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Contemporary  
Drama

## The Women of Caminito

María Alejandra Barrios

**A woman tries to save the family restaurant after her Abuela's funeral, only to find her matriarch's ghost has trouble letting go.**

Vi returns to Barranquilla, Colombia after her abuela's death to find that her family home is falling apart, the family restaurant, Caminito, is severely in debt, and Abuela's ghost is waiting for her, anxious to deliver a message. But the matriarch of Caminito is not the only ghost. Rafa, Vi's first love, still lives in barrio Prado—but Vi also loves Liam, her boyfriend of four years in NYC. Torn between Barranquilla and New York City, and two great loves, Vi must grapple with the unbreakable bond that ancestors have with their own—even in the afterlife.

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All Languages (World): Lake  
Union Publishing



Contemporary  
Drama

## What Wild Women Do

Karma Brown

**From internationally bestselling author of *Recipe for a Perfect Wife*, another dual-timeline novel, exploring the tensions of ambition within a romantic relationship and the legacy women leave one another.**

When engaged couple, Rowan and Seth, head to the isolated Adirondack Park for a research trip, they make a gruesome discovery that is linked to a decades-long mystery connected to a local feminist activist from 1975, Eddie Callaway. What Rowan uncovers in those woods can no longer be concealed, both in her own life and in the missing woman's—the cost of ambition, the pull of autonomy, and that the truth won't stay buried forever. Alternating between a contemporary timeline and the one set in the 1970s, WHAT WILD WOMEN DO showcases the tensions of ambition within a romantic relationship in Rowan's life, while the glow of Eddie Callaway's altruism and activism continue to shine decades after they are sparked.

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English (Canada): Viking  
Canada  
English (US): Dutton US



Contemporary  
Drama

## Season of Fury and Wonder

Sharon Butala

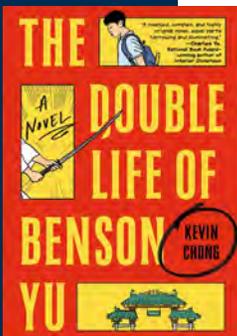
**Multiple prize-winning and bestselling author, Sharon Butala, explores the lives of older women: their rage, their regrets, their secrets, and the joys they still relish.**

Writing at the top of her game, Sharon Butala returns to the short story in this astounding collection. In Butala's world the season of fury and wonder is the season of old age. These stories chronicle women who have felt the joy of success and the sting of shortcomings; women who hold opinions and come to conclusions about the lives they have lived. Not only is each story an observation on aging, but each story in SEASON OF FURY AND WONDER pays tribute to a classic work of literature by writers who have influenced Butala's long career.

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**2020**

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World Rights Available Ex:  
English in North America,  
Freehand Books



Contemporary  
Drama

## The Double Life of Benson Yu

Kevin Chong

**Reminiscent of Susan Choi's *Trust Exercise* and Charles Yu's *Interior Chinatown*, THE DOUBLE LIFE OF BENSON YU is an original look at how narrative is used to survive abuse—and how abuse warps narrative.**

When Benny's grandmother is hospitalized, Benny survives on his own until a social worker begins to uncover his lies at school. Not knowing who to turn to, he is taken in reluctantly by his strange neighbour. Soon, an unlikely and poignant bond is formed as Benny and Constantine live and train together. Or does it? As this story progresses, its narrator, Yu, keeps interjecting from the present day, revealing glimmers of a real-life backstory that's darker than the one he's telling about Benny and Constantine. Eventually, his world intersects with Benny's, and Yu must confront the demon he's spent his adult life trying to evade or risk his own life—and Benny's.

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Publisher:  
English (Canada and US):  
Simon & Schuster



Contemporary  
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## Until We Break

Matthew Dawkins

**Dance like everyone's watching. Because they are.**

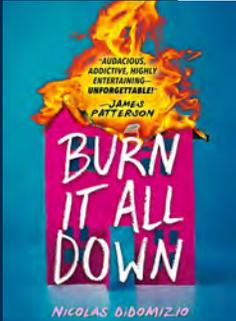
As the only Black student at her ballet academy, Naomi Morgan knows her isolation and artistic sacrifice are the price she has to pay in order to win the country's most prestigious dance competition. Winning means access to a spot in a top ballet school and, ultimately, a place with The New York City Ballet. Nothing else matters.

But when her dance instructor assigns her Odette's variation from Swan Lake, Naomi's world begins to fall apart. Her best friend, Jessica, used to be her sounding board, her support, her co-star—and even though Jessica died in a freak car accident, Naomi still sees and hears her everywhere.

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## Burn it All Down

Nicolas DiDomizio

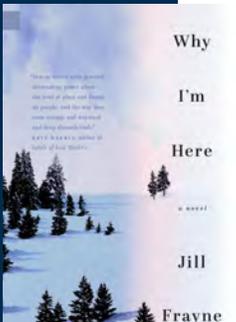
**Take the ride of a lifetime with this mother/son buddy revenge comedy James Patterson praises as "audacious, addictive, highly entertaining." *Gilmore Girls* meets *Thelma and Louise*.**

Eighteen-year-old Joey Rossi just found out his boyfriend has been cheating on him. But what did he expect? Joey was born with an addiction to toxic jerks—something he inherited from his lovingly messy, wisecracking, Italian-American spitfire of a mom (and best friend): 34-year-old Gia. When Gia's latest non-relationship goes up in flames only a day later, Joey and Gia inadvertently commit a series of crimes and flee the state, Joey and Gia must confront all the bad habits and mistakes they've made that have led them to this moment—and find a way to take responsibility for what they've done.

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Contemporary  
Drama

## Why I'm Here

Jill Frayne

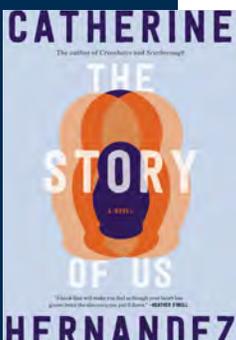
**The enthralling first novel from Governor General's Award shortlisted author Jill Frayne.**

Fifteen-year-old Gale is miserable in Whitehorse, that is clear to counsellor Helen Cotillard the moment Gale walks into Helen's office. Gale has been having anxiety attacks, caused, her stepmother says, by post-traumatic stress, and the last one sent her to hospital. Helen starts seeing her, and Gale's story and her distress at being separated from her little sister Buddie parallels a calamity in Helen's own life. In beautiful prose, Jill Frayne shows the reader both the difficult landscape of the north, and the damaged landscapes of two human hearts.

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English (World): NeWest Press



Contemporary  
Drama

## The Story of Us: A Novel

Catherine Hernandez

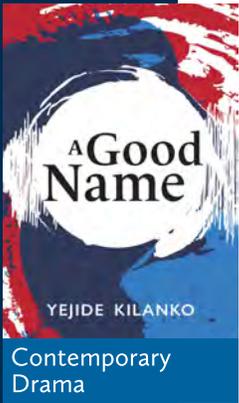
**From the beloved author of *Scarborough* and *Crosshairs*.**

As an Overseas Filipino Worker, Mary Grace Concepcion lives a life of sacrifices. She left her husband, Ale, to work as a caregiver, and travels to Canada in the hopes of one day sponsoring Ale and having children of their own. She navigates successive bewildering and careless employers and unruly children, and then becomes a Personal Support Worker for elderly Liz, who has Alzheimer's disease. Liz challenges Mary Grace's conservative beliefs, but she soon becomes Liz's biggest ally, and their friendship becomes just as legendary as Liz's past. Beautifully narrated by Mary Grace's newborn baby, THE STORY OF US portrays sisterhood, blood, and chosen family.

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English (Canada):  
HarperCollins



## A Good Name

Yejide Kilanko

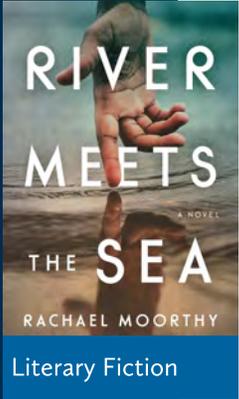
**Behold the Dreamers** by Imbolo Mbue meets **The Girl with the Louding Voice** by Abi Daré to a tragic end in Yejide Kilanko's new upmarket novel.

Twelve years in America and Eziafa Okereke has nothing to show for it. Desperate to re-write his story, Eziafa returns to Nigeria and marries a woman he can mold to his taste. But eighteen-year-old Zina has big dreams and an arranged marriage isn't one of them. As she finds her way alone in a new country, Zina knows she is destined to be more than a bitter man's wife. Buffeted by a series of disillusionments, the couple staggers through an abusive marriage until Zina decides to change the rules of engagement.

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English (Canada): Guernica Editions  
English (West Africa): Narrative Landscape Press  
English (World Audio): Tantor Media



## River Meets the Sea

Rachael Moorthy

**A contemporary, Canadian seafaring epic, RIVER MEETS THE SEA follows the seemingly separate timelines of a white-passing, Indigenous foster child in 1940s Vancouver and an Afro-Sri Lankan immigrant in the suburbs of Nanaimo in the 1970s.**

The novel traces the seemingly separate lives of these spirited young men and their ever-elusive connection to water until they inevitably cross paths, revealing rich, lesser-known Canadian histories along the way. The book moves back and forth like a wave, emulating and honouring the way water can birth life, but also take it away.

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World All languages



## Late September

Amy Mattes

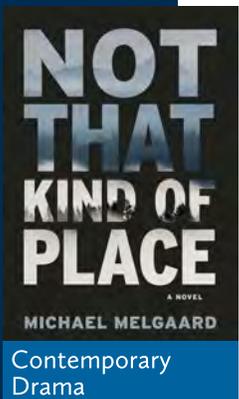
**LATE SEPTEMBER is an incredibly intimate tale which explores the nuances of love, trauma, and mental health.**

Following the tragic death of her little sister, bi-curious tomboy and misunderstood skateboarder Ines leaves behind her small town life for a fresh start in Montréal and we experience the electricity of the city for the first time and through her eyes. Then, in the midst of a bar fight, Ines meets Max, a handsome, magnetic skater whom she quickly falls for. Things start to take a strange and unfortunate turn.

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World Rights Available ex North America



## Not That Kind of Place

Michael Melgaard

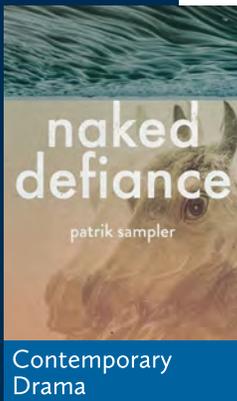
**From the author of the critically acclaimed short story collection, *Pallbearing*, comes NOT THAT KIND OF PLACE.**

David McPherson lives in a small town on Vancouver Island. Years ago, the police hastily and ineptly investigated the murder of his sister, and pinned it on an obvious, but erroneous suspect. The novel explores the long-term effects the murder has on the victim's family and friends, and the recurring traumatization that comes with our societies' consumption of true-crime content as a reporter seeks to write an article on the twentieth anniversary of the cold case.

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World: House of Anansi Press



Contemporary  
Drama

## Naked Defiance: A Comedy of Menace

Patrik Sampler

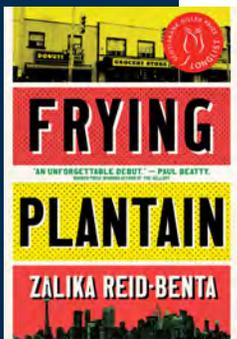
**A provocative and hilarious interrogation of society's most enlightened impulses, and a startling challenge to the increasing polarization and ideological entrenchment of our time.**

The story of a turn-of-the-century clothing-optional radical art group and its charismatic leader, written by one of its members, Florian Moore (probably a pseudonym), prepared for publication by novelist / editor Patrik Sampler. Unfolding as a report on an investigation into the death of the group's leader while in police custody, NAKED DEFIANCE is a mystery about a series of public performances staged by the eponymous group, and the increasingly disturbing disruptions that its own interventions become subjected to as forest fires encroach and a once-energetic optimism turns progressively bleak.

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English (North America): New  
Star Books



Contemporary  
Drama

## Frying Plantain

Zalika Reid-Benta

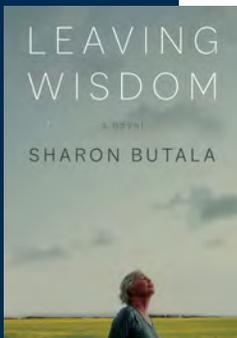
**Longlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize.**

A rich and unforgettable portrait of growing up between worlds, FRYING PLANTAIN shows how, in one charged moment, friendship and love can turn to enmity and hate, well-meaning protection can become control, and teasing play can turn to something much darker. In her brilliantly incisive debut, Zalika Reid-Benta artfully depicts the tensions between mothers and daughters, second-generation Canadians and first-generation cultural expectations, and Black identity and predominately white society.

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Astoria/House of Anansi Press  
[Australia, Scribe; UK,  
Dialogue Books/Little, Brown;  
Russian, Polyandria]



Historical  
Drama

## Leaving Wisdom

Sharon Butala

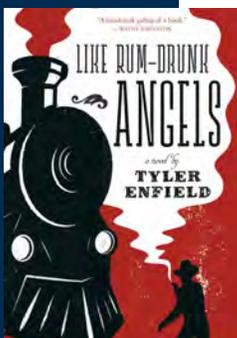
**A brilliant new novel that confronts ageism and anti-semitism from award-winning and best-selling author, the beloved Canadian icon, Sharon Butala.**

Judith, a social worker, falls on the way to her retirement party, and to recover from her broken hip, she moves back to Wisdom, the small town where she grew up. There Judith confronts many unanswered questions about her troubled father, a veteran of World War Two; her siblings; and the town's dark past. LEAVING WISDOM depicts the suffering that comes from long-held family secrets, and one woman's late-life awakening to the complex shadows cast by World War Two and the Holocaust.

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Press



Historical  
Drama

## Like Rum-Drunk Angels

Tyler Enfield

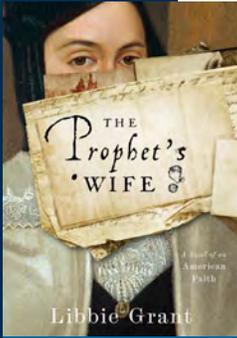
**"Cormac McCarthy meets Gabriel Garcia Marquez." —Winnipeg Free Press**

The award-winning and inventive tale of Francis Blackstone, a lovestruck fourteen-year-old gunslinger with a heart of gold, in search of the fortune that will allow him to marry the girl of his dreams. With few prospects for wealth in sight, Francis joins with notorious ruffian Bob Temple to form The Blackstone Temple Gang, an infamous group of gentleman train robbers who become a country-wide media sensation. Set in the Wild West, this offbeat and magical literary work is an entirely original retelling of the Aladdin story as an American Western. Filled with big skies, daring shoot-outs, and blazing dialogue, it is a rich combination of classic love story, quest journey, and a tribute to boyhood enthusiasm.

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**March 2020**

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English (Canada): Goose Lane  
Editions



Historical Drama

## The Prophet's Wife

Libbie Grant

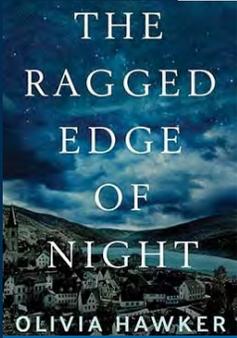
Exploring the hidden history of the Mormon church through the eyes of one woman: Emma, first wife of the prophet Joseph Smith.

In 1825, in rural Pennsylvania, Emma Hale marries a treasure-digger, a man who has nothing but a peep-stone and a conviction that he can speak directly to God. His name is Joseph Smith and in a few short years, he will found his own religion, gather zealous adherents by the tens of thousands, and fracture Emma's life and faith. While the Mormon religion finds its feet and runs beyond the grasp of its founder, Emma struggles to maintain her place in Joseph's heart. As Joseph's infamy grows, Emma knows there will never be peace until her husband faces the law. For the sake of her people, Emma must convince the Prophet of God to surrender... and perhaps sacrifice his life.

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Publication:  
March 2022

Publisher:  
World: William Morrow



Historical Drama

## The Ragged Edge of Night

Olivia Hawker

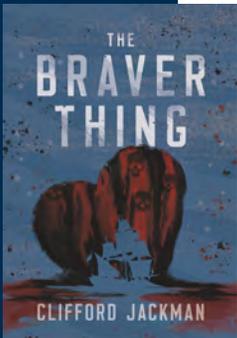
For fans of *All the Light We Cannot See* and *The Nightingale* comes an emotionally gripping historical novel about extraordinary hope, redemption, and one man's search for light during the darkest times of World War II.

Germany, 1942. After Franciscan friar Anton Starzmann's school is seized by the Nazis, he relocates to a German hamlet to wed Elisabeth Herter, a widow who seeks a marriage to a man who can help raise her children. Anton seeks atonement for failing to protect his students from the Nazis. As Anton struggles to adapt to the roles of husband and father, he learns of the Red Orchestra, an underground network of resisters plotting to assassinate Hitler. Despite Elisabeth's reservations, Anton joins this army of shadows to embark on a final act of defiance that may cost him his life.

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Historical Drama

## The Braver Thing

Clifford Jackman

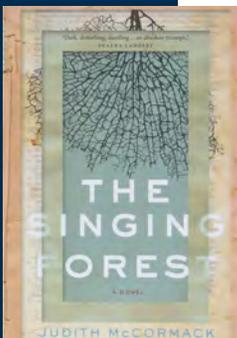
*Treasure Island* meets *Animal Farm* in this naval adventure and political allegory that reflects our troubled political times.

It is 1721, and the Golden Age of Piracy is over, but Blackbeard's shipmate, Jimmy Kavanagh is putting together a stout Company of Gentlemen of Fortune for one last Adventuring Cruise that shall set them all up for good. The Cruise begins well, as the Company sacks Cape Coast Castle, but after Kavanagh's untimely death his supporters struggle to find a replacement. As further victories transform their Cruise from hunter to the hunted, the Company descends into mutinies, executions, and show trials, as they flee from their pursuers and struggle against the elements.

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North American English:  
Random House, World French:  
Editions Paulsen, Polish:  
Nautica



Historical Drama

## The Singing Forest

Judith McCormack

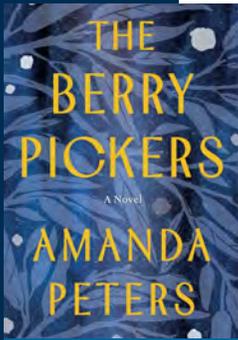
Rich with character and narrative, and based on a little-known historical event.

When boys stumble on human remains in a forest in Belarus, the discovery of a mass grave, where Stalin's police murdered thousands, launches events that lead to a controversial deportation case. Across the Atlantic, a legal battle ensues between elderly Stefan Drozd, a former member of Stalin's forces who fled from his crimes, and Leah Jarvis, the young lawyer charged with prosecuting his extradition case. Determined to bring him to justice, Leah travels to Belarus in search of witnesses. Leah also pieces together her own story: her mother's death, her father's absence, and the shadows of her Jewish heritage. Lyrical and wrenching, *The Singing Forest* is a profound investigation of memory, war, and truth.

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September 2021

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Biblioasis



Historical Drama

## The Berry Pickers

Amanda Peters

**A heart-rending, debut literary novel by rising star, Amanda Peters.**

In dual first-person voices, Peters tells the story of Ruthie/Norma, born Mi'kmaw, but a rich, white family, disingenuously assumes she's been abandoned and steals her away. Norma is haunted by strange dreams and burdened by an overprotective mother, who is prone to headaches whenever anyone questions her lies. Joe, Ruthie's brother, tells readers about Ruthie's sudden disappearance from the rock she loved to sit on beside the berry fields, and how, after that shocking event, his family never could return to Maine. But Joe's mother never gave up hope. A chance sighting of Ruthie years later leads to the truth. With Joe on his deathbed, he and Ruthie reunite in a stunningly emotional conclusion.

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US: Catapult Books



Historical Drama

## Unrest

Gwen Tuinman

**A riveting tale about the survival of Irish immigrants in the 1830s, including fast-paced adventure, a taboo love triangle, the Shiners' war, and a feminist hero.**

Mariah, her face disfigured by a vicious dog, and pregnant with her brother-in-law Seamus's baby, immigrates from Ireland with Seamus and his wife and Mariah's sister, Biddy. In 1830s Bytown, the family lives in dire poverty, and has to work together to survive. Baby Thomas grows up thinking Biddy is his mother, and aligns himself with the Irish rebel gang, the Shiners. He escapes a life of crime, with the help of a good woman, Mariah's friend, Peg, and only years later does he learn the identity of his mother. Mariah releases herself from the psychological hold Seamus had on her, reunites with Thomas and Peg, and finds love in the end.

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**Publication:**  
**May 2024**

Publisher:  
English (Canada): Random  
House Canada



Historical Drama

## Undersong

Kathleen Winter

**From Giller-shortlisted author Kathleen Winter: A stunning novel reimagining the lost years of misunderstood Romantic Era genius Dorothy Wordsworth.**

When young James Dixon, a local jack-of-all-trades, meets Dorothy Wordsworth, he's never encountered another woman like her. As her famous brother William's confidante and creative collaborator, she has carved a seemingly idyllic life for herself. Dixon is approached by William to do some handiwork around the estate, but he quickly understands that his real responsibility is to keep an eye on Dorothy, who is growing frail and melancholic. Through Dixon's fictional voice, and the transcendent imagination of Kathleen Winter, we step inside the Wordsworth family, witnessing its scintillating emotional and artistic struggles, hidden traumas, private betrayals and triumphs. But Winter also weaves a darker, complex "undersong" through the novel, gradually bringing into the light Dorothy's hidden genius.

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**Publication:**

Publisher:  
English (World): Knopf Canada  
German: btb



RomCom & Romance

## Getting His Game Back

Gia de Cadenet

**"A thoroughly satisfying love story with a big, beating heart." —Publishers Weekly starred review**

Khalil Sarda went through a rough patch last year, but now he's nearly back to his old self. Real men don't have depression and go to therapy—or, at least they don't admit it. He's ready to focus on work and get back to being the ladies' man his family and friends tease him for being. It'll be easy . . . until Vanessa throws him completely off his game. Vanessa Noble is too busy building a multimillion-dollar tech career as a Black woman before age thirty to be distracted by a relationship. Have they both finally found a connection worth throwing away the playbook for?

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**January 2022**

Publisher:  
English (World): Ballantine/  
Dell



RomCom & Romance

## Not The Plan

Gia de Cadenet

**“Love is on the ballot in the California state senate in this masterful interracial workplace romance from de Cadenet... The chemistry is off the charts and the affection between the couple feels real and entirely earned. This is a winner.” —Publishers Weekly starred review**

Isadora Maris is damn good at her job. But Isadora’s cool professionalism is knocked off-kilter when she meets Karim Sarda. Karim is gorgeous, brilliant, and seems to share many of her ideals. So why’s he working for the California senate’s most detestable scumbag? When Karim and Isadora succumb to their undeniable chemistry, their initial desire blossoms into something more—something real. Will workplace politics shatter their chance at love before it even begins?

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February 2023

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World Rights Available ex.  
World English (Dell, Winter 2023)  
Manuscript available



RomCom & Romance

## The Signs and Wonders of Tuna Rashad

Natasha Deen

**A ticking clock, a grief-stricken brother, and a crush who doesn’t believe in signs and wonders. What could possibly go wrong?**

Let’s be clear. No matter what her older brother, Robby, says, aspiring screenwriter Tuna Rashad is not “stupidstitious.” She is, however, cool with her Caribbean heritage, which means she is always on the lookout for messages from loved ones who have passed on. Based on the signs, her ancestors are on board with setting Robby up with someone new. They also seem to be on board with helping Tuna win over her crush, Tristan Dangerfield. The only hiccup? She’s got to do it before she leaves for college in the fall.

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Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Running Press Teens



RomCom & Romance

## The Gay Best Friend

Nicolas DiDomizio

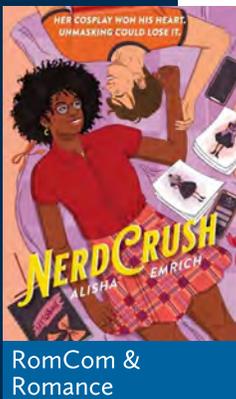
**He’s always been the token gay best friend. Now, stuck between a warring bride and groom hurtling toward their one perfect day, he’s finally ready to focus on something new: himself.**

Domenic Marino has become an expert at code-switching between the worlds of his two soon-to-be-wed best friends. But this summer—tasked with planning their bachelor and bachelorette parties—he’s anxious over having to play both sides. The bride wants Dom to keep things clean. The groom wants Dom to “let loose” with the guys. And Dom just wants to get out of this whole mess with his friendships intact. But once the rowdy groomsmen show up—including the groom’s old frat brother, handsome and charming PGA star Bucky Graham—chaos (and unexpected romance) quickly ensues. By the time Dom returns for the bachelorette party, he’s accumulated a laundry list of secrets that threaten to destroy everything—from the wedding, to Bucky’s career, to the one thing Dom hasn’t been paying nearly enough attention to lately: his own life.

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June 2023

Publisher:  
World: Sourcebooks



RomCom & Romance

## NerdCrush

Alisha Emrich

**An homage to nerd culture and a charming teen romance for anyone who’s ever felt misunderstood pitched as *You Should See Me in a Crown* meets *You’ve Got Mail*.**

Sixteen-year-old Ramona Lambert has a crush on Caleb Woolf, the cute boy in her History class who doesn’t even know she exists. But when Ramona becomes Rel, her cosplay character, she can do anything—even work up the courage to email Caleb from Rel’s account and tell him how she really feels. Ramona is ecstatic when he replies, but their cyber romance threatens to implode when Caleb starts working with Ramona at Tomlin’s Diner and they strike up a real-life friendship. Ramona has to decide whether she’ll hide behind Rel forever or take a chance that Caleb might actually like her for who she really is.

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English (World): Running Press  
Kids / Hachette Book Group



RomCom & Romance

## Never a Bride

Rebecca Fisseha

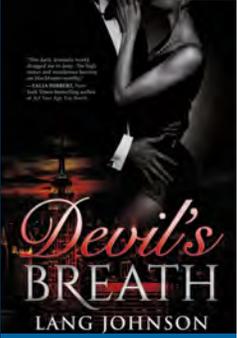
**Hilariously funny, and filled with rich characters and the delicious flavours of Ethiopian culture and traditions, NEVER A BRIDE is a rom com like no other!**

Mouthy, rebellious, spicy, and loveable Mizan, an avid runner and successful physiotherapist, who has always maintained her intention to stay single, finds herself with increasingly romantic feelings towards Kaldikan, her platonic BFF, an aspiring actor, who is shy (at least off stage), kind, thoughtful, funny, and extraordinarily handsome. With his immigration status in jeopardy, Miz agrees to marry him. Kal's family throws a huge party for them back in Ethiopia, and there they confess that they have genuine romantic feelings for one another but immigration procedures stand in the way of their being able to stay together.

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**Publication:**  
April 2024

Publisher:  
World: Penguin Random House Canada



RomCom & Romance

## Devil's Breath

Lang Johnson

**"This dark, dramatic world dragged me in deep. The high stakes and murderous heroine are blockbuster-worthy." —Talia Hibbert, New York Times-bestselling author of Act Your Age, Eve Brown**

Sera Dwari is a brilliant chemist and a deadly assassin who will stop at nothing to expand her family's empire. With her criminal father's guidance, they're slated to dominate the drug industry with her creation: Devil's Breath. There's just one, handsome, smooth-talking problem. Cassius Batista. Sera is tasked to kill the billionaire unknowingly funding their venture. She plans the job, anticipating every outcome. The one thing she didn't see coming was...love. But betraying her father isn't an option.

Sera must choose between two men. The one who raised her and the one she's fallen for.

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**Publication:**  
May 2022

Publisher: Independent World Rights



RomCom & Romance

## All I Want for Christmas

Maggie Knox

**A pitch-perfect holiday rom com about two oil-and-water reality-star country singers who must fake a relationship in order to win the opportunity of a lifetime.**

When Sadie and Max are selected as contestants on the famed reality singing show Starmaker's special holiday season, Sadie thinks she's finally gotten her big break and Max sees a chance to step out of his megastar father's shadow. But then they're paired up for duet week and stun the world with their onstage chemistry. With fans going wild for #Saxie the judges demand they remain a duo on and offstage, or exit the competition. Faking a relationship shouldn't be too hard, except for one small problem—Sadie and Max can't stand each other. But with their dreams just within reach, they agree to the ruse. Will their fake relationship be exposed before they can win? Or might their phony connection turn real by the Christmas finale?

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October 2022

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World: Putnam  
English (Canada): Penguin Canada  
English (UK): Hodder & Stoughton  
Large Print: Thorndike



RomCom & Romance

## Mr. Perfect On Paper

Jean Meltzer

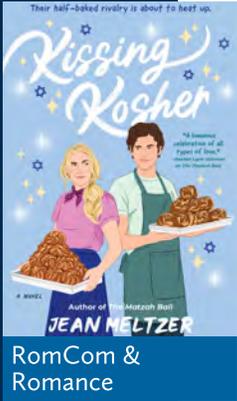
**From the author of the critically acclaimed *The Matzah Ball* comes a pitch-perfect romcom following a third-generation Jewish matchmaker who unwittingly finds her own search for love thrust into the spotlight...**

As the creator of the popular Jewish dating app J-Mate, matchmaker Dara Rabinowitz knows the formula for lasting love, but her own love life has been idling indefinitely. When her beloved bubbe shares Dara's checklist for The Perfect Jewish Husband on national television, the charming news anchor, Chris Steadfast, turns Dara's search into must-see TV. As a non-Jewish single dad, Chris doesn't check any of Dara's boxes. But Dara's hunt for Mr. Perfect gives his show the ratings boost it desperately needs. Chris can't ignore his own attraction to Dara, and soon Dara starts questioning if "perfect on paper" can compete with how hard she's falling for Chris...

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World: MIRA  
Hebrew: Dani Books  
Large Print: Thorndike



RomCom & Romance

## Kissing Kosher

Jean Meltzer

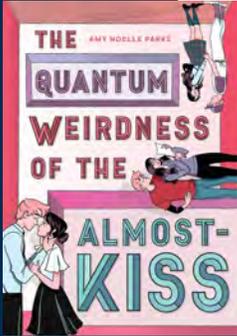
From the author of *The Matzah Ball* and *Mr. Perfect on Paper* comes this hilarious and emotional rivals-to-lovers romance. **Step 1: Get the secret recipe. Step 2: Don't fall in love...**

Chronic pelvic pain has forced Avital Cohen to sideline her dream of becoming a photographer, and her love life, so she works as the manager of her family's kosher bakery, Best Babka in Brooklyn. But she needs help, and distractingly handsome Ethan Lippmann seems to be the perfect fit. Except Ethan is there under cover at the behest of his iron-fisted grandfather, owner of Lippmann's, a household name in kosher baked goods, who is desperate to get the recipe for Avital's grandfather's world-famous pumpkin spice babka recipe. Ethan soon finds himself more interested in Avital than in stealing family secrets, and together they perfect the recipe for romance.

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Publisher:  
World: MIRA



RomCom & Romance

## The Quantum Weirdness of the Almost-Kiss

Amy Noelle Parks

Caleb has always assumed that when she was ready for romance, Evie would choose him. Because he is her best friend, and he loves her, and he has almost kissed her 17 times...

Evie has always been too occupied with her love of math and frequent battles with anxiety to want to date. Besides, she's always found the idea of kissing to be kind of weird. But by senior year, thanks to therapy and her friends, she's feeling braver than before. Maybe even brave enough to enter the national physics competition or flirt back with the new boy. Meanwhile, Evie's best friend, Caleb, has always been a little in love with her. So he's horrified when he is forced to witness Evie's meet-cute with the new guy. Desperate, Caleb uses an online forum to capture Evie's interest—and it goes a little too well. Now Evie wonders how she went from avoiding romance to having to choose between two—or is it three?—boys.

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German: WJB/Rowohlt  
Polish: Wydawnictwo  
Literackie  
Russian: Piter  
Turkish: Ren Kitap  
Film/TV: Shay Rudolph



RomCom & Romance

## Daisy Dooley Does Divorce

Anna Pasternak

For Daisy Dooley, the only thing worse than being 39 and single is being 39 and divorced.

5 Things not to Do on your First PDD (Post Divorce Date) 1. Get Drunk 2. Get Pregnant 3. Get Arrested 4. Get Even 5. Get married — again!

A self-professed self-help addict, Daisy leaves the marriage she thought would forever rescue her from the angst of will he or won't he call, only to return to the painful--and painfully funny--world of dating. Supported by her two best friends, one commitment-phobic single serial dater and one picture perfect happy wife and mother, Daisy must find her way back through the awkward mating rituals that accompany relationships with the post-divorcee rebound man, the passionate twenty-something eager to date a "mature woman," and battle the longing to be with the one true love who eluded her years before.

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**Publication:**  
October 2007

Publisher:  
English: 5 Spot  
UK: Vermillion; Ebury



RomCom & Romance

## Two Can Play That Game

Leanne Yong

Sam Khoo competes with Jay Chua for VIP tickets to a con that'll launch her career, but when their families think they make a love match, she starts to wonder if success is all that matters.

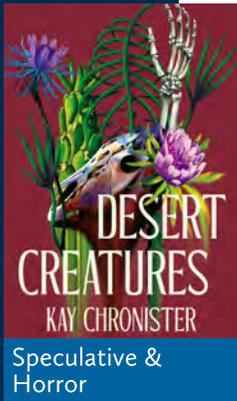
Samantha Khoo, with a scholarship to university, is the pride of her Australian-Maylasian family. But Sam dreams of becoming an indie video game developer. VIP tickets to the big con would mean she could pitch her game and prove to her traditional parents that she doesn't have to go to college. So when family acquaintance Jaysen Chua grabs the last tickets, she issues him an ultimatum: Put the tickets on the line in a competition, or become a social pariah when she broadcasts his duplicity to all the aunts and uncles.

Five games. Five rounds. One winner. Sam needs is to defeat Jay the Jerk—not become distracted by her feelings for him. All she wants is to prove she can make it on her own. When her dreams come crashing down, she finds out that going it alone may not be the way to win.

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Publisher:  
English (ANZ) Allen & Unwin



Speculative & Horror

## Desert Creatures

Kay Chronister

**A feminist horror Western told with ferocious imagination and style by an on-the-rise Shirley Jackson and World Fantasy Award nominated writer.**

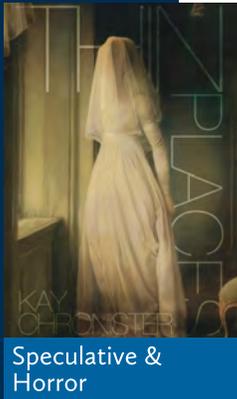
Exiled from their home, nine-year-old Magdala and her father Xavier flee through the Sonoran Desert, settling in a community of survivalists who measure human value in labor output. When violence tears the community apart, Magdala and Xavier join a handful of survivors on a pilgrimage to the holy city of Las Vegas. Magdala, born with a clubfoot, is going to be healed at the altar of a vigilante saint. However, when faced with the privations and strange horrors of the desert, Magdala's journey takes her further from salvation even as she nears the holy city.

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**Publication:**  
November 2022

Publisher:  
English (World): Erewhon Books



Speculative & Horror

## Thin Places

Kay Chronister

**A subversive collection of elevated feminist horror tales combining elements of Shirley Jackson and Carmen Maria Machado with its own gothic sensibility.**

For fans of *Midsommar* and *The Haunting of Hill House*, THIN PLACES blends and subverts genres, weaponizing readers' expectations of female characters in eleven stories of liminality, strangeness, and anxiety. From noir horror in *Roiling* and *Without Form*, set at the Flamingo Motel with its neon sign and not-quite-human proprietor, to folk horror in *The Women Who Sing for Sklep*, about a composer who visits a remote village where the women perform soundless songs that accompany violent sacrifice—each story upends literary conventions to achieve a terrifying alchemy.

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Spring 2020

Publisher:  
English (World): Undertow Publications



Speculative & Horror

## The Petting Zoos

K.S. Covert

**For fans of literary fiction with speculative and suspense elements—including *Blindness* by José Saramago and *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro, and fans of the HBO series *The Leftovers*—comes THE PETTING ZOOS, a debut novel by K.S. Covert.**

Unsettling, philosophical and erotic by turns, this eerily prescient novel set a decade after a pandemic, looks at the chaos that results from isolation. Not all the victims of the pandemic died. Some just lost their lives. Lily has been a hermit for a decade, but she is forced out of isolation when her editor assigns her a story about the petting zoos, a dangerous underground network of places where people go to touch and be touched by strangers. But as Lily goes deeper into the zoos, and her relationship with the man who runs them, she reckons with a dependency on human touch that comes at the expense of human connection.

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**Publication:**  
May 2022

Publisher:  
English (North America): Dundurn Press



Speculative & Horror

## Foul Days: The Witch's Compendium of Monsters Book 1

Geneviva Dimova

**The Witcher as written by Naomi Novik.**

As a witch in the walled city of Chernograd, Kosara has plenty of practice taming rusalkas, fighting kikimoras, and brewing lycanthrope repellent. There's only one monster Kosara can't defeat: her ex. He's the Zmey, the Tsar of Monsters. Kosara's only hope is to trade her powers for illegal passage across the Wall to Belograd, where monsters can't follow. Life in Belograd should be sweet, but Kosara develops the shadow sickness that kills powerless witches. If she wants to live to enjoy her freedom, Kosara needs to get her powers back.

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Spring 2024

Publisher:  
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Bulgarian (Bulgaria): Ciela  
Russian (Russia): Atticus  
Spanish (World): Hidra



Speculative & Horror

## Her Body Among Animals

Paola Ferrante

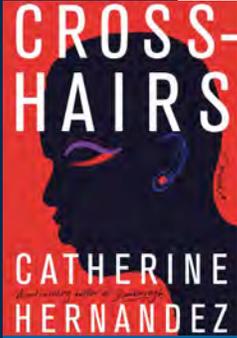
**In this debut collection of short stories, women confront and challenge the realities of living in a magic-inflected world among animals, where violence is intertwined with ecological disruptions.**

An albatross threatens to consume a depressed grad student. A sentient sex robot causes the relationship between her creators to combust. Ghosts and climate grief haunt a young mother who worked in horror films. The lines between urban legends and reality blur when a woman's partner turns into a dragon. Blending the emotional, magic-inflected worlds of Karen Russell, the equally ordinary and bizarre universes of Kelly Link, and the genre-bending of Carmen Maria Machado, these speculative tales weave elements of horror, fairy tales, and science fiction to underscore the complexity of living in a woman's body in the face of the violence and ecological calamity wrought by toxic masculinity.

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Spring 2024

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English (North America):  
Book\*hug Press



Speculative & Horror

## Crosshairs

Catherine Hernandez

**CROSSHAIRS tells a frighteningly believable story about the rise of fascism, and takes place only five years in the future. Can't happen here? Just you wait.**

Set in a frighteningly familiar near future, with massive floods leading to rampant homelessness and devastation, a government-sanctioned regime called the Boots seizes on its power to force communities of colour, the disabled, and the LGBTQ2S into labour camps in Toronto. In the shadows, a hero emerges. After his livelihood and the love of his life are taken away from him, Kay joins the Resistance, alongside Bahadur, a transmasculine refugee and Firuzeh, a headstrong social worker. Guiding them in the ways of combat is Beck, a rogue army offer, who helps them plan an uprising.

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English (Canada): Harper  
Collins Canada  
English (U.S.): Atria  
English (U.K.): Jacaranda



Speculative & Horror

## Echoes of Grace

Guadalupe García McCall

**A Kirkus Best YA Book of 2022, this gothic psychological ghost story with overtones of "Sliding Doors" features two sisters who come to grips with the aftermath of a terrible tragedy.**

A Mexican-American gothic psychological ghost story with "Sliding Doors" overtones set on the border moves between the present and recent past. Grace flees to her grandmother's house in Mexico but her world, and perhaps her sanity, begins to unravel as she's visited by visions of her mother's past she'd never before known of.

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**Publication:**  
August 2022

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English (NA): Lee and Low  
Publishers



Speculative & Horror

## The Peculiars

Maureen Doyle McQuerry

**This female led richly atmospheric adventure will captivate fans of *His Dark Materials* and *Shadow & Bone*. YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults. "A backdrop as strong as its heroine with equal parts inventive fantasy, light romance, and thrilling adventure." —*Booklist*, starred review "A creative, entertaining, and wholly original fantasy." —*Horn Book***

On her 18th birthday, Lena Mattacascar begins searching for her father, rumored as descended from goblins. On a train bound for Scree, wild lands inhabited by Peculiars, she meets Jimson Quiggley, on his way to work for the enigmatic inventor, Mr. Beasley of Zephyr House. When a marshal stops the train and discovers Lena's quest, he leverages what he knows about her father to compel her to spy on the strange folk at Zephyr house. When Lena uncovers the truth behind Beasley's activities, she won't betray him -- even if her only escape is a frightful aeroplane journey headed further north, where she must finally encounter her deepest fear.

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Publisher:



Speculative & Horror

## River Mumma

Zalika Reid-Benta

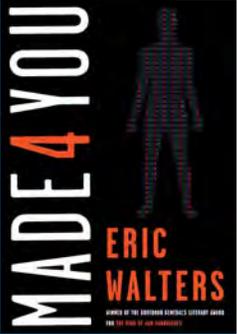
**Alicia's quarter-life-crisis gets supernatural when a Jamaican water deity sends her on a quest.**

On her way home from a party, Alicia encounters River Mumma, a beautiful-but-volatile figure who guards gold at the bottom of the Rio Cobre river in Jamaica. She tells Alicia she has 24 hours to scour the city for her comb, which was stolen by a tourist who will not give the comb back. Alicia's retail co-workers, Heaven and Mars, unwittingly become a part of her journey, and the three face obstacles found in Jamaican folklore, such as malevolent spirits called duppies, as well as figures from Toronto's own legends.

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Speculative & Horror

## Made 4 You

Eric Walters

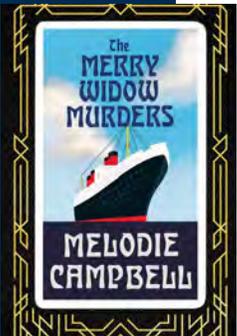
**It's all in the genes.**

Gene Newman is different. He's been homeschooled and as brilliant academically as he is socially awkward. Gene also proves to be a gifted saxophone player and makes the school band, and his rapidly developed basketball skills allow him to play for the school team. Gene also quickly develops his social skills and learns to fit in. As they become closer, Gene confides in Becky that he has a secret. More than that, he IS a secret, and apparently, it's a secret worth killing for.

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Cormorant Books



Mystery

## The Merry Widow Murders

Melodie Campbell

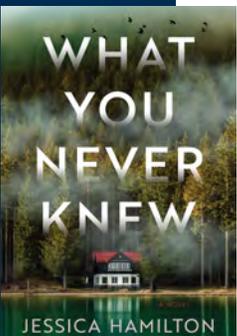
**War widow Lady Lucy Revolstoke is headed home to England to reunite with her young son when an anonymous hitman is found murdered in her stateroom their first night at sea. Someone onboard wants to dig up the past, and Lucy has done a lot of work to keep hers buried.**

The war has ended and all fashionable society on both sides of the Atlantic wants is to get back to normal. For war widow Lady Lucy Revelstoke that means taking a trip to New York City where she reconnects with her late husband's friend, the dashing Lord Tony Anderson. Holiday over, they return home via steamship, Lucy eager to be reunited with her young son in England. But when an anonymous hitman is found murdered in her stateroom on their first night at sea, it seems like someone onboard wants to dig up the past, and Lucy has done a lot of work to keep hers buried. With the help of her eccentric maid Elf and the increasingly erratic attentions of Lord Tony, Lucy is determined to protect her hard-won good name and her son's future at any cost.

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**Publisher:**  
English (North America):  
Cormorant Books



Suspense & Thriller

## What You Never Knew

Jessica Hamilton

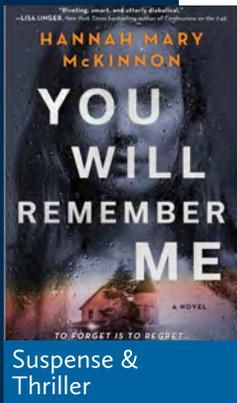
**Told in alternating points of view between the living and the dead, Jessica Hamilton's debut novel will be perfect for fans of *The Lovely Bones*.**

Still reeling from the grief of losing her sister, June Bennett travels back to their family-owned Avril Island in search of answers. As she digs, she learns the townspeople believe her father may in fact have been murdered rather than having abandoned his family, as her mother led her to believe. And that's when June begins noticing strange things happening on the island—missing family possessions showing up, doors locking on their own, unexplained noises in the night, shadowy figures disappearing into the woods. It takes June no time at all to realize that her childhood summers at Avril Island were not at all what they had seemed to be.

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World: Crooked Lane Books



## You Will Remember Me

Hannah Mary McKinnon

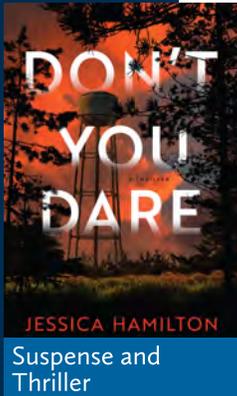
**Shared fates intertwine in a twisty, explosive novel of suspense, where unearthing the past might just mean being buried beneath it.**

He wakes up on a deserted beach in Maryland with a gash on his head and wearing only swim trunks. Everything—his identity, his life, his loved ones—has been replaced by a dizzying fog of uncertainty. But returning to his Maine hometown in search of the truth uncovers more questions than answers. Lily Reid thinks she knows her boyfriend, Jack. Until he goes missing one night, and her frantic search reveals that he's been lying to her since they met, desperate to escape a dark past he'd purposely left behind. Maya Scott has been trying to find her estranged stepbrother, Asher, since he disappeared without a trace. Having him back, missing memory and all, feels like a miracle. But with a mutual history full of devastating secrets, how far will Maya go to ensure she alone takes them to the grave?

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## Don't You Dare

Jessica Hamilton

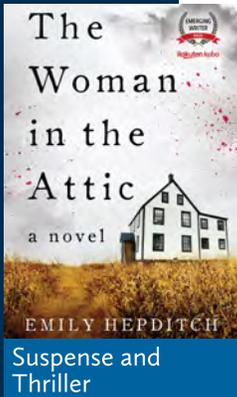
**For readers of Ruth Ware, Chevy Stevens and Mary Kubica, DON'T YOU DARE is a compulsive read, full of creepy obsession contrasted against a restless domestic home life.**

Wife and stay at home Mom Hannah has lost all sense of herself. Unhappy in her marriage and feeling invisible and irrelevant to the rest of the world, she sleepwalks through life - until she gets an email from Thomas, her best friend plus benefits in high school and the boy who broke her heart. Thomas is back after fourteen years away and he convinces her to revive their high school secret "The Daring Game", in which they trade dares back and forth, raising the stakes each time. Only this time the dares, which used to just be juvenile pranks escalate and could cost them both everything.

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## The Woman in the Attic

Emily Hephditch

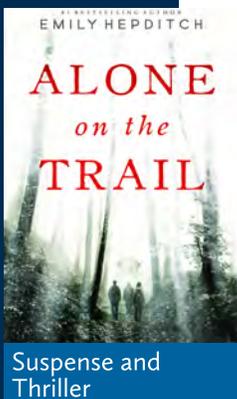
**A claustrophobic psychological thriller wrought with suspense. This novel will put you on the edge of your seat . . . and make you wary of the unused spaces collecting dust in your home.**

When Hannah Fitzgerald returns to the lonely saltbox house in rural Newfoundland to prepare her mother for the transition into assisted living, she finds her childhood home dilapidated from years of hoarding and neglect. While packing her mother's things, Hannah discovers a trap door to the house's attic, the one she believed for most of her life had been permanently sealed shut. Blinded by curiosity, Hannah enters the attic and finds a mysterious bedroom riddled with dark secrets. Desperate to know more, Hannah begins to scramble for answers, combing the house for clues that may lead her to the truth. Piece by piece, she assembles a picture of her mother's not-so-distant past—a twisted tangle of infatuation, lies, and maybe even murder.

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## Alone on the Trail

Emily Hephditch

**From the #1 bestselling author of *The Woman in the Attic*. Four best friends. One wrong turn. One shack hidden in the mountains.**

To celebrate graduating from university, Sadie, Julie, Morgan, and Jonah decide to spend a week backcountry hiking in western Newfoundland, tackling a remote route through the Long Range Mountains. Zealous, rambunctious, and overconfident, the group embarks on their self-proclaimed adventure of a lifetime in Gros Morne National Park. Alone on a trail with nowhere to hide, secrets begin to ooze through the cracks of their bond. The farther into the forest the group moves, the more they drift apart, until their friendship becomes as difficult to navigate as the look-alike trees. When they stumble upon an illegal hunting shack, they find themselves in possession of dangerous knowledge. Injured, separated, and being hunted by expert poachers, the friends must find a way to get back home before they succumb to the dangers of the trail.

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Suspense and Thriller

## Fit to Die

Daniel Kalla

**In a dark web culture, is weight loss more valuable than life?**

From bestselling author Daniel Kalla comes FIT TO DIE, a timely thriller set in the multimillion dollar wellness and diet industry. An illicit diet pill containing a deadly toxin surges in popularity in Los Angeles and Vancouver. Some victims die agonizing deaths, including a young mega-celebrity and influencer as well as the co-owner of a popular wellness center. But who's behind the online marketing and distribution of the toxic pills? The daunting challenge of putting the pieces together to unravel an international conspiracy falls to a toxicologist and two detectives - one in Vancouver and one in LA - can they disrupt the flow of this tempting poison before the body count soars?

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Suspense and Thriller

## The Revenge List

Hannah Mary McKinnon

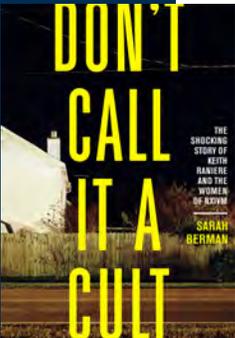
**They say life flashes before your eyes when you're about to die. But all she could see was regret. A woman on the brink. A growing list of accidental victims.**

People in Frankie Morgan's life say she's angry. Emotionally stunted. Combative. But really, who can blame her given the hand she's been dealt? Her very first anger-management group session starts with making a list of everyone who's wronged her in some way over the years. Frankie is skeptical. Still, she makes the pointless list—with her own name in a prominent spot—and promptly forgets about it...until it goes missing. And one by one, the people she's named start getting hurt in freak accidents, each deadlier than the last. Someone's seeking revenge on her behalf. And if she doesn't find out who, she could be next.

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Based on a True Story

## Don't Call It a Cult: The Shocking Story of Keith Raniere and the Women of NXIVM

Sarah Berman

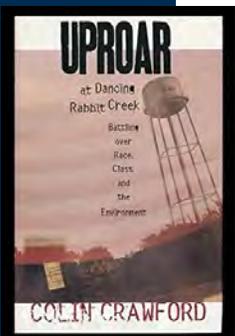
**VICE journalist Sarah Berman tackles the shocking sex trafficking, forced labour and racketeering trial of Keith Raniere, founder of NXIVM.**

Through the accounts of central NXIVM figures, investigative journalist Sarah Berman uncovers how dozens of young women seeking creative coaching and networking opportunities instead were blackmailed, literally branded, near-starved, and enslaved. For readers of *Going Clear*, *The Program*, and *Catch and Kill*, DON'T CALL IT A CULT is a riveting account of NXIVM's trajectory and Raniere's rise to power, their ability to evade prosecution for decades, and the investigation that finally revealed their dark secrets to the world.

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Based on a True Story

## Uproar At Dancing Rabbit Creek: Battling Over Race, Class, and the Environment

Colin Crawford

**A blow-by-blow account of a rural southern community's fight to keep toxic waste out of its backyard.**

A case study in "environmental racism" recounts how a toxic-waste disposal facility polarized a small rural town in Mississippi, pitting poor black folk who wanted the plant against two white housewives who led the movement to stop it.

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Based on a True Story

## The Heartbreak Hotel

Alice Haddon & Ruth Field

**We are all too familiar with the heartbreak of betrayal that can bring us to the lowest points of our lives. What if, we had a direct portal to get us to the other side of that pain?**

This is the miracle of THE HEARTBREAK HOTEL. Established in September 2021 by psychologist Alice Haddon and bestselling author Ruth Field, THE HEARTBREAK HOTEL retreat is an intensive weekend of transformative therapy that empowers women to reclaim their lives and strive confidently into the future. Written for the heartbroken women of the world, no matter their stage of life, Heartbreak Hotel will empower women to connect with their emotions, raise their voices and in doing so will help them to navigate their life with resilience and positivity. This is the ultimate compassionate toolkit to free everyone from the heartbreak we will all encounter and endure in our lives.

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Germany: Rowohlt  
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Based on a True Story

## Toufah: The Woman Who Inspired an African #MeToo Movement

Toufah Jallow with Kim Pittaway

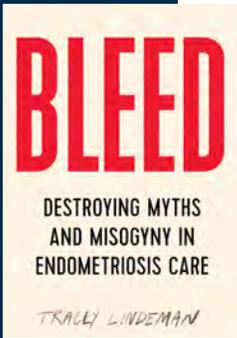
**An extraordinary story of personal struggle and triumph.**

Toufah won a pageant for young women in her native Gambia, which the President of Gambia, Yahya Jammeh, a notorious dictator, sponsored. He summoned her to the State House several times and during one visit, asked her to marry him. Toufah declined to marry a much older man, who already had a wife, as well as a reputation for violence. The scholarship to a university of her choice, as the pageant winner, was the future she yearned for. Enraged by her refusal, Jammeh drugged and raped her, and she fled the country in a harrowing escape. Toufah, now an internationally recognized young activist, has established a foundation to support sexual assault survivors, and educate against gender-based violence.

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U.S.: Steerforth  
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Based on a True Story

## Bleed: Destroying Myths and Misogyny in Endometriosis Care

Tracey Lindeman

**A searing indictment of the medical establishment in how it treats diseases of the reproductive system.**

Part memoir, part reportage, BLEED is a scathing indictment of how the medical system discriminates against women and robs them of agency, particularly those with conditions like endometriosis. Tracey, an internationally published journalist, suffered from endometriosis for years, yet was consistently denied a hysterectomy to relieve her pain because doctors did not respect her choice to remain child free. Through research, interviews, and storytelling, Tracey weaves her own powerful narrative alongside an intersectional analysis of discrimination, revealing how medicine systematically gaslights chronically-ill women.

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Publisher:  
English (North America): ECW Press



Based on a True Story

## The Volunteers

Lezlie Lowe

**The long-awaited narrative history of the women who volunteered in Nova Scotia during the Second World War by award-winning journalist and author of *No Place to Go*.**

Halifax women won the Second World War—but not in the ways you might have been told. We all know the stories of Canadian women during the war who trained as machinists, welders, and streetcar drivers to fill the shoes of men who answered the call. We know how women kept the home fires lit while their husbands, brothers, and fathers fought. This is not that story. Halifax women geared up in a flash to focus on the comfort, community connections, and mental health of Halifax's exploding population of sailors, soldiers, airmen, and merchant mariners. Thoroughly researched and compellingly told, and with a dozen archival images, *The Volunteers* examines the untold stories of the hardworking women whose unpaid and unacknowledged labour won the Second World War.

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Publisher:



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## Song of the Sparrow

Tara MacLean

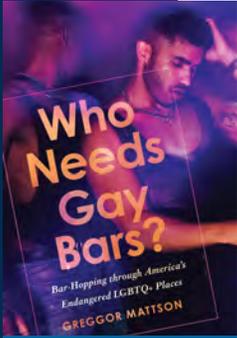
**SONG OF THE SPARROW** is a powerful memoir by singer songwriter and internationally renowned touring and recording artist Tara MacLean.

From being raised off grid in the backwoods of Prince Edward Island by Wiccan parents, to performing on some of the biggest stages in the world, this story is a daring and provocative musical adventure, filled with the same raw, open and elegant poetry that her fans have come to expect. This is the story of one woman's pilgrimage toward beauty and love in a world of abuse, violence, and addiction.

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English (North America):  
HarperCollins



Based on a True Story

## Who Needs Gay Bars?

Greggor Mattson, PhD

**Over three years and 10,000 miles, Professor of Sociology at Oberlin College Dr. Greggor Mattson visited gay bars across the country to find out what role they play in today's culture.**

What value do they hold now, with the advent of queer dating apps and a more widespread acceptance LGBTQ+ people? And what about people for whom they were never a safe space in the first place? Can a lesbian bar still be a lesbian bar if it welcomes gay men and trans people as well? If a gay bar's patrons are majority straight, is it still a gay bar? Dr. Greggor Mattson spoke with owners, patrons and bartenders to ask just these questions and more.

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Publisher:  
English (World): Redwood  
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Based on a True Story

## My Body is Distant

Paige Maylott

**An electrifying and vulnerable memoir that invites readers into an intimate conversation about our digital and physical selves, gender, and belonging.**

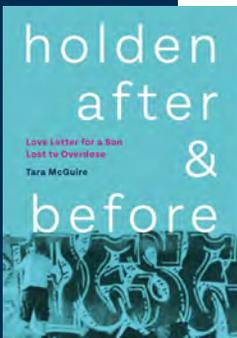
In *My Body Is Distant*, Paige Maylott explores her selfhood and sexuality through dream-like virtual worlds. While contending with a cancer diagnosis and an imploding marriage, Paige dances in online BDSM clubs, hurls spells on virtual battlefields, and is swept into a fairy tale romance that pushes her into discovery mode: Can she find that same happiness in the real world?

Part trans woman's coming-out story and part heartfelt romance, *My Body is Distant* follows Paige from a childhood obsession with the 1980s game, *Zork*, through health crisis and divorce, to, ultimately, an affirmation of authenticity and self-love.

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Publisher:  
English (World): ECW



Based on a True Story

## Holden After and Before: Love Letter for a Son Lost to Overdose

Tara McGuire

**A brilliant hybrid of truth and fiction, a contemporary coming-of-age story, and a devastatingly thorough depiction of a mother's grief.**

Tara McGuire's son, Holden, was 21 when he died from an accidental overdose, one of many lives cut short during the opioid crisis. He was a sensitive soul, who suffered confusion about adolescence, but found his calling and the companionship of kindred spirits in the exhilaration of creating graffiti. Along with their art, came a culture of rebelliousness and recklessness, both in the property they violated, and in their wild partying, which included the use of increasingly dangerous street drugs. Eventually, Holden's drug and alcohol use spiraled out of control. McGuire turned her grief into a unique annual celebration of Holden's life and art in this all-too-human memoir.

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Arsenal Pulp Press



## Mamaskatch: A Cree Coming of Age & Peyakow (the sequel)

**Darrel McLeod**

**A powerful story of resilience.**

Growing up in the tiny village of Smith, Alberta, Darrel J. McLeod was surrounded by his Cree family's history. Beautifully written, honest, and thought-provoking, MAMASKATCH - named for the Cree word used as a response to dreams shared - is ultimately an uplifting account of overcoming personal and societal obstacles. In spite of the traumas of McLeod's childhood, deep and mysterious forces handed down by his mother helped him survive and thrive: her love and strength stayed with him to build the foundation of what would come to be a very fulfilling and adventurous life.

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Milkweed



## Artificial Borders: AI, Surveillance, and Border Tech Experiments

**Petra Molnar**

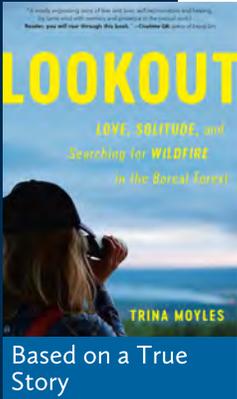
**ARTIFICIAL BORDERS offers a global story of the sharpening of borders through technological experiments such as robodogs, drones, and AI lie detectors.**

Borders kill. Already violent global border policies are made all the more violent and arbitrary when border spaces are used as testing grounds for new technologies. But these technological experiments are just one part of a violent global migration machine that exacerbate historical and systemic discrimination. While illuminating the harms these new technologies cause, ARTIFICIAL BORDERS more importantly foregrounds the experiences of people on the move who have shared their stories, such as Omar al Shawali, a 32-year-old Syrian father of three and Aisha al Halibi, a 31-year-old Palestinian mother of two boys and a girl.

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English (World): The New  
Press



## Lookout: Love, Solitude, and Searching for Wildfire in the Boreal Forest

**Trina Moyles**

**Part memoir, part adventure story, and part environmental crisis de coeur.**

In LOOKOUT, Moyles' second book, she takes reader to the boreal forest in northern Alberta, where, from a 100-foot-high tower, she scans the horizon for any hint of wildfire. Alone at her station with her beloved dog, Holly, Moyles contemplates the love she had recently lost, the beauty of nature, her seemingly endless isolation and solitude, and the threat of environmental crisis. She takes readers inside the unique culture of wildfire detection and combat, with its rugged men, camaraderie, honoured traditions, and history. Throughout, she grapples with loss and longing, with both a personal and environmental lens.

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## On the Margins of Justice: Asian Americans and the Pursuit of Justice

**Dr. Anthony Christian Ocampo**

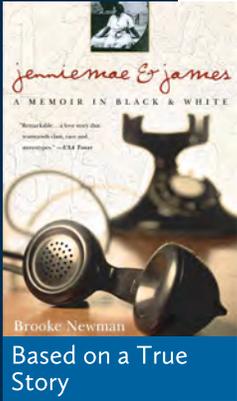
**ON THE MARGINS OF JUSTICE chronicles what Asian American encounters with the law tell us about the U.S. criminal justice system, in the vein of *The New Jim Crow* and *How the Word is Passed*.**

In the process of his reporting on the case of Jaxon Sales (a queer Asian American young man, who died mysteriously in the home of an older white man), Dr. Ocampo met with Sales's family, friends, classmates, co-workers and interviewed expert criminologists who all agreed: the American legal system coupled with the racialization of Asian Americans in this country meant that Sales would never be treated like a victim. Drawing on case studies of Asian American victims, law enforcement, prisoners, civil rights organizations, and reform and abolitionist movements and based on extensive archival and sociological research, the book reveals how the institutions aimed at protecting its citizens fall short and exacerbate systemic inequalities faced by Asian American communities.

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Brown & Co.



Based on a True Story

## Jenniemaë And James: A Memoir in Black and White

Brooke Newman

**JENNIEMAË & JAMES** is an inspiring, heartwarming memoir about friendship and love across the racial barrier.

James Newman was a brilliant mathematician and a friend of Einstein's. He was also a notorious philanderer, a man who challenged intellectual and emotional limits, who oftentimes fell victim to his own anxiety. Jenniemaë Harrington was an uneducated, illiterate African American maid from Alabama who began working for the Newman family in 1948—and who, despite her devout Christianity, played the illegal, underground lottery called “policy,” which she won with astonishing frequency. These two individuals developed a deep and loyal friendship, based on their common love of numbers and their quick wits, which endured even during an era when segregation still prevailed. Newman paints a vivid political and cultural picture of the time amidst political tensions and before the explosion of racial tensions in the early 1960s.

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## Chueca

Vanessa Angélica Villarreal

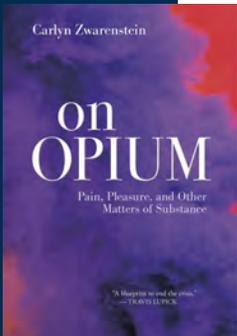
**A literary collection of personal and cultural criticism essays, in the vein of *Minor Feelings* and *They Can't Kill Us Until They Kill Us*, about processing grief through pop culture from a bold and unique Latinx perspective.**

From Whiting Award-winning poet and 2021 NEA Poetry Fellow Vanessa Angélica Villarreal comes this collection of personal essays about the many complicated girlhoods of being a working-class, first-gen, Mexican-American daughter of a cumbia musician who loved grunge and hated Selena during the height of La Onda Cumbiera in '90s Houston, interspersed with cultural criticism essays exploring race and gender in music and pop culture, including Nirvana, Selena, *Game of Thrones*, and Beyoncé.

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Based on a True Story

## On Opium: Pain, Pleasure, and Other Matters of Substance

Carlyn Zwarenstein

**A wrenching, thought-provoking, and insightful tour through drugs, suffering, public policy, and the search for meaning in the New Age of Opioids.**

ON OPIUM is a compelling, unabashedly literary work about a most topical yet timeless of subjects: the use and abuse of opioids. It combines several complementary approaches: a lyrical memoir about pain and opioid painkillers; a compassionate report on substance use, addiction, overdose, and the War on Drugs policy in North America and around the world; an immersion in the experience of pain, and the failings of systems to treat it; a provocative call for radically different drug policy; a rigorous look at the science of both pain and addiction from the molecular to the philosophical; and a lush colourful history of opioid use that includes a Who's Who of laudanum-quaffing, opium-smoking Romantics.

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