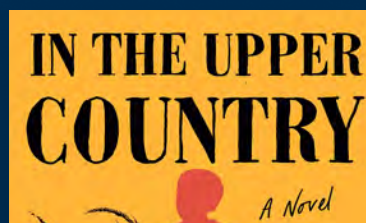
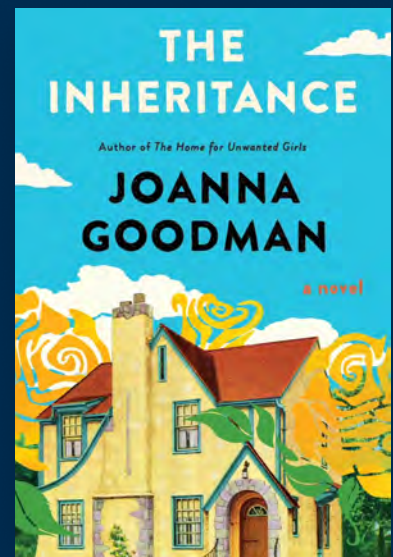
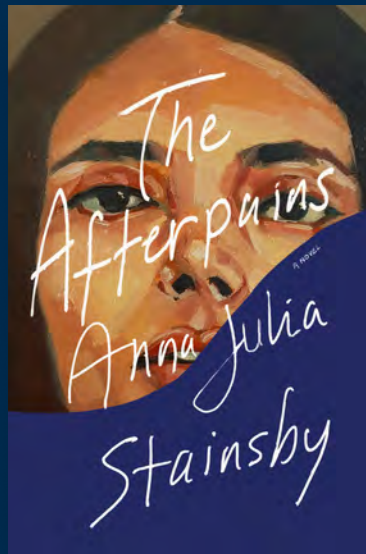
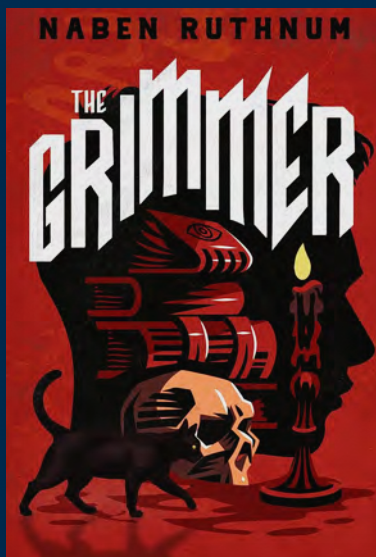


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Suspense

## Monster

Jowita Bydlowska

**From the bestselling author of *Drunk Mom* and *Possessed* comes *MONSTER*, a mesmerizing, brave new work of autofiction told by a woman who is no longer willing to compromise.**

Trapped in a toxic marriage to an older, philandering, gaslighting academic, when Yoveeta meets a new romantic interest at the launch of her memoir, her once-dormant Monster is awakened. Manifesting in an intense and near-insatiable longing, Monster is what Yoveeta refers to as her festering, internal rage and hunger for food, sex and revenge. As Monster grows and her affair deepens, so does her motivation to take back control of her life and find the courage to leave her current situation, coming up with an ultimate and drastic solution. For fans of David Cronenberg and *Titane*, and reminiscent of Nelly Arcan's *Hysteric*, *MONSTER* is a shattering, feminist manifesto exploring sexual awakening, motherhood, immigrant trauma and the power of female rage.

**Publication:**  
**Winter 2024**

Publisher:  
English (North America): Anvil  
Press



Suspense

## Nobody's Lonely Astronaut

Liz Harmer

**Acclaimed author Liz Harmer's harrowing grounded sci-fi novel. For fans of the hit series *Severance* and the warm character-driven plotting of Emily St. John Mandel's *Sea of Tranquility*.**

The richest man in the world wants to go to Mars, so he has invited eight artists and scientists - three engineers, a disgraced neuroscientist, a prison-abolitionist psychologist, a botanist, a poet, and a playwright - to perform experiments in his simulation, a habitat somewhere in the Mojave Desert. Six months into his 500-day experiment, an engineer has gone missing, and the inhabitants are beginning to unravel. From the perspective of Deedee, a semi-famous poet trapped in an obsessive relationship with a fellow inhabitant, all comes to a head when a man shows up from the company to investigate. Exploring surveillance, quarantine and data, *NOBODY'S LONELY ASTRONAUT* wrestles with the massive psychological experiment none of us consented to be a part of.

**Publication:**  
**Soon to be on offer**

Publisher:



Thriller

## High Society

Daniel Kalla

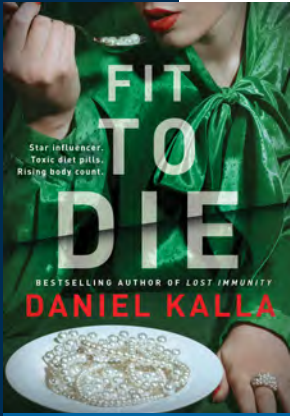
**From internationally bestselling author Daniel Kalla comes a riveting psychological thriller about a pioneering psychiatrist who treats addiction with psychedelics while balancing her clients' desire for sobriety, her estranged husband's jealousy, and a series of deadly relapses that rock her practice.**

At sixteen, Holly barely survives a car accident that kills her father. But it takes an ayahuasca retreat to save her life. Twenty years later, Dr. Holly Danvers is a rising star in the world of psychiatry, thanks to her innovative use of psychedelics to cure addictions. And she's particularly excited to work with one group of VIP patients: seven high-functioning addicts who are desperate to kick destructive habits ranging from opioids to sex. But when a client confuses an incident and accuses Holly of unwanted touching, Holly's world begins to unravel. Then a patient overdoses. Another disappears. But who is behind the violence? Why has it caused memories of her dad's accident? Will anyone in the group survive?

**Publication:**  
**Spring 2024**

Publisher:  
English (World): Simon &  
Schuster Canada





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?

**Publication:**  
**May 2023**

Publisher:  
English (World): S&S Canada  
Polish (World): Harde



Thriller

## Born Winners

Sarah Richards

**A smart, propulsive, female-driven crime thriller set in the underbelly of Vancouver. Styvie Savard is a disgraced ex-police officer who forms an unlikely alliance with Dharma/Ashleigh, a pregnant teenage cult member, and together they expose an opioid drug ring.**

Disgraced cop Styvie Savard, from the hit Audible Original *China White* by Sarah Richards, is living in the British Columbia wilderness, the self-appointed guardian of a one-year-old girl, Willow. But Styvie's clouded past—criminal charges, missed court dates—is about to catch up with her. Styvie's ex-partner Denny Lee offers her a perilous way out, an off-the-books deep-cover assignment: infiltrate the Born Winners biker gang to root out a dirty cop. The mission: complete immersion in the lethal underworld of criminal bikers. Her objective: gain the trust of the club leader...by any means.

**Publication:**  
**2023**

Publisher:  
World English: Audible



Thriller

## China White

Sarah Richards

**A smart, propulsive, female-driven crime thriller set in the underbelly of Vancouver.**

Styvie Savard was a damn good cop; that is, until she made a mistake that cost her everything. Now she lives in her car, works a dead-end job, and scrapes by on the fumes of a dwindling savings account. Life couldn't get much worse, until it does. One morning, Styvie hits a sixteen-year-old girl, Dharma, with her car. When the injured girl flees the scene, Styvie is determined to find her and make things right. In her pursuit, Styvie confronts Dharma's brother, Jeremy, a violent addict working as a distributor in a fentanyl drug ring, and Dharma's husband, Glen, who heads a pseudo-eastern-religious cult.

**Publication:**  
**August 2021**

Publisher:  
World Rights Available Ex:  
World Audio, Audible.

## The Cleaner

Ashish Seth

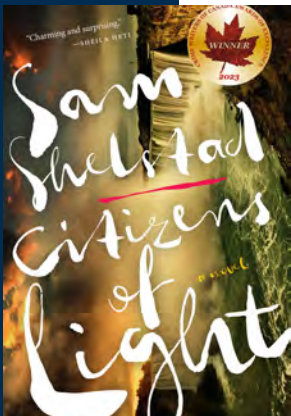
A gripping and darkly nuanced story of two mob cleaners, master and apprentice, whose job gets more complicated when they're tasked with cleaning up an honor killing. Reminiscent of *Breaking Bad* and writers like James Ellroy, but with a cultural angle.

Samir has dropped out of med school, humiliated his family, and now he learns that his girlfriend of several years is engaged to someone else. In a petty moment of retaliation, Samir posts an intimate photo from their relationship—which unleashes the family's underworld contacts in a vicious effort to set him straight. Caught between two rival gangs, and his own pain, rage, and fear, Samir gratefully steps under the wing of The Cleaner, a strange and implacable man whose job is to clean up post-mortem, no questions asked. But when Samir is asked to clean up the murder of a girl he knows, he can't help but search for answers—answers that will expose an ecosystem of honor and vengeance, in which he plays an expendable part.

**Publication:**  
**Soon to be on offer**

Publisher:

Thriller



Thriller

## Citizens of Light

Sam Shelstad

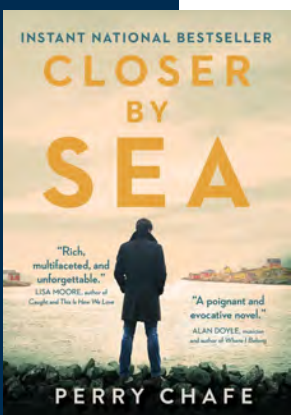
Bleakly madcap, with deadpan dialogue, Shelstad's debut novel is a noir anti-thriller reminiscent of *Twin Peaks* and the work of Ottessa Moshfegh and early Kate Atkinson.

Colleen Weagle works in a call centre and lives in a bungalow with her mother in a quiet Toronto suburb, writing spec scripts for a CBC riding-school drama. It's a typical life. Except three months ago Colleen's husband Leonard—who led a similarly monotonous life—was found in a bog in the middle of the night. Dead. In the maddening company of her ornery co-worker Patti, she heads to Niagara Falls on a quest to find the truth behind the death. Amid the slot machines and grubby hotels, the pair stumble into the darker underworld of a faded tourist trap. What they find will lead straight to an episode from Colleen's adolescence she thought she'd put firmly behind her.

**Publication:**  
**October 2022**

Publisher:  
All languages ex. Spanish  
(World): TouchWood Editions  
Spanish (World): RBA Libros

Film/TV rights Available



Mystery

## Closer by Sea

Perry Chafe

From acclaimed writer and producer Perry Chafe, comes a Canadian bestseller, a poignant coming-of-age debut novel about the mysterious disappearance of a young girl and the fragility of childhood bonds, set against the backdrop of a small island community.

In 1991, on a small, isolated island off the coast of Newfoundland, a twelve-year-old boy, Pierce, struggles to come to terms with the death of his father. Island life is quiet and hard, but it gets even harder the day a young teen who Pierce knows, Anna, goes missing. When she disappears without a trace, Pierce can't help but wonder what's really happened to her. Helped along by his best friends, Pierce sets out to find Anna. Part coming-of-age story, part literary mystery, and part suspense thriller, CLOSER BY SEA is a page-turning, poignant, and powerful novel about family, friendship, and community set at a pivotal time in modern Newfoundland history. It is an homage to a people and a place, and above all it captures that delicate and tender moment when the wonder of childhood innocence gives way to the harsh awakening of adult experience.

**Publication:**  
**Spring 2023**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Simon & Schuster, German  
(world): Mare Verlag



Mystery

## Death of a Diplomat

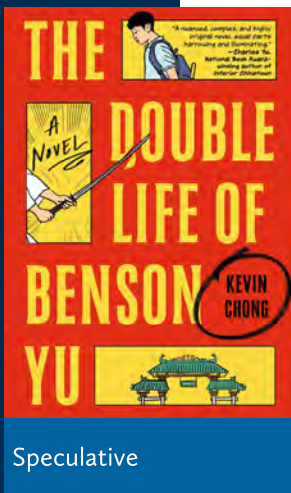
Eliza Reid

**A murder on a volcanic island off Iceland's coast unleashes secrets within the diplomatic entourage and the sleepy town's power brokers. It's up to the ambassador's wife to find her way to the truth.**

Iceland in a brutal storm. A group of elites, including the mayor, the Canadian ambassador, artists and writers, and a local businessman, are gathered in Skel, a restaurant hotspot run by a top chef. But when drinks are served, Kavita, the deputy ambassador, suddenly falls dead. Jane Shearer, wife of the ambassador, wonders how on earth this could have happened, and as she looks around the esteemed group, she thinks to herself: who could have done this?

**Publication:**  
**Spring 2025**

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



Speculative

## 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.

**Publication:**  
**April 2023**

Publisher:  
English (World): Atria  
English (Canada): Simon and Schuster Canada



Speculative

## 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.

**Publication:**  
**May 2022**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Dundurn Press





Speculative Graphic Novel

## The Fox Maidens

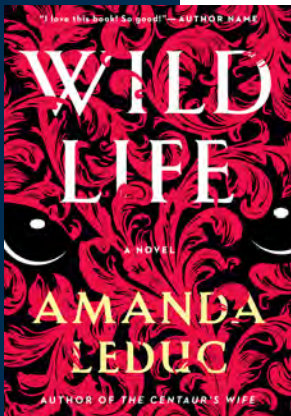
Robin Ha

**For the fans of *Mulan* and *Princess Mononoke*, *THE FOX MAIDENS* is a coming of age tale inspired by the Korean folklore of Gumiho, the nine-tailed fox.**

Kai is a 14-year-old girl with a talent for martial arts who discovers that she is a half fox demon planted by Gumiho, a vengeful demon with a history with Kai's parents. Kai is determined to prevent herself from becoming Gumiho's instrument of death while discretely using her power for the good of society. When the fear and jealousy pushed people to turn their back on Kai, she is faced with tough choices to keep her loved ones safe while being true to herself.

**Publication:**  
**February 2024**

Publisher:  
North America: Balzer & Bray/  
HarperCollins, UK: Andersen  
Press/Penguin Random House  
UK



Speculative

## Wild Life

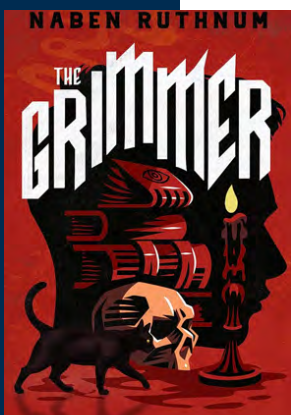
Amanda Leduc

**Everything is sprawling out of its cages in this gorgeous, ambitious and utterly alive work of fiction from disabled writer and author Amanda Leduc.**

*WILD LIFE* follows the course of two strange messengers, hyenas who can walk and talk, as they interact with significant humans over generations. Inventive and audacious in its premise and scope, *Wild Life* shows us what might be possible in a world where humans realize that their connection to the creatures we share the planet with is far closer than we ever imagined. Between hyenas Barbara and Kendrith, seductive alligators, baby gorillas with a speciality in sign language and ultramarine tarantulas, humans become animals and animals become humans, and everything sprawls out of its cages, including the conventions of the novel itself.

**Publication:**  
**Spring 2025**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Random House Canada



Horror

## The Grimmer

Nabon Ruthnum

**The small-town mysteries of John Bellairs are made modern with a dash of *Stranger Things* in this spine-tingling supernatural YA horror-thriller from award-winning writer and screenwriter Nabon Ruthnum.**

After his father returns from treatment for addiction, highschooler Vish — lover of metal music and literature — is uncertain what the future holds. When Vish is mistaken for a relative of the weird local bookseller and attacked by an unsettling pale man who seems to be decaying, he is pulled into the world of the occult, and must stop an interdimensional invasion that would destroy his peaceful town. Bringing together scares, suspense, and body horror, *The Grimmer* is a gripping ride through the supernatural is loaded with vivid characters, frightening imagery, and astonishing twists, while tackling complex issues such as grief, racism, and addiction.

**Publication:**  
**Spring 2023**

Publisher:  
English (North American):  
ECW Press



Horror

## Lonely Souls, Wild Ghosts

Jen Sookfong Lee

From bestselling author Jen Sookfong Lee comes an electrifying work of literary horror exploring myths of the Asian diaspora, cursed twin doppelgangers, and the haunted origin stories of gendered violence and succubi immigrant women carry.

LONELY SOULS, WILD GHOSTS follows single mother Alice Chow as she tries to navigate her overloaded life. As Alice starts to feel buried, an unsettling series of events leads her and her family down a path where all veneers are stripped away, and they are left to contend with unresolved demons—both real and imagined—that emerge from their personal and collective shadows. Set in contemporary Vancouver, where wealth and appearances just barely obscure the viscera that teems underneath, LONELY SOULS, WILD GHOSTS exposes the fears we all carry but desperately wish we could forget, knitting a collective mythology of displacement that runs like an underground river beneath the West Coast's glossy, hipster sheen.

Publication:  
Winter 2025

Publisher:  
McClelland & Stewart



Holiday Rom Com

## It Happened One Christmas

Chantel Guertin

A charming holiday rom-com about a big-city film director who must convince the dreamy, yet grumpy, mayor of a small town to permit her to shoot her Christmas movie in his hometown. Perfect for fans of *Hallmark* holiday movies, and readers of Maggie Knox's *All I Want for Christmas*.

All year long, Zoey Andrews lives and breathes Christmas – not just because she loves everything about the festive season, but because, as the director of countless Christmas movies, she's perpetually surrounded by 24/7 holiday cheer. And this year Christmas has come early: Zoey finally has the chance to make her own movie. There's just one thing standing in her way of that: Benoît Deschamps, the sexy, bearded, grouchy and utterly frustrating, plaid jacket-wearing tree-farm-owner-slash-mayor who refuses to grant Zoey the permit to film in the cozy and snowy Quebec hamlet at the center of her screenplay. With just four days left before Christmas, Zoey must change Ben's mind, but not before an unscripted ice storm leaves them stranded with nothing except . . . each other.

Publication:  
October 2023

Publisher:  
English (World ex. German):  
Penguin Random House  
Canada  
German: Penguin Random  
House Verlagsgruppe GmbH,  
Heyne Verlag



Comedy

## An Evening with Birdy O'Day

Greg Kearney

Exploring queer love, friendship and survival in a hostile city and era, AN EVENING WITH BIRDY O'DAY is the story of Roland, a queer boy growing up in 1970s Winnipeg, and his childhood friendship with and love for pop-star Birdy O'Day, whose quest for fame drives them apart.

Roland Keener is a queer Winnipeg hairstylist on the brink of old age. His days are predictable and quiet; he works, he tends to his pain-addled partner, he has the odd beer or five at the city's only remaining gay bar. But when it's announced that Birdy O'Day – washed-up pop star and Roland's childhood best friend and first, most obsessive love – is playing his first Winnipeg concert since he fled the city fifty-odd years ago, Roland is upended. As Roland falls into a fugue of tortured remembrance, reminiscing on his first love and most formative friendship with the famed Birdy O'Day, this novel cements itself as an important and unforgettable work about queer love and survival, hero worship, and belonging.

Publication:  
Spring 2024

Publisher:  
World: Arsenal Pulp Press





## 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?

**Publication:**  
**October 2022**

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



## The Holiday Swap

Maggie Knox

**A Christmas-themed rom-com about identical twins Charlie and Cass Goodwin, who switch lives in the days leading up to Christmas in a bid to save their professional and romantic lives, respectively.**

When chef Charlie Goodwin gets hit on the head on the set of her reality baking show, she loses her ability to taste and smell, critical for her success as show judge. Cass Goodwin, Charlie's identical twin, is frantically trying to hold her own life together back in their hometown, running the family's busy bakery and dealing with her clingy ex. With only days until Christmas, a desperate Charlie asks Cass to switch places. But switching identities proves more complicated than they imagined, especially when romance is in the mix. Can the twins play their parts and help fix one another's lives, or will the swap not only ruin their careers, but also their chance for true love?

**Publication:**  
**October 2021**

Publisher:  
World: Putnam  
English (Canada): Penguin  
Canada  
English (UK): Hodder &  
Stoughton  
Ukrainian: Knigolove  
French: HarperCollins France  
Large Print: Thorndike  
Bulgaria: Kryg/Book Trend



## Dirty Birds

Morgan Murray

**Hilariously ironic and irreverent, in *Dirty Birds*, Morgan Murray generates a quest novel for the twenty-first century—a coming-of-age, rom-com, crime-farce thriller—where a hero's greatest foe is his own crippling mediocrity as he seeks purpose in art, money, power, crime, and sleeping in all day.**

Winner of the Margaret and John Savage First Book Award, Fiction Category-2021, The Relit Award-2021, The Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour-2021, The Globe and Mail Summer's Hottest Reads-2021, Foreword INDIES Humour Award, Silver Medal-2020, Canada Reads-2021, Thomas Raddall Atlantic Fiction Award-2021, APMA Best Atlantic Published Book Award-2021. In late 2008, as the world's economy crumbles and Barack Obama ascends to the White House, the remarkably unremarkable Milton Ontario – not to be confused with Milton, Ontario – leaves his parents' basement in Saskatchewan, and sets forth to find fame, fortune, and love in the Euro-lite electric sexuality of Montreal; to bask in the twenty-something Millennial adolescence of the Plateau; to escape the infinite flatness of Saskatchewan and find his messiah – Leonard Cohen.

**Publication:**  
**August 2020**

Publisher:  
English (World): Breakwater  
Books



Comedy

## Kilworthy Tanner

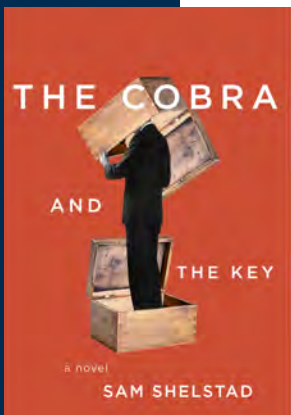
Jean Marc Ah Sen

Filled with satire, wit, and dashes of outrageousness, Jean Marc Ah Sen's **KILWORTHY TANNER** is a "pseudobiography" that unravels the tangled narrative of his breakup with Kilworthy Tanner, his paramour and former mentor.

In this revealing "pseudobiography," Ah-Sen unravels the tangled narrative of the romantic relationship and dramatic breakup of his alter ego Jean Marc Ah-Sen (nee Bruce Lai) and Kilworthy Tanner, his paramour. Kilworthy Tanner is a celebrated novelist and provocateur who co-founded the Translissitude movement, and writing partner of Jean Marc. Together Kilworthy and Jean Marc were responsible for some of the most sensational and unruly works of fiction of their time. With unflinching detail, pulling back the curtain on their sexual degeneracy, prodigious drug use, and vendettas against rival writers all in the name of literary self-annihilation, **KILWORTHY TANNER** is a breakout novel from one of our most original voices.

**Publication:**  
**TBD 2025**

Publisher:  
English (Canada): Véhicule Press  
French (world): Véhicule Press



Comedy

## The Cobra and The Key

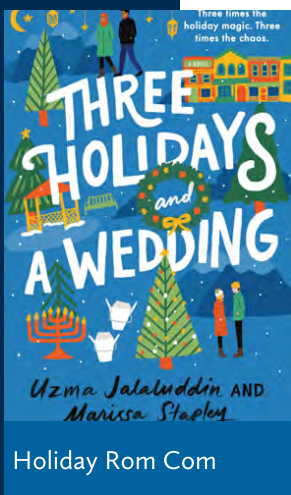
Sam Shelstad

Sam Shelstad's brilliantly funny, slightly unhinged creative writing guide is *How Fiction Works* by James Wood meets *Pale Fire* by Vladimir Nabokov.

To the untrained eye, Sam Shelstad may look a lot like a Value Village cashier who shares an apartment with his Uncle Herman and has just emerged from a failed relationship with a woman forty years his senior whom he met at his mother's book club. But Sam is a successful novelist—or will be soon, he's certain. Drawing on examples from the work of greats like George Orwell, Henry James, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Alice Munro, Kazuo Ishiguro, Clarise Lispector, and Sam Shelstad, *The Cobra and the Key* takes the novice through aspects of character, detail, plot, style, point of view, dialogue, and meaning. Then it's time to learn some of the tricks of the publishing biz. Having just been threatened with legal action by his soon-to-be publisher for stalking said publisher's son via Instagram, Sam knows a thing or two about that too.

**Publication:**  
**October 2023**

Publisher:  
English (North America): TouchWood Editions



Holiday Rom Com

## Three Holidays and a Wedding

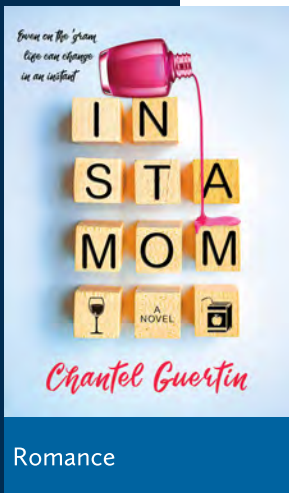
Marissa Stapley and Uzma Jalaluddin

A multi-faith holiday rom com about the delightful havoc that occurs when Christmas, Eid, and Hanukkah all fall at the same time, and two strangers-turned-friends are snowbound in the small, charming town of Snow Falls along with nosy family members and their lifelong crushes.

Three times the holiday magic. Three times the chaos. As strangers and seatmates Maryam Aziz and Anna Gibson fly to Toronto over the holidays—Maryam to her sister's impromptu wedding, and Anna to meet her boyfriend's wealthy family for the first time—neither expect that severe turbulence will scare them into confessing their deepest hopes and fears to one another. When Anna and Maryam are snowbound at the quirky Holiday Inn in Snow Falls—a picture-perfect town where a holiday romance starring Anna's actor-crush is being filmed—chaos ensues. But as Maryam and Anna start to feel the magic of Snow Falls—and find love better than their deepest hopes—they just might realize there's no place they'd rather be for the holidays.

**Publication:**  
**September 2023**

Publisher:  
World (All languages): G.P. Putnam's Sons



## Instamom

Chantel Guertin

For fans of Sophie Kinsella, *Always be My Maybe* and *Waiting for Tom Hanks*.

Instamom heroine Kit Kidding is the leader of the “kid-free forever” social-media movement founded to normalize the life choices of women who choose not to have children. But then she meets Will. He’s smart, sexy and arrogant as hell—and their chemistry is undeniable. After their one-night stand, they’re thrown together on an Instagram campaign—which is when Kit learns he’s a single dad. In a word: dealbreaker. And yet, she can’t quit Will. The more time she spends with him, the more time she wants to spend with him—and his precocious eight-year-old daughter, Addie. When Will invites her to move in with him temporarily, Kit sees glimpses of what a life with children could be like. Will she be brave enough to redefine her dreams to get the life she truly wants – regardless of what anyone else thinks?

**Publication:**  
**Summer 2021**

Publisher:  
English, (Canada): Doubleday  
English (US & UK & ANZ):  
Kensington  
Polish (World): Harde  
Publishing House  
TV/Film: Alibi Entertainment



## Two for the Road

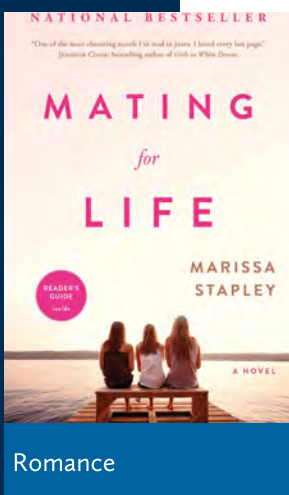
Chantel Guertin

Chantel Guertin, author of the *PopSugar* Beach Reads Selection and *BookBub* Best Book of June’s *Instamom* returns with a novel about an impulsive trip that becomes a life-changing journey in this charming, witty new novel

Book lovers come to Gigi Rutherford’s bookstore in Ann Arbor, Michigan, when they’re looking for romance novels. But beyond her shop’s walls, Gigi’s out of stock when it comes to potential love interests. That’s all about to change, though, when Gigi’s best friends surprise her with a trip to England for her 30th birthday. And it’s not just any trip: the 10-day bus tour through the most picturesque towns in England is led by her favorite audiobook narrator, on whom she’s harboring a secret crush. Both laugh-out-loud funny and deeply emotional, *TWO FOR THE ROAD* will remind you that life’s most memorable moments can be found in the most unexpected places, even when it seems like everything has gone wrong.

**Publication:**  
**March 2023**

Publisher:  
English, (Canada): Doubleday  
English (US & UK & ANZ):  
Kensington



## Mating for Life

Marissa Stapley

Maine meets *Girls in White Dresses* in this *Globe* and *Mail* bestseller about three very different sisters, their feminist mother, and what it takes to love someone—whether it be family, friends, or spouses—for life.

Helen Sear was a feminist wild child, raising three daughters, Liane, Ilsa and Fiona (each by different fathers) largely on her own. Now in her sixties, Helen has fallen in love with a traditional man who’s ready to marry her—but something is holding her back. Liane is in the heady early days of a relationship with the love of her life - but he has an ex-wife and two daughters. Ilsa, an artist, is hoping her second marriage will stick, but feels the itch to break free again. Fiona discovers her husband has been harboring a huge secret, which makes her own past harder to ignore. A celebration of the redemptive power of love, *MATING FOR LIFE* is a memorable debut.

**Publication:**  
**Summer 2014**

Publisher:  
World Rights Available Ex:  
North America, Simon &  
Schuster, Summer 2014





Romance

## Make Me a Mixtape

Jennifer Whiteford

A charming contemporary romance about Allie, a former punk singer who has given up on music, and Ryan, the big-hearted podcast sound tech who helps her realize that she doesn't have to be afraid to try again. Perfect for readers of Abby Jimenez and Emily Henry.

Allie Andrews gave up on music ten years ago. The breakup of her beloved band was too devastating for her ever to pursue those dreams again. Now she finally has control over her life. No wild tours, no late nights, no inter-band conflict. When she meets Ryan, the unfailingly cheerful sound tech for the popular music podcast 'Mixtape Universe,' he not only knows about the musical past she's been trying to forget, he seems to want to be her friend, even though she's not a rock star anymore. Together they hatch a plan to find Allie's former bandmate so she can come to terms with what happened a decade ago and stop dwelling on her failed musical past.

Publication:  
Fall 2024

Publisher:  
North America (English):  
Doubleday Canada



Drama

## Bad Land

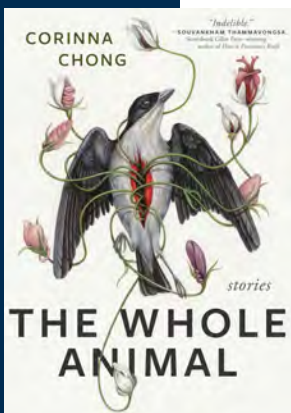
Corinna Chong

From the the author of the critically acclaimed short story collection, *The Whole Animal*, comes Corinna Chong's astounding new novel, **BAD LAND**, a wrenching story of love and understanding between two mismatched outcasts as they abscond on a misguided road trip to reconcile with their pasts.

Set in a town famous for its massive cache of dinosaur bones and fossils, **BAD LAND** follows Regina, still living in the bizarre and run-down town of Drumheller, despite having been abandoned by both her mother and brother, and working at Fossil Land, a museum that highlights her small town's only distinction. When Regina's brother, Ricky, shows up unannounced at her door with his six-year-old daughter, Jez, Regina questions what has brought them to her after many years and miles of distance. When the horrifying and tragic reason for Ricky and Jez's appearance emerges, Regina takes matters into her own hands. The two embark on a madcap road trip, as Regina's past and present grievances mount towards the ultimate confrontation.

Publication:  
Fall 2024

Publisher:  
English (World): Arsenal Pulp  
Press



Drama

## The Whole Animal

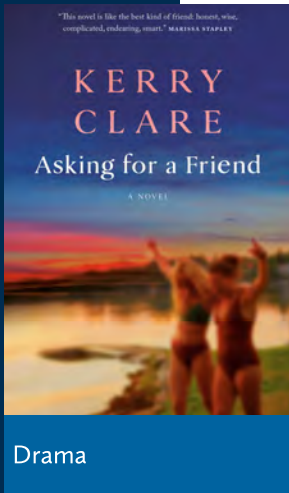
Corinna Chong

From the winner of the 2021 **CBC** short story prize comes a collection about human and animal bodies: their strange effluences and protrusions; the secrets they hold; and the dangerous ways we play with their power to inflict harm.

In "Zora, In the Whirl," a first-person narrator reflects on her childhood friend, Zora, and the sexualized games they play, with metaphorical images of cracked eggs and hollow chinchilla bones mirroring their vulnerability as children. In "Siberpoo," Chong skewers social pretensions – opining on proper wine glasses, eviscerating popular movies, and pontificating on the latest fashionably crossed dog breeds – as a social gathering disintegrates along with the marriage of the hosts.

Publication:  
April 2023

Publisher:  
World English: Arsenal Pulp  
Press



Drama

## Asking for a Friend

Kerry Clare

**For readers of J. Courtney Sullivan and Emma Straub, and for fans of *Firefly Lane*, comes a poignant and astute novel about life, love, and the ever-evolving nature of female friendship by the author of *Waiting for a Star to Fall***

Finding homes in each other during university, Jess and Clara become inseparable, undeniable necessities in each other's lives. But when tragedy strikes, they are unceremoniously torn apart, sent tumbling down different paths. And with each passing day, their unbreakable bond is tested more and more. As they endure love and heartbreak, marriage, anxiety and isolation, and the complicated existence of motherhood, Jess and Clara must learn how to love each other through it all—and whether growing up inevitably means growing apart. Spanning two decades, *Asking for a Friend* follows the tempestuous journey of female friendship, exploring whether its fundamentals—history, familiarity, loyalty—are enough to make the relationship everlasting.

**Publication:**  
**September 2023**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Doubleday Canada, Penguin  
Random House, Israeli  
(world): Steimatzky- Tchelet  
Books



Drama

## Sisters & Cousins

Megan Gail Coles

**From Gilller finalist author Megan Gail Coles comes *SISTERS & COUSINS*, her sophomore novel exploring the collision of love and torment in an increasingly urbanized Newfoundland family.**

From the award-winning, bestselling author of *Small Game Hunting at the Local Coward Gun Club*, comes *SISTERS & COUSINS*, a beguiling and veraciously enmeshed novel exploring aging, dating, parenting and marriage, and the fierce collision of love and torment experienced by a trifecta of formerly rural families struggling to navigate systems of oppression and societal inequities in an increasingly urbanized Newfoundland.

**Publication:**  
**TBD 2025**

Publisher:  
English (Canada): Doubleday  
Canada



Drama

## Wild People Quiet

Tara Gereaux

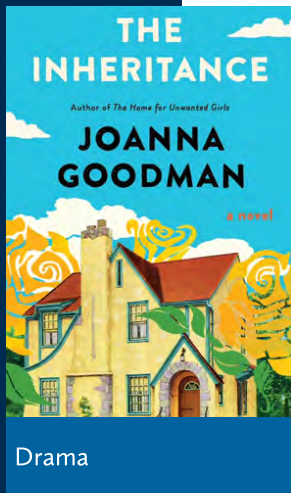
**Exploring the repercussions of a woman's decision to hide her Métis identity while living in a small, predominately white prairie town in the 1940s, *WILD PEOPLE QUIET* examines the issues of passing and internalized racism and the complexities of learned and lived identities in subtle, taut and unnerving prose.**

It's 1946, and Florence has spent years living in Torduvalle working as a secretary and maintaining a private and respectable life. But when a friend from her past arrives in town, her carefully constructed world is thrown into turmoil. Florence attempts to prevent the truth from surfacing, but finds herself being drawn back to her culture and community despite herself. Soon, it becomes impossible to live two separate lives. *WILD PEOPLE QUIET* explores the choice some Métis faced – to steadfastly maintain their Métis identity against opposition, or to conceal it to live an easier life. But how does this choice impact lives? Florence's journey examines the repercussions experienced by those who can pass, and the struggles of those who can't.

**Publication:**  
**TBD 2025**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Simon & Schuster Canada





## The Inheritance

Joanna Goodman

From the bestselling author of *The Home for Unwanted Girls* comes a compulsively readable mother-daughter story in which two women who share a difficult past must come together to claim the future they deserve.

Arden Moore once enjoyed an affluent life, but after her husband's death, the 36-year-old is a grieving single mother living paycheck to paycheck with her three children. Then a call from an estate lawyer offers some hope, beginning a complex legal journey that could mean the difference between abject poverty or unimaginable wealth thanks to her father, deceased billionaire Wallace Ashforth. Thirty years before, Arden's mother, Virginia Bunt's, affair with Wallace ended when he died without a will. Virginia fought to secure a future for her and Wallace's unborn daughter - without success. Now, her daughter may succeed in claiming the inheritance that has been long denied. *THE INHERITANCE* is a portrait of familial bonds, haunting pasts, the collateral damage of life choices, and the promise of hopeful futures as two women fight for the life they deserve.

**Publication:**  
**March 2024**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
William Morrow



## Juiceboxers

Benjamin Hertwig

From award-winning poet and writer, Benjamin Hertwig, comes his debut novel, drawn from the author's experiences as a soldier in Afghanistan.

Told from the perspective of sixteen-year old Plinko, *Juiceboxers* tenderly traces the stories of four friends, from 9/11 to the election of Donald Trump, from the battlefields of Kandahar to the oilfields of Alberta. Spanning continents and two decades, the novel braids together questions of masculinity and militarism, violence, and the propagation of white supremacist ideology. What does survival look like when war never really ends? How does one process a war that is already being forgotten? The novel chronicles a world unravelling, connecting the War on Terror to the violence against Indigenous people on urban streets. Memory and remembering, friendship and longing, guilt and culpability—all become central to Plinko's experience of the world and his place in it.

**Publication:**  
**Fall 2024**

Publisher:  
English (Canada): Freehand  
Books



## Code Noir

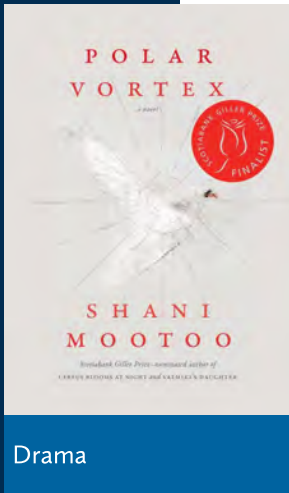
Canisia Lubrin

Eagerly awaited debut fiction from one of Canada's most exciting and admired writers, winner of the internationally prestigious Windham-Campbell Prize.

Canisia Lubrin's debut fiction is that rare work of art: a brilliant, startlingly original book that combines immense literary and political force. Its structure is deceptively simple and ingenious: it departs from the infamous real-life "Code Noir," a set of historical decrees originally passed in 1685 by King Louis XIV of France defining the conditions of slavery in the French colonial empire. The original Code had fifty-nine articles; *CODE NOIR* has fifty-nine short, linked fictions that present vivid, unforgettable, multi-layered fragments, filled with globe-wise characters who desire to live beyond the ruins of the past. An original, timely, culturally daring, virtuoso performance by a rising literary star. Includes fifty-nine breathtaking black-and-white drawings by acclaimed visual artist Torkwase Dyson.

**Publication:**  
**February 2024**

Publisher:  
English (World): Knopf  
Canada



Drama

## Polar Vortex

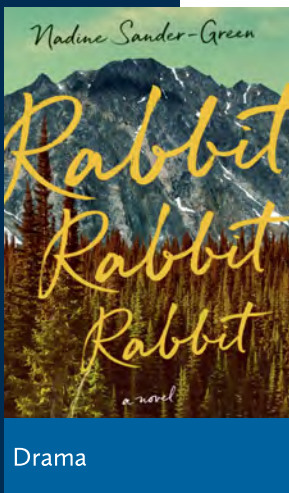
Shani Mootoo

Shortlisted for the 2020 *Scotiabank Giller Prize*, the inaugural *Caribbean Readers' Award*, Best Adult Novel; and for *The Miramichi Reader's* "The Very Best!" Fiction Book Award, Shani Mootoo's novel is seductive and tension-filled, a story of secrets, deceptions, and revenge.

Priya and Alexandra have moved from the city to a picturesque countryside town. What Alex doesn't know is that in moving, Priya is running from her past—from a fraught relationship with an old friend, Prakash, who pursued her for many years, both online and off. Time has passed, however, and Priya, confident that her ties to Prakash have been successfully severed, decides it's once more safe to establish an online presence. In no time, Prakash discovers Priya online and contacts her. Impulsively, inexplicably, Priya invites him to visit her and Alex in the country, without ever having come clean with Alex about their relationship— or its tumultuous end. Prakash's sudden arrival at their home reveals cracks in Priya and Alex's relationship and brings into question Priya's true intentions.

**Publication:**  
**Spring 2020**

Publisher:  
English (Canada): Book\*hug  
English (US & UK): Akashic  
Books



Drama

## Rabbit Rabbit Rabbit

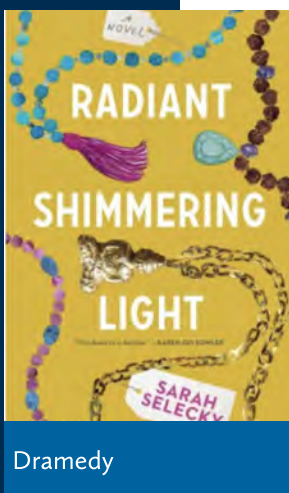
Nadine Sander-Green

A woman's coming-of-age through a toxic relationship, isolation, and betrayal— set against the stark landscape of the far north. With Ottessa Moshfegh's honest exploration of dysfunctional relationships, and the warmth and energy of Heather O'Neill, RABBIT RABBIT RABBIT illuminates being young, impulsive, and in love in the Yukon.

Millicent is a shy, 24-year-old reporter who moves to Whitehorse to work for a failing daily newspaper. With winter looming and the Yukon descending into darkness, Millicent begins a relationship with Pascal, an eccentric and charming middle-aged filmmaker. What begins as a romantic adventure soon turns toxic, and Millicent finds herself struggling not to lose herself and her voice. Events come to a head at Thaw di Gras, a celebration in faraway Dawson City marking the return of light to the north. It's here, in a frontier mining town filled with drunken tourists, eclectic locals, and sparkling burlesque dancers, that Millicent must choose between staying with Pascal or finally standing up to her abuser.

**Publication:**  
**April 2024**

Publisher:  
English (World): House of  
Anansi Press



Dramedy

## Radiant Shimmering Light

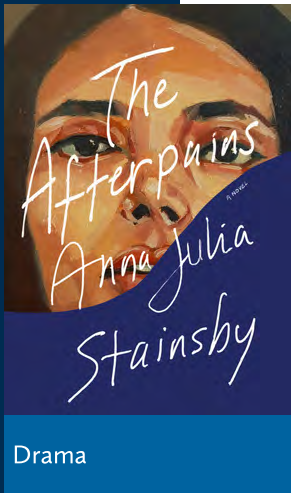
Sarah Selecky

Giller Prize-shortlisted author Sarah Selecky's nuanced satire, both hilarious and disconcerting, that probes the blurred lines between empowerment, spirituality and consumerism in our online lives. This compelling, heartfelt novel asks us: How do we recognize authenticity when storytelling and magic have been co-opted by marketing?

Lilian Quick is 40, single, and childless, working as a pet portrait artist. She paints the colored light only she can see, but animal aura portraits are a niche market at best. Her estranged cousin has become internet-famous as "Eleven" Novak, the face of a massive feminine lifestyle empowerment brand, and when Eleven comes to town, the two women reconnect. Eleven offers Lilian a place at The Temple, her Manhattan office. Lilian accepts, moves to New York, and quickly enrolls in The Ascendency, Eleven's signature program: an expensive, three-month training seminar on leadership, spiritual awakening, and marketing. Quickly, Lilian's life changes drastically: She finally feels seen for who she really is. Success! . . . But can Lilian trust everything Eleven says?

**Publication:**  
**May 2018**

Publisher:  
English (World):  
HarperAvenue



## The Afterpains

Anna Julia Stainsby

Anna's skillful and impressive debut is a female-driven literary novel in the vein of *The Mothers* and *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*, with familial curses and fantastical elements reminiscent of Marquez, told through the perspective of four women, one of whom is telling her story from the afterlife.

Twenty years after losing her daughter, Rosy is determined to finally lay her grief to rest and begin a new chapter with her husband, Desmond, and son, Eddie. Isaura is struggling with the prospect of a new life following the discovery of a pregnancy test in her teen daughter Mivi's bathroom. Haunted by a centuries-long curse that has subjected all the young women in Isaura's family to teenage motherhood and the untimely death of the men who caused it, Isaura is devastated to find out that her daughter, miles and almost a whole lifetime away from their Honduran homeland, has not been spared. Soon the mothers become connected through Mivi's pregnancy, that unbeknownst to Isaura, is Eddie's baby.

**Publication:**  
**March 2024**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Random House Canada



## The Leap Year Gene

Shelley Wood

Shelley Wood's *THE LEAP YEAR GENE* is a fast-paced race through the past century's burgeoning understanding of genetics, eugenics, and what constitutes 'normal,' while exploring the tensions, love, and sense of duty that can bind families together or split them in two.

World War I is at its peak when Lillian McKinley, a fledgling botanist and suffragette learns that her husband has been killed in France. The devastating news has a curious impact on her unborn daughter, who gestates far longer than she should. By the time Kit McKinley is born, February 29, 1916, the timing of her birth raises questions for her war-widow mother. Then, as the months and years go by and the baby stays a baby, Lillian risks catching the attention of her fellow suffragettes, who've embraced the Eugenics craze sweeping North America targeting unfit, unwed mothers and defective children. *THE LEAP YEAR GENE* is told through multiple voices, but has a funny, flawed, and mostly loveable heroine at its center, whose story—she's well aware—was never entirely hers to tell.

**Publication:**  
**August 2024**

Publisher:  
English (Canada): Harper  
Collins Canada



## The Lightning Bottles

Marissa Stapley

Against the backdrop of the nineties, *THE LIGHTNING BOTTLES* weaves the fascinating story of a doomed famous couple with a tale of art, music, destiny, and friendship.

In 1995, Elijah Hart—tortured frontman of the wildly successful alternative rock duo The Lightning Bottles—canceled a European tour, rented an Italian villa with his volatile wife and bandmate, Jane, and promptly disappeared. After interviews with police and one media statement, Jane refused to speak about his disappearance with anyone. Now it's 1999, and Jane has had it with rumors and accusations. Now she's retreated to a rural farmhouse in a German hamlet called Wölf. But it turns out her closest neighbor there, Hen, is a Lightning Bottles superfan and recognizes Jane. Unlikely duo Jane and Hen embark on a road trip through Eastern Europe, gathering clues about Elijah's whereabouts and slowly revealing their own secrets and dreams along the way.

**Publication:**  
**Fall 2024**

Publisher:  
English (US): Simon &  
Schuster  
English (Canada): Simon &  
Schuster Canada  
English (UK): Hodder &  
Stoughton





## The Wives of Bath

Susan Swan

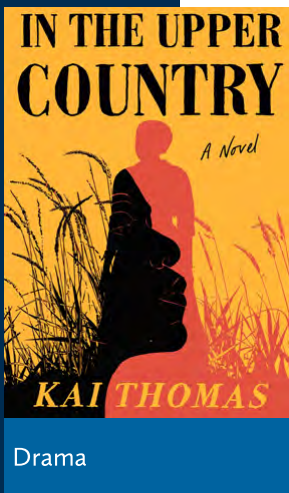
TV Rights Only Available

Swan's international bestselling novel is both a shocking Gothic tale about a murder in a girls' boarding school and an adolescent confession.

Mouse and Paulie, reluctant fourteen-year-old boarders at Bath Ladies College, are confronted by the slippery quest for one small, vital thing: the thing that definitively makes boys different from girls. The novel was made into the feature film *Lost and Delirious*, shown in 34 countries. Since the film's debut, young women all over the world have role-played the parts of Mouse, Tory and Paulie on the *Lost and Delirious* website.

**Publication:**  
**August 2014**

Publisher:  
Knopf Canada  
Rights also Sold in: US, UK,  
Germany, the Netherlands,  
Italy.



## In the Upper Country

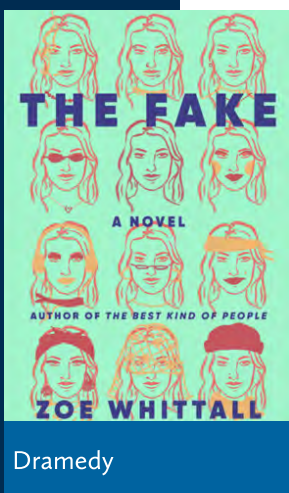
Kai Thomas

A Finalist for the *Amazon First Novel Award*, the fates of two unforgettable women—one just beginning a journey of self-discovery and the other completing her life's last vital act—intertwine in this sweeping debut set in the Black communities of Ontario that were the Underground Railroad's last stop.

Young Lensinda Martin is a protegee of a crusading Black journalist in mid-18th century southwestern Ontario, finding a home in a community founded by refugees from the slave-owning states of the American south. One night, a neighbouring farmer summons Lensinda after a slave hunter is shot dead on his land by an old woman recently arrived via the Underground Railroad. Instead of confessing, the woman proposes a barter: a story for a story. And so begins an extraordinary exchange of tales. Sweeping along the path of the Underground Railroad from the southern States to Canada, *IN THE UPPER COUNTRY* weaves together unlikely stories of love, survival, and familial upheaval that map the interconnected history of the peoples of North America.

**Publication:**  
**Spring 2023**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Viking US and Penguin  
Canada  
English (UK & Commonwealth  
ex. Canada): Hodder &  
Stoughton



## The Fake

Zoe Whittall

From the author of *The Best Kind of People* and *The Spectacular* comes a sharp, emotional novel about lies, liars, and the people who love them.

After her wife's death, Shelby is suffering from prolonged grief. Then she meets Cammie, who permits her to express her feelings. Cammie's also recovering from cancer. Shelby puts all her energy into helping Cammie thrive—until her intuition tells her that something isn't right. Gibson is fresh from divorce, almost forty, and deeply depressed. Then he falls in love with Cammie, despite his wary friends. When Gibson and Shelby meet, they realize Cammie's stories are far from the truth. But what kind of a person would lie about having cancer? And what does it say about them that they fell for it?

**Publication:**  
**Spring 2023**

Publisher:  
English (Canada):  
HarperCollins Canada  
English (US): Ballantine



Drama

## There Is No Blue

Martha Baillie

**In this close observation of a family, few absolutes hold, as experiences of reality diverge. A memoir of cascading grief and survival from the author of *The Incident Report*.**

Martha Baillie's richly layered response to her mother's passing, her father's life, and her sister's suicide explores how the body, the rooms we inhabit, and our languages offer the psyche a home, if only for a time. Three essays, three deaths. The first is the death of the author's mother, a protracted disappearance, leaving space for thoughtfulness and ritual. The second considers Baillie's father, his remoteness, his charm, a lacuna at the center of the family even before his death. And third, shockingly, the author's sister, a visual artist living with a diagnosis of schizophrenia, who writes three reasons to die on her bedroom wall and then takes her life.

**Publication:**  
**October 2023**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Coach House Books, English  
(UK): Granta



Drama

## Almost Brown

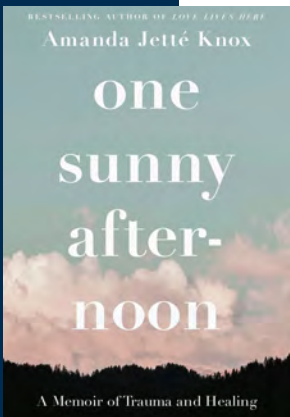
Charlotte Gill

**An award-winning writer retraces her unconventional, biracial, globe-trotting family's journey as she reckons with ethnicity and belonging, diversity and race, and the complexities of life within a multicultural household.**

Charlotte Gill's father is Indian. Her mother is English. They meet in 1960s London when the world is not quite ready for interracial love. Their union results in a meltdown of familial relations, a lot of immigration paperwork, and three children, all in varying shades of tan. Together they set off on a journey to Canada and the United States in the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness—a dream that eventually tears them apart. *ALMOST BROWN* is a funny, turbulent, and ultimately heartwarming book about the brilliant messiness of a mixed-race family. Tender and incisive, it is both a deeply personal memoir and an excavation into ethnicity, ancestry, and race—a historical concept that still informs our beliefs about identity today.

**Publication:**  
**June 2023**

Publisher:  
English (Canada): Penguin  
Random House Canada  
English (World ex. Canada):  
Crown Publishing



Drama

## One Sunny Afternoon

Rowan Jetté Knox

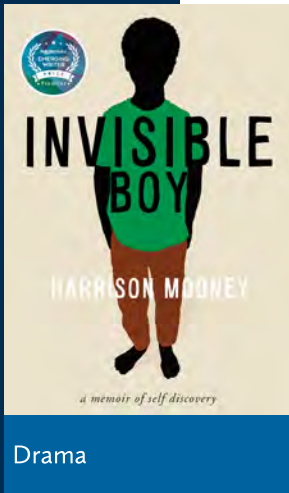
**From the bestselling author of *Love Lives Here*, a deeply personal memoir about facing life-long trauma head-on, and bravely healing the scars that endure.**

*ONE SUNNY AFTERNOON* is a searing testament to Rowan Jetté Knox's extraordinary reckoning of his past and present to find hope in his future. Triggered by online harassment he faced after sharing the story of his family's journey, when both his child and partner came out as transgender, he wades through his personal history and details the incidents of violence, addiction and sexual assault that have haunted him. When Rowan receives a complex trauma disorder diagnosis and dedicates himself to recovery, he emerges with newfound strength, resiliency and confidence. A profoundly moving and candid account of how trauma can shape us rather than define us, *ONE SUNNY AFTERNOON* reveals how even in our darkest moments, light finds its way in.

**Publication:**  
**September 2023**

Publisher:  
World: Viking





## Invisible Boy

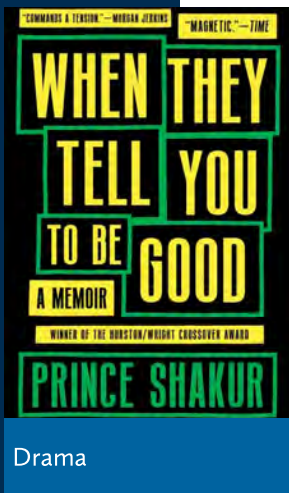
Harrison Mooney

**Winner of the 2023 Rakuten Kobo Emerging Writers Prize for Nonfiction, an unforgettable coming-of-age memoir about a Black boy adopted into a white, Christian fundamentalist family.**

As an adopted and homeschooled Black boy with ADHD at white fundamentalist Christian churches, Harrison Mooney was raised amid a swirl of conflicting and confusing messages and beliefs, desperate to belong and to be “visible” to those around him. Before finding his own path, he must first understand that his situation was the result of the same trauma and systemic violence that has terrorized Black families for generations. Reconnecting with and understanding his birth mother leads Harrison to a new connection with himself. A powerful, experiential journey from white cult to Black consciousness: this riveting story of self-discovery lifts the curtain on the trauma of transracial adoption and the internalized antiblackness at the heart of the white evangelical Christian movement.

**Publication:**  
**Fall 2022**

Publisher:  
English (Canada):  
HarperCollins Canada  
English (US): Steerforth Press



## When They Tell You to Be Good

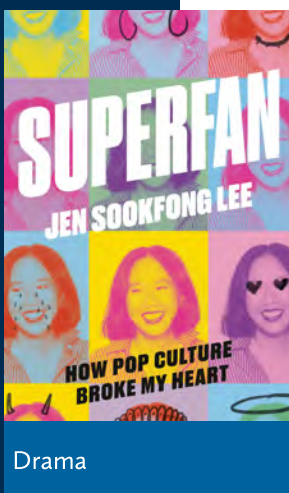
Prince Shakur

**Prince Shakur’s debut memoir brilliantly mines his radicalization and self-realization through examinations of place, childhood, queer identity, and a history of uprisings. Winner of the Hurston/Wright Crossover Award.**

WHEN THEY TELL YOU TO BE GOOD charts Prince Shakur’s political coming-of-age from closeted queer kid in a Jamaican family to radicalized adult traveler, writer, and anarchist in Obama and Trump’s America. Shakur journeys from France to the Philippines, South Korea, and elsewhere to discover the depths of the Black experience, and engages in deep political questions while participating in movements like Black Lives Matter and Standing Rock. Shakur reckons with his identity, his family’s immigration to the US, and the intergenerational impacts of patriarchal and colonial violence. Examining a tangled web of race, trauma, and memory, Shakur’s memoir is a powerful interrogation of what we all must ask of ourselves in order to call forth a new America.

**Publication:**  
**October 2022**

Publisher:  
English (X): Tin House



## Superfan

Jen Sookfong-Lee

**A TODAY Show Recommended Read, this intimate memoir uses one woman’s life-long love affair with pop culture as a lens to explore family, identity, belonging, grief, and the power of female rage.**

For most of Jen Sookfong Lee’s life, pop culture was an escape from family tragedy and a means of fitting in with the larger culture around her. And yet as Jen grew up, she began to recognize the ways in which pop culture was not made for someone like her—the child of Chinese immigrant parents who looked for safety in the invisibility afforded by embracing model minority myths. With great wit, bracing honesty, and a deep appreciation for the ways culture shapes us, Jen weaves together key moments in pop culture with stories of her own failings, longings, and struggles as she navigates the minefields that come with carving her own path as an Asian woman, single mother, and writer.

**Publication:**  
**January 2023**

Publisher:  
English (World): McClelland & Stewart



Memoir & Investigative

## In Exile

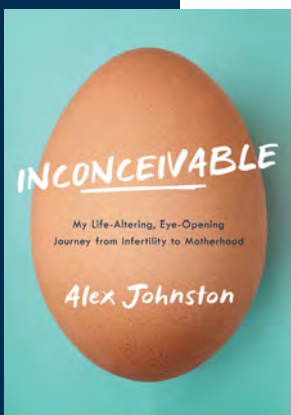
Sadiya Ansari

**Award-winning journalist Sadiya Ansari's IN EXILE is a deeply personal probe into a family secret to understand her grandmother's decision to abandon her seven children for nearly two decades.**

Equal parts memoir and investigation, IN EXILE punctures the silence around Sadiya's grandmother Tahira's decision to follow a man from Karachi to a tiny village in Punjab. Through her inquiry, she confronts difficult historical truths: the pervasiveness of child marriage, how Partition made refugees of millions of families, and how the freedom achieved in 1947 didn't extend to women. Sadiya discovers what her daadi's life was like during that separation and, unexpectedly, finds a sense of belonging in a culture that at first blush shuns women for wanting lives of their own. In asking who her grandmother was when she was not a wife or mother, she in turn asks what space is available to women who defy cultural expectations.

**Publication:**  
**August 2024**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
House of Anansi Press



Memoir & Investigative

## Inconceivable

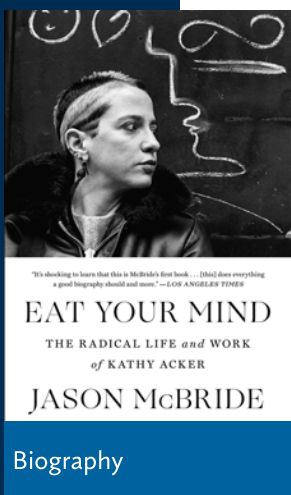
Alex Johnston

**A heartfelt memoir that compassionately and powerfully addresses the pervasive and growing issue of women's infertility through the very real lens of Alex Johnston's harrowing personal story.**

Fifteen years ago, Alex Johnston and her husband decided it was time to start a family. She was stunned to learn that her fertility had already peaked and was in serious decline. What followed was a harrowing, sometimes heart-breaking journey, including infertility and IVF treatments, and multiple attempts at surrogacy. INCONCEIVABLE is a deeply personal story of one woman's path to motherhood told with grace, compassion, humour, honesty and love. It is also a manifesto for change. Her book is intended to "pay her experience forward," informing women of the realities of their fertility, helping them to avoid some of the pitfalls she faced, and shining a light on one of our most critical and least discussed social issues.

**Publication:**  
**May 2021**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
Sutherland House



Biography

## Eat Your Mind

Jason McBride

**The first full-scale authorized biography of the pioneering experimental novelist Kathy Acker, one of the most original and controversial figures in 20th-century American literature.**

Kathy Acker (1947–1997) was a rare and almost inconceivable thing: a celebrity experimental writer. Twenty-five years after her death, she remains one of the most original, shocking, and controversial artists of her era. The author of visionary, transgressive novels like *Blood and Guts in High School*; *Empire of the Senses*, Acker wrote obsessively about the treachery of love, the limitations of language, and the possibility of revolution. A feat of literary biography, EAT YOUR MIND draws on exclusive interviews with hundreds of Acker's intimates as well as her private journals, correspondence, and early drafts of her work, acclaimed journalist and critic Jason McBride, offers a thrilling account and a long-overdue reassessment of a misunderstood genius and revolutionary artist.

**Publication:**  
**November 2022**

Publisher:  
English (World): Simon & Schuster



Film Deck

## Indigenous Guardians

Brandi Morin

Hosted by Brandi Morin, author of the national bestselling memoir, *Our Voice of Fire*, **INDIGENOUS GUARDIANS** follows those who are using Indigenous knowledge and practices, blended with Western science, to monitor and steward their traditional lands and waters across Canada.

Indigenous Guardians are the “eyes and ears” of their territories, and in this series, viewers will be taken into the vast territories of First Nations as the Guardians navigate reclaiming, reviving and safeguarding ancestral lands. We’ll accompany Haida Ocean Watchmen patrolling the rugged BC coasts, meet Anishinaabe elders who are passing down traditional knowledge and reciting prophecies of old, track down herds of threatened caribou in remote northern Dene regions and more. This series will reveal what’s possible when Indigenous Peoples are empowered to protect their livelihoods amidst a global environmental crisis.

**Publication:**  
N/A

Publisher:  
N/A



Drama

## Rough Magic

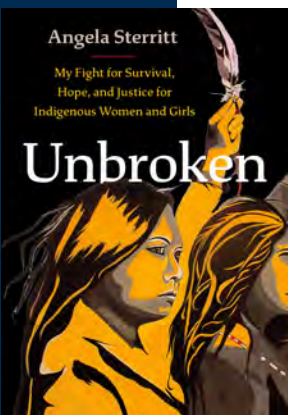
Miranda Newman

**Intertwining potent personal experience with searing criticism of Canada’s mental health system, Miranda Newman’s debut memoir-in-essays illuminates the positives of living with a highly stigmatized condition.**

ROUGH MAGIC is a prescriptive-yet-approachable essay collection that seeks out the positives of living with borderline personality disorder (BPD). The memoir analyzes one of the most fatal mental illnesses and aims to reduce stigma for those living with the disorder amidst a growing need for effective mental healthcare. It’s also the first memoir to highlight the gifts that come with BPD—those diagnosed are typically highly intelligent and creative, and have enhanced empathetic abilities. They often have enhanced empathetic abilities. ROUGH MAGIC will find audiences amongst people with lived experience of mental illness and their loved ones, and readers who appreciate a sensitive, corrective, intimate, and refreshing look at the disorder.

**Publication:**  
**April 2024**

Publisher:  
English (North America):  
McClelland & Stewart



Memoir & Investigative

## Unbroken

Angela Sterritt

**UNBROKEN is a remarkable work of memoir and investigative journalism focusing on missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, written by an award-winning Gitxsan journalist who survived life on the streets against all odds.**

As a Gitxsan teenager navigating life on the streets, Angela Sterritt wrote in her journal to help her survive and find her place in the world. Now an acclaimed journalist, she writes for major news outlets to push for justice and to light a path for Indigenous women, girls, and survivors. In her brilliant debut, Sterritt shares her memoir alongside investigative reporting into cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada, showing how colonialism and racism led to a society where Sterritt struggled to survive as a young person, and where the lives of Indigenous women and girls are ignored and devalued.

**Publication:**  
**Fall 2022**

Publisher:  
World (All languages):  
Greystone Books





Food

## Nana's Kitchen

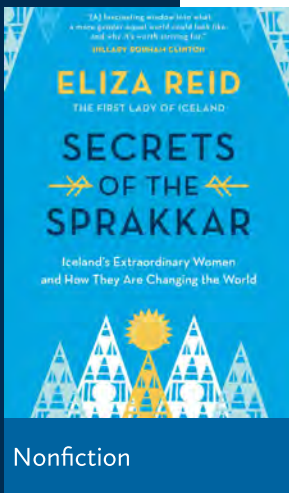
Guldran Yousif

A book of recipes and kitchen stories from Guldran Yousif (Nana) and her granddaughters, **NANA'S KITCHEN** is the culmination of hundreds of years of traditions, a journey through time through different fascinating cuisines of the Middle East, and through a life lived well and generously, despite some truly desperate times.

Covering foundations first before moving on to soups, meats and much more, in **NANA'S KITCHEN**, we never see Nana's face, but the modesty of her faith lends a certain flavour to the project, the same way it did to the enormously popular and very active **NANA'S KITCHEN** social media channels (combined 1.1 million followers). Unique in its display of Guldran's facility with a broad range of traditional recipes from across the Middle East, the book spans not only generations, but Turkmen, Kurdish and Arab cuisines that thrive in her diverse home city of Kirkuk in Iraq, and influenced too by Iranian traditions, where Guldran's family was forced to flee before emigrating to Canada.

**Publication:**  
**on offer for publication**

Publisher:



Nonfiction

## Secrets of the Sprakkar

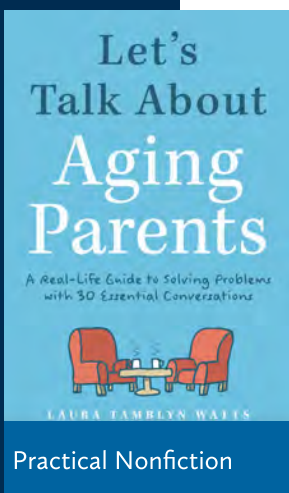
Eliza Reid

A **NYT** Editors Pick, an **NPR** Book of the Day and international bestseller with rave reviews from *Forbes* & *The Washington Post*!

**SECRETS OF THE SPRAKKAR** is a love letter to Iceland, a country Eliza moved to at the age of 27. This is a portrait of what it's like to live, work, and raise a family in a nation where the aspiration to gender parity is considered the norm. **Sprakkar** is the plural form of an ancient Icelandic word, **sprakki**, that means extraordinary or outstanding woman. Iceland is rightly thought of as one of the best places in the world to be a woman. Through conversations with women around Iceland, including a mountaineer, sexologist, mayor, football hero, and others, **SECRETS OF THE SPRAKKAR** illustrates what has led to this level of parity.

**Publication:**  
**March 2021**

Publisher:  
English (Canada): Simon & Schuster Canada  
English (World ex. Canada): Sourcebooks  
French (World): Michel Lafon  
German (World): btb, Penguin  
Random House Verlagsgruppe  
Icelandic (World): Forlagið  
Korean (World): Courier  
Slovak (World): Grada  
Slovakia  
Japanese (World): Akashi Shoten



Practical Nonfiction

## Let's Talk About Aging Parents

Laura Tamblyn Watts

Laura Tamblyn Watts uses stories from her own experiences and relatable humor to make a tough stage of life a little easier for those navigating the care of older parents.

Caring for an older loved one can feel complicated and stressful—but these discussions (plus expert advice on untangling tricky emotional issues that come up) will help you do the right thing and put your anxieties to rest. Should my mom move into a retirement home? How do I know if my dad has dementia? And how on earth can I get my stepmom to give up the keys to her beloved Toyota Corolla if it isn't safe for her to drive anymore? In **LET'S TALK ABOUT AGING PARENTS**, Watts outfits readers with prompts and conversational scripts for things they need to discuss with their older parents—or siblings, extended family, health care providers, and other professionals, depending on the topic.

**Publication:**  
**January 2024**

Publisher:  
English (World): The Experiment



Memoir & Inspirational

## Unconditional

### Samra Zafar with Kim Pittaway

Readers of Brene Brown, Glennon Doyle and Shonda Rhimes will connect with Samra Zafar's storytelling journey as she weaves personal experience with scientific and medical insights, exploring the power of unlearning the false truths that hold us back, connecting with our authentic selves and tapping into unconditional self-love and self-acceptance.

Life is full of lessons. And some of the most important ones are those we unlearn. When Samra Zafar escaped the abusive decade-long marriage she'd been trapped in as a child bride, she expected her biggest challenges would be in learning new things: the knowledge she needed to build a career, the practicalities of creating a home for herself and her two young daughters. What she wasn't prepared for was the unlearning she needed to do: deconstructing the limiting beliefs, cultural conditioning, and societal expectations that threatened to trap her anew in unconscious cycles of shame, stigma and self-sabotaging patterns.

**Publication:**  
**Spring 2024**

Publisher:  
English (Canada):  
HarperCollins Canada



On Screen Talent

## Asha Frost

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Asha Frost is the bestselling author of the card deck and guidebook **YOU ARE THE MEDICINE** (Hay House, 2023), an Indigenous healer, oracle deck creator, visionary, spiritual teacher and mentor.

Asha Frost has worked as an Indigenous Healer for two decades and has facilitated thousands of ceremonies through individual appointments, healing circles, retreats and workshops. Her life work is to help others connect to the medicine that has always been within them. Asha grew up on and currently lives on Anishinaabe, Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee land. Her maternal and paternal lineage and relatives originate from many First Nations across Ontario, Canada (Turtle Island). She is from the Crane Clan (Aji-jaak Dodem) and holds membership at Neyaashiinigmiig (Cape Croker) First Nation. Learn more about Asha at her website: [ashafrost.com](http://ashafrost.com)

**Publication:**

Publisher:



On Screen Talent

## Rowan Jetté Knox

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Rowan Jetté Knox is an award-winning Canadian writer, author of the bestseller **LOVE LIVES HERE: A Story of Thriving in a Transgender Family** (Viking, 2019), the forthcoming memoir **ONE SUNNY AFTERNOON: A Memoir of Trauma and Healing** (Viking, 2023), and a human rights advocate.

Rowan Jetté Knox is passionate about embracing change, leading with love, and living our most authentic lives. Rowan shares his family's story about the power of acceptance, understanding, vulnerability and unconditional love, in the hopes of normalizing the existence of LGBTQ2+ families. Having confronted a series of personal challenges and a major mental health crisis, Rowan also brings to life the necessity of facing mental illness without stigma. Rowan's work has been featured by several national and international media outlets, including *CBC*, *BBC*, *The Independent UK*, *The Globe and Mail*, *O Magazine*, and *Chatelaine*. Rowan was humbled to be inducted into the 2021 Order of Ottawa for his advocacy of transgender, gender-creative, and non-binary youth along with his work helping others with mental health issues. Prior to transition, he was a 2019 *Chatelaine* Woman of the Year and 2020 Top 25 Women of Influence.

**Publication:**

Publisher:





On Screen Talent

## Amanda Thebe

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**Amanda Thebe is a Fitness and Women's Health Expert. She is the author of the Amazon best-selling book, *MENOPOCALYPSE: How I Learned to Thrive During Menopause and How You Can Too!***

With nearly 30 years of experience in the fitness industry, Amanda is a highly-regarded expert on women's fitness and health. She is Canada's first menopause workplace educator and an affiliated member of the Canadian and North American Menopause Society. Through menopause advocacy and education, Amanda provides on-site or virtual presentations in the workplace to improve productivity, retention and attendance for female employees. Helping companies to normalise the conversation around menopause and provide support which impacts 100% of their female employees. She is a popular guest on podcasts, radio, TV and online summits, and she brings a humor and no-nonsense approach to subjects usually shrouded in shame. Her exercise workouts, health and fitness tips have been featured in *Oprah*, *Shape*, *Prevention*, *Health Line* and more.

**Publication:**

Publisher:



On Screen Talent

## Sam Turnbull

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**Bestselling author Sam Turnbull is back with her next cookbook filled with incredible vegan eats that will satisfy all your cravings!**

A late-night snack, a comforting weekend brunch, or a quick hit of something sweet—*Craving Vegan* has something to satisfy every craving you might have. Sam Turnbull, bestselling author of *Fuss-Free Vegan* and *Fast Easy Cheap Vegan*, shares 101 drool-worthy vegan dishes in her third cookbook, overflowing with plant-based comfort food that hits the spot. In *Craving Vegan*, Sam pulls out all the stops and shares tricks you will turn to again and again to create epic vegan meals. We're talking picture-perfect plant-based versions of Sunday morning eggs and gooey cheese, and even how to prepare the perfect vegan steak. The scrumptious recipes in *Craving Vegan* are proof that any dish you're craving can be vegan—and satisfying and delicious too!

**Publication:**

Publisher:



Animation

## SQUIRE & KNIGHT

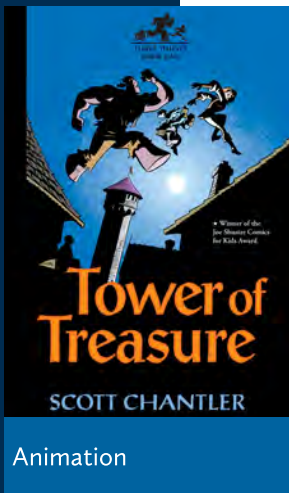
### Scott Chantler

**Book one of two in the SQUIRE & KNIGHT series, Squire is brainy, bookish, and terribly under-appreciated by the brawny, inept knight, Sir Kelton, who somehow always gets all the glory.**

So, when the two mis-matched heroes find themselves in a cursed village, plagued by a demonic dragon, Kelton rides off to slay it, and Squire stays behind to catch up on some reading. But Squire starts to notice that something isn't quite right about this town...can he uncover its strange secrets?

**Publication:  
Spring 2023**

Publisher:  
World (All languages): First  
Second, Macmillan



## The Three Thieves Series

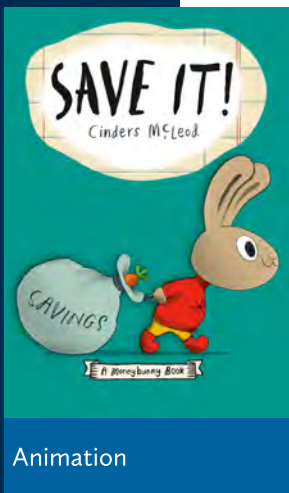
Scott Chantler

Winner of the Joe Shuster Award for Best Comic for Kids (2011), and listed by YALSA as a Great Graphic Novel for Teens, Scott Chantler's thrilling, suspenseful and masterfully told fantasy-adventure series **THREE THIEVES** includes seven graphic novels.

The **THREE THIEVES** graphic novel series chronicles the adventures of Dessa (human), Topper (a dwarf-sized humanoid called a norker), and Fisk (a giant humanoid called an ettin) as they search for Dessa's captured twin brother and avoid the Queen's army of knights (Dragons) in hot pursuit of them, taking them from one end of the world to the other. Including seven books in total, including *Tower of Treasure*, *The Sign of the Black Rock*, *The Captive Prince*, *The King's Dragon*, *Pirates of the Silver Coast*, *The Dark Island* and *The Iron Hand*, Scott Chantler's fast-paced story will engage readers while his bold-lined art with richly detailed backgrounds is a tribute to classic comic books.

**Publication:**  
**August 2010**

Publisher:  
n/a



## The Moneybunnies Series

Cinders McLeod

Including **SPEND IT!**, **EARN IT!**, **GIVE IT!** and **SAVE IT!**, the **Moneybunnies Series** is a charming series of picture books for young children to learn simple facts about money and financial planning. Welcome to Bunnyland, where carrots are money!

From acclaimed author and illustrator Cinders McLeod, the **MONEYBUNNIES** series is a delightful approach to introducing children to simple money concepts. In **EARN IT!**, Bun loves to sing and just wants to be rich and famous. When her mum reminds her that stardom takes time and hard work, Bun realises that she'll need to start earning some carrots to make her dreams come true! In **GIVE IT!**, an enthusiastic young bunny discovers how good it feels to use his allowance to help others. In **SAVE IT!**, an exuberant little bunny learns that fame and fortune must be earned. In **SPEND IT!**, Sonny the bunny learns about the power and satisfaction that comes with saving money.

**Publication:**  
**May 2019**

Publisher:  
English (World): Nancy Paulsen Books



## Eight Days

Teresa Toten

For fans of "Wonder" and "After Eli" comes **EIGHT DAYS**, a story about a funny and smart 14-year-old girl named Samantha who finds out the mother she thought had died years ago, has actually just passed away.

Added to this charged secret is her alcoholic grandfather's strange behavior and sudden insistence that he take Samantha back to Chicago to retrieve her mother's body. Luckily, Samantha's beloved neighbor and surrogate mother figure, Aggie, insists on coming along for the road trip bringing along her quirky sense of humor and fantastic wig collection. Samantha is also juggling romantic feelings for her best friend Tarek. There is a cross-cultural friendship turned romance, which brings charged issues from the surrounding community.

**Publication:**  
**September 2022**

Publisher:  
Canada (English): Scholastic

The eight day journey takes us from Toronto to Chicago and back again, as Samantha, an American living in a Muslim dominated apartment complex in Toronto struggles to find out who she is and where she belongs.

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