to have my world rocked. For three days.

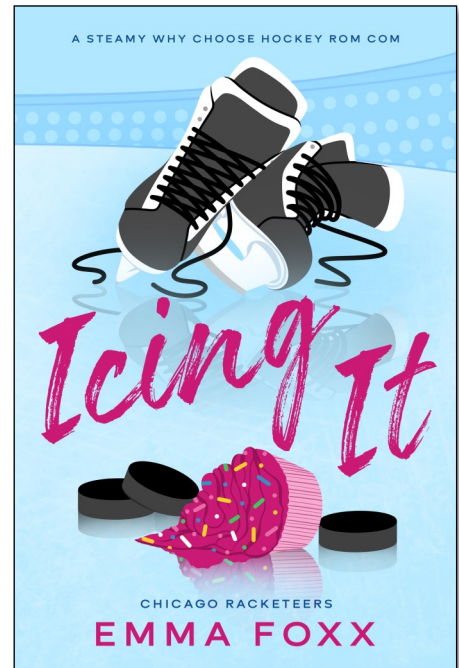
I can *not* afford that kind of distraction. As fun as it was, I have a business to run, a loan to pay off, and a life to live that does not include any extra commitments or responsibilities. Especially not a golden retriever hockey player and a bossy billionaire who are in love with each other and want to make *me* the third in their long-term menage relationship plan.

And let's not even talk about the *other* guy who wants to date me. He's my brother's coach. And he's 12 years older than me. But he's also a dad to a pretty great teenage son, and his competence and gentlemanly behavior are really hard to resist. Of course, there's also the not-so-gentlemanly things he says and does behind bedroom doors....

Then they all go and fall in love with me. Even though one of them is definitely not interested in making this a full-time foursome.

Yeah, that just takes the cake, doesn't it?  
And the icing on top?  
I've fallen for them too. All of them.  
How can I possibly choose?  
But worse, how can I possibly walk away?

**Emma Foxx** is the super fun and sexy pen name for two long-time, best-selling romance authors, Erin McCarthy and is Erin Nicholas, who thought: why have just one hero when you can have three at the same time? (they're not sure what took them so long to figure this out)! Emma writes contemporary romances that will make you laugh (yes, maybe out loud in public) and want more...books (sure, that's what we mean). Find Emma on Instagram, Tik Tok, and Goodreads.



**Independently published  
March 2024**

Trade paperback  
105k words

**Genre:** Contemporary hockey romance

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Highlights:**

- \* First book in a series
- \* Emma Foxx is the pen name for Erin McCarthy and Erin Nichols, both *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling authors

**Primary agent:**  
Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available February 2024

A steamy, fun why-choose rom-com. No cheating, a guaranteed HEA, and the guys are all about her. If you like Lily Gold, Emily Rath, and Lauren Blakely, welcome to the world of Emma Foxx!

**PUCK ONE NIGHT STANDS:**  
**Chicago Racketeers, book 1**  
**by Emma Fox**

I don't do casual hookups, so I have no idea what to expect when I meet not one, but three hot guys who are into me. I'm an introverted, failing-book-shop-owning, romance-writer wanna be. But after my dating disaster at a hockey game—all caught on the jumbotron—I somehow have the attention of three men.

Nathan Armstrong is the hot, older, sophisticated billionaire owner of the team. Why does this man want a night with me? I'm baffled...but I'm not saying no.

I should also say no to the romantic, suave, brilliant team doctor, Michael Hughes.

And the team's new hot-shot all-star player Crew McNeill.

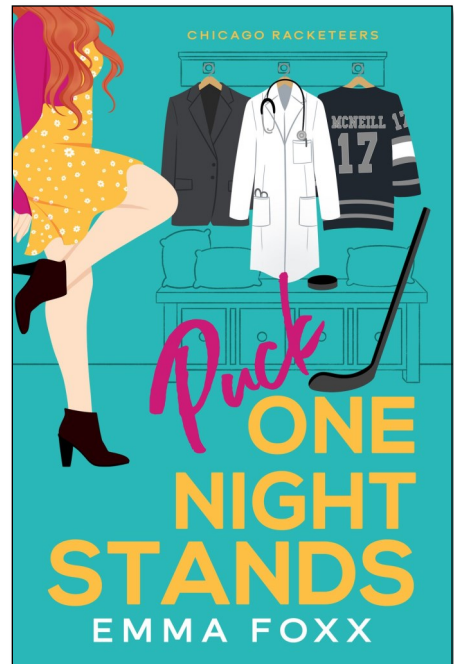
But I don't.

And I'm loving every minute. Especially the minutes they decide we should all spend together. Golden Retriever Crew is all in, bossy, broody Nathan is reluctant (to say the least), and sexy, confident Michael knows what we all need. They're all here, promising to make every one of my fantasies come true. And they do. Night after headboard-banging night. But it can't last. Good thing I was okay with a short-term fling because as soon as the fans find out what we're doing, our lives—and my heart—are going to be all pucked up.

More books in the series



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**Independently published**  
**September 2023**

Trade paperback  
95k words

**Genre:** Contemporary hockey romance

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Highlights:**

- \* First book in a series
- \* Emma Foxx is the pen name for Erin McCarthy and Erin Nichols, both *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling authors

**Primary agent:**

Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

Perfect for fans of Carly Fortune and Lucy Score, *Right Where We Left Us* is a searing and unforgettable romance

**RIGHT WHERE WE LEFT US**  
by Jen Devon

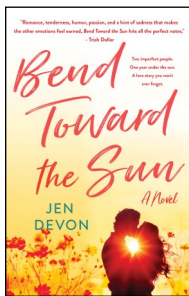
Temperance Jean Madigan and Duncan Brady have never gotten it right. After one radiant, secret summer together when they were 18, they've been on-again off-again ever since. Now, despite red-hot chemistry and TJ's closeness with Duncan's family, they're virtually strangers, only capable of adversarial banter, awkward small talk—and the occasional messy hookup.

When a wedding at the Brady's vineyard lands TJ there for the summer, their mutual avoidance strategies prove impossible. The last thing TJ wants is to be under those angsty, heated glances Duncan thinks he hides. And for Duncan, having fiery TJ constantly close is the ultimate distraction that he absolutely can't afford. When forced proximity begins to chip away at their armor, buried tensions resurface, old wounds urge confrontation, and once-in-a-lifetime love demands one last chance to finally get it right.

Thunder boomed. Gasps and chatter spread through the crowd. The storm beat a relentless incantation against the roof.

She felt Duncan's hand close around her jaw. He turned her head toward him, aligning her face with his in the darkness. Against her mouth, he growled, "We're not done yet."

Also in the series



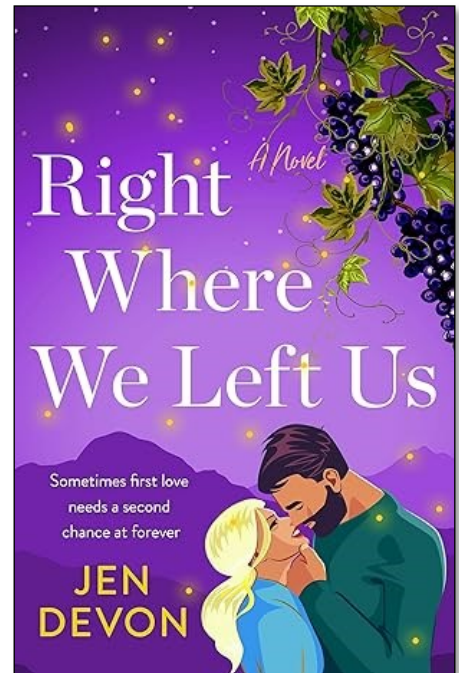
"A breathtaking, beautiful debut! Rich with emotion and unforgettable characters in a lush setting so vividly described that you'll long to visit!" – Priscilla Oliveras, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Anchored Hearts*

"Hands down, one of the best contemporary romances I've read in years." – Elizabeth Everett, author of *A Lady's Formula for Love* and *A Perfect Equation*



**Jen Devon** writes vivid, cinematic contemporary romances about imperfect people finding their perfect match. She picked up her first hand-me-down romance novel as a pre-teen in the 1990's, soon spending hours at her small Ohio hometown library, checking out stacks of historical romances as big as she could balance between her chin and her hands. Now, she mostly reads contemporaries, but many of those old favorites still live on her shelves. Her debut novel was *Bend Toward the Sun* (St.

Martin's Press). <https://jendevon.com>



**St. Martin's Griffin**  
**June 2024**

Trade paperback  
104k words

**Genre:** Contemporary romance

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

**Previous foreign publishers:** Denmark (Palatium Books Denmark), Poland (Agora)

**Highlights:**  
\* Sold in a four-way auction

**Primary agent:**  
Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



An emotional story of new love and intense intimacy...

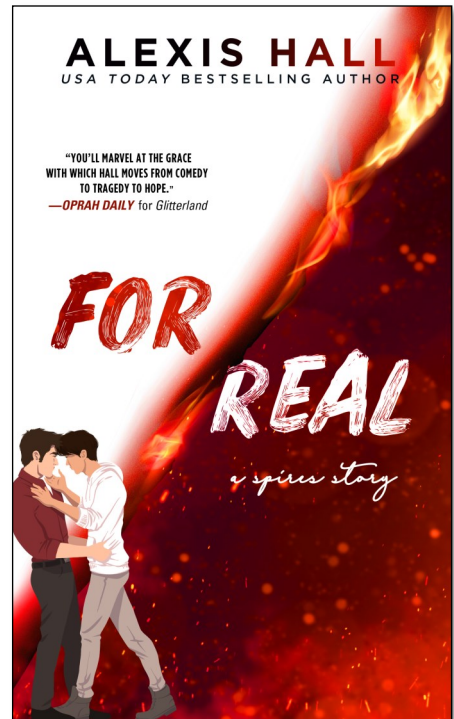
**FOR REAL:  
Spires, book 3  
by Alexis Hall**

Laurence Dalziel is worn down and washed up, and for him, the BDSM scene is all played out. Six years on from his last relationship, he's pushing 40 and tired of going through the motions of submission. Then he meets Toby Finch. Nineteen years old. Fearless, fierce, and vulnerable. Everything Laurie can't remember being.

Toby doesn't know who he wants to be or what he wants to do. But he knows, with all the certainty of youth, that he wants Laurie. He wants him on his knees. He wants to make him hurt, he wants to make him beg, he wants to make him fall in love.

The problem is, while Laurie will surrender his body, he won't surrender his heart. Because Toby is too young, too intense, too easy to hurt. And what they have—no matter how right it feels—can't last. It can't mean anything. It can't be real.

"Hall blends pleasure and pain, both erotic and emotional, to create an engrossing romance with sharpness hidden in the sweetly traditional power-exchange relationship." – *Publishers Weekly*, **starred review**



**Sourcebooks Casablanca**  
(originally self-published March 2018)  
**June 2024**

Trade paperback  
125k words

**Genre:** M/m erotic romance

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

**Foreign sales:** France (Milady Romance), Germany (Dead Soft), Italy (Triskell), Taiwan (Reve Books)

**Highlights:**

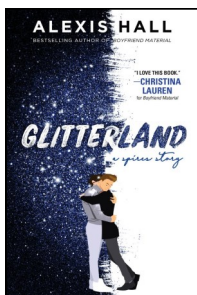
- \* Winner, Rita Award Erotic Romance
- \* Finalist, Foreword Reviews IndieFab Awards finalist
- \* Finalist, Best Gay Romance in the 28th Annual Lambda Literary Awards
- \* *Publishers Weekly* starred review

**Primary agent:**

Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Available

Also in the series



"By turns laugh-out-loud funny and tragically sad, Hall's novel draws readers into this wonderful glitter-ball of a world. Highly recommended." – *Library Journal*, **starred review**

**Alexis Hall** was born in the early 1980s and still thinks the 21st century is the future. To this day, he feels cheated that he lived through a fin de siècle but inexplicably failed to drink a single glass of absinthe, dance with a single courtesan, or stay in a single garret. He did the Oxbridge thing sometime in the 2000s and failed to learn anything of substance. He has had many jobs, including ice cream maker, fortune teller, lab technician, and professional gambler. He was fired from most of them. He can neither cook nor sing, but he can handle a 17th century small-sword, punts from the proper end, and knows how to hotwire a car. He lives in southeast England, with no cats and no children, and fully intends to keep it that way. <https://quicunquevult.com>

*The Sound of Music* meets Mr Darcy in this this new historical rom-com series opener about women who struggle to stick to the ideals—duty, decorum, diligence, and discretion—instilled by Miss Prentice’s school for young ladies

**ALL’S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR:  
Miss Prentice’s Protegees, book 1  
by Virginia Heath**

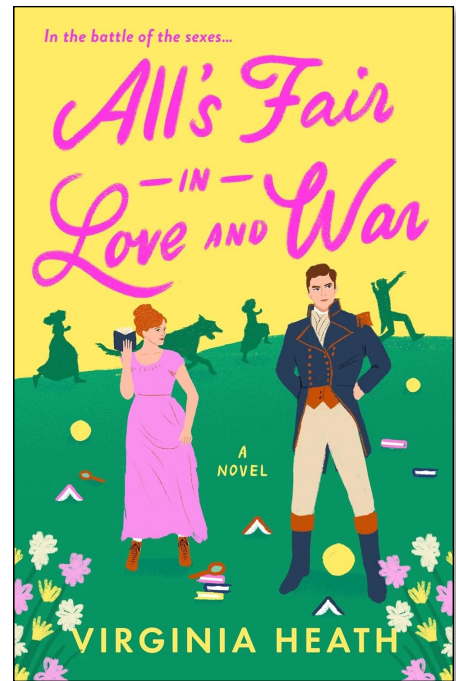
When the flighty older sister of former naval captain, Lord Henry Kincaid, decides on a whim to accompany her explorer husband on an expedition to Egypt, he finds himself unwittingly left in the lurch with her three unruly children and her giant, mad dog. With no clue how to manage the little rascals, a busy career at the Admiralty that requires all of his attention, and no idea when his sister is coming back, Harry has to hire an emergency governess to ensure that everything in his ordered house continues to run shipshape and Bristol fashion. On a superior’s recommendation and in desperation, he goes to Miss Prentice’s School for Girls prepared to pay whatever it takes to get a governess quick sharp to bring order to the chaos.

Thanks to her miserable, strict upbringing, fledgling governess Georgina Rowe does not subscribe to the ethos that children should be seen and not heard. She believes childhood should be everything that hers wasn’t, filled with laughter, adventure, and discovery. Thankfully, the three Pendleton children she has been tasked with looking after are already delightfully bohemian and instantly embrace her unconventional educational ethos. Their staid, stickler-for-the-rules uncle, however, is another matter entirely....

Excitement danced in her wily blue eyes. “I’ve told him I have somebody he can interview straightaway!”  
“What?” Prospective employers did not usually visit the school without an appointment. Furthermore, the hiring of governesses was usually done by the lady of the house, so a man here who wasn’t either delivering or fixing something was a rarity indeed. “What is a gentleman doing here?”



**Virginia Heath** is a prolific author of witty Regency romances. A former media researcher turned history teacher, her most recent novels are *Never Fall for Your Fiancée* (St. Martin’s November 2021), *Lilian and the Irresistible Duke* (Harlequin Historical 2020) and the acclaimed four book *King’s Elite* series (Harlequin Historical 2019). A three-time nominee for the Romantic Novel of the Year Award, Virginia lives outside of London with just her husband now that her two adult children have flown the nest. [www.virginiaheathromance.com](http://www.virginiaheathromance.com)



**St. Martin’s Griffin  
May 2024**

Trade paperback  
112k words

**Genre:** Historical romantic comedy

**Rights available:**

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Previous foreign publishers:** France (J’ai Lu), Germany (CORAHarperCollins Germany), Japan (Hara Shobo Co. Ltd.), Romania (Editura Litera), Serbia (Vulkan), Slovenia (MKZ), Spain (Planeta)

**Highlights:**

\* First book in a series

\* **Previous book, *Never Rescue a Rogue*:**

— Starred reviews, *Booklist*, *Publishers Weekly*

\* **Previous book, *Never Fall for Your Fiancée*:**

— *USA Today*, The Best New Rom-com Reads to Get Us Through the Rest of 2021

**Primary agent:**

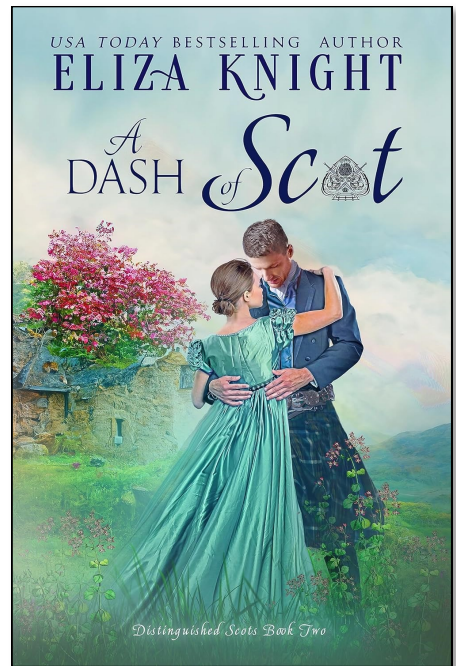
Kevan Lyon  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

Jane Austen's world meets the Highlands of Scotland in an exciting new, sexy Scottish Regency series by *USA Today* bestselling author Eliza Knight. Gently bred ladies collide with noble Scottish heroes in these new dramatic and emotionally charged tales of misadventure and love

**A DASH OF SCOT:**  
**Distinguished Scots, book 2**  
**by Eliza Knight**

After the death of their father, Lord Featherstone, sisters Poppy and Annise, along with their mother, endure their new living arrangements at their Edinburgh house with their half-brother and his greedy and jealous wife. The only good to come of it is that the new lady of the house has brought her enigmatic and dashing brother, Dougal MacKay, with her. A whirlwind romance begins between the two, until the new Lady Featherstone puts a rather vicious end to it, and insists the recent widow and her daughters be removed from the house and cut off without a penny....



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**August 2024**

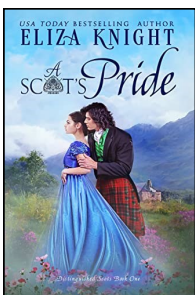
Trade paperback  
Estimated 65k words

**Genre:** Scottish historical romance

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Highlights:**  
\* *USA Today* bestselling author

Also in the series



“What a great start to a new series! Featuring an enemies-to-lovers trope, the book is filled with likable characters, more than one romance, an elopement, a bit of drama, a nod to previous heroes in other series, highwaymen, lots of sisters, witty banter, some tears, a bit of steam and finally a HEA....”  
– Flippin' Pages



**Eliza Knight** is the author of *The Mayfair Bookshop* (William Morrow April 2022) and the bestselling author of several historical romance series. Her many Scottish romance titles include *The Highlander's Reward* and *Conquered by the Highlander*. Eliza runs the award-winning blog *History Undressed*. <https://eknightauthor.com>

**Primary agent:**  
Kevan Lyon  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available June 2024

The second book in the sizzling, irresistible, adventure-filled, medieval Scottish romance series from *USA Today* bestselling author Eliza Knight

**THE LAIRD'S KISS:  
Highland Lairds, book 2  
by Eliza Knight**

Highland warrior, Laird Ian Sinclair, longs for adventure. After a lengthy time north in the Orkney Isles, he agrees to undertake a rescue mission at his brother's behest. Crossing the English border to retrieve Lady Rhiannon Dacre, is not going to be easy, and in fact could prove deadly. Eager for the daring challenge, Ian dodges the enemy's sword in order to see his task through. What he doesn't expect is the feisty, beautiful lady he's charged with protecting, or the sudden strong desire to claim her....

Desperate to escape the oppressive rule and depressing future she faces at the hands of her estranged brother, Rhiannon writes her cousin in Scotland begging for help. With the promise of aid on the way, Rhiannon is surprised to find her rescuer is no more than a rogue with a bad disguise, and a terrible plan. Skeptical about whether Ian will be able to whisk her away from the danger of her brother's imminent plans for her, she hesitates. But what choice does she have? She must trust her cousin—and the wild, handsome Scot who promises her safety.

As they race across the border, thwarting her brother's men all the way, Ian resists the urge to wrap the lady in his arms. Rhiannon finds herself falling hard for the laird who is willing to risk everything for her. The pull between them is intensifying, and denying their desire is getting harder. Surrendering to passion will leave them vulnerable to the enemy. Are they willing to risk death for love's sweet embrace?

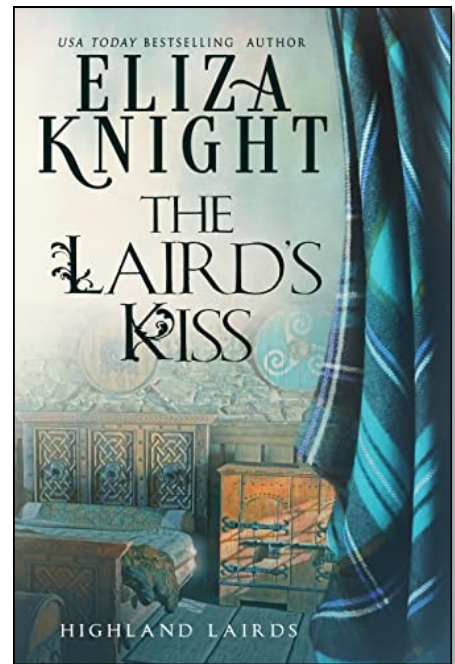
Also in the series



"This enemy-to-lovers story is filled with emotion, action, hard choices, wonderful secondary characters, steamyish love scenes, a sweet secondary romance, a couple of nail-biting moments, and finally a HEA, complete with an epilogue that nicely sets up the next book." – **Flippin' Pages**



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**Independently published  
January 2024**

Trade paperback  
70k words

**Genre:** Scottish historical romance

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Highlights:**  
\* *USA Today* bestselling author

**Primary agent:**  
Kevan Lyon  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

A charming and clever rom-com about a young woman's desperate attempts to fend off her mother's matchmaking... only to find that maybe mother does know best

**LOVE, LIES, AND CHERRY PIE**  
by Jackie Lau

Writer and barista Emily Hung is tired of hearing about the great Mark Chan, the son of her parents' long-time friends. You'd think he single-handedly stopped climate change, ended poverty, and won the Stanley Cup from the way her mother goes on about him. But really, he's just a boring, sweater vest-wearing engineer, and when they're forced together at Emily's sister's wedding, he tries to make small talk about calculus and clearly thinks he's too good for her.

However, now that Emily is the last single daughter, her mother is more focused than ever on getting her married, and the schemes to get her to date Mark have reached alarming proportions. There's only one solution: convince him to fake being in a relationship with her, which should put an end to her mom's shenanigans. Mark, in an attempt to avoid matchmaking from his own parents, reluctantly agrees.

Alas, casually inserting Mark into the conversation here and there isn't enough to satisfy her mother, who apparently has spies in every restaurant, bubble tea shop, and couples cake decorating class in Toronto. Emily has to spend more time with the illustrious man than she'd like—and she discovers that he's not quite what she assumed.

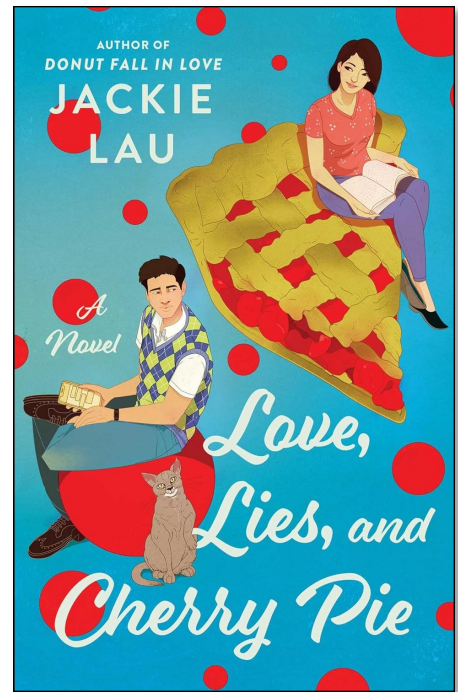
In fact, she might even be falling for Mark and finding him irresistible in that argyle sweater....

When the timer goes off, I pull the pie out of the oven. It looks... Frankly, it doesn't look much like the pictures that accompanied the recipe... Well, hopefully it will still be tasty. I want to impress—No! Why do I keep thinking that? I just want to thank Mark for being a good fake boyfriend. That's all. Nothing more.



**Jackie Lau** decided she wanted to be a writer when she was in grade two. She later studied engineering and worked as a geophysicist before turning to writing romance novels. She is now the author of over 20 books including the *Cider Bar* series and *Donut Fall in Love*. Jackie lives in Toronto with her husband, and despite living in Canada her whole life, she hates winter. When she's not writing, she enjoys gelato, gourmet donuts, cooking, hiking, and reading on the balcony when it's raining.

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**Emily Bestler Books/Atria**  
**May 2024**

Trade paperback  
90k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

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

**Primary agent:**  
Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Available

I know it's a terrible idea to get involved with my cousin's runaway bride...

**THREE REASONS TO FALL IN LOVE:  
Weddings with the Moks, book 2  
by Jackie Lau**

*Leo Mok wasn't expecting a runaway bride....*

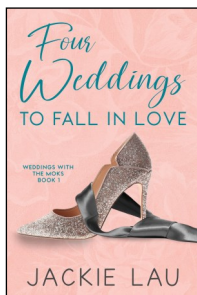
When I arrive late at my cousin's wedding—thanks to my first speeding ticket—I'm surprised to see his fiancée, Yvonne Siu, fleeing the scene. She's in distress, having realized that my cousin isn't good enough for her and she agreed to the wedding mainly to make her family happy. I have to help her, right?

I admit I've always had a thing for Yvonne, and when this formerly accommodating woman gets angry and takes action—well, I find that irresistible. I help her move out of the place she shared with my cousin, reconcile with her sister, and discover who she is outside of who she's supposed to be. And when she reveals that she's never particularly enjoyed herself in bed...well, I know it's a terrible idea to help her with that problem, but eventually, I can't resist.

Our lives are getting more entangled, especially when she temporarily moves in with parents, and I'm not sure how I'll ever walk away from her. Going on her "honeymoon" to the Finger Lakes together probably doesn't help.

But Yvonne says she isn't interested in another serious relationship, and then there's the fact that she nearly married my cousin....

Also in the series



"This book hit the sweet spot of being adorable, sexy, and romantic." – **Somewhere Lost in Books**

"This one is H-O-T, and I was here for that too. In between the steamy scenes, though, is a really great story about two people who start out thinking they want incompatible things but manage to figure out how to make their own happily ever after together in the end." – **Becky on Books**



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September 2024**  
Trade paperback  
60k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Highlights:**  
\* **Previous book, *Four Weddings to Fall in Love*:**  
— Kobo, Best Book of the Month  
— Bookpushers, July 2023 Must Haves

**Primary agent:**  
Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Available July 2024

Lyr will be required to harness more magic and power than ever before—a power that can unleash total destruction...if it doesn't cost her everything she holds dear...

## WARRIOR OF THE DROWNED EMPIRE:

**Drowned Empire, book 4**

**by Frankie Diane Mallis**

Ever since learning the Empire's darkest secret, that her cousin Jules is alive, and has been kept a slave for the elite to siphon her forbidden magic, Lyr has only one goal in mind: bring the Empire to its knees, and get Jules out.

But breaking into the capitol is next to impossible, especially after the Emperor announces a great tournament to quell the unrest across the Empire. Now all of Lyr's enemies, including both Imperators, are converging in the one place she needs to be: the palace.

Getting Jules back is going to require more power than Lyr and Rhyan have combined. And the only way to move forward may be to make a far more sinister deal with the person Rhyan trusts the least.

As they try to navigate their mission, along with the return of their memories from past lives, ancient enemies resurface, as more reincarnations of the Guardians emerge, ready to finish what was started a millennia ago.

To keep her oaths, and protect the ones she loves, Lyr will be required to harness more magic and power than she ever has before—a power that can unleash total destruction across the Empire, if it doesn't cost her everything and everyone she holds dear.

Also in the series



**Frankie Diane Mallis** is the author of the *Drowned Empire* fantasy romance series. She lives outside of Philadelphia where she is an award-winning university professor. Frankie is also one of the co-hosts of *Bothered & Bewildered: A Buffyverse Podcast*. When not writing or teaching, she practices yoga (and has her 200 hour yoga certification) and belly dance (she was a pro-dancer for over a decade) and can usually be found baking gluten free desserts.

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**Independently published**  
**August 2024**

Hardcover  
170k words

**Genre:** New adult fantasy romance

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Foreign publishers:** British 7 books (Hodder), Italy 1 book (Rizzoli), Russia 4 books (AST)

### Highlights:

- \* Part of a series
- \* **Previous book, *Daughter of the Drowned Empire*:**
  - #Daughterofthedrownedempire has 5.5 million views on TikTok
  - Received a Best of BookTok banner, Amazon
  - A #1 bestseller in the Greek and Roman Myths, Amazon
  - A #1 bestseller in Historical Fantasy Amazon (Books and Kindle)
  - Named one of the Five Favorite Indie eBooks on the Barnes and Noble Press Blog the week of August 11, 2022
  - Books in the series have been added over 43k times on Goodreads
  - Listen to our short podcast about *Daughter of the Drowned Empire* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**  
Taryn Fagerness  
Taryn Fagerness Agency

**Material:** Available April 2024

When Maggie's college best friend admits he's in love with her, she'll have to decide whether it's worth giving up something good for something that could be amazing in this laugh-out-loud friends-to-lovers rom-com

## THE GOOD ONES ARE TAKEN

by Taj McCoy

After a bad breakup, Maggie wants to find her Prince Charming, but all she's finding are frogs. When her best friends, Savvy and Joan, apply pressure and demand she find a date worthy of attending their respective weddings, she agrees to take her own advice and try online dating. Since she's the maid of honor for both weddings, her bridal party duties are massive, but both brides insist that Maggie prioritize finding a date. After an onslaught of maybes, noes, and hell noes, she's close to giving up, when she meets a handsome doctor at the gym who just might be the one.

Meanwhile, her college bestie, Garrett, throws salt in everyone's game. At every turn, he points out the red flags and tells Maggie to keep looking. Things come to a head when Maggie demands that Garrett be happy for her, and he finally admits that he can't. Not when he's not with her. When he blurts out his feelings, Maggie's world is turned upside down. Now she must choose between the perfect guy and a friendship that is the foundation for everything she's ever wanted.

"If you haven't read Taj McCoy's books, you are missing out on some seriously stunning love stories!" – **Jesse Sutanto, author of *Dial A for Aunties***

"Taj McCoy does it again! *The Good Ones are Taken* is a heartfelt, delicious (literally, the food descriptions made my mouth water), joy-filled, friends-to-lovers journey I'll never forget!...The chemistry between Maggie and Garrett is achingly good and their amazing tension had me cheering, swooning, and turning pages at warp-speed! Taj McCoy is a standout star of an author, and *The Good Ones are Taken* is a gift to readers everywhere." – **Courtney Kae, author of *In the Event of Love* and *In the Case of Heartbreak***



Law grad **Taj McCoy** is committed to championing plus-sized Black love stories and characters with a strong sense of sisterhood and familial bonds that often weave in her own friend and family dynamics, professional experiences, and upbringing. When she's not writing, Taj boosts other marginalized writers, practices yoga, co-hosts the *Fat Like Me* and *Better Than Brunch* podcasts, shares recipes, and cooks supper club meals for

friends. She's the author of *Savvy Sheldon Feels Good as Hell* (Mira, March 2022), which was an Amazon Editor's pick for Best Romance of the Month. [www.tajmccoywrites.com](http://www.tajmccoywrites.com)



MIRA/HarperCollins

April 2024

Trade paperback

80k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

**Rights available:**

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Highlights:**

- \* A *Publishers Weekly* Romance Buzz Book
- \* **Previous book, *Zora Dizon Books Her Happy Ever After*:**
  - Amazon Editors' Pick, Best Romance
  - A *Publishers Weekly* Romance Buzz Book
  - Starred reviews, *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal*
- \* **Previous book, *Savvy Sheldon Feels Good as Hell*:**
  - Amazon Editors' Pick, Best Romance of the Month
  - *Entertainment Weekly*, Most Anticipated Books of 2022
  - *Pop Sugar*, 54 Novels to Read When You Want a Romantic Escape
  - *Huffpost*, Black Authors Share the Best New Books Celebrating Black Love and Joy
  - *Book Riot*, 24 Interracial and Black Romance Books to Add to your TBR List in 2022
  - *The Nerd Daily*, 24 Debut Releases to Get Your Hands On in 2022

**Primary agent:**

Jemiscoe Chambers-Black  
Andrea Brown Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



Given their history, Clara knows there's every chance Theodore's not interested...but history's all down to interpretation...

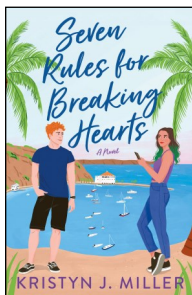
**GIVEN OUR HISTORY**  
by Kristyn J. Miller

Assistant professor Clara Fernsby is nothing if not driven. She's wanted to teach history since she was 14, and she hasn't let anything stand in her way—not even the love of her life. And it all paid off in the end, because she landed a well-paid position at a private liberal arts college fresh out of grad school, and this year, she's finally up for tenure.

When Theodore Harrison is brought on for the fall semester as a visiting scholar, it's an unexpected blast from Clara's past. She hasn't spoken to Teddy since rejecting him over a phone call ten years ago. Now that he's here, she's reminded of their time together at every turn: autumns spent at a sleepaway camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains, trading battered history books and burned CDs with the quiet, dark-haired boy she once fell in love with.

That boy might've been her best friend, but the man teaching HIST-322 is a total stranger—or so she thinks. As they spend evenings working on a shared project and brainstorming over drinks at a college bar, Clara realizes she's at risk of falling all over again. Given their history, she knows there's every chance he's not interested. But history's all down to interpretation, and this time around, she's got no intentions of repeating it.

Also by Kristyn J. Miller

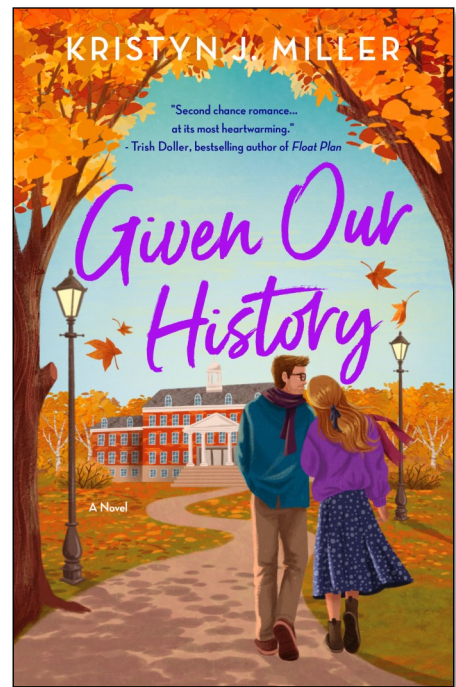


"A fun, fast-paced rom-com full of wry banter and relatable characters, delivered with sharp yet breezy prose....Pack your roller bag, grab enough sunscreen to share, and pick this one up for a perfect summer beach read." – **Jacqueline Firkins**, author of *Marlowe Banks, Redesigned*



**Kristyn Miller** was born and raised in Southern California, where she's spent countless summers escaping to Catalina Island with her husband and friends. An expert in German and Icelandic epic literature, she's used her marketing experience to build an active, organic following through her literature and linguistics blog and frequent podcast appearances. *Seven Rules for Breaking Hearts* was her debut novel.

<https://kristynjmill.com>



**St. Martin's Griffin**  
**August 2024**

Trade paperback  
92k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Foreign sales:** British (Zaffre/Bonnier),  
The Netherlands (April Books)

**Previous foreign publishers:** Greece  
(Psichogios), Italy (Queen Edizioni), The  
Netherlands (April Books), Russia (MTS  
Library)

**Primary agent:**  
Amy Stapp  
Wolfson Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

A Chickasaw woman who can't catch a break serves up a little white lie that snowballs into much more in this witty and irresistible rom-com by debut author Danica Nava

## THE TRUTH ACCORDING TO EMBER by Danica Nava

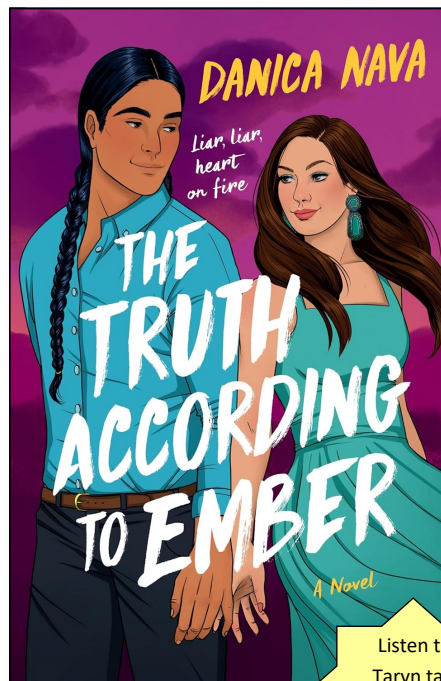
Ember Lee Cardinal has not always been a liar, not for anything that counted. But when her resume is rejected 27 times, she takes matters into her own hands. She gets creative listing her work experience and answers the ethnicity question on all job applications with a lie. No one wanted Native American Ember, but Caucasian Ember landed her dream accounting job at a tech start-up.

Accountant Ember thrives in corporate life, and she begins a forbidden romance with the IT guy and fellow Native, Danuwoa. When they are caught in a compromising position on a work trip, a scheming mid-level executive threatens to expose them unless she fraudulently manipulates the company's accounting books. Unwilling to allow Danuwoa to get fired and lose the financial support he needs for his sister, she agrees. As the blackmail continues to grow, so do Ember's lies. She must make the hard decision to either stay silent for her own personal gain or finally tell the truth, which could cost Ember everything.

“Morning,” I said and stood up, hesitating if I should do what I was planning on doing. I am not the most versed in seduction. I mean, I read a few naughty romance books, so how hard could pulling off a clandestine rendezvous in a supply closet really be? He approached me, his fingers lightly brushing mine. My mind was made up; I wanted to try this. The thrill made me feel powerful, desirable. “There is something wrong with the shredder in the closet.”



**Danica Nava** is an enrolled citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and works as an Executive Assistant in Silicon Valley. She is currently getting her MBA from USC Marshall School of Business. When she is not chasing her toddler daughter around the house, she is doing finance homework she hates and dreaming up more silly, sexy stories. *The Truth According to Ember* is her debut novel. TikTok @danicanavabooks



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

**Berkley**  
**August 2024**

Trade paperback  
90k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

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

**Highlights:**  
\* Sold at auction  
\* Listen to our short podcast about *The Truth According to Ember* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**  
Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

A tender, laugh-out-loud debut romance about a woman who ends up in over her head after a little white lie...

**FOUR WEEKENDS AND A FUNERAL**  
by Ellie Palmer

When 30-year-old post-double-mastectomy BRCA 1 carrier and reluctant thrill-seeker Alison Mullally arrives at her ex-boyfriend Sam’s funeral to find that no one knows he dumped her, she agrees to play the grieving girlfriend for the sake of the family and pack up Sam’s apartment with his prickly best friend, Adam Berg. After all, it’ll only take four weekends....

But Adam doesn’t want Alison anywhere near him. Forced to spend long hours with the grump, and his monosyllabic demeanor, Alison decides she must put her people-pleasing abilities to the test. She will make him like her. And after awkward family affairs and packing up dilemmas, the two form a tenuous friendship...if “friendship” means incredible chemistry and tension between them. Can Alison come clean and finally embrace the life and love she’s always wanted? Or will her little white lie get in the way of her new, unexpected romance?

“Fresh, witty, and achingly cathartic....An unforgettable book that explores what it really means to live an authentic life when given the most precious gift of time. With a bitterly funny heroine, an endearing friend group, and a deliciously grumpy hero, *Four Weekends and a Funeral* is an immersive read that beautifully explores life, love, and a smidge of fake-dating-the-dead after a preventative mastectomy.” – **Livy Hart, author of *Planes, Trains, and All the Feels***

“From page one, Ellie Palmer’s debut sizzles with humor, heart, and a whip-smart dose of sass. This book reads like the inviting hug of an endearingly snarky best friend while also exploring the poignant details of life post-double mastectomy. This book simply sings.” – **Neely Tubati Alexander, author of *Love Buzz***

“Ellie Palmer has such a compelling voice—razor-sharp wit wrapped up in beautiful warmth—that every word she writes leaps off the page. The fresh take on fake dating hooked me from the start, and the perfectly balanced mix of serious topics and electric banter made it unputdownable.” – **Jessica Joyce, author of *You, with a View***



**Ellie Palmer** is a BRCA 1 carrier living in the Twin Cities with her husband and toddler. By day, she’s a legal editor, and by night, she’s a writer, reader, and reality dating show historian. When she’s not writing about millennial women figuring themselves out and falling in love along the way, she’s watching too much television, listening to an audiobook, or drinking an alcoholic beverage next to a body of water. *Four Weekends and a Funeral* is her debut novel.

[www.elliepalmerwrites.com](http://www.elliepalmerwrites.com)



**G.P. Putnam’s Sons**  
**August 2024**

Trade paper  
97k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

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

**Foreign sales:** Brazil (Editora Rua do Sabão), Czech (Euromedia), Germany (Aufbau), Hungary (Könyvmolyképző), The Netherlands (April Books), Poland (Harde)

**Highlights:**  
\* Sold at auction with multiple bidders

**Primary agent:**  
Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

*Red, White & Royal Blue* meets *The Nightmare Before Christmas* in this sexy, quirky romcom where the golden-hearted Prince of Christmas falls for the totally off-limits Prince of Halloween. The holidays are never easy—especially when the future of the world’s holly jolly spirit rests on your shoulders

**THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE KISSMAS**  
by Sara Raasch

Nicholas “Coal” Claus used to love Christmas. That was before his father, the reigning Santa, turned the holiday into an elaborate PR façade, and now Coal spends the most wonderful time of the year begrudgingly smiling for cameras while plotting how to escape performative responsibilities with his brother, Kris, and best friend, Iris.

Until this year, when his father’s newest ruse brings an unexpected guest to their annual Christmas extravaganza: Hex Hallow, the Prince of Halloween. Coal falls hard and fast for Hex’s hidden smiles and subtle wit—not to mention his penchant for corset vests—but there’s just one problem: Hex’s presence at the Claus Christmas Celebration is one big stunt to enact a takeover of Halloween so Christmas can extend its reach beyond just one merry monopolized holiday. Coal is under strict orders to stay away and let the takeover play out.

If only Coal was good at following orders.

As he begins unravelling his father’s trickery, he must fight both for the man he desires and the holiday he just might still care about. But is wanting to bring true joy to the world a childish dream, or should Coal just shape up and give into his destiny? The holidays, amiright?

“The royal house of Halloween,” an announcer bellows.  
“King Ichabod Hallow. Queen Carina Hallow. And their son, Prince Hex Hallow.”

His name rebounds in my head, cracking into the parts of my body that have gone immobile, and against every rational thought—I have no rational thoughts, none, not in this moment—I remember how to inhale and I gasp.



**Sara Raasch** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of seven books for young adults, including the acclaimed *Snow Like Ashes* trilogy. [www.sararaaschbooks.com](http://www.sararaaschbooks.com)

**Bramble/Tor**  
**Fall 2024**

Trade paperback  
98k words

**Genre:** M/m contemporary rom-com

**Rights available:**  
Translation

**Foreign sales:** British (Del Rey)

**Highlights:**

- \* Lead title
- \* Sold at auction
- \* Author’s adult debut
- \* *New York Times* and Barnes & Noble bestselling author
- \* #sararaasch has 1.3 million views on TikTok
- \* Author has over 100k social media followers

**Primary agent:**

Amy Stapp  
Wolfson Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

Online lovers...offline rivals

**DEAR STRANGER:  
Paper Cuts, book 3  
by Winter Renshaw**

Ambitious and career-driven, I have zero time for dating until Blind Love—an app designed for those seeking genuine romantic connections without the hassle of awkward first dates—hooks me in. The only catch? Ninety days of anonymous messaging are required before identities are revealed.

I connect with Stranger88 immediately, and before long our flirty banter becomes a welcome escape from my demanding schedule.

Soon I'm desperate to know his true identity, so I go digging—only to discover that Stranger88...is no stranger at all.

In a cruel twist of fate, it turns out the mystery man consuming my every thought is fellow attorney Brooks Abbott—a sharp-tongued devil in a three-piece suit, my biggest office rival, and the one obstacle standing between me and the promotion of my dreams: a job Brooks has every intention of landing.

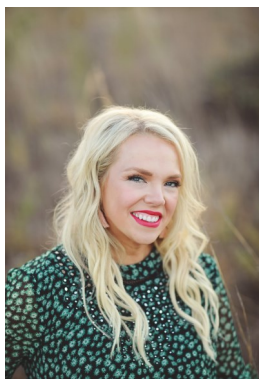
Behind the screens, there's no denying our electric chemistry, but at work, our rivalry grows stronger than ever.

But when passion meets profession, will we redefine the Law of Attraction...or will our hearts face a ruthless cross-examination with no chance of appeal?

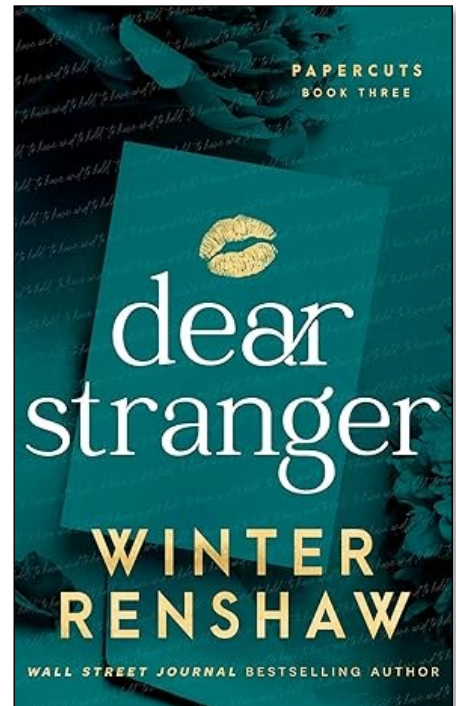
Also in the series



"[W]icked hot." – **Bibliophile Chloe**



*Wall Street Journal* and Amazon bestselling author **Winter Renshaw's** books include the *Never* series, the *Arrogant* series, the *Amato Brothers* series, and the stand-alone novels *Vegas Baby*, *Dark Paradise*, *Absinthe*, *The Perfect Illusion*, which topped the Amazon Romance charts for weeks, and more. She is also an audiobook narrator, and she has narrated over 60 titles. Winter currently calls Atlanta, Georgia, home. <https://winterrenshaw.com>



**Independently published**

**October 2023**

Trade paperback

90k words

**Genre:** Contemporary romance

**Rights available:**

British and translation

**Previous foreign publishers:** Czech (Beta), Denmark (Baadsgaard), France (City Editions), Germany (Lübbe-LYX), Hungary (Művelt Nép), Israel (Venus), Italy (Newton), The Netherlands (Tinteling Romance), Poland (Helion), Romania (Editura Trei), Russia (Exmo), Slovakia (IKAR), Turkey (Marti)

**Highlights:**

- \* Stand-alone title in the *Paper Cuts* series
- \* All books in the series hit the top 200 on Kindle
- \* #1 Amazon and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author

**Primary agent:**

Jill Marsal  
Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

Set sail for adventure and love in the next spicy fantasy romance from Katee Robert, the *New York Times* bestselling author of the TikTok smash hit *Neon Gods*

**BLOOD ON THE TIDE:  
Crimson Sails, book 2  
by Katee Robert**

As a bloodline vampire, Lizzie has never had a problem taking what she wants, and right now what she wants are the family heirlooms that were stolen from her and a portal home. Too bad even that short list is impossible to accomplish on her own—and her allies have bigger things to worry about.

When they rescue a selkie from captivity, it's the perfect solution to her problem. Lizzie needs a guide through Threshold and the selkie needs someone to help her get her skin back. Maeve didn't choose to give up her skin—it was stolen from her. Now she's in an uneasy partnership with a dangerous woman who seems more apt to kill than to share a kind word. It's terrifying...and a bit alluring. Even though she knows it will end in heartbreak, Maeve can't help being drawn to Lizzie and her all-too-pleasurable vampire bite.

Unfortunately, the danger to Maeve's heart is the least of her worries. The ship Lizzie's chasing belongs to the Cŵn Annwn, and they don't take kindly to people who steal from them. Not even Lizzie's viciousness or Maeve's selkie strength will be enough to save them if the Cŵn Annwn seek retribution....

Also in the series



"[A] fast-paced and delightful fever dream of fantasy creatures, mysterious magic and sizzling sexual innuendo.... [S]tands out for its sheer entertainment and excitement."  
— **BookPage, starred review**

"With this delightful series opener, bestseller Robert throws together a fun mishmash of tropes to deliver a swashbuckling romantasy that both embraces and subverts expectations." — **Publishers Weekly**



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**Berkley  
May 2024**

Trade paperback  
88k words

**Genre:** Romance fantasy

**Rights available:**

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Foreign sales:** Germany (Lübbe-LYX),  
The Netherlands (Lovebooks)

**Previous foreign publishers:** Brazil (Astral), Bulgaria (Egmont), Czech (Dobrovsky), France (Editions HLAB), Germany (Lübbe-LYX), Hungary (Maxim), Israel (Ahavot 2018 Publishing House), Italy (Newton Compton), The Netherlands (Volt), Portugal (Marcador), Russia (AST), Spain (Planeta), Turkey (Olimpos), Ukraine (Vivat Publishing)

**Highlights:**

- \* Sold at auction in a seven-figure deal
- \* *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author
- \* #kateerobert has over 109 million views on TikTok
- \* **Previous book, *Hunt on Dark Waters*:**
- \* Instant *USA Today* bestseller
- \* Amazon Editor's Pick for Best Romance
- \* Listen to our short podcast about *Hunt on Dark Waters* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**

Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

But when his hands are on her body and his wicked words are whispered in her ear, she might just be willing to let all of Olympus burn...

**DARK RESTRAINT:**  
**Dark Olympus, book 7**  
**by Katee Robert**

Ariadne Vitalis is in trouble. She’s betrayed her father—and his benefactor—and now she’s left to rely on the questionable mercy of Olympus to keep her safe. As with everything in this city, mercy comes with a price. For Ariadne, that means a marriage to Dionysus. She has no choice but to agree, even if there’s only one man she’s ever wanted—a man she’s feared just as much as she desires.

The Minotaur never had any illusions about Minos’s plans. He was willing to get his hands dirty as long as the old man kept his word—at the end of this, the Minotaur would be given Ariadne as a reward. Nowhere in that deal was her walking down the aisle to a different man. She’s meant for him, and he means to have her.

Ariadne knows better than to encourage the Minotaur. Her relationship with her new fiancé might be more friendship than burning passion, but she is all too aware of how much fiery passion can hurt. She and the Minotaur are no good for each other. She can never forgive him for what he’s done, and he can never change. But when his hands are on her body and his wicked words are whispered in her ear, she might just be willing to let all of Olympus burn....



**Sourcebooks Casablanca**  
**August 2024**

Trade paperback  
 82k words

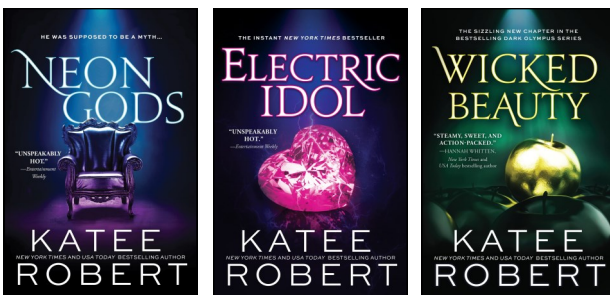
**Genre:** Erotic romance

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

**Foreign sales:** Germany (Lübbe-LYX)

**Previous foreign publishers:** Brazil (Astral), Bulgaria (Egmont), Czech (Dobrovsky), France (Editions HLAB), Germany (Lübbe-LYX), Hungary (Maxim), Israel (Ahavot 2018 Publishing House), Italy (Newton Compton), The Netherlands (VOLT), Poland (Foksal), Portugal (Marcador), Romania (Bookzone), Russia (AST), Spain (Planeta), Turkey (Olimpos), Ukraine (Vivat Publishing)

Also in the series



“Deliciously inventive....Red-hot.”  
 – *Publishers Weekly*,  
 starred review



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**Highlights:**

- \* *USA Today* bestselling series
- \* *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author
- \* Over 1 million copies of Katee Robert’s work sold
- \* #neongods has over 106 million views on TikTok
- \* #kateerobert has over 109 million views on TikTok

**Primary agent:**  
 Laura Bradford  
 Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

The *USA Today* bestselling monster romance series by Katee Robert continues with a devious succubus who makes a deal with a woman hoping to right a wrong

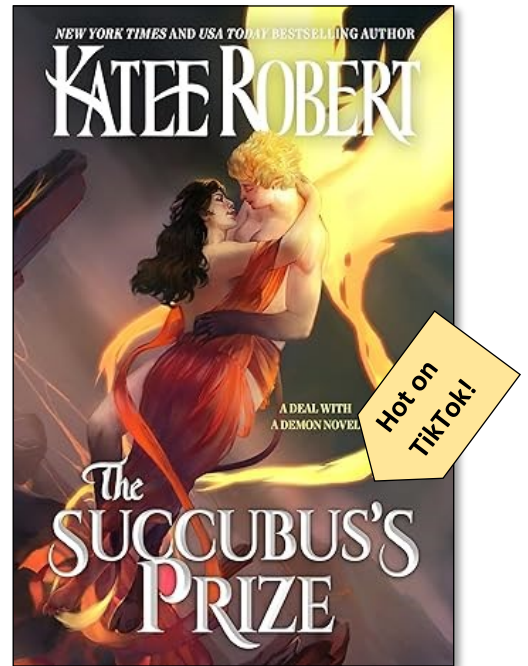
**THE SUCCUBUS’S PRIZE:**

**A Deal with a Demon, book 5  
by Katee Robert**

Belladonna doesn’t know if a person can die from guilt, but she’s giving it her best shot. All her life, she’s done what she needed to in order to survive, but in recent years, the cost only seems to skyrocket...until someone innocent gets hurt. That’s why she made her deal with the demon. To right the wrong she committed.

But when she’s auctioned off to Rusalka, a powerful and devious succubus, it’s nothing like she expected. She’s...taken care of. And if she’s put to work and expected to fulfill *every* part of her bargain, Belladonna is only too happy to let someone else shoulder the responsibility and make decisions for her.

Too bad Rusalka isn’t in the market for a servant. She wants a full partner. If Belladonna can’t release her guilt and step into that role....Things may be over even before they begin.



**Independently published  
April 2024**

Trade paperback  
88k words

**Genre:** Monster romance

**Rights available:**

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Previous foreign publishers:**

Brazil (Astral), Bulgaria (Egmont), Czech (Dobrovsky), France (Editions HLAB), Germany (Lübbe-LYX), Hungary (Maxim), Israel (Ahavot 2018 Publishing House), Italy (Newton Compton), The Netherlands (VOLT), Poland (Foksal), Portugal (Marcador), Romania (Bookzone), Russia (AST), Spain (Planeta), Turkey (Olimpos), Ukraine (Vivat Publishing)

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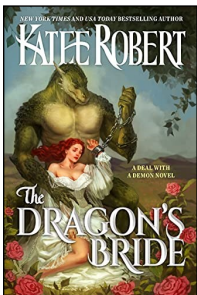
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**Primary agent:**

Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

**Also in the series**



“It’s a great start to a new monster series that is both sweet and steamy. Sol and Briar Rose warmed my heart....” – Angel Reads



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Some things burn hot on and off the track...

**DRIVE ME CRAZY:**

**Drive Me, book 1**  
by Carly Robyn

A tumultuous season filled with reckless driving, drunken debauchery, and more bad press than a kinky politician leaves five-time Formula One World Champion Blake Hollis in desperate need of an image overhaul. To redeem his tarnished reputation, his team decides it's time for drastic measures. Their solution: a tell-all book that showcases his illustrious career and presents a more respectable public persona.

Enter Ella Gold, a once-renowned sportswriter and podcast host desperate for a fresh start. She accepts the challenge of writing Blake's biography knowing that getting close to the brooding Brit will be challenging. But interviewing Blake can't be worse than staying in NYC where rumors of her podcast's demise follow her like a bad Hinge date.

As they spend the season together, sparks fly, barriers break, and their dynamic shifts from antagonistic to something entirely unexpected. Throughout 21 races around the world, they'll face the ultimate interview question: can they write their own happy ending, or is their love destined to crash and burn?

"Your head looks pretty normal-sized today," I comment coolly.

"You ragging on me to millions of people probably deflated it a bit."

That's a bit of an overestimation. My podcast may have hit number five on Spotify's podcast charts at one point, but millions? C'mon. I'm no Joe Rogan...or Connor Brixton.

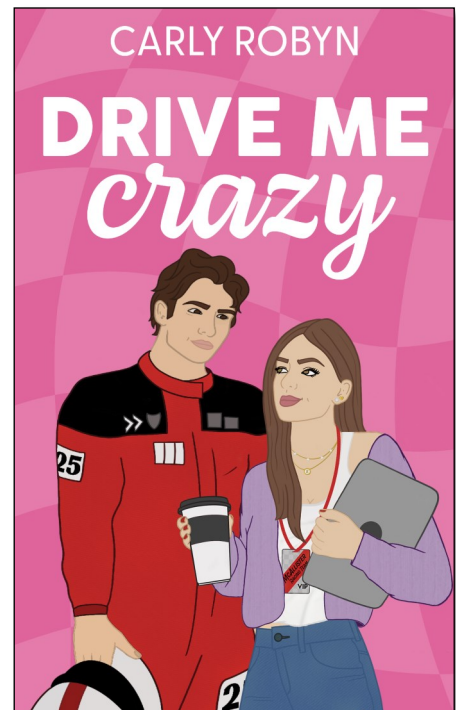
"I also talked about the amount of raw talent you have," I remind him.

"That's not anything I haven't heard before. I know how talented I am." I take back what I said about his head looking normal-sized. It's inflating right in front of my eyes.



**Carly Robyn** is an avid reader (thanks to her mom, a Chicago-based book blogger), who received her bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of Michigan. She currently does brand marketing in the food and beverage industry, but her true passion is writing...and Formula One—the only thing that will get her to wake up before 8am on a Sunday. *Drive Me Crazy* is her debut novel.

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**Independently published**

**February 2024**

Trade paperback

90k words

**Genre:** Contemporary Formula 1 rom-com

**Rights available:**  
Translation

**Foreign sales:** British, at auction (Michael Joseph/Penguin Random House), France (City Editions), Germany, on pre-empt (Fischer), Hungary (General Press), Italy, at auction (Sperling), Russia, on pre-empt (Rosman)

**Highlights:**

- \* First book in a series
- \* The February book club pick for the Probably Smut Book Club

**Primary agent:**

Claire Harris  
P.S. Literary

**Material:** Available

Perfect for fans of the hilarious paranormal *What We Do in the Shadows* and the small town feels of *Gilmore Girls*, this swoon-worthy romance will leave readers delightfully cozy and hungry for more

### HOW TO HELP A HUNGRY WEREWOLF:

**The Care Home for Supernatural Creatures, book 1**  
by Charlotte Stein

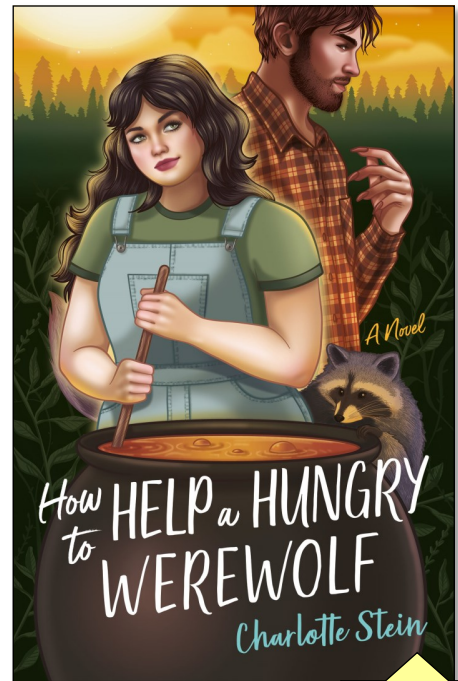
When Cassandra Camberwell returns to her hometown of Hollow Brook to sort out her late grandmother's affairs, the last person she expects to turn up on her doorstep is Seth Brubaker—her once best friend turned high school tormentor.

Apparently, he's still intent on making her life a living hell, as he's mysteriously always around. That is, until Seth reveals why he keeps showing up at her house: he's an honest-to-goodness werewolf. And Cassie's grandmother? She was a witch, and the only person in Hollow Brook who was able to help him out with the being-a-werewolf thing. Seth desperately needs Cassie's grandmother's witchy medicine, or every full moon he'll end up with some body part inside out.

So, Cassie strikes a deal: she'll give him all the witchy brews he needs to help with his furry ailment, in exchange for Seth telling her everything her grandmother revealed to him about being a witch. Things are fine for while—Cassie turns out to be great at making potions, and Seth is way more like the old friend she once knew—until a pack of angry werewolves show up, demanding Cassie help them with their lycanthropy problem too. There's also the tiny issue of the mating bond that's developing between them, and neither of them know if it's real or just magic woo-woo nonsense.

She can't believe the cruel boy he seemed to become could be into her, he can't believe the girl he was always secretly into might honestly be this thirsty for his monstrous form.

And as an extra bonus, if they don't consummate the bond, well, they'll actually...die.



**St. Martin's Griffin**  
**October 2024**

Trade paperback  
90k words

**Genre:** Paranormal rom-com

**Rights available:**

British and translation (British rights handled by Courtney Miller-Callihan)

**Highlights:**

- \* First book in a series
- \* Sold in a preempt, in a three-book, six-figure deal
- \* Listen to our short podcast about *How to Help a Hungry Werewolf* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**

Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Available

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



**Charlotte Stein** is the acclaimed author of over 50 short stories, novellas, and novels, including the *RT* nominated *Never Sweeter*. When not writing deeply emotional and intensely sexy books, she can be found eating jelly turtles, watching terrible sitcoms, and occasionally lusting after hunks. She lives in West Yorkshire with her husband and dog. <http://charlottestein.net>

A steamy, opposites-attract romance with undeniable chemistry between a grumpy retired footballer and his fabulous and very sunshine-y ghostwriter

## WHEN GRUMPY MET SUNSHINE

by Charlotte Stein

When grumpy ex-footballer Alfie Harding gets badgered into selling his memoirs, he knows he's never going to be able to write them. He hates revealing a single thing about himself, is allergic to most emotions, and can't imagine doing a good job of putting pen to paper.

And so in walks curvy, cheery, cute as heck ghostwriter Mabel Willicker, who knows just how to sunshine and sass her way into getting every little detail out of Alfie. They banter and bicker their way to writing his life story, both of them sure they'll never be anything other than at odds.

But after their business arrangement is mistaken for a budding romance, the pair have to pretend to be an item for a public who's ravenous for more of this Cinderella story. Or at least, it feels like it's pretend—until each slow burn step in their fake relationship sparks a heat neither can control. Now they just have to decide: is this sizzling chemistry just for show? Or something so real it might just give them their fairytale ending?

"The queen of delicious pining returns! This book is a hilarious and modern Cinderella story that feels like eating warm chocolate cake. I loved the secretly sweet but grouchy hero, the fabulous yet relatable heroine, and the proper northern perspective. Charlotte Stein is a must-buy author." – **Talia Hibbert**, *New York Times* bestselling author

"This book had me grinning like a fool from the first chapter. I've read a lot of grumps but Alfie—who lists among his hobbies not being spoken to—takes the cake as THE ULTIMATE grump—the most charming, most likely to have a gooey inner center, most gone for the glorious sunshine heroine from the jump. I hope romance readers are ready, because I don't think anyone has ever delivered on a slow burn quite like this." – **Rosie Danan**, bestselling author of *The Roommate*



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**St. Martin's Griffin**

**February 2024**

Trade paperback

97k words

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

**Rights available:**

Translation

**Foreign sales:** British (Pan Macmillan), Poland (Kobiece)

**Highlights:**

- \* Lead title
- \* First book in a series
- \* Sold at auction
- \* Listen to our short podcast about *When Grumpy Met Sunshine* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**

Courtney Miller-Callihan  
Handspun Literary

**Material:** Available

A professional baseball player and his heckler prove that true love is worth going to bat for in the next swoony romance by national bestselling author Alicia Thompson

## THE ART OF CATCHING FEELINGS by Alicia Thompson

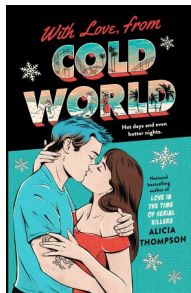
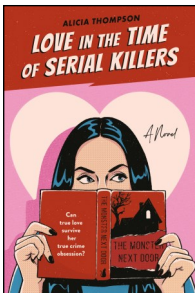
Daphne Brink doesn't follow baseball but watching "America's Snoozefest" certainly beats sitting at home the day after she signs her divorce papers. After one too many ballpark beers, she heckles Carolina Battery player Chris Kepler, who quickly proves there might actually be a little crying in baseball. Horrified, Daphne reaches out to Chris on social media to apologize...but forgets to identify herself as his heckler in her message.

Chris doesn't usually respond to random fans on social media, but he's grieving and fragile after an emotionally turbulent few months. When a DM from "Duckie" catches his eye, he impulsively messages back. Duckie is sweet, funny, and seems to understand him in a way no one else does.

Daphne isn't sure how much longer she can keep lying to Chris, especially as their feelings for each other deepen and she starts working with the team in real life. When he finds out the truth, will it be three strikes, she's out?

"Unfailingly sweet and surprisingly sexy at the same time, *The Art of Catching Feelings* is a home run for Alicia Thompson." – **Jodi Picoult, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Mad Honey* and *Wish You Were Here***

Also by Alicia Thompson

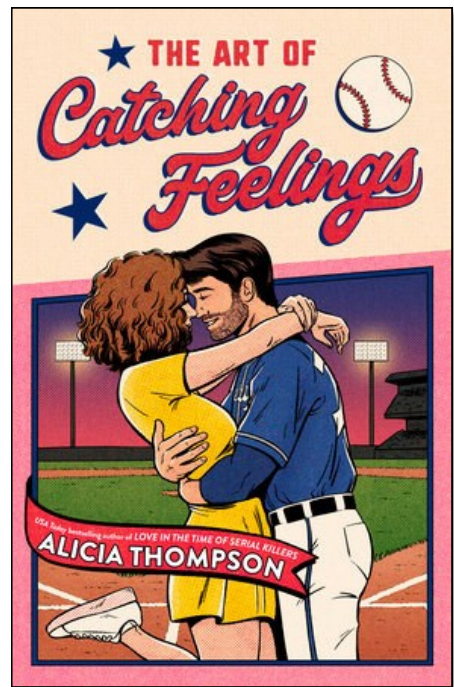


"Alicia Thompson read my mind and gifted me with the true-crime loving, grad-student protagonist of my heart!" – **Ali Hazelwood, New York Times bestselling author of *The Love Hypothesis***



**Alicia Thompson** is the author of the young adult novel *Psych Major Syndrome* and co-author of *The Go-For-Gold Gymnasts* series. Her debut adult title was *Love in the Time of Serial Killers*. She once appeared in an episode of *48 Hours* in the audience of a local murder trial, where she broke the fourth wall by looking directly into the camera. She currently resides in Florida with her husband and two children.

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**Berkley**

**August 2023**

Trade paperback

107k words

**Genre:** Contemporary baseball rom-com

**Rights available:**

Translation (US publisher has world English rights)

**Previous foreign publishers:** Brazil (Editora Rua do Sabão), Italy (Il Castoro), Turkey (Nemesis), Russia (AST)

**Highlights:**

- \* *USA Today* bestseller
- \* #aliciathompson has 5.4 million views on TikTok
- \* **Previous book, *With Love, From Cold World*:**
- \* *USA Today* bestseller
- \* One of Amazon's Best Romances of August 2023
- \* **Previous book, *Love in the Time of Serial Killers*:**
- National bestseller
- Starred reviews, *Booklist*, *Library Journal*
- Listen to our short podcast about *Love in the Time of Serial Killers* [HERE](#)

**Primary agent:**

Laura Bradford  
Bradford Literary Agency

**Material:** Available

Margot wants her own love story to be as fun as the romance books she reads...meeting a guy in the apps is *not* what she wants...but Oliver keeps popping up

**WE MET LIKE THIS**  
by Kasie West

Margot Hart is a hopeless romantic. That's why she wants to be a literary agent—to help bring romance books to the world. It's also why she hates dating apps with all her romance loving soul. She wants her own love story to be just as much fun as the books she reads—a mixed up coffee order, a mistaken identity. She's not going to tell the story that she swiped right on future husband's shirtless pic for the rest of her life.

The problem is that her most consistent relationship over the last several years is with Oliver, a guy she keeps re-matching with on the apps. They've never been on a date, although they've chatted and flirted plenty over the years. But whenever it's been time to move to actual dates, Margot has met someone the "right" way, i.e. in person, and deleted her apps yet again. Or maybe Oliver did. Or maybe she hasn't gone on a date with him because her other on again off again relationship is with her boss. Which, she is beginning to suspect, is the reason she hasn't been promoted from assistant to agent, despite the fact that she kicks ass at her job.

When Margot gets fired from said job on the same day she meets Oliver for the first time, her life becomes a veritable shit show. She has to scramble to figure out how to fulfill her dream career while simultaneously trying not to fall in love with Oliver, the man she met on the apps but who is more charming, more helpful and more steady than any man she's ever dated. Just when she thinks she's overcome her app bias, she realizes that maybe it's not her who's holding back, but him. And his reasons are more than she bargained for.



**Kasie West** has written many books since her debut *Pivot Point* (February 2013), which received a starred review in *Publishers Weekly*. Her contemporary YA includes such fan favorites such as *The Distance Between Us* (Harper 2013), *The Fill-in Boyfriend* (Harper 2015), and *P.S. I Like You* (Scholastic 2016). Her books have received numerous awards and accolades including a 2015 ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers (*On the Fence*), 2014 YALSA BFYA (*Pivot Point*), 2013 Whitney and Goodreads Choice Awards and Nominations (*Pivot Point*, *The Distance*

*Between Us*, *By Your Side*). As a stay-at-home mom of four children, Kasie hears lots of melodramatic versions of larger-than-life events. In the summer months you can find Kasie wakeboarding on the lake with her family, trying to survive the 100-degree temperatures of Central California. She graduated with a BA in liberal studies, with a strong focus on linguistics and psychology, from Fresno State University. *We Met Like This* is her adult debut. [www.kasiewest.com](http://www.kasiewest.com)

**St. Martin's Griffin**  
**Spring/summer 2025**

Trade paperback  
84k words

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

**Genre:** Contemporary rom-com

**Rights available:**  
British and translation

**Foreign sales:** France, on pre-empt (Talent Editions), Germany, at auction (Ravensburger)

**Previous foreign publishers for YA:**  
Czech (Albatros), Estonia (Ersen), Germany (Carlsen), Hungary (Mano), Poland (Jacek Kaszyk), Portugal (Zero a Oito), Russia (AST), Slovakia (Slovart), Spain (Grupo Atico)

**Highlights:**

\* Listen to our short podcast about *We Met Like This* [HERE](#)  
\* #kasiewest has over 3 million views on TikTok

**Primary agent:**  
Michelle Wolfson  
Wolfson Literary Agency

**Material:** Available



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