

# PARK & FINE

---

L I T E R A R Y   A N D   M E D I A

## Rights Guide

### Spring 2022

Abigail Koons  
Executive Director, International Rights  
akoons@parkfine.com  
Tel: (212) 691-8283

Kathryn Toolan  
International Rights Associate  
ktoolan@parkfine.com  
Tel: (212) 625-2497

## **CO-AGENTS**

**BRAZIL**

[Agência Riff](#)

**BULGARIA, ROMANIA, & SERBIA**

[Andrew Nurnberg Associates Sofia](#)

**CHINA, INDONESIA, TAIWAN, THAILAND &  
VIETNAM**

[The Grayhawk Agency](#)

**CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVAKIA & SLOVENIA**

[Andrew Nurnberg Associates Prague](#)

**ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA & UKRAINE**

[Andrew Nurnberg Associates Baltic](#)

**FRANCE**

[Agence Eliane Bénisti](#)

**GERMANY**

[Anoukh Foerg Literary Agency](#)

**GREECE**

[JLM Literary Agency](#)

**HUNGARY & CROATIA**

[Katai & Bolza](#)

**ITALY**

[Daniela Micura Literary Services](#)

**JAPAN**

[English Agency Japan](#)

**KOREA**

[Danny Hong Agency](#)

**NETHERLANDS**

[Marianne Schönbach Literary Agency](#)

**POLAND**

[Graal Literary Agency](#)

**RUSSIA**

[Andrew Nurnberg Literary Agency](#)

**SCANDINAVIA**

[Andrew Nurnberg Associates](#)

**SPAIN & PORTUGAL**

[The Foreign Office](#)

**TURKEY**

[AnatoliaLit Agency](#)

# NEW NOVEL COMING LATER THIS YEAR

## FRECKLES

by Cecelia Ahern

Sometimes the people who have the power to change your life are the ones who have been there all along ...

Like stars in the dark skies above the tiny island where she grew up, freckles scatter Allegra Bird's arms, a link to her beloved father and a reminder that she never knew her mother. In a quest to find the one thing she's missing, she begins a bold new life in Dublin. But she's left a lot behind.

So when a stranger tells her she's the sum of five people - the five people she spends the most time with - she's suddenly no longer seeking one person. She's looking for five.

Life-affirming, beautiful and thought-provoking, **FRECKLES** is an unforgettable novel of one woman's search for happiness.

- Her book of short stories, **ROAR**, is the basis for the new Apple TV anthology series debuting in April

Praise for **FRECKLES**:

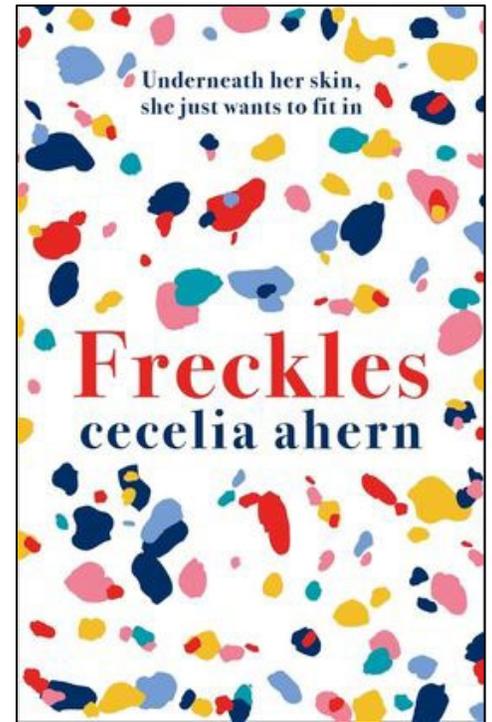
"Cecelia Ahern never follows the crowd and her latest novel is a delight - funny, thought-provoking and original"  
—*Mirror*

"Fans will adore this heart-warming story about loneliness and connection."  
—*Daily Mail*

"A warm and bittersweet tale about finding yourself through family and friendship."  
—*Sunday Telegraph Stella*

"Touching, full of humour ... life-affirming. Ahern writes with honesty and empathy. I had a lump in my throat when I finished reading."  
—*Irish Times*

**Cecelia Ahern** was born and grew up in Dublin. Her novels have been translated into thirty-five languages and have sold more than twenty-five million copies in over fifty countries. Two of her books (**PS, I LOVE YOU** and **LOVE, ROSIE**) have been adapted as films and she has created several TV series. She and her books have won numerous awards, including the Irish Book Award for Popular Fiction for **THE YEAR I MET YOU**. She lives in Dublin with her family.



**HarperCollins UK**  
**September 2021**

### Rights Sold:

Dutch - Luitingh-Sijthoff  
Finnish—Gummerus  
German - Fischer  
Hungarian - Atheneum  
Norwegian - Cappelen Damm  
Polish - Muza  
Portuguese (Bra) - HarperCollins Brazil  
Romanian - Editura Allfa  
Russian - Atticus-Azbooka  
Swedish - Bazar  
Spanish—Penguin Random House

# MEANT TO BE

## by Emily Giffin

A restless golden boy and a girl with a troubled past navigate a love story that may be doomed before it even begins, in this irresistible new novel from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *ALL WE EVER WANTED* and *THE LIES THAT BIND*.

The Kingsley family is American royalty, beloved for their military heroics, political service, and unmatched elegance. In 1967, after Joseph S. Kingsley, Jr. is killed in a tragic accident, his charismatic son inherits the weight of that legacy. But Joe III is a free spirit—and a little bit reckless. Despite his best intentions, he has trouble meeting the expectations of a nation, as well as those of his exacting mother, Dottie.

Meanwhile, no one ever expected anything of Cate Cooper. She, too, grew up fatherless—and after her mother marries an abusive man, she is forced to fend for herself. After being discovered by a model scout at age sixteen, Cate decides that her looks may be her only ticket out of the cycle of disappointment that her mother has always inhabited. Before too long, Cate's face is in magazines and on billboards. Yet she feels like a fraud, faking it in a world to which she's never truly belonged.

When Joe and Cate unexpectedly cross paths one afternoon, their connection is instant and intense. But can their relationship survive the glare of the spotlight and the so-called Kingsley curse? In a beautifully written novel that captures a gilded moment in American history, Emily Giffin tells the story of two people searching for belonging and identity, as well as the answer to the question: Are certain love stories meant to be?

- Previous novel *ALL WE EVER WANTED* spent 8 weeks on the *New York Times* Bestseller List

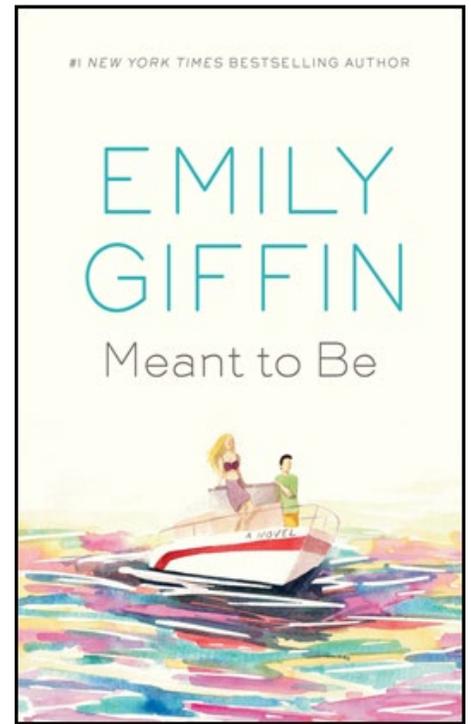
### Praise for Emily Giffin:

"Giffin is a worldwide best-selling author because she gets under your skin—by creating relatable characters wrestling within believable situations."  
—*The Atlanta Journal Constitution*

"Giffin [has a] trademark ability to capture the complexities of human emotions while telling a rip-roaring tale."  
—*The Washington Post*

"Giffin's talent is pretty much unparalleled when it comes to the modern woman's story about life, love and family."  
—*Redbook*

**Emily Giffin** is the author of nine internationally bestselling novels: *SOMETHING BORROWED*, *SOMETHING BLUE*, *BABY PROOF*, *LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH*, *HEART OF THE MATTER*, *WHERE WE BELONG*, *THE ONE & ONLY*, *FIRST COMES LOVE*, and *ALL WE EVER WANTED*. A graduate of Wake Forest University and the University of Virginia School of Law, she lives in Atlanta with her husband and three children.



**Ballantine (NA)**  
**May 2022**

Format: Galley

### Rights Sold:

Norwegian - Cappelen  
Damm

Portuguese (Bra) -  
HarperCollins Brazil

# CARRIE SOTO IS BACK

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

In this powerful novel about the cost of greatness, a legendary athlete attempts a comeback when the world considers her past her prime, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *MALIBU RISING*.

Carrie Soto is fierce, and her determination to win at any cost has not made her popular. But by the time she retires from tennis, she is the best player the world has ever seen. She has shattered every record and claimed twenty Grand Slam titles. And if you ask Carrie, she is entitled to everyone. She sacrificed nearly everything to become the best, with her father, Javier, as her coach. A former champion himself, Javier has trained her since the age of two.

But six years after her retirement, Carrie finds herself sitting in the stands of the 1994 US Open, watching her record be taken from her by a brutal, stunning player named Nicki Chan.

At thirty-seven years old, Carrie makes the monumental decision to come out of retirement and be coached by her father for one last year in an attempt to reclaim her record. Even if the sports media says that they never liked “the Battle-Axe” anyway. Even if her body doesn’t move as fast as it did. And even if it means swallowing her pride to train with a man she once almost opened her heart to: Bowe Huntley. Like her, he has something to prove before he gives up the game forever.

In spite of it all, Carrie Soto is back, for one epic final season. In this riveting and unforgettable novel, Taylor Jenkins Reid tells her most vulnerable, emotional story yet.

## Advance Praise for CARRIE SOTO IS BACK:

“Reid has scored another victory and created another memorable heroine with Carrie Soto, a brash, often unlikable character whose complexity makes her leap off the page. Sports commentators may call her “The Battle Axe” or worse, but readers will root for her both on and off the court. A compulsively readable look at female ambition.”

—*Kirkus*, starred review ★

## Praise for previous novel MALIBU RISING:

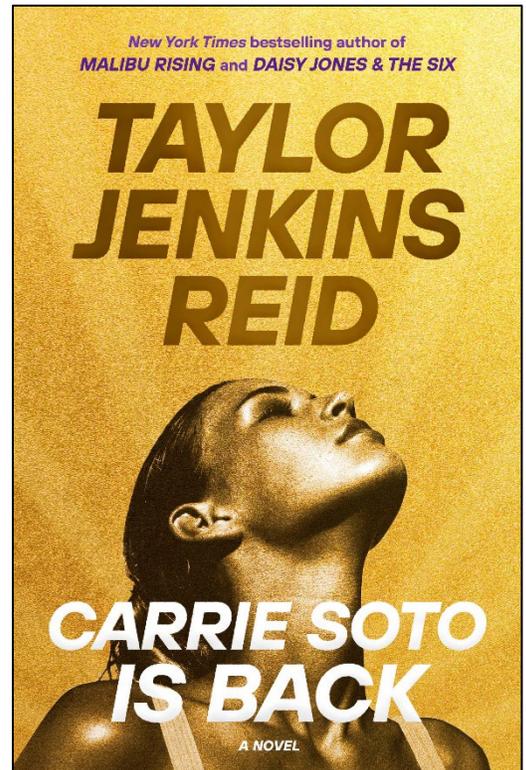
“There’s an impeccable sense of balance in Taylor Jenkins Reid’s *Malibu Rising*, a natural order in which every action meets its equal and opposite reaction. . . . Reid’s sense of pacing is sublime as she introduces and dispenses with a revolving door of characters to approximate the chaos of a rager where sloshed A-listers couple up in the closets and waiters pass trays of cocaine.”

—*The Washington Post*

“Irresistible . . . High drama at the beach, starring four sexy, surfing siblings and their deadbeat, famous-crooner dad.”

—*People*

Taylor Jenkins Reid is an author and screenwriter from Acton, Massachusetts. She is the author of six previous novels, which have been named best books of the summer by *People*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Glamour*, *InStyle*, *PopSugar*, *Buzzfeed*, *Goodreads*, and others. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband, their daughter, and their dog.



Ballantine  
Hutchinson  
August 2022

### Rights Sold:

Croatian - Vorto  
Dutch - Ambo Anthos  
German - Ullstein  
Portuguese (Bra) -  
Companhia Das Letras  
Portuguese - Topseller  
Spanish—Urano

# DREAMLAND

by Nicholas Sparks

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *THE WISH* comes a poignant love story about risking everything for a dream—and whether it's possible to leave the past behind.

Colby Mills once felt destined for a musical career, until tragedy grounded his aspirations. Now the head of a small family farm in North Carolina, he spontaneously takes a gig playing at a bar in St. Pete's Beach, Florida, seeking a rare break from his duties at home.

Fiction

But when he meets Morgan Lee, his world is turned upside-down, making him wonder if the responsibilities he has shouldered need dictate his life forever. The daughter of affluent Chicago doctors, Morgan has graduated from a prestigious college music program with the ambition to move to Nashville and become a star. Romantically and musically, she and Colby complete each other in a way that neither has ever known.

While they are falling headlong in love, Beverly is on a heart-pounding journey of another kind. Fleeing an abusive husband with her six-year-old son, she is trying to piece together a life for them in a small town far off the beaten track. With money running out and danger seemingly around every corner, she makes a desperate decision that will rewrite everything she knows to be true.

In the course of a single unforgettable week, two young people will navigate the exhilarating heights and heartbreak of first love. Hundreds of miles away, Beverly will put her love for her young son to the test. And fate will draw all three people together in a web of life-altering connections . . . forcing each to wonder whether the dream of a better life can ever survive the weight of the past.

## Praise for previous novel *THE WISH*:

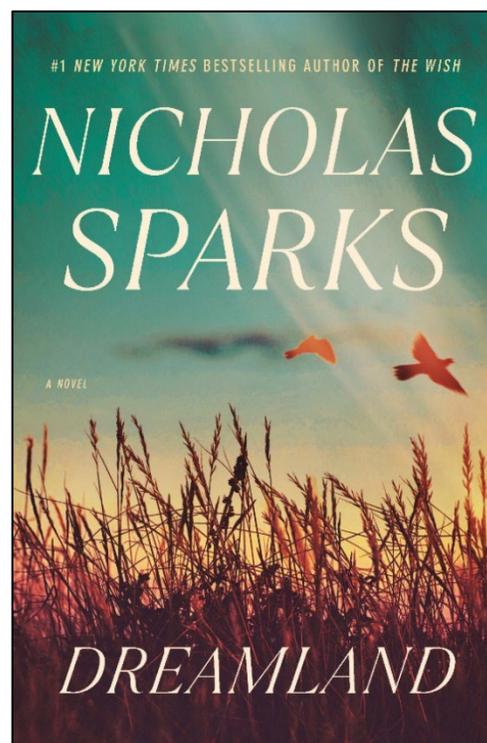
"If it's never too early for Christmas in your world, get in the mood with this awww-worthy story of first love and its echoes that takes place during the holidays."  
—*Good Housekeeping*

"Sure to top the book lists of romance fans near and far."  
—*CNN Underscored*

"Sparks has definitely mastered the art of love."  
—*Associated Press*

"Sparks is a poet . . . a master."  
—*Philadelphia Inquirer*

With over 100 million copies of his books sold, **Nicholas Sparks** is one of the world's most beloved storytellers. His novels include fifteen #1 *New York Times* bestsellers, and all of his books have been *New York Times* and international bestsellers and were translated into more than fifty languages. Eleven of Nicholas Sparks' novels—*THE CHOICE*, *THE LONGEST RIDE*, *THE BEST OF ME*, *SAFE HAVEN*, *THE LUCKY ONE*, *THE LAST SONG*, *DEAR JOHN*, *NIGHTS IN RODANTHE*, *THE NOTEBOOK*, *A WALK TO REMEMBER*, and *MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE*—have been adapted into major motion pictures.



**Random House  
Little, Brown UK  
September 2022**

Format: Manuscript

## Rights Sold:

Albanian - Bota  
Portuguese Brazilian -  
Sextante  
French - Michel Lafon  
German - Heyne  
Hungarian - General Press  
Italian - Sperling & Kupfer  
Lithuanian - Balto Leidybos  
Polish - Albatros  
Serbian - Laguna

# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

by Julia Whelan

From the author of *MY OXFORD YEAR*, this uplifting novel tells the story of a former actress turned successful audiobook narrator—who has lost sight of her dreams after a tragic accident—and her journey of self-discovery, love, and acceptance when she agrees to narrate one last romance novel.

For Sewanee Chester, being an audiobook narrator is a long way from her old dreams, but the days of being film star are long behind her. She's found success and satisfaction from the inside of a sound booth and it allows her to care for her beloved, ailing grandmother. When she arrives in Las Vegas last-minute for a book convention, Sewanee unexpectedly spends a whirlwind night with a charming stranger.

On her return home, Sewanee discovers one of the world's most beloved romance novelists wanted her to perform her last book—with Brock McNight, the industry's hottest, most secretive voice. Sewanee doesn't buy what romance novels are selling—not after her own dreams were tragically cut short—and she stopped narrating them years ago. But her admiration of the late author, and the opportunity to get her grandmother more help, makes her decision for her.

As Sewanee begins work on the book, resurrecting her old romance pseudonym, she and Brock forge a real connection, hidden behind the comfort of anonymity. Soon, she is dreaming again, but secrets are revealed, and the realities of life come crashing down around her once more.

If she can learn to risk everything for desires, she has long buried, she will discover a world of intimacy and acceptance she never believed would be hers.

· Oprah Daily's "The 28 Most Anticipated Romance Novels of 2022"

## Advance praise for THANK YOU FOR LISTENING:

"A compulsively readable story about self-discovery with plenty of laughs and spice along the way."  
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review ★

"Playfully sexy and boundlessly charming, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING is a warm and wise tale of love and affection and a must-read for anyone who loves the sound of voices speaking into a microphone."  
—Linda Holmes, NYT best-selling author of *EVVIE DRAKE STARTS OVER*

"... a witty, clever, and open-hearted love story full of delicious twists on all your favorite romance tropes... A must-read for anyone who loves a good love story."  
—Taylor Jenkins Reid, NYT bestselling author of *THE SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN HUGO*

"THANK YOU FOR LISTENING is one of the funniest, most clever, sexiest, and most deliciously complex love stories I've read in years. The dialogue is electric. The chemistry, both intellectual and physical, is palpable. The characters are singularly unforgettable. I can't remember the last time I was this jealous of a writer's talent. I wanted to bask in this book, and I also wished I'd written it."  
—Emily Henry, NYT bestselling author of *PEOPLE YOU MEET ON VACATION*

"THANK YOU FOR LISTENING is a fascinating behind-the-scenes peek at the voice actors who bring love stories to life for the rest of us. Mix Julia's storytelling ability and smart banter with a cynical romance audiobook narrator who won't trust a happily ever after and what do you get? Pure magic."  
—Jodi Picoult, NYT bestselling author of *WISH YOU WERE HERE*

Julia Whelan is a screenwriter, lifelong actor, and award-winning audiobook narrator. She graduated with a degree in English and creative writing from Middlebury College and Oxford University.



William Morrow (WE)  
August 2022

Format: Galleys

## Rights Sold:

German - Penguin Verlag

Portuguese (Bra) - Sextante

Polish - Kobiece

# PLEASE JOIN US

## by Catherine McKenzie

From the bestselling author of *YOU CAN'T CATCH ME* and *SIX WEEKS TO LIVE*

At thirty-nine, Nicole Mueller's life is on the rocks. Her once brilliant law career is falling apart. She and her husband, Dan, are soon to be forced out of the apartment they love. After a rebuke from her firm's senior partners, she receives an invitation from an exclusive women's networking group, Panthera Leo. Membership is anonymous, but every member is a successful professional. It sounds like the perfect solution to help Nicole revive her career. So, despite Dan's concerns that the group might be a cult, Nicole signs up for their retreat in Colorado.

Once there, she meets the other women who will make up her Pride. A CEO, an actress, a finance whiz, a congresswoman: Nicole can't believe her luck. The founders of Panthera Leo are equally as impressive. They explain the group's core philosophy: they're a girl's club in a boy's club world.

Nicole is all in. And when she gets home, she soon sees dividends. Her new network quickly provides her with clients that help her relaunch her career, and a great new apartment too. The favors she must provide in return seem benign. But then she's called to the congresswoman's apartment late at night where she's pressed into helping her cover up a crime. And suddenly, Dan's concerns that something more sinister is at play seem all too relevant. Can Nicole extricate herself from the group before it's too late? Or will joining Panthera Leo be the biggest mistake of her life?

- TV rights optioned by Fox Square productions

### Advance praise for *PLEASE JOIN US*:

"Another superbly-plotted thriller from Catherine McKenzie, full of signature twists and turns, where readers are invited into the warm waters of a women's group, only to find it's not all sisterhood and solidarity... Join if you dare!"

—Roz Nay, bestselling author of *OUR LITTLESECRET*

"Catherine McKenzie has reached new heights with *PLEASE JOIN US*, her propulsive thriller about secret organizations, hidden agendas, and the lengths one woman will go to reclaim her life. You won't want to put this book down!"

—Laura Dave, bestselling author of *THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME*

"Catherine McKenzie's latest is a triumph. I was infatuated with this brilliant, tangled web of lies, cover ups and deception. Totally thrilling and empowering, *PLEASE JOIN US* shows how some people will stop at nothing to get what they want. McKenzie never fails to impress!"

—Mary Kubica, bestselling author of *LOCAL WOMAN MISSING*

**Catherine McKenzie** was born and raised in Montreal, Canada. Catherine practiced law for twenty years before leaving to write full time. She's the author of numerous bestsellers including *I'LL NEVER TELL* and *THE GOOD LIAR*. Her works have been translated into multiple languages and *PLEASE JOIN US*, *I'LL NEVER TELL*, and *YOU CAN'T CATCH ME* have all been optioned for development into television series.



**Atria**  
**Simon & Schuster Canada**  
**August 2022**

Format: Galleys

# THE DEVIL'S CHOIR:

## A VICTOR LESSARD THRILLER

### by Martin Michaud

In this intricate, intense mystery from the acclaimed “master of the Quebec thriller,” the ghosts of Victor Lessard’s past come back to haunt him as he investigates a horrific murder-suicide that doesn’t add up.

When a young Montreal family dies in an orgy of bloody violence, all signs point to a rampage by the father. But Victor Lessard isn’t convinced. The brilliant, brooding detective suspects that others were involved in the killings. But who? And why? As Lessard struggles to solve the puzzle, the discovery of a nightmarish chamber of horrors seems to confirm that the murders are part of a wider pattern. Meanwhile, in the Major Crimes Unit, Jacinthe Taillon is investigating the strange kidnapping of Laila François, a former street kid turned webcam girl. Could there be a connection with Lessard’s case?

With a ghost from his past making him doubt his own sanity, Lessard must evade the lethal operatives of a powerful, highly secretive organization as he races to untangle the mystery – before a diabolical killer can strike again.

- *Der Spiegel* bestseller
- Over 400,000 copies of the Victor Lessard series have sold in Québec
- ZDF acquired world syndication and distribution rights of TV series
- The television show based on the series, is one of the most successful in Club Illico history, with over 8 million viewers over the first three seasons.

#### Praise for Victor Lessard series:

“Michaud keeps the reader guessing as to what’s real and what’s dream. Those who like their mysteries with a surreal touch will be rewarded.”

–*Publishers Weekly*

“With its memorable characters, rich atmosphere, and shrewd plot, *Without Blood* is a welcome addition to Montreal noir.”

–Kathy Reichs, author of the TEMPRANCE BRENNAN BONES series

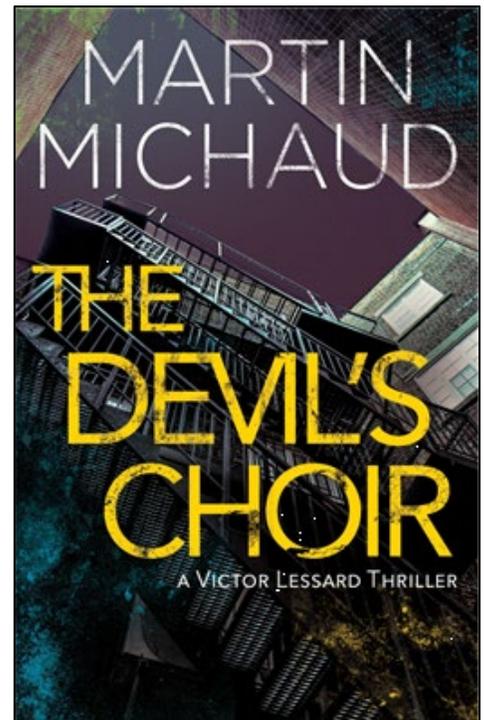
“**THE DEVIL'S CHOIR** is a ‘complete’ thriller: a very well-run plot, captivating and believable characters, impeccable suspense. Michaud is carving out a place of choice among the elite of the Quebec industry.”

–*La Presse*

“The atmospheric series is to Montreal what the late Swedish writer Henning Mankell’s crime novels are to Stockholm.”

–*Zoomer*

**Martin Michaud** is a bestselling author, screenwriter, musician, and former lawyer. His critically acclaimed Victor Lessard series has won numerous awards, including the Arthur Ellis Award and the Prix Saint-Pacôme for Crime Fiction, and is the basis for the award-winning French-language TV series Victor Lessard. He lives in Montreal.



**Dundurn Press (WE)**  
**November 2021**

#### Series publishers:

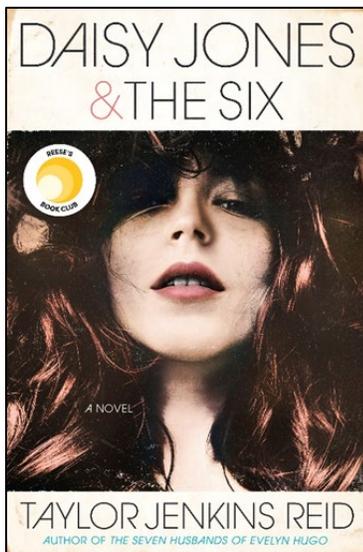
French (Fra) - Kennes  
Editions

French (Quebec) - Editions  
Goelette

German - Hoffman & Campe

# Film & TV

Fiction



**DAISY JONES AND THE SIX**  
By Taylor Jenkins Reid

Ballantine/Hutchinson  
March 2019

**\*\*Soon to be an Amazon Prime series starring Sam Claflin and Riley Keogh\*\***

A gripping novel about the whirlwind rise of an iconic 1970s rock group and their beautiful lead singer, revealing the mystery behind their infamous breakup.

**Rights Sold:**

Bulgarian - Locus  
Croatian - Vorto  
Czech - Dobrovsky  
Dutch - Ambo Anthos  
French - Leduc  
Finnish - Gummerus  
German - Ullstein  
Greek - Aiolos  
Hebrew - Keter  
Hungarian - Könyvmolyképző  
Italian - Sperling & Kupfer  
Lithuanian - Alma Littera  
Macedonian - ARS Lamina

Norwegian - Cappelen Damm  
Polish - Wydawnictwo Poznańskie  
Portuguese (Bra) - Companhia das Letras  
Romanian - Corint  
Russian - Exmo  
Serbian - Laguna  
Slovak - Slovensky spisovatel  
Slovenian - Učila  
Spanish - Blackie Books  
Swedish - Bookmark  
Turkish - Penguin Kitap

**Rights Sold:**

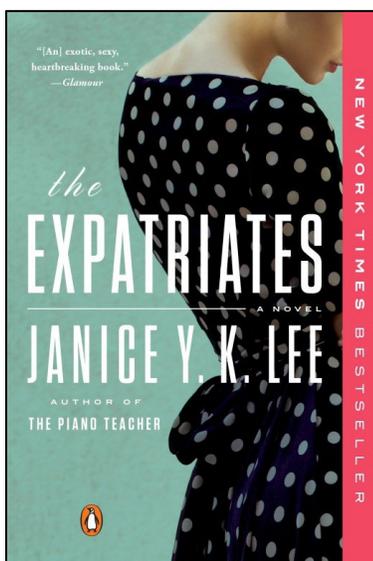
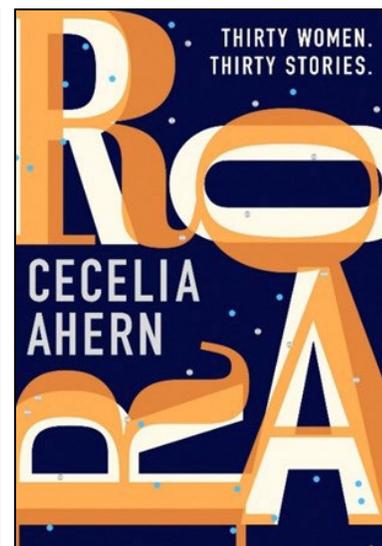
Albanian - Iris  
Chinese (simplified) - Ginkgo  
Port (Bra) - HarperCollins Brazil  
Czech - Dobrovsky  
Dutch - Luitingh Sijthoff  
French - Milady  
Finnish - Gummerus  
German - Fischer  
Hungarian - Athenaeum  
Polish - Muza  
Portuguese - PRH Portugal  
Romanian - Alfa  
Russian - Atticus-Azbooka  
Spanish - Ediciones B

**ROAR**  
By Cecelia Ahern

HarperCollins UK/Grand Central Publishing  
November 2018/April 2019

**\*\*Coming to Apple TV+ in April. Starring Nicole Kidman, Cynthia Erivo, Merritt Wever and Alison Brie\*\***

From the globally bestselling author of PS, I LOVE YOU comes an inspiring, fiercely original collection of stories that illuminate—sometimes in fantastical ways—how women of all kinds navigate the world today.



**THE EXPATRIATES**  
By Janice Y. K. Lee

Penguin Books/Little, Brown UK  
January 2016

**\*\*Soon to be an Amazon Primes series starring Nicole Kidman, Ji-young Yoo, Jack Huston, Sarayu Blue and Brian Tee\*\***

In her long-awaited new novel, Lee explores with devastating poignancy the emotions, identities, and relationships of three very different American women living in the same small expat community in Hong Kong.

**Rights Sold:**

Italian - Sperling & Kupfer  
Polish - Literackie

# THE PUTTERMANS ARE IN THE HOUSE

by Jacquetta Nammar Feldman

An all-new heartfelt middle grade novel from Jacquetta Nammar Feldman, author of the *Junior Library Guild* Gold Standard Selection **WISHING UPON THE SAME STARS**.

Sammy and Matty are the Putterman twins—the perfect team of two. But Matty has a secret he’s not ready to share with his family yet, and he suddenly quits baseball and stops talking to his sister. With their twin telepathy broken, Sammy doesn’t know what to do without her teammate.

Becky Putterman is sick of her family only cheering for her cousins, Sammy and Matty. They all used to be friends, but since everything became about the twins, Becky’s felt left out. With her bat mitzvah around the corner, she hopes it’ll finally be her turn in the spotlight.

But then Hurricane Harvey hits Houston, Texas, and the twins’ house is damaged in the flood. Their family moves in with Becky’s—which no one is happy about. As their grief, anger, and uncertainty grows, they’ll soon find they need each other now more than ever before. With all nine Puttermans under one roof, can Sammy, Matty, and Becky find a way to glue their family back together?

Praise for previous novel **WISHING UPON THE SAME STARS**:

"This absorbing story compassionately tackles challenging subjects: the immigrant experience, explicit racism, family strife, and the enormity of Palestinian Israeli history... Feldman...offer[s] an ultimately optimistic message of hope and a chance for peace in ways both big and small."

—*Booklist*

"Many readers will see themselves in Feldman’s debut novel. This valuable title explores an issue rarely discussed in contemporary children’s literature. Highly recommended for middle grade collections."

—*School Library Journal*

**Jacquetta Nammar Feldman** loves writing poetry and stories of all kinds. When she’s not curled up with a book or typing at her computer, she can be found hiking the beautiful hills of Austin, Texas, with her husband, two labradoodles, and a Havanese. She earned her B.S. in Advertising from the University of Texas at Austin, and she’s currently a candidate for an MFA in Writing for Children & Young Adults at the Vermont College of Fine Arts.



**HarperCollins (WE)**  
**January 2023**

Format: Manuscript

# SECRETS SO DEEP

by Ginny Myers Sain

From the bestselling author of *DARK AND SHALLOW LIES* comes a moody and atmospheric paranormal thriller about a seventeen-year-old girl returning to an exclusive theater camp to uncover the truth of what really happened there twelve years ago, the night her mother drowned.

Twelve years ago, Avril’s mother drowned at Whisper Cove theater, just off the rocky Connecticut coastline. It was ruled an accident, but Avril’s never been totally convinced. Local legend claims that the women in the waves—ghosts from old whaling stories—called her mother into the ocean with their whispering. Because, as they say at Whisper Cove, what the sea wants, the sea will have.

While Avril doesn’t believe in ghosts, she knows there are lots of different ways for places, and people, to be haunted. She’s spent the past twelve years trying to make sense of the strange bits and pieces she does remember from the night she lost her mother. Stars falling into the sea. A blinding light. A tight grip on her wrist. The odd sensation of flying. Now, at seventeen, she’s returning to Whisper Cove for the first time, and she might finally unravel the mystery of what really happened.

As Avril becomes more involved with camp director Willa and her mysterious son Cole, Whisper Cove reveals itself to her. Distances seem to shift in the strange fog. Echoes of long-past moments bounce off the marsh. And Avril keeps meeting herself—and her dead mother—late at night, at the edge of the ocean.

*The truth Avril seeks is ready to be discovered. But it will come at a terrible cost.*

Praise for previous novel *DARK AND SHALLOW LIES*:

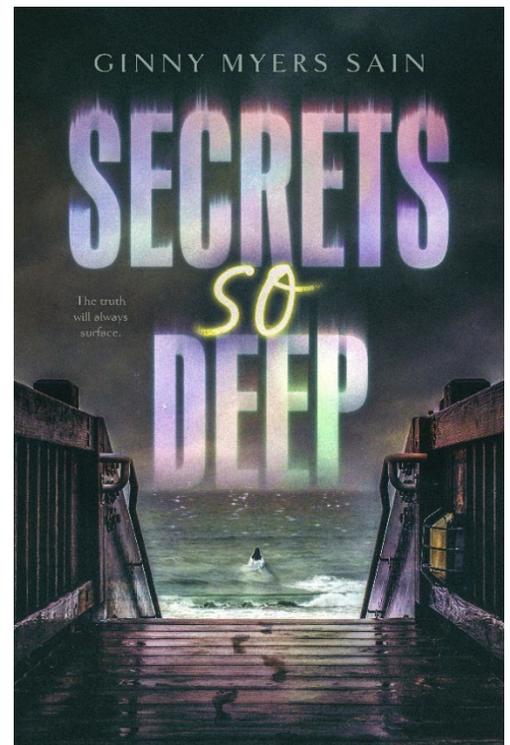
“Infused with Creole and Cajun legends and language, Myers Sain’s dreamy prose conjures a mythical Southern Gothic atmosphere... Taut pacing builds sustained terror on the page with each successive suspect in this formidable debut.”

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review ★

“Murky waters, hidden gators, and nasty cottonmouths match the setting to its darkly unsettling story.... Fans of Brenna Yovanoff’s *FIENDISH* or Natalie C. Parker’s *BEWARE THE WILD* will find this atmospheric thriller deeply satisfying.”

—*Bullet of the Centre for Children’s Books*

**Ginny Myers Sain** lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has spent the past twenty years working closely with teens as a director and acting instructor in a program designed for high school students seriously intent on pursuing a career in the professional theatre. Having grown up in deeply rural America, she is interested in telling stories about resilient kids who come of age in remote settings.



**Razorbill  
Egmont  
September 2022**

Format: Manuscript

**Rights Sold:**  
German - Panini

# YOU BET YOUR HEART

by Danielle Parker

An incredibly winning, hugely commercial novel full of heart and hope about star student Sasha, who finds herself in a dead heat for the valedictorian title (and accompanying scholarship) with her childhood best friend-turned-nemesis Ezra and decides to settle the score with a bet—winner takes all.

Four years after her father’s death, Sasha Johnson-Sun’s life is entirely different for her and her Korean immigrant mother: a smaller apartment, Saturdays spent cleaning classmates’ houses, her father’s photo on the bookshelf with other deceased relatives. Only Sasha’s top-of-class grades are the same, because if Sasha knows one thing, it’s this: she will graduate as the school’s valedictorian. After all that was her father’s dream for her and what her mother’s many sacrifices have made possible.

Now, two months before graduation, the title and the scholarship are within grasp. But then the principal calls Sasha and her childhood best friend-turned-nemesis Ezra Davis-Goldberg into his office to tell them they’re tied for valedictorian—a first in Skyline High history. Sasha can’t understand why carefree, effortlessly gifted, uninterested-in-school Ezra is as determined to win as she is.

These things can’t be left to chance. Sasha and Ezra agree on a winner-takes-all, best-of-three bet, with the loser throwing their grades by failing to complete their final assignment. But as Sasha and Ezra go head-to-head in a series of academic challenges, each are forced to reexamine not just what they want, but why they want it. With everything hanging in the balance, Sasha can choose to ignore her long-buried emotions, honor her family, and win; or she can let go of the things she thought mattered and choose to believe that we are worthy of love because of who we are, not because of what we do. Decide wrong, and she will not just jeopardize her future, but also her shot at healing her heart and maybe, possibly, even finding true love.

- Sold at heated auction for six-figures
- To be published Nicola and David Yoon’s new imprint, Joy Revolution
- Most requested manuscript at 2021 Pitch Wars showcase, with 56 agents requesting

**Danielle Parker** is a high school English teacher in the Pacific Northwest and has also worked as an editorial assistant at Weldon Owen/Insights Editions.



**Joy Revolution/Delacorte**  
**June 2023**

Format: Manuscript

**Rights Sold:**

Portuguese (Brazilian) - Globo Alt

Spanish - Anaya

# BEFORE TAKEOFF

by Adi Alsaid

THE SUN IS ALSO A STAR meets JUMANJI when two teens meet and fall in love during a layover-gone-wrong at the Atlanta airport in this thrilling new novel from the author of LET'S GET LOST!

James and Michelle find themselves in the Atlanta airport on a layover. They couldn't be more different, but seemingly interminable delays draw them both to a mysterious flashing green light—and each other.

Where James is passive, Michelle is anything but. And she quickly discovers that the flashing green light is actually a button. Which she presses. Which may or may not unwittingly break the rules of the universe—at least as those rules apply to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta.

Before they can figure up from down, strange, impossible things start happening; snowstorms form inside the B terminal; jungles sprout up in the C terminal; and earthquakes split the ground in between. And no matter how hard they try, it seems no one can find a way in or out of the airport. James and Michelle team up to find their families and either escape the airport or put an end to its chaos—before it's too late.

## Advance Praise for BEFORE TAKEOFF:

“Alsaid’s ominous, high-stakes narrative steadily creeps toward a gripping resolution, balancing suspense, fantasy, drama, and cinematic romance for a multilayered read.”

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review ★

“This is a creative literary work with some thriller and romance elements that broaden its appeal. An intelligent narrative featuring introspective characters.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

## Praise for previous novel WE DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS:

“Packed with quips and insights, the wry narrative captures the intense yearnings of young adulthood; the ridiculous spectrum of clueless, controlling, and (sometimes) cooperative adults; and the overwhelming inertia of institutions . . . A droll, engrossing exploration of privileged teens striving to do better.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review ★

“In a timely novel featuring a large cast from around the globe, Alsaid (BRIEF CHRONICLE OF ANOTHER STUPID HEARTBREAK) underlines ecological issues while showing the positive impact of creative problem solving and collaboration.”

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review ★

**Adi Alsaid** was born and raised in Mexico City, where he spilled hot sauce on things. Along with writing and traveling the world, Adi has coached high school and elementary school basketball. In addition to Mexico, he has lived in Tel Aviv, Las Vegas, Monterey, and Chicago. **BEFORE TAKEOFF** is his sixth novel.



Knopf BFYR  
June 2022

Format: Book

# LOVE TIMES INFINITY

by Lane Clarke

A complicated—and often hilarious—love story about a Black high schooler’s experience with friends, family, and identity.

Navigating junior year, Michie is struggling to answer the question of who she is for her scholarship essays and the only chance she has at making it into Brown as a first-generation college student. Or maybe it’s not so much that Michie doesn’t know who she is as it is that she doesn’t *like* who she is: having been estranged from her mother from the age of five and surrendered to her grandmother, Michie has made an art of hiding, especially from herself. After all, if her own mother doesn’t think she’s worthy of love, who will?

Then a new student—basketball superstar Derek de la Rosa—enrolls in her school and enlists Michie as a tutor to catch up in Spanish class and turns Michie’s life upside down. Derek is very cute, very talented, very popular, and very much focused on Michie, no matter how invisible she thinks she is.

When Michie’s mother reaches out to make amends, while her scholarship essay deadline is looming, Michie will have to decide if she wants to reopen old wounds or close the door on her past once and for all. As she spends more time with Derek, she will have to figure out how close she can risk getting to him, and how much of her heart she is willing to share. While Michie may not know who she is, she’s starting to realize who she wants to become—if only she can take the chance: on Derek, on herself, and on her future.

• Sold at auction in a two-book, mid six-figure deal

Advance praise for **LOVE TIMES INFINITY**:

“Clarke artfully explores weighty topics such as trauma, grief, and abandonment using pensive narration, and mirthful dialogue provides levity. Michie’s encouraging support systems, healthy relationship with therapy, and heart-wrenching journey toward self-acceptance depicts a story overflowing with kindness and healing.”

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review ★

“Come for the sweet-as-sugar romance; stay for the gorgeous prose, nuanced characters, and a deeply satisfying read. Believe me: you want this charming, beautiful story to warm and fill your heart.”

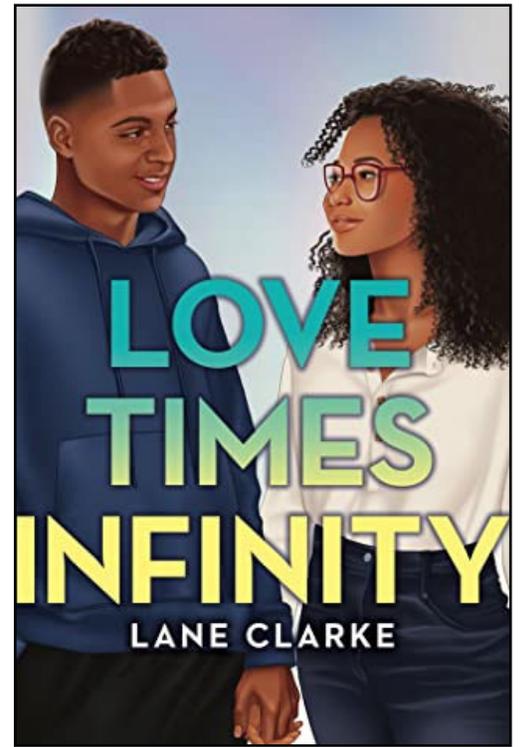
—Ashley Woodfolk, acclaimed author of *NOTHING BURNS AS BRIGHT AS YOU*

“Executed with wit, empathy and humor, **LOVE TIMES INFINITY** holds your heart in its palm and gently squeezes it—ultimately reminding us about all the intersections and complexities of love. This sincere story about guilt, pain and identity does not steer away from the difficult making it an absolutely breathtaking debut. **LOVE TIMES INFINITY** is a must read!”

—Amber McBride, author of *ME (MOTH)*

Lane Clarke received her bachelor’s degree in English Literature from Virginia Tech, where she received an honorable mention in the 2015 Steger Poetry Prize, administered by Nikki Giovanni. She got her J.D. from Chicago University and now lives in Northern Virginia and practices law in Washington D.C. **LOVE TIMES INFINITY** is her debut novel.

 @lanewriteswords



Poppy/Little, Brown  
BFYR (WE)  
July 2022

Format: Full Manuscript

# THE WITCH AND THE VAMPIRE

by Francesca Flores

A queer Rapunzel retelling where a witch and a vampire who trust no one but themselves must journey together through a cursed forest with danger at every turn.

Ava and Kaye were once the closest of friends, until Kaye's mother was killed during a brutal vampire attack on their small town. Two years later, Kaye is training as a fire witch—a vampire hunter—and she's convinced that Ava, now a vampire, is her mother's killer. Ava spends her days trapped in a tower by her own family. But when she learns her mother is planning to bring down the barrier that separates mortals and vampires—and protects both—she knows she must stop her.

When another attack allows Ava to escape, her only refuge is the vampire queen, in the middle of the treacherous woods. She finds an unlikely companion in Kaye, who agrees to accompany her through the forest. Kaye, for her part, knows this is her only chance to condemn Ava and avenge her mother's death.

But with trees that devour humans whole, Ava's stepfather in pursuit, and threats lurking everywhere, the woods have a new peril around each corner. As their old friendship wars with their new enmity, Ava and Kaye are each other's greatest danger—and one another's only hope of making it through the forest alive.

- Sold in a three-book, mid six-figure, pre-emptive deal to Eileen Rothschild at Wednesday Books

## Praise for the previous duology CITY OF DIAMOND AND STEEL:

“Flores' world building is as nuanced and expansive as it is shadowy; her dialogue is realistic and speedy, making the world truly feel lived in.”

—Booklist

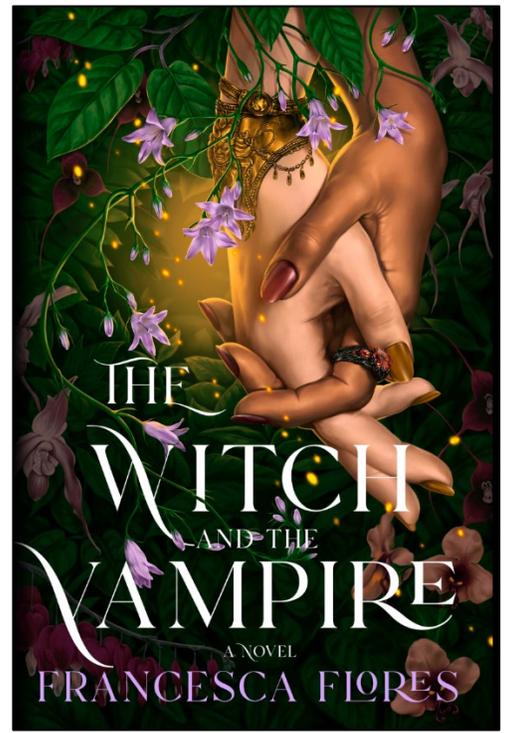
“An entertaining and action-driven tale of assassins and magic.”

—Kirkus Reviews

“A thrilling adventure, through a vibrant city as alive as any character, about a girl willing to do anything to better her circumstances. I love a book with a body count.”

—Emily A. Duncan, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wicked Saints*

**Francesca Flores** is a writer, traveler, and linguist. Raised in Pittsburgh, she read every fantasy book she could get her hands on and started writing her own stories at a young age. She began writing the *City of Diamond and Steel* duology while working as a corporate travel manager. Francesca currently resides in San Francisco.



Wednesday Books (WE)  
March 2023

Format: Manuscript

# BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN

by Daniel Aleman

**BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN** is a moving novel about finding strength within ourselves to achieve impossible things, discovering happiness after grief, and finding a place to belong.

Every morning, sixteen-year-old Sol wakes up at the break of dawn in her hometown of Tijuana and makes the trip across the border to go to school in California, along with hundreds of other students. Though she finds the commute exhausting and her odd schedule often gets in the way of her social and family lives, Sol is determined to get to school on time each day, graduate high school, and get into a good college. She dreams of a life where she'll be independent, where she'll be able to help support her family, and where maybe she won't feel so lonely.

When her family's business starts struggling and their economic situation becomes increasingly worrisome, Sol and her older brother Luis must help in whatever way they can. While Luis makes the trip down to Mexico City with the hopes of finding a job, Sol manages to get a part-time position in the warehouse of a department store in San Diego. But her complicated work schedule, combined with her school responsibilities, mean she can no longer go back home at the end of each day, which forces Sol to give up her life in Tijuana in order to re-settle on the US side of the border, at least temporarily.

With her life divided by an international border, Sol must adapt to a new routine and shoulder the responsibility of providing for her family. In the process, she will have to confront all her deepest secrets: The loneliness she's felt for years, which she has hidden from everyone; the love she feels for Samuel, a handsome boy from Tijuana that she's had a crush on for years; and the pressure she feels as the only American-born citizen in her family. Mostly, however, she'll have to grapple with the deepest secret of all: That maybe, she's relieved to have escaped her complicated home life, and a part of her may never want to return.

## Praise for previous novel **INDIVISIBLE**:

"Aleman strikingly foregrounds the experiences of children impacted by U.S. deportation policy in this weighty novel, which will leave an indelible mark on the hearts of readers." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review ★

"Stellar, clear and emotional, realistic and suspenseful. The story is complex and heart-wrenching, yet full of hope and familial love." —*Booklist Reviews*, starred review ★

"Heart-wrenching.... An ode to the children of migrants." —*Kirkus Reviews*

**Daniel Aleman** was born and raised in Mexico City; his family moved to the United States when he was a teenager, and Daniel now lives in Toronto, where he went to college. This story is partially inspired by the separation, difficulties, and ultimately, the great opportunities his family encountered since making the decision to immigrate to the U.S. and Canada.



**Little, Brown BFYR  
March 2023**

Format: Manuscript

# LASAGNA MEANS I LOVE YOU

by Kate O'Shaughnessy

Nan was all the family Mo ever needed. But suddenly she's gone and Mo finds herself in foster care after her uncle decides she's not worth sticking around for.

Nan left her a notebook, and advised her to get a hobby, like ferret-racing or palm-reading. But how could a *hobby* fix anything in her newly topsy-turvy life?

Then Mo finds a handmade cookbook filled with someone else's family recipes. Even though Nan never cooked, Mo can't tear her eyes away. Not so much from the recipes, but the stories attached to them. Though, when she makes herself a pot of soup, it is every bit as comforting as the recipe notes said.

Soon Mo finds herself asking everyone she meets for their family recipes. Teaching herself to make them. Collecting the stories behind them. Building a *website* to share them. And, okay, secretly hoping that a long-lost relative will find her and give her a family recipe all her own.

But when everything starts to unravel with her foster family, Mo realizes that if she wants a family recipe—or a real family—she's going to have to make it up herself.

Praise for previous novel **THE LONELY HEART OF MAYBELLE LANE:**

"A rich and rewarding debut." —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★

"Lyrical and full of heart, this road trip story gets to the core of what it means to create family, to be brave, and to accept the flaws of being human."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review ★

"O'Shaughnessy creates a whimsical world where words and sounds carry everyday magic. Hand to fans of Kate DiCamillo."

—*Booklist*

"Packed with the triumphs, mishaps and self-discovery essential to a great road trip story, Maybelle's mission to Nashville takes readers on a quest that emphasizes the importance of found family and hope. O'Shaughnessy keeps the resolution touchingly and realistically imperfect while lightening each central character's burdens through the support of the others. Lonely or not, Maybelle Lane's heart beats with grace and courage."

—*Shelf Awareness*

**Kate O'Shaughnessy's** love of reading and writing stories began in early childhood and only grew stronger. She has been a chef, earned a fellowship with the Yale Sustainable Food Program, and backpacked around the world.



**Knopf BFYR  
April 2023**

Format: Manuscript

# IF I COULD GIVE YOU THAT

by Michael Gray Bulla

The coming-of-age story follows Gael, a trans teenager who joins his town's LGBTQ+ support group and sparks a new friendship with a cute boy he meets there.

When Gael's aloof father returns home at the same time that his new friendship starts to become something more, Gael must decide whether the cost of protecting his heart is greater than the risk of letting the walls around it down.

## Advance Praise for IF I CAN GIVE YOU THAT:

"Sweet and powerfully compassionate, IF I CAN GIVE YOU THAT explores the power of family--the ones we choose and the ones chosen for us."

—Z.R. Ellor, author of *MAY THE BEST MAN WIN*

"Bulla deftly weaves joy and sorrow, sweetness and hardship in this delightful debut."

—Adi Alsaid, author of *LET'S GET LOST* and *WE DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS*

"A deeply realized trans coming-of-age story that's more of a glorious coming-of-self. This book takes no easy exits and provides no simple answers in exploring family, first love, and the power of self—and it soars! Debut author Michael Gray Bulla is a voice to watch."

—Adam Sass, award-winning author of *SURRENDER YOUR SONS* and *THE 99 BOYFRIENDS OF MICAH SUMMERS*

"Michael Gray Bulla's *If I Can Give You That* offers an emotional and deeply honest depiction of queerness and mental health. At times heartwarming and at times heartbreaking, this remarkable debut novel will remind you that loving fearlessly and letting other people in is the best way to live—especially when times get tough."

—Daniel Aleman, author of *INDIVISIBLE*

**Michael Gray Bulla** is a young adult novelist and poet from Franklin, Tennessee. He was named the 2017 Nashville Youth Poet Laureate with *Southern Word*. His first poetry collection, *Letters to the Home*, was published in 2019.



**Harper/Quill Tree (WE)**  
**February 2023**

Format: Manuscript

# THE HONEYS

by Ryan La Sala

From Ryan La Sala, the wildly popular author of *Reverie*, comes a twisted and tantalizing horror novel set amidst the bucolic splendor of a secluded summer retreat.

Mars has always been the lesser twin, the shadow to his sister Caroline's radiance. But when Caroline dies under horrific circumstances, Mars is propelled to learn all he can about his once-inseparable sister who'd grown tragically distant.

Mars's genderfluidity means he's often excluded from the traditions —and expectations — of his politically-connected family. This includes attendance at the prestigious Aspen Conservancy Summer Academy where his sister poured so much of her time. But with his grief still fresh, he insists on attending in her place.

What Mars finds is a bucolic fairytale not meant for him. Folksy charm and sun-drenched festivities camouflage old-fashioned gender roles and a toxic preparatory rigor. Mars seeks out his sister's old friends: a group of girls dubbed the Honeys, named for the beehives they maintain behind their cabin. They are beautiful and terrifying — and Mars is certain they're connected to Caroline's death.

But the longer he stays at Aspen, the more the sweet mountain breezes give way to hints of decay. Mars's memories begin to falter, bleached beneath the relentless summer sun. Something is hunting him in broad daylight, toying with his mind. If Mars can't find it soon, it will eat him alive.

### Advance praise for THE HONEYS:

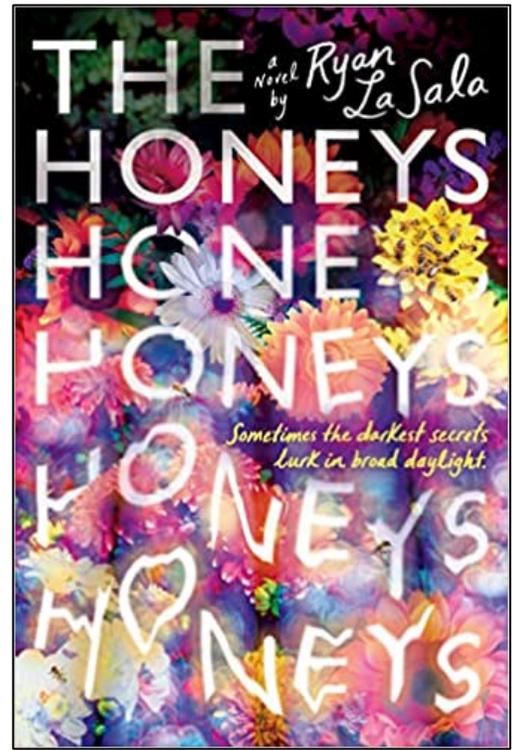
"La Sala gives real-life fears a supernatural twist, cleverly using folk horror and psychological-thriller elements... The eerily ambivalent conclusion is pure horror gold."  
 —*Booklist*, starred review ★

"Novel after novel, La Sala proves himself to be a powerhouse in the YA space worthy of all the flowers that come his way. With crisp prose, a hauntingly stellar cast, and a main character we can't help but root for, *The Honeys* is a perfect successor for fans of *Midsommar* and *Hereditary* chomping at the bit for their next great obsession. Just, watch out for the bees."  
 - Kosoko Jackson, author of *YESTERDAY IS HISTORY*

"The queer horror hive has a new queen! In *The Honeys*, La Sala pulls readers into a darkly poetic, razor-sharp satire of gender binaries—and the binary of good and evil. A grim, beautiful exploration of the human body, its horrific surprises as well as its transcendent power."  
 - Adam Sass, award-winning author of *SURRENDER YOUR SONS* and *THE 99 BOYFRIENDS OF MICAH SUMMER*

"A dark and redolent tale of familial bonds, grief, and a secretive summer camp tucked away in the heart of forests vast and dizzyingly wild. *The Honeys* creeped me out and I loved every moment of it."  
 - Erin A. Craig, NYT bestselling author of *House of Salt and Sorrows*

Ryan La Sala writes about surreal things happening to queer people. He is the author of *REVERIE* and *BEDAZZLED* and lives in New York City.



Push/Scholastic (WE)  
 August 2022

Format: Galleys

**Rights Sold:**  
 Portuguese (Bra) - Editora Nacional

# SONG OF SILVER, FLAME LIKE NIGHT

## SONG OF SILVER, FLAME LIKE NIGHT DUOLOGY: BOOK ONE

by Amélie Wen Zhao

From the author of the Blood Heir trilogy, a brand-new Chinese-inspired YA fantasy duology about a song-girl with a secret and the mysterious boy who could be the key to unlocking her powerful magic.

Once, Lan had a different name. Now, she goes by the one the Elantian colonizers gave her when they invaded her kingdom, killed her mother, and outlawed her people’s magic. She spends her nights as a song girl in Haak’gong, a city transformed by the conquerors and her days scavenging for what she can find of the past. Anything to understand the strange mark burned into her arm by her mother in her last act before she died.

The mark is mysterious—an untranslatable Hin character—and no one but she can see it. Until the night a boy appears at her teahouse and saves her life.

Zen is a practitioner—one of the fabled magicians of the Last Kingdom whose abilities were rumored to be drawn from the demons they communed with. His magic was believed to be long lost. His magic must be hidden from the Elantians at all costs.

When Zen comes across Lan’s unusual qi, he recognizes what she is: a practitioner with a powerful ability hidden in the mark on her arm. He’s never seen anything like it—but the answers may lie deep in the pine forests and misty mountains of the Last Kingdom, with an order of practicing masters planning to overthrow the Elantian regime.

Both Lan and Zen have secrets buried deep within—some they know to hide from others at all costs, and some that others have hidden in them. Fate has connected them, but their destiny remains unwritten. Both hold the power to liberate their land. And both hold the power to destroy the world.

- Over 60k followers on TikTok

### Advance Praise for SONG OF SILVER, FLAME LIKE NIGHT:

“A thrilling quest, a wild and wondrous magic system, twists and turns aplenty—but the true jewel in SONG OF SILVER, FLAME LIKE NIGHT is how Zhao expertly handles the heart-wrenching impact of generational inheritance. Prepare to stay up all night!”

- Sara Raasch, *New York Times* bestselling author of the SNOW LIKE ASHES series

“Zhao weaves, within the pages of SONG OF SILVER, FLAME LIKE NIGHT, an epic, masterfully rendered tale of reckoning and heritage that draws its readers into a world as rich as it is nuanced, and as intriguing as it is magical.”

- Ayana Gray, *New York Times* bestselling author of BEASTS OF PREY

**Amélie Wen Zhao** was born in Paris and grew up in Beijing in an international community. Her multicultural upbringing instilled in her a deep love of global affairs and cross-cultural perspectives. She seeks to bring this passion to her stories, crafting characters from kingdoms in different corners of the world. She attended college in New York City, where she now lives. Amélie is the author of the BLOOD HEIR trilogy: BLOOD HEIR, RED TIGRESS, and CRIMSON REIGN.



**Delacorte  
HarperVoyager  
January 2023**

Format: Manuscript

**Rights Sold:**

Spanish - Urano

# SPICE ROAD

## SPICE ROAD TRILOGY: BOOK ONE

by Maiya Ibrahim

The first book in an epic fantasy series for fans of Sabaa Tahir, Hafsah Faizal and Elizabeth Lim, set in an Arabian-inspired land. Raised to protect her nation from the monsters lurking in the sands, seventeen-year-old Imani must fight to find her brother whose betrayal is now their greatest threat.

In the hidden desert city of Qalia, secret spice magic awakens affinities in those who drink the misra tea. With an affinity for iron, seventeen-year-old Imani wields a dagger like no other warrior, garnering her the reputation as the next greatest Shield for battling the dangerous djinn, ghouls, and other monsters that lurk in the sands beyond city limits.

Her reputation has been overshadowed, however, by her brother who tarnished the family name after he was discovered stealing their nation's coveted spice—a tell-tale sign of magical obsession. He disappeared soon after, believed to have died beyond the Forbidden Wastes, and leaving Imani reeling with both betrayal and grief.

But when Imani uncovers evidence her brother may be alive and spreading their nation's magic beyond the desert, she strikes a deal with the Council to find him and bring him back to Qalia before he can reveal the city's location. Accompanied by Qayn, a roguish but handsome djinni, and Taha, a powerful beastseer whose magical talents are matched only by his arrogance, they set out on their mission.

Imani will soon discover there are many secrets that lie beyond the Forbidden Wastes—and in her own heart—but will she find her brother before his betrayals endanger the fate of all of Qalia?

In this epic and action-packed fantasy, one young heroine navigates the treacherous road between protecting the ones you love and staying loyal to the place you call home.

### Advance Praise for SPICE ROAD:

"With an enchanting world of tea magic and desert monsters and a thrilling quest helmed by a girl whose wit is sharper than her blades, Maiya Ibrahim's SPICE ROAD is a fantasy you don't want to miss."

-Amelie Wen Zhao, author of the BLOOD HEIR trilogy

- Sold to Delacorte at auction in a mid six-figure, three book deal
- UK rights sold, with a major subscription box on board
- Inspired by the author's own Lebanese heritage and stories passed down from her parents, who fled Lebanon and resettled in Australia during the Lebanese Civil War

**Maiya Ibrahim** is a writer and reader born and raised in Sydney. When she's not writing or reading, Maiya can be found indulging in Lebanese food with her family, playing *Skyrim*, watching *Game of Thrones*, or swimming with friends at one of Sydney's many spectacular beaches. **SPICE ROAD** is her debut novel.



**Delacorte**  
**Hodder & Stoughton**  
**January 2023**

Format: Manuscript

# CHILDREN WHO COME AND GO

## CHILDREN WHO COME AND GO TRILOGY: BOOK ONE

by Isi Hendrix

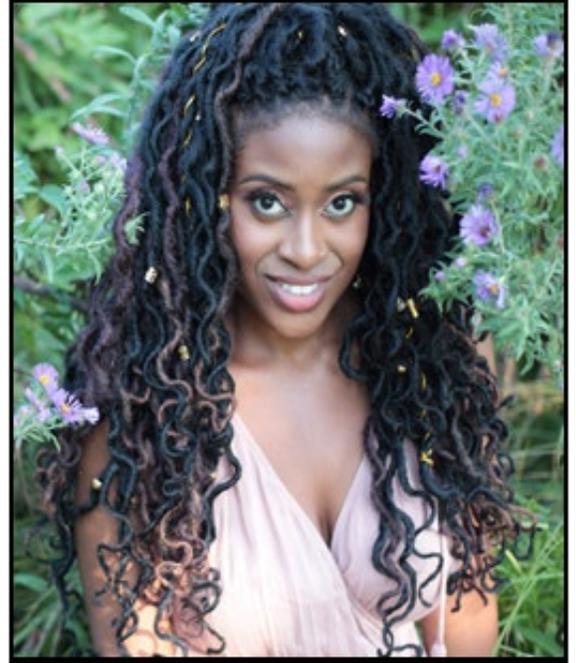
A girl convinced she’s possessed by a demon finds herself apprenticing in the kitchen of an elite magic school, only to discover a shocking secret that will upend her destiny—and potentially lead to her kingdom’s ruin.

When an offer for a kitchen apprenticeship at the faraway Academy of Shamans arrives on the same day she nearly flattens her whole town by accident, Adia seizes the opportunity to flee, with nothing but a small pouch of change, her cat Bubbles, and the hope that she’ll find someone at the school who can help figure out what is wrong with her—and fix it. But at the Academy, Adia stumbles upon a shocking secret.

Adia goes on a mission through hidden realms to exorcise Olark from Darian, save her kingdom, and herself. But if she is to succeed, she will have to understand the mysterious powers that dwell inside her...and learn who she really is. Whatever choices Adia makes, the fate of the world hangs in the balance.

- Sold in US in a heated auction for mid six-figures
- Sold at auction in the UK for six figures, in a three-book deal

Isi Hendrix is a Pitch Wars 2020 mentee and an Avengers of Color 2020 mentee. She has degrees in anthropology and psychology from USC. CHILDREN WHO COME AND GO is her debut novel.



Harper/Balzer + Bray  
Usborne  
September 2023

Format: Manuscript

Rights Sold:  
French - Seuil

# BELLADONNA

## BELLADONNA/FOXGLOVE DUOLOGY: BOOK ONE

by Adalyn Grace

A girl confronts Death—and her own deathly powers—to solve a murder in this Gothic-infused, romantic young adult fantasy from *New York Times* bestselling author Adalyn Grace.

Orphaned as a baby, nineteen-year-old Signa Farrow has been raised by a string of guardians more interested in her wealth than her well-being—all of whom have died of mysterious circumstances. Her last remaining relatives are the Hawthornes, an eccentric family who live at Thorn Grove, a manor as glittering as it is gloomy.

Thorn Grove’s patriarch, Elijah, mourns his late wife, Lillian, through liquor and wild parties, while son Percy grapples to maintain the family’s waning reputation and daughter Blythe suffers from the same mysterious illness that killed her mother. But when Lillian’s spirit confronts Signa, claiming it was poison that killed her and not an illness, Signa realizes that Blythe will be next to die unless the murderer is found.

Signa’s best chance of uncovering the culprit is to ally with the man she hates most—Death himself, who will help her unlock her strange abilities, and whose connection to her may be more powerful than Signa ever dared to imagine.

- Mega lead title with 100,000 first US print run

### Advance praise for BELLADONNA:

“A deliciously deadly gothic romance. Full of poisonous deeds, spectacular secrets, and dark mysteries. BELLADONNA is a hauntingly atmospheric read, with an absolutely fantastic ending that will leave readers begging for more.”

—Stephanie Garber, #1 NYT bestselling author of *ONCE UPON A BROKEN HEART*

“Decadently atmospheric. This gothic romance is filled with desire, betrayal, and of course, Death.”

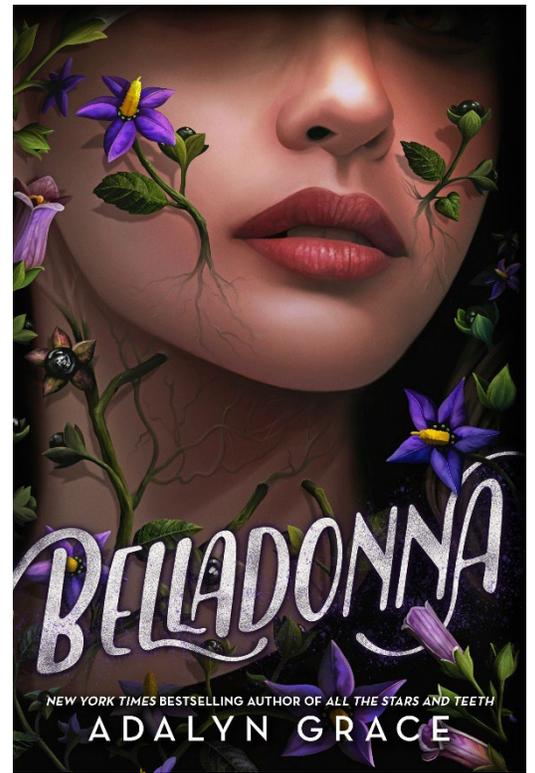
- Kerri Maniscalco, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Kingdom of the Wicked*

### Praise for *New York Times* bestselling ALL THE STARS AND TEETH duology:

“2020’s biggest YA fantasy.” —*Entertainment Weekly*

“An accomplished, exciting debut.”—*Kirkus*

Adalyn Grace is the *New York Times* bestselling author of ALL THE STARS AND TEETH, and the sequel, ALL THE TIDES OF FATE. She lives in San Diego.



Little, Brown Books for  
Young Readers  
Hodder & Stoughton  
August 2022

Format: Galleys

#### Rights Sold:

Czech - Euromedia

French - Editions de Saxus

Romanian - Corint

Russian- Eksmo

Slovak – Ikar

Spanish - Urano

# DAUGHTERS OF THE DAWN

## RIA AND RANI DUOLOGY: BOOK TWO

by Sarena & Sasha Nanua

Twin princesses Ria and Rani journey deep into dangerous new lands to save their home in this propulsive, immersive sequel to *Sisters of the Snake*, perfect for fans of *WE HUNT THE FLAME* and *THE WRATH & THE DAWN*.

*The powerful Bloodstone is in dangerous hands. And a deadly new threat rises.*

Ria and Rani have barely settled into their new lives at the palace—as princesses, as sisters—when a sinister prophecy uproots them once more. The Blood Moon will rise in one month’s time, and with it their enemy Amara’s opportunity to destroy everything Ria and Rani hold dear.

The twin princesses must find Amara—a deadly search that separates Ria and Rani once more and takes them to wintry kingdoms and scorching deserts, pitting them against ancient mysteries and trap-ridden labyrinths, lethal sea monsters and an elusive enemy that steals into their very dreams.

The lush world building of *Star Daughter* meets the thrilling adventure of *Ash Princess* in this sensational finale to Ria’s and Rani’s journeys that pits them against impossible odds—and battles from within that could destroy everything they’ve fought to save.

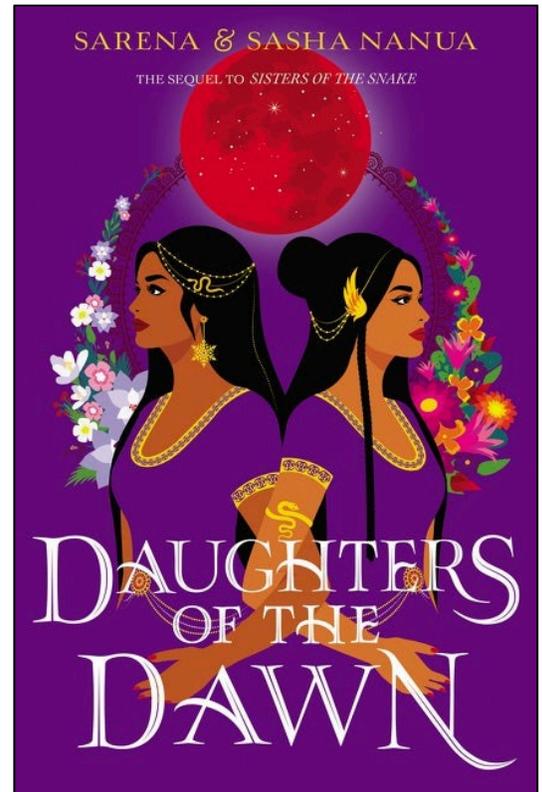
### Praise for Book One *SISTERS OF THE SNAKE*:

“Themes of fate, identity, and sisterhood intertwine in this lush fantasy that incorporates Indian cultural elements into its worldbuilding. A fresh take on a classic tale.”—*Kirkus*

“Sarena and Sasha Nanua’s charming debut is like an old school Bollywood fantasy brought to life: long lost, star-crossed sisters, snake magic, forbidden romance, and a lush, sinister world that you’ll want to revisit again and again. Sequel now please!”—Sona Charaipotra, author of *SYMPTOMS OF A HEARTBREAK* and *THE TINY PRETTY THINGS* series

“*SISTERS OF THE SNAKE* kept me on tenterhooks even as it thoroughly entertained me. Fast-paced and magical, this book introduces two bright new voices to YA lit. I can’t wait to see more from Sarena and Sasha Nanua!”—Tanaz Bhathena, author of *HUNTED BY THE SKY*

**Sarena and Sasha Nanua** are twin sisters living in Ontario, Canada. They love reading books in their spare time and enjoy science fiction and fantasy novels. They have been writing books since they were nine years old and are graduates of the English and Professional Writing programs at the University of Toronto.



HarperTeen (WE)  
September 2022

Format: Manuscript

# EBONWILDE

## A BLOODLEAF NOVEL: BOOK THREE

by Crystal Smith

Get ready to be swept away, seduced, and swindled in the wickedly vicious third and final installment in the BLOODLEAF series that Laura Sebastian called “enchancing, visceral, and twisty.”

Welcome to *EBONWILDE*. Come and find me.

Aurelia’s last words haunted Zan. Left with the task of finding and reviving Princess Aurelia, Zan sets off on his own adventure to find her and return the gift she sacrificed for him—her life. But not all is what it seems, and EBONWILDE is more dangerous than anyone can predict.

• TV rights optioned by Cavalry Media

### Praise for the BLOODLEAF trilogy:

“BLOODLEAF has a good chance of becoming your next YA obsession.”  
—*Entertainment Weekly*

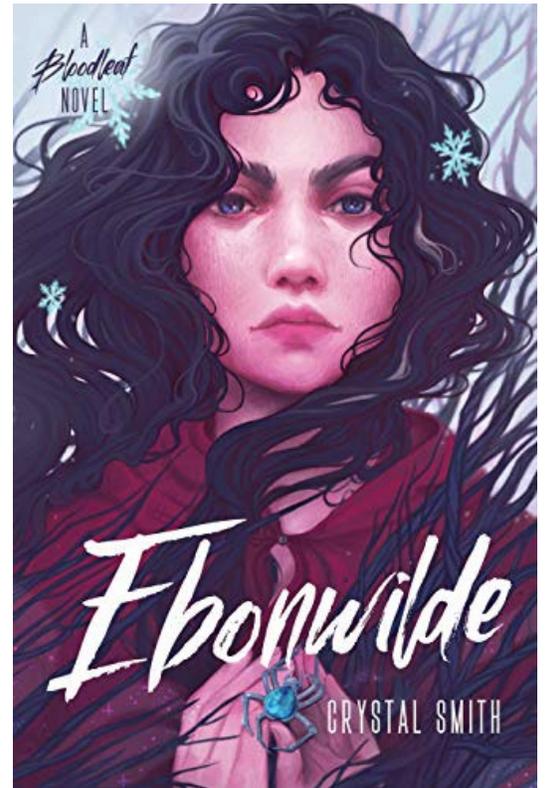
“Smith has created a world full of intricate magical properties and rules where nothing is as it seems and the game is constantly changing ... [Readers will] be pulled to the edge of their seats.... abruptly awesome. A worthy addition to any fantasy collection.” —*School Library Journal*

“A multifaceted scheme, mistaken identity, and a simmering romance will keep readers riveted and dying to know how it all unfolds. The exploration of the land’s religion and people’s conflicting understandings of it seems to be a reflection of the real world, lending the story a deeper commentary without sidelining the main plot. An excellent choice for fans of smart, independent female leads, intriguing fantasy worlds, and a race against the clock to defeat evil.” —*Booklist*

“The plot is breathlessly fast, complete with creepy spirits, a satisfying romance, and complex but clear political twists and turns ... Political, romantic, magical, timely, yet also traditionally appealing.” —*Kirkus*

“Debut author Smith explores the power of sacrifice in this darkly romantic reimagining of the Brothers Grimm’s ‘The Goose Girl.’” —*Publishers Weekly*

Crystal Smith is a writer, photographer, and artist who developed an early love of storytelling in a family of voracious readers. She married her high school sweetheart in 2005, and they now reside in Utah with their two sons. When she isn’t writing or creating, she can be found re-watching Jane Eyre or reading ghost stories with all the lights on. EBONWILDE is Crystal’s third novel.



**HMH BFYR  
April 2022**

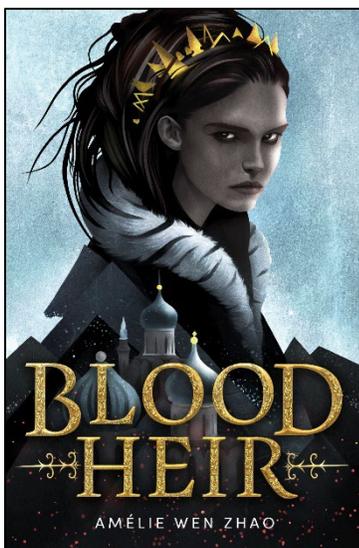
Format: Manuscript

### Rights Sold:

Czech - Albatros  
Italian - Mondadori  
Polish - SQN  
Romanian - Epica  
Russian - AST  
Slovak - Albatros  
Spanish - Urano

# Did You Miss ... BLOOD HEIR TRILOGY by Amélie Wen Zhao

Young Adult Fantasy



**BLOOD HEIR**  
*Blood Heir Trilogy: Book One*  
 By Amélie Wen Zhao

In the Cyrilian Empire, Affinites are reviled. Their varied gifts to control the world around them are deemed unnatural—even dangerous. And Anastacya Mikhailov, the crown princess, is one of the most terrifying Affinites.

Ana's ability to control blood has long been kept secret, but when her father, the emperor, is murdered, she is the only suspect. Now, to save her own life, Ana must find her father's killer.

There is only one person corrupt enough to help Ana get to the conspiracy's core: Ramson Quicktongue. Ramson is a cunning crime lord with sinister plans—though he might have met his match in Ana. Because in this story, the princess might be the most dangerous player of all.

Delacorte  
 HarperVoyager  
 2020

**Rights Sold:**  
 Czech - Albatros  
 German - Heyne  
 Hungarian - Maxim  
 Polish - Rebis  
 Romanian - Epica  
 Russian - Eksmo  
 Slovak - Albatros  
 Spanish - Montena  
 Turkish - Pegasus

Delacorte  
 HarperVoyager  
 2021

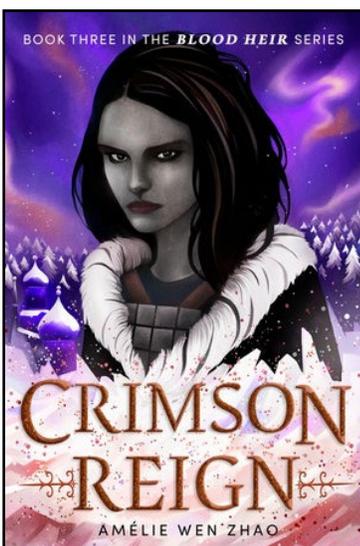
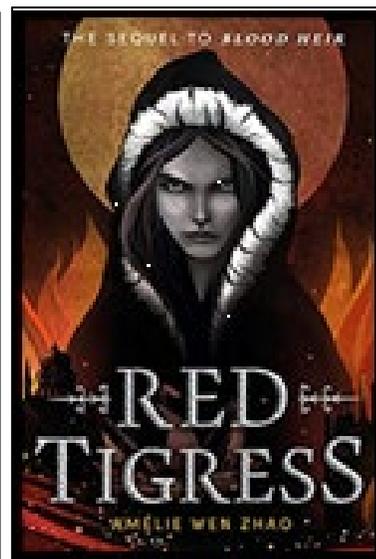
**Rights Sold:**  
 Czech - Albatros  
 German - Heyne  
 Hungarian - Maxim  
 Polish - Rebis  
 Romanian - Epica  
 Russian - Eksmo  
 Slovak - Albatros  
 Spanish - Montena  
 Turkish - Pegasus

**RED TIGRESS**  
*Blood Heir Trilogy: Book Two*  
 By Amélie Wen Zhao

Ana Mikhailov is the only surviving member of the royal family of Cyrilia. She has no army, no title, and no allies, and now she must find a way to take back the throne or risk the brutal retribution of the empress.

Ana's only chance at navigating the dangerous world of her homeland means partnering with Ramson Quicktongue again. But the cunning crime lord has schemes of his own. For Ana to find an army, they must cross the Whitewaves to the impenetrable stone forts of Bregon. Only, no one can be certain what they will find there.

A dark power has risen. Will revolution bring peace—or will it only paint the streets in more blood.



**CRIMSON REIGN**  
*Blood Heir Trilogy: Book Three*  
 By Amélie Wen Zhao

The Red Tigress, Anastacya Mikhailov, has lost the gift she was only beginning to realize defined her. Though she is weakened, Ana's course remains true—yet her return to her homeland reveals a Cyrilia on the brink of collapse.

Ana faces enemies at every turn, and every day without her Affinity brings her closer to death. Yet she is determined to liberate her people and vanquish the legacy of her own imperial bloodline—the inequality sewn into the fabric of her land. Her only hope lies in the navy she recruited in Bregon, the courage of her band of friends, and the cunning crime-lord-turned-captain she's fallen for.

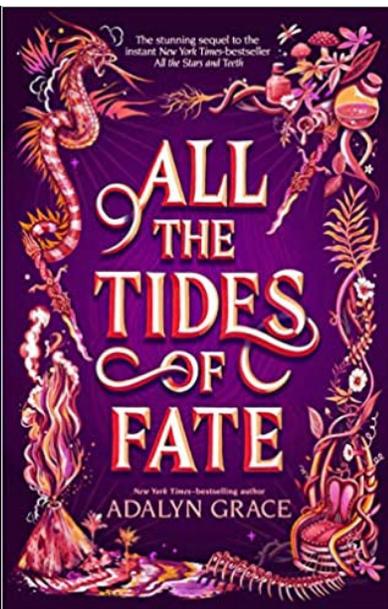
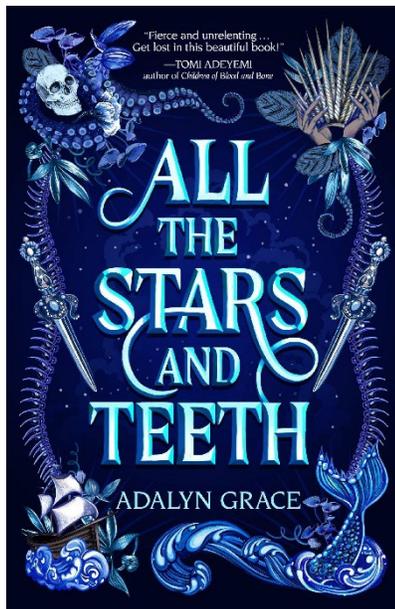
If Ana loses this fight, it will be her last. And Morganya's reign of darkness will consume the world.

Delacorte  
 HarperVoyager  
 2022

**Rights Sold:**  
 Czech - Albatros  
 German - Heyne  
 Polish - Rebis  
 Romanian - Epica  
 Slovak - Albatros  
 Spanish - Montena

## Did You Miss ...

Young Adult



**ADALYN GRACE**  
**All The Stars and Teeth Duology**  
**ALL THE STARS AND TEETH; ALL THE TIDES OF FATES**  
Titan Books  
2020/2021

Set in a kingdom where danger lurks beneath the sea, mermaids seek vengeance with song, and magic is a choice, Adalyn Grace's *ALL THE STARS AND TEETH* is a thrilling fantasy for fans of Stephanie Garber's *CARAVAN* and Sarah J. Maas's *THRONE OF GLASS* series.

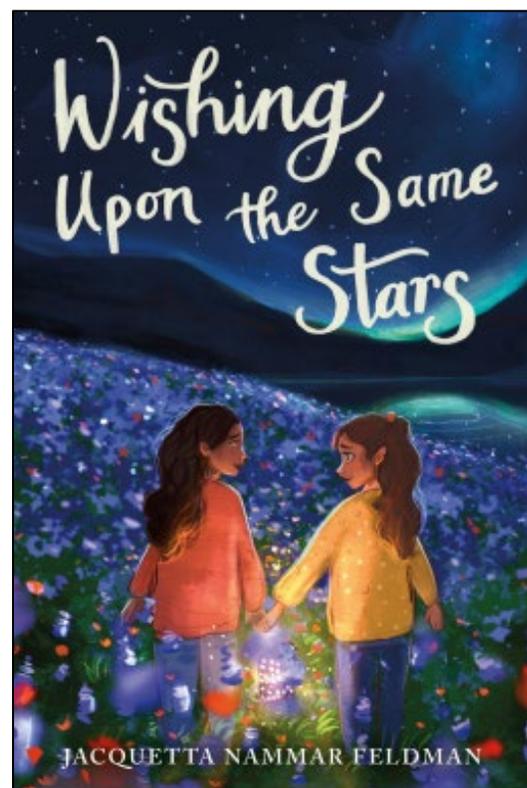
- *ALL THE STARS AND TEETH* was a *New York Times* bestseller

**Rights Sold:** Bulgarian: Artemis; Catalan: Galera;  
French: Editions de Saxus; German:  
Piper; Polish: Filia; Spanish: Galera

**JACQUETTA NAMMAR FELDMAN**  
**WISHING UPON THE SAME STARS**  
HarperCollins (WE)  
2022

An ambitious and accomplished debut coming-of-age novel about discovering how big the notion of home really is about Yasmeen Khoury, an Arab American girl who befriends the Jewish-Israeli girl next door.

- Perfect for fans of *FRONT DESK* and *AMERICAN AS PANEER PIE*
- "This absorbing story compassionately tackles challenging subjects: the immigrant experience, explicit racism, family strife, and the enormity of Palestinian Israeli history... Feldman...offer[s] an ultimately optimistic message of hope and a chance for peace in ways both big and small."  
—*Booklist*



# WOULD YOU RATHER: THE NEUROSCIENCE OF BECOMING MORE PURPOSEFUL AND PERSUASIVE

By Dr. Emily Falk

Building on Nobel prize winning behavioural economists' Richard Thaler and Cass Sustein's bestselling juggernaut, NUDGE, Dr. Falk sees more opportunity for personal change and persuasion in teaching people how to disrupt default thinking by tapping into *values*—as a neuroscientist would define them.

Considering what ACTUAL value a decision or action might have to you—not what moral value it might convey—is a powerful framework upon which to base your decisions. This specific sort of value calculation helps us make different decisions for ourselves (like finding more willpower and being less defensive) and makes us more persuasive with others (like helping us prioritize getting in sync rather than getting our way and understanding the value to others of sharing). The beauty of the value calculation is that it gives people more agency over their own choices leading people to live happier, healthier, more influential and interesting lives.

As millions of people are quitting their jobs, re-examining their relationships, and prioritizing self-care, there has never been a more important time for a book to help readers make decisions and connections that are more aligned with their values. Would you rather work at the office or at home? Would you rather spend your time on a creative pursuit of your own or getting to know your children's interests? By taking a moment to consider what *should* be front and center in your value system, you can realign your choices with your values in ways that help you recommit to the choices you have made that work for you and open you up to new paths, new friendships, and new discoveries that can sometimes get lost in the brain's default value calculation.

- Sold at auction in both the US and UK/ANZ

Dr. Emily Falk is a Professor of Communication, Psychology, Marketing and Operations, Information and Decisions, at the University of Pennsylvania, and a Distinguished Fellow of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. A leading expert in the science of attitude and behavior change, Dr. Falk has been recognized with numerous awards in her field, including a DARPA Young Faculty Award, the NIH Director's New Innovator Award, and a Fulbright grant. Her work has been widely covered in the popular press in the U.S. and abroad (e.g., New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, BBC, Forbes, Los Angeles Times, Scientific American and others), and she has consulted for and collaborated with major corporations, NGOs and the government.



**WW Norton  
Profile  
Winter 2024**

Format: Proposal

**ATTENTION SPAN:**

**THE SURPRISING SCIENCE OF HOW WE FOCUS, WHY THAT'S CHANGING, AND HOW RHYTHM BECAME THE NEW FLOW**

**by Gloria Mark, PH.D.**

An exploration of the science of kinetic attention and how harnessing an intentional, strategic type of focus can lead to greater productivity and happiness.

Since 1991, Dr. Gloria Mark has been researching the correlative decline in productivity, happiness, and attention span alongside the increasing integration of digital tools into our work and personal lives. But while the statistics frequently cited from her research in popular press look grim, she is far from a doomsday crier. Embracing the reality that most of us cannot retreat to a non-digital existence, Dr. Mark argues for a new conception of “focus” that works with our brain’s responses to constant demands on our attention, rather than against them.

In large part a response to Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi’s enormously popular 1990 book *FLOW*, *ATTENTION SPAN* offers a new model for thinking about attention that makes sense for the digitally burnt-out, twenty-first century reader. Times have changed, and it is time to overturn the false, binary notion that we are either in a state of deep “focus” (good) or “distraction” (bad). Foregrounded by scientific analysis of how cognitive and emotional functions have been impacted by evolving technology, Dr. Mark proposes that we aim to develop our capacity for “kinetic attention”: a state that is dynamic, adaptive, and leads to greater fulfillment in our everyday lives.

Dr. Mark shows how we can develop this capacity by balancing the four states of attention (focused, rote, bored, frustrated) identified through her many years of research. This book is packed with fascinating science and practical pointers for restructuring our digital habits, accomplishing more, and reclaiming control of our lives.

- Backed by 30 years of research on the psychology of human-computer interaction, **ATTENTION SPAN** is an urgent guide to redefining and rediscovering “focus” in our increasingly burnt out, digitally immersive world.
- Dr. Mark has had over 200 papers published in the top journals in her field, and her work has been covered by *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Atlantic*, *BBC News*, *Forbes*, *NPR*, and more.
- Dr. Mark is a two-time recipient of the Google Research Award, has received the NSF Career award, and has held research positions at the Boeing Company, the German National Research Center for Information Technology, and IBM Haifa.

**Dr. Gloria Mark** is the Chancellor’s Professor of Informatics at the University of California, Irvine, visiting senior researcher at Microsoft Research, and a leading expert in the fields of attention, multitasking, and human-computer interaction. Dr. Mark is a two-time Google Research award-winner whose work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Fast Company*, *The Atlantic*, *The New Yorker*, *NPR*, *Quartz*, *Slate*, and more, and who has spoken on stages that include SXSW, Talks at Google, Microsoft Faculty Summit, and the Aspen Ideas Festival. Dr. Mark received her PhD from Columbia University in **psychology**, was inducted into the ACM SIGCHI Academy in 2017, has received the prestigious NSF Career grant and been a Fulbright Scholar. Her first book, *MULTITASKING IN THE DIGITAL AGE* (Morgan & Claypool) was published in 2015.



**Hanover Square Press  
WilliamCollins  
Winter 2022**

Format: Manuscript

**Rights Sold:**

Chinese (Simplified) -  
Huazhang

Chinese (Complex) - CWM

Japanese—Nikkei

Korean - Wisdom House

Russia - MIF

Spanish - Urano

## OUTRAGE MACHINE:

WHY RATIONAL PEOPLE BECOME RIGHTEOUS, SCARED AND ANGRY ON SOCIAL MEDIA—AND WHAT THIS MEANS FOR DEMOCRACY

by Tobias Rose-Stockwell



**Hachette  
Piatkus  
January 2023**

Format: Manuscript

**OUTRAGE MACHINE** provides a map to navigate a world thoroughly disrupted by technology.

A noticeable shift has occurred in the last two decades. The prevalence of hate speech online and the turn toward authoritarianism and populism across the western world is unavoidable. Every day, it seems, we're hearing more angry voices and fearful opinions, we're seeing more threats and frightening news, and we're reacting faster and less rationally.

The cause is hidden in plain sight: for the first time, almost all of the information we consume is controlled and curated by algorithms designed to capture our emotional attention. This is the outrage machine. It is the wide-cast net of social media that is propelled by tech, has been exploited by all of us, and which has been allowed to steadily replace our newspapers, emergency communication systems, town halls, churches, and more. And this ubiquity has had unintended consequences.

Rose-Stockwell demystifies the underlying machinery that has come to control us and will help guide readers toward reflection rather than reaction. Pulling together 15 years of research and inquiry, he will give readers a language to comprehend what is happening to society and offer new mental models for how to manage our time, our technology, and our attention, as well as big-picture recommendations for the way forward, how to redesign these platforms, and methods for fixing this broken system before it changes us forever.

- Tobias's work has been featured in major outlets such as *FastCompany*, *Quartz*, *Medium*, *NPR*, the *BBC* and many others
- Tobias Rose Stockwell's [Wired article](#) got included on a Barack Obama's "[Disinformation and Democracy Reading List](#)"

**Tobias Rose-Stockwell** is a writer, technologist and media researcher who explores the effects of social media on society and democracy. As a media researcher, he has advised the directors of Gannett, one of the largest news organizations in America, as well as local news outlets in the US, on digital strategy. Tobias was previously a guest lecturer at Stanford University on the topic of social enterprise design and technology ventures. He is currently a strategic advisor to Jonathan Haidt's organization, OpenMind, which focuses on depolarizing communities online.

**Rights Sold:**  
Chinese Complex - Heliopolis  
Korean - Sigongsa

# THE RITUAL EFFECT:

THE ODD (AND HIGHLY EFFECTIVE) WAYS WE OWN OUR OWN EXPERIENCE

By Dr. Michael Norton

An investigation of the science of ritual, based on the author's original research in behavioral science and economics, demonstrating how rituals improve performance, help us achieve goals, deepen relationships, solidify our sense of purpose and more, based on the author's groundbreaking research in behavioral economics.

Professor at the Harvard Business School, Dr. Norton holds a Ph.D. in social psychology from Princeton. His research has been published in leading journals and featured in the NYT, WSJ, WaPo, HBR, and Wired. His TEDx talk, "How to Buy Happiness," has more than 4 million views. In this groundbreaking and incisive book, Norton mines decades of original research to show how our seemingly irrational, even quirky, behaviors yield rich psychological, emotional, and practical rewards and insights, by enabling us to forge "a ritual signature." Panning from our personal daily routines and habits to relationships, teams, organizations, and communities, Norton explains how shifting from a "habitual to ritual" mindset can boost our performance, add joy to our lives, and tap into our deeper purpose

- Sold in a seven-figure deal to Scribner
- Pre-empted by Daniel Crewe at Penguin Business in the UK

**Dr. Michael Norton** is the Harold M. Brierley Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School. Before joining Harvard in 2005, he was at MIT's Sloan School of Management and the MIT Media Lab and has been a visiting scholar at both the Stanford Graduate School of Business and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a 2018 Fellow for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology and currently serves as a Research Director at Harvard Business School and a member of the Harvard Behavioral Insights Group.



**Scribner  
Penguin Business  
January 2023**

Format: Manuscript

#### Rights Sold:

Chinese (simplified) - Guomai  
 Chinese (complex) - BWP  
 Dutch - AW Bruna  
 German - HarperGermany  
 Hungarian - Bioenergetic  
 Korean - Bookie  
 Japanese - Hayakawa  
 Portuguese (Bra) -  
 BestSeller/Record  
 Russian - Eksmo  
 Spanish - Planeta/Paidós

# HOW TRUST WORKS: AND THE SCIENCE OF HOW TO REPAIR IT

by Dr. Peter Kim

A research-driven exploration of one of the most important experiences in our personal and professional lives: trust—how it is established, how it becomes broken, and how it can be repaired. Based on the author's work, *HOW TRUST WORKS* is grounded in empirical studies on the science of trust repair.

*HOW TRUST WORKS* is a timely and important examination of one of the most essential factors in all successful relationships: trust.

Dr. Kim explains the two most powerful determinants of trust (perceived competence and perceived integrity) and why those determinants can be weighted so unevenly when we are deciding whether to trust or forgive someone—or not. We as humans are bad at determining the trustworthiness of other people, and we are even worse at defending our own trustworthiness when it comes under fire. Yet despite this shortcoming, and the fact that we are all keenly aware of how important trust is in all of our personal and professional relationships, surprisingly little substantive research had been done on the topic before Dr. Kim began his inquiries. In fact, the majority of our institutional knowledge at the time seemed to rely almost entirely on case studies and other anecdotes. Dr. Kim was forced to develop his own set of rigorous scientific tools that would help him analyze how people interact with one another in the face of conflict.

Dr. Kim illustrates how the patterns he identified in the lab play out in the real world using both recent and recognizable public examples of trust violations and attempts at repair. These examples range from why the American public was willing to overlook Arnold Schwarzenegger's sex scandal but never forgave Bill Clinton, to the police killing of George Floyd, will examine how different cultures develop very different views of irredeemable transgressions. We have never been in greater need of a serious conversation about trust and how to repair it, and Dr. Kim's work will spark a conversation based on rigorous scientific research rather than mere conjecture.

- Sold in a six-figure deal to Flatiron

A Professor of Management and Organization at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business, **Dr. Kim** is a leading expert in the field of trust, betrayal and redemption. His work has been published in leading scientific journals, as well as in popular news outlets such as *The New York Times*, *TIME*, *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *NPR*, and others. Dr. Kim was born in Korea, and his family came to the United States when he was a child. He has an extensive international speaking circuit, and has given talks in Australia, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Turkey, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea and Canada.



**Flatiron (WE)**  
**March 2023**

Format: Manuscript

# THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF GROWING YOUNG:

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO THE BREAKTHROUGHS THAT WILL DRAMATICALLY EXTEND OUR LIFESPAN... AND WHAT YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW

By **Sergey Young**

The prospect of living to 200 years old isn't science fiction anymore. A leader in the emerging field of longevity offers his perspective on what cutting-edge breakthroughs are on the horizon, as well as the practical steps we can take now to live healthily to 100 years and beyond.

In *The Science and Technology of Growing Young*, industry investor and insider Sergey Young demystifies the longevity landscape, cutting through the hype and showing readers what they can do now to live better for longer, and offering a look into the exciting possibilities that await us. By viewing aging as a condition that can be cured, we can dramatically revolutionize the field of longevity and make it accessible for everyone.

Its lasting message: Anyone can take a world-changing idea from conception to breakthrough entrepreneurial success.

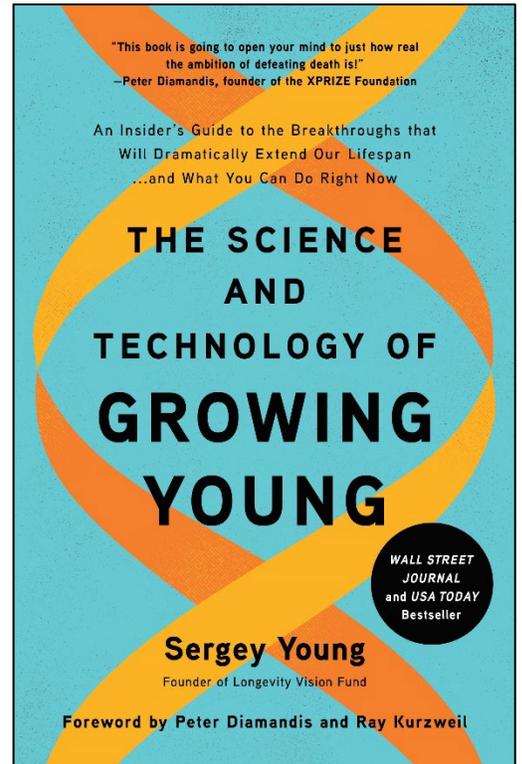
- *Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and Publishers Weekly* bestseller

“A very compelling book.” —Ray Kurzweil, inventor, and futurist

“A comprehensive guide on longevity from a biological, technological, and ethical standpoint.”  
—Dr. David Sinclair, bestselling author of *LIFESPAN*

“Being alive and healthy is the greatest joy that exists, and there has never been a better time to be alive than today. This book is going to open your mind to just how real and close-at-hand the ambition of defeating death is!”  
—Peter Diamandis, founder of the XPRIZE Foundation

Sergey Young is a longevity investor and visionary with a mission to extend healthy lifespans of at least one billion people. To do that, Sergey founded Longevity Vision Fund to accelerate life extension technological breakthroughs and to make longevity affordable and accessible to all. Sergey is on the Board of Directors of the American Federation of Aging Research (AFAR) and the Development Sponsor of Age Reversal XPRIZE global competition designed to cure aging. Sergey is also a Top-100 Longevity Leader, who is transforming the world, one workplace at a time, with Longevity@Work - the first non-profit corporate longevity program of its kind.



**Benbella**  
**August 2021**

**Rights Sold:**

China—Cheers  
Japan—IMK  
Taiwan—Happy Read

# THE ANATOMY OF ANXIETY: UNDERSTANDING AND OVERCOMING THE BODY'S FEAR RESPONSE

By Dr. Ellen Vora

From acclaimed psychiatrist Dr. Ellen Vora, comes a groundbreaking understanding of how anxiety manifests in the body and mind and what we can do to overcome it.

Anxiety affects more than two hundred and forty five million people globally—a number that continues to climb in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. While conventional medicine tends to view anxiety as a “neck-up” problem—that is, one of brain chemistry and psychology—the truth is that the origins of anxiety are rooted in the body.

In **THE ANATOMY OF ANXIETY**, holistic psychiatrist Dr. Ellen Vora offers nothing less than a paradigm shift in our understanding of anxiety and mental health, suggesting that anxiety is not simply a brain disorder but a whole-body condition. In her clinical work, Dr. Vora has found time and again that the symptoms of anxiety can often be traced to imbalances in the body. The emotional and physical discomfort we experience—sleeplessness, brain fog, stomach pain, jitters—is a result of the body’s stress response. This physiological state can be triggered by challenging experiences as well as seemingly innocuous factors, such as diet and use of technology.

The good news is that this body-based anxiety, or, as Dr. Vora terms it, “false anxiety,” is easily treated. Once the body’s needs are addressed, Dr. Vora reframes any remaining symptoms not as a disorder but rather as an urgent plea from within. This “true anxiety” is a signal that something else is out of balance—in our lives, in our relationships, in the world. True anxiety serves as our inner compass, helping us recalibrate when we’re feeling lost.

Practical, informative, and deeply hopeful, **THE ANATOMY OF ANXIETY** is the first book to fully explain the origins of anxiety and offer a detailed road map for healing and growth.

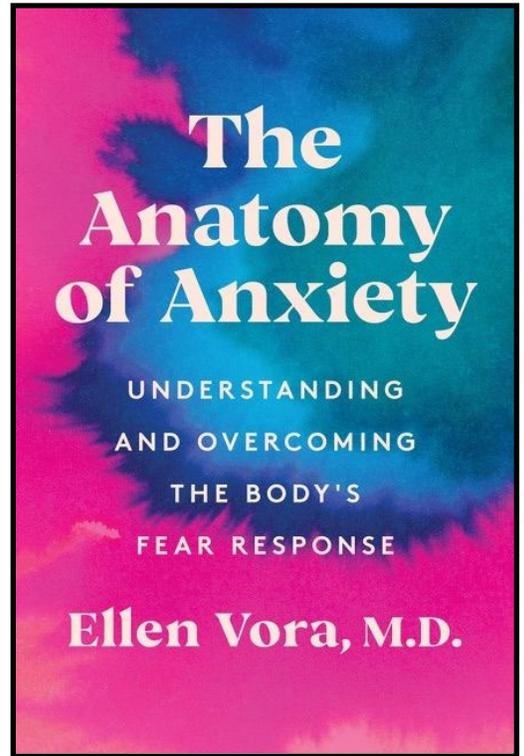
Praise for **THE ANATOMY OF ANXIETY**:

“A thought-provoking debut...Vora's sensible, easy-to-implement advice is backed up with solid medical rationales. Readers struggling with anxiety would do well to seek out this first-rate primer.” *- Publishers Weekly*

The most comprehensive book in print on anxiety: what it is, it’s myriad causes, the ways in which it affects us, and how we can practically use, manage and transcend it. **THE ANATOMY OF ANXIETY** is like **THE BODY KEEPS THE SCORE** for anxiety. Everyone needs this book.”

—Holly Whitaker, New York Times bestselling author, **QUIT LIKE A WOMAN**

**Ellen Vora, MD** is a board-certified psychiatrist, acupuncturist, and yoga teacher. She graduated from Columbia University Medical School and received her B.A. from Yale University in English.



**HarperWave  
Orion Spring  
March 2022**

**Rights Sold:**

- Greek - Dioptra
- Chinese (Complex) - Delight Press
- Chinese Simplified—Beijing Science and Technology
- Estonian—UHINENUD
- German-VAK
- Korean - Wisdom House
- Lithuanian - Balto Leidybos
- Polish - Muza
- Russian - Eksmo
- Spanish - Paidos

## HUMANITY IS TRYING: EXPERIMENTS IN LIVING WITH GRIEF, FINDING CONNECTION, AND RESISTING EASY ANSWERS By Jason Gots

From the host and producer of THINK AGAIN and CLEVER CREATURE podcasts comes a philosophical love letter to the slow, messy work of building a life and living with your dreams in the face of reality.

My sister and I are driving south toward Graceland in her beat-up red Saturn, both in need of refuge, both running from different things. Her bumper sticker reads “HUMANITY IS TRYING.” It’s a triple entendre, she explains: Humanity is exhausting. Humanity is struggle. Humanity is doing the best it knows how...

**HUMANITY IS TRYING** is several books in one. It’s a memoir about the love and the loss of a sister and a best friend. It’s the story of a series of escape attempts—cowardly, courageous, harmful, and hopeful—experiments in freedom from the stories that limit us. And it’s a record of spiritual, intellectual, and emotional growth with the help of friends, psychedelics, art, and spiritual practice.

Advance praise for **HUMANITY IS TRYING**:

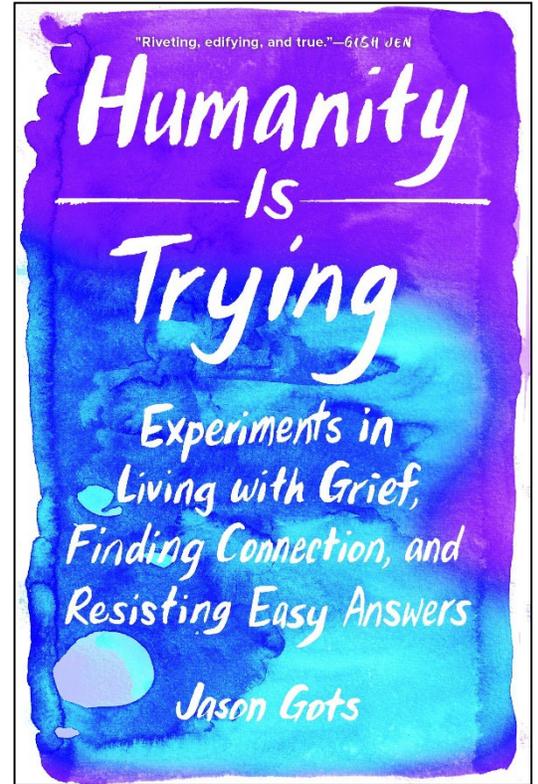
“A truly beautiful, wise, raw, subtle book. It glides effortlessly from thoughts about a moment in the author’s childhood to vast cosmic questions, and back again.”  
—Robert McFarlane, author of UNDERLAND

“One-part great grief, one part intellectual autobiography, one part spiritual growth, *Humanity is Trying* is that best of written strivings: a book the author had to write. Gots brings every ounce of his being to every page, with results that are riveting, edifying, and true.”  
—Gish Jen, author of THE RESISTERS

“Jason Gots offers us an intimate look into his life with all the varied roads travelled to self-discovery. *Humanity is Trying* is a touching memoir woven through with stories of awkward early love, family relationships, deep abiding friendship and the pain when people are lost along the way.”  
—Sharon Salzberg, author of LOVINGKINDNESS and REAL HAPPINESS

“I read this book in a single sitting and found it in many ways remarkable. It is a book that puts love right at the heart of religion, without any sentimentality. Gots’ relationship with his sister Meri and his friend John, I felt, were his route to the divine and to kenosis, the emptying of self. Instead of seeking salvation through belief in obscure doctrines and the quest for personal salvation, Gots found what we call the sacred in two remarkable but deeply human beings. In achieving this, I feel he grasped the essence of religious life.”  
—Karen Armstrong, author of A HISTORY OF GOD

Jason Gots hosted and produced the podcast THINK AGAIN and created the new podcast CLEVER CREATURE. He is living proof of the Cheshire cat’s promise to Alice that if you keep going long enough in any direction, you’re bound to end up somewhere.



Hanover Square Press (WE)  
March 2022

# NASTY, BRUTISH, AND SHORT:

A PHILOSOPHER'S FIELD NOTES ON HIS CHILDREN

By Dr. Scott Hershovitz

An irreverent, original, and deeply humane philosophical investigation that will delight anyone who likes thinking and laughing.

Some of the best philosophers in the world can be found in the most unlikely places: in preschools and playgrounds. They gather to debate questions about metaphysics and morality, even though they've never heard the words, and can't tie their shoelaces. As Scott Hershovitz shows in this delightful book, kids are astoundingly good philosophers. And, if we let ourselves pause to think along with them, we might discover that we are, too.

NASTY, BRUTISH, AND SHORT is a unique guide to the art of thinking, led by a celebrated philosophy professor and his two young sons. Together, Scott, Rex, and Hank take us on a romp through classic and contemporary philosophy, steered by questions like, does Hank have the right to drink Fanta? When is it okay to swear? And, does the number six exist? They explore weighty issues, like punishment and authority; sex, gender, and race; the nature of truth and knowledge; and the existence of God. And they call on a host of professional philosophers, famous and obscure, to help them along the way. Ultimately, they demonstrate that we shouldn't just support kids in their philosophical adventures: we should join them, so that we can rekindle our own innate, childlike wonder at the world. We'd all be better, more discerning thinkers for it.

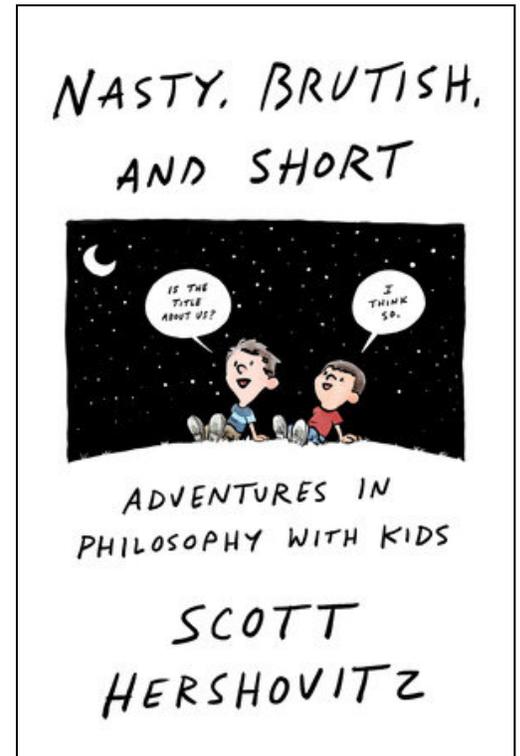
Praise for NASTY, BRUTISH, AND SHORT:

"Thoroughly enjoyable...fun anecdotes abound... This sincere and smart account puts to rest the idea that philosophy belongs in academia's ivory tower."  
- *Publisher's Weekly* (Starred Review)

"Equal parts hilarious (for years, Hank kept up a facade of not knowing the alphabet to worry his dad) and profound (4-year-old Rex: 'I think that, for real, God is pretend, and for pretend, God is real')...clear and lively...A playful yet serious introduction to philosophy."  
- *Kirkus*

"Funny and fascinating. Prompted by conversations with his two young sons, Scott Hershovitz walks us through some of philosophy's stickiest questions: Does the universe go on forever? Can we really know anything? Is it ok to use swear words? Should you take revenge?  
- Pamela Druckerman, author of BRINGING UP BEBE

Dr. Scott Hershovitz is Director of the Law and Ethics Program and professor of law and philosophy at the University of Michigan. He holds a B.A. in philosophy and politics from the University of Georgia; a J.D. from Yale Law School; and D.Phil. from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. Professor Hershovitz served as a law clerk for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Hon. William Fletcher of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He has published influential articles on law and morality in leading scholarly journals, and he has lectured and taught widely at universities around the world.



Penguin Press  
Allen Lane  
May 2022

Format: Book

#### Rights Sold:

Chinese (simplified) - Citic  
Dutch - De Bezige Bij  
German - Heyne  
Greek - Metaichmio  
Italian - HarperItalia  
Japanese - Diamond  
Korean - Across Media  
Latvian - Zvaigzne ABC  
Polish - Prószyński  
Portuguese (Bra) - BestSeller/Record  
Portuguese (Port) - Leya  
Russian - Eksmo  
Spanish - Plaza & Janés  
Turkish—Panama  
Ukrainian- Vivat

# DARK SQUARES

A MEMOIR

By Danny Rensch

A chess player, a childhood prodigy and a cult? An honest, emotionally-driven and triumphant journey that will have you bear witness to one man's search for truth.

Danny Rensch is the face of Chess.com and a household name in the gaming world. But what Danny has never revealed before is that he grew up in a cult known as the Church of Immortal Consciousness (aka the Collective).

Like many cults, the Collective was emotionally, physically, sexually, and psychologically abusive towards its members, no matter their age. But Danny had something special: Steven Kamp, the leader of the Collective, was obsessed with chess. And Danny was a child prodigy.

Danny began excelling at chess, winning tournaments, traveling the world, and making a name for himself. As Danny's star rose, the cult leaders began to rip Danny away from his mother, telling him that she wasn't as worthy a person as he was. And then, just as Danny was reaching new heights, his eardrums exploded, grounding his international chess career. Now basically bedridden, it seemed like Danny's life was over. And then came a little start-up called Chess.com, which became a behemoth.

**Daniel (Danny) Rensch** is an International Chess Master, world renowned Chess Broadcaster and Commentator, Chief Chess Officer for Chess.com, and a chess celebrity. Danny was a 7-time All-American Chess Player and a multiple time National Scholastic Chess Champion. He has essentially become the face of Chess.com one of the most recognizable figures in the online gaming and exports industry.



Public Affairs  
Wildfire/Headline  
Spring 2024

Format: Proposal

# BAD THINGS RECONSIDERED

## The Life-Changing Power of Wise Interventions

By Dr. Greg Walton

Based on Dr. Walton's Wise Interventions course at Stanford, who shares a lab with Carol Dweck comes **BAD THINGS RECONSIDERED**.

Self-help readers are often told to change their mindset, as if a person who is struggling or stuck in a rut could just snap out of it. But we can't just "snap out of" negative spirals of thinking. Often circumstances trigger negative inferences about ourselves, other people, and our environment. These inferences are often quite reasonably drawn from our environment: they are persistent, not pathological. Dr. Walton's research shows that we experience these inferences in the form of three defining questions:

- Who am I? For example, am I the type of editor people respect?
- Do I belong? For example, do people like me belong in this company?
- Can I do it? For example, can I run an imprint and be a parent?

When we ruminate negatively on these kinds of questions about ourselves, each new experience that surfaces them seems to confirm our suspicions about who we are, whether we belong, and if we are enough...over and over...and over again.

Dr. Walton's debut trade book is a scientific exploration of the ways his research shows that we can predictably intercept self-defeating thinking in ways that redefine our sense of self, help us develop and nurture more positive relationships, and even contribute to environments where everyone can experience an authentic sense of wellbeing. Walton shows that the ways we ruminate on our identity are not fixed ways of thinking: we can change our answers to those defining questions in predictable ways that change how we think about ourselves, our environments, and the people around us.

**Dr. Greg Walton** is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Stanford University. Much of his research investigates psychological processes that contribute to major social problems and how "wise" interventions that target these processes can help address such problems.



**PRH/Harmony  
Fall 2024**

Format: Proposal

# LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS

A MEMOIR

By Dr. Aomawa Shields

A memoir drawing on the author's multifaceted life as an astronomer, actor, professor, Black woman, and mother, exploring her journey towards a career spent searching other solar systems for planets that might have the conditions to support life, and what this journey has taught her, and us, about the pursuit of a meaningful life here on Earth.

Aomawa's memoir will explore what the search for life around distant stars teaches us about life here on Earth, focusing on her journey to becoming one of only 143 Black women who have received PhDs in physics and astronomy. Aomawa was a 2015 TED Fellow and has done two TED Talks, including "How we'll find life on other planets," which has been viewed 1.7 million times. Her organization, Rising Stargirls, teaches beginning astronomy to middle school girls from communities underrepresented in the sciences. She holds a PhD from the University of Washington and an MFA from UCLA, and is currently a tenured professor at UC Irvine.

Before she received her PhD, Dr. Aomawa Shields acted professionally for ten years in Los Angeles. But the stars called her back and she returned to her first love--astronomy--and resumed her acclaimed research on exoplanetary ice and weather. Now a mother of a young daughter, Aomawa is writing this book to share her knowledge of what life on other planets can teach us about our own home.



**Viking  
Constable  
April 2023**

Format: Proposal

**Rights Sold:**  
Korean - MurlyBooks

# BEYOND MENTORSHIP: THE ABCD'S OF BUILDING DIVERSE RELATIONSHIPS AND SPONSORING NEW FRIENDS By Dr. Rosalind Chow

What if *How to Win Friends and Influence People* was geared towards building a more representative world? What if you could address social inequities by “becoming the ladder itself: the vehicle through which others can climb so that they can thrive higher”?

At a moment when many of us are re-entering our social circles and evaluating our relationships, **BEYOND MENTORSHIP** is a pertinent reminder that we can all build more equitable connections effectively, meaningfully, and joyously—and Chow offers a timely guide to doing so. It’s time to throw away the old networking rules and adopt a system that will empower readers to be smarter about cultivating authentic, supportive, diverse relationships and communities. Our relationships, after all, mark the quality and success of our lives.

Chow dissects the role of mentorship vs. sponsorship in the corporate and academic world. She proves through her own research that ultimately sponsorship is what is needed so that all BIPOC people have the opportunity to be seen and heard. She shares a toolkit known as the ABCD’S of sponsorship. Without **Amplification, Backing, Connecting, Defending and Sustaining**, you are just simply a mentor. And mentors are not door openers, change-makers or helpful in solving our problem of inequity. With these tools, we can all make a surprisingly significant impact across our social networks in ways that recruit and promote the best talent, encourage and discover the best ideas, highlight achievements, and correct biases.

**BEYOND MENTORSHIP** will grant the reader the optimism and capabilities to enter conversations smarter and more effective, and with the knowledge that making new friends and being useful to them is mutually beneficial.

Dr. Rosalind Chow is an associate professor of Organizational Behavior and Theory (with tenure) at Carnegie Mellon University. A social psychologist by training, Chow draws on both psychological and organizational behavior research to provide empirically validated insights on managerial practice. Chow’s research is published in top psychology and organizational behavior journals and featured in articles in the *Harvard Business Review* and the *MIT Sloan Management Review*. Her research interests and educational experience provide her with a unique lens on diversity, equity, and inclusion issues, making her a regularly sought consultant and speaker for a variety of organizations, such as BNY Mellon Bank, Genentech, Intel, PNC Bank, the WNBA, and others. Dr. Chow holds a BA in Psychology from Columbia University, and a PhD in Organizational Behavior from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.



Public Affairs (WE)  
Spring 2024

Format: Proposal

# THE MANSERVANT MANUAL: CHIVALRY, REWRITTEN BY WOMEN

by Dalal Khajah & Josephine Wai Lin



That old “men are from Mars, women are from Venus” mentality is so yesterday. We’ve been taught that dating means putting the patriarchy first: with hulky heroes saving damsels in distress, positioning women as helpless and desperate in search for romantic relationships. But being a good partner in 2022 isn’t about physical labor, but emotional labor. THE MANSERVANT MANUAL isn’t about fitting into one particular box. Some days, we’re the Lady of Leisure, and some day’s we’re the ManServant. This is an interactive manual for how to treat or be treated like a queen.

ManServants Inc was founded by Dalal Khajah and Josephine Wai Lin in 2014 to major buzz. Their teaser video, which showcased beautiful men catering to powerful women in a tone that was like SNL meets Beyonce, garnered over half a million views in 190 countries and has been covered by over 100 news outlets, including *Vice*, *Buzzfeed*, *Huffington Post*, *Tech Crunch*, *Time Magazine*, and *New York Magazine*. Their client list includes thousands of women, including the Kardashians and the *Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*. Even Oprah’s booked them. Now, the ladies behind ManServants are bringing you a book that gives you the permission to ask for what you really want out of your relationships. For smart women who are over the bullshit, THE MANSERVANT MANUAL is PORN FOR WOMEN and NICE IS JUST A PLACE IN FRANCE for the Hinge and TikTok age.

Praise for Manservants Inc:

“A long overdue role reversal.” —*The Guardian*

“Every woman deserves (a Manservant).” - *Harpers Bazaar*

Dalal Khajah and Josephine Wai Lin are the Co-Founders, CCO, and CEO of *ManServants*. Dalal is a contributor to *Refinery 29*, *3asal Magazine*, and brand consultant. Josephine is a Creative Lead at *Airbnb’s* in-house advertising studio, an editor for *The Lesser Known Quarterly*, and a former contributor to *Psychology Today*.

**Simon Element  
(WE)  
October 2023**

Format: Proposal

# SEE, SOLVE, SCALE: HOW ANYONE CAN TURN AN UNSOLVED PROBLEM INTO A BREAKTHROUGH SUCCESS

By Danny Warshay

Inspired by Brown University's beloved course—The Entrepreneurial Process—Danny Warshay's SEE, SOLVE, SCALE is a proven and paradigm-shifting method to unlocking your inner entrepreneur...

The Entrepreneurial Process—which has been recognized as Brown University's #1 highest-rated course—has empowered thousands of students to start their own ventures. You might assume these ventures started because the founders were born entrepreneurs. You might assume that these folks had technical or finance degrees, or worked at fancy consulting firms, or had some other specialized knowledge. Yet that isn't the case. Entrepreneurship is not a spirit or a gift. It is a process that anyone can learn, and that anyone can deploy to turn a problem into a solution with impact.

In SEE, SOLVE, SCALE, Danny Warshay, the creator of the Entrepreneurial Process course and founding Executive Director of Brown's Center for Entrepreneurship, shares the same set of tools with aspiring entrepreneurs around the world. He overturns the common misconception that entrepreneurship is a hard-wired trait or the sole province of high-flying MBAs, and provides a proven method to identify consequential problems and an accessible process anyone can learn, master, and apply to solve them.

Leveraging Warshay's own successful entrepreneurship successes and his 15 years of experience teaching liberal arts students, SEE, SOLVE, SCALE debunks common myths about entrepreneurship and empowers everyone—especially those who other entrepreneurship books have ignored and left behind. It's lasting message: Anyone can take a world-changing idea from conception to breakthrough entrepreneurial success.

## Advance praise for SEE SOLVE SCALE:

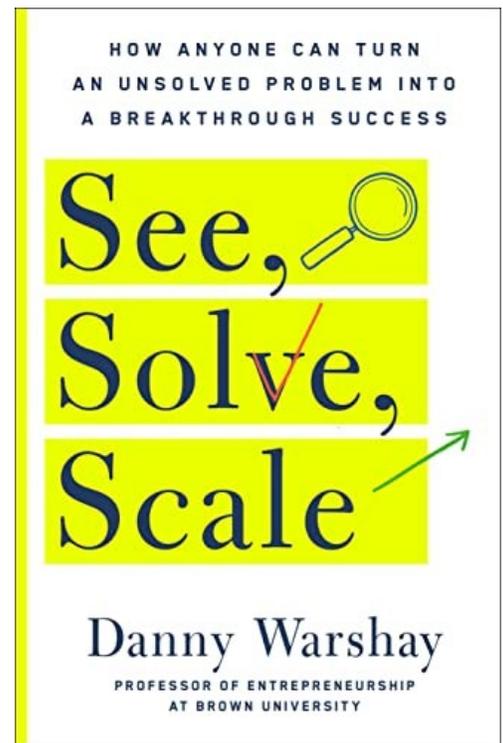
"Danny Warshay is an entrepreneurial hero unlocking the power of entrepreneurship for the rest of us. Read it, roll up your sleeves, and change the world."

—Andrew Yang, Former 2020 Presidential Candidate, entrepreneur, non-profit founder

"SEE, SOLVE, SCALE makes what has been exclusive Ivy League training accessible to everyone—why shouldn't all aspiring entrepreneurs benefit from the invaluable guidance Danny Warshay has to offer? It is now my go-to recommended reading for all entrepreneurs we engage within the diverse communities we serve and beyond."

—Marcos Gonzalez, Founder and Managing Partner of VamosVentures

Danny Warshay holds an MBA from Harvard and a BA from Brown. In addition to teaching, he is the executive director of Brown's Nelson Center for Entrepreneurship, which hosts leading business leaders like Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan and AWAY luggage founder Stephanie Korey (both on the board).



St. Martin's Press  
Piatkus  
March 2022

## Rights Sold:

Chinese (simplified) -  
Winshare  
Chinese (complex) - Crown  
Japanese - Hayakawa  
Korean - Business Books

## RADICAL CONFIDENCE:

10 NO BS LESSONS ON BECOMING THE HERO OF YOUR OWN LIFE

By Lisa Bilyeu

An inspiring and laugh-out-loud guide to building the kind of confidence it really takes to live the life of your dreams, from Impact Theory cofounder and growth mindset guru Lisa Bilyeu.

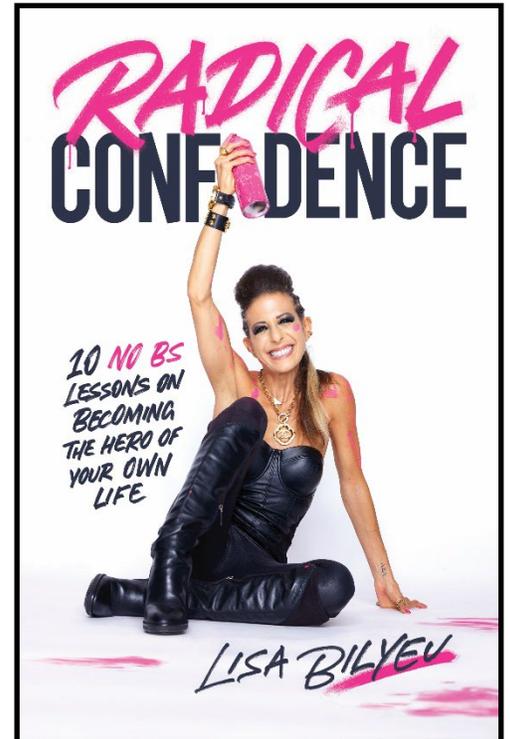
Author Lisa Bilyeu grew up in London, where she was always told her dreams of Hollywood were a little too big for a girl. After all, in her traditional Greek culture, who cared about prestigious awards when you could be a housewife? Lisa, that's who. Lisa cared. Except after graduating from college, meeting the man of her dreams, and moving to Los Angeles, a housewife was exactly what Lisa became—for eight frikin' years! *How the heck did that happen?*

RADICAL CONFIDENCE is the story of how Lisa un-paused her life to cofound a company that went from zero to a billion dollars in just five years and become a leader in the world of personal development. Transforming herself with a growth mindset, Lisa learned to face her insecurities and inadequacies, embrace new challenges, solve her own problems, tell her negative voice to shut the eff up, and become the hero of her own life by life-hacking her way to feeling confident.

RADICAL CONFIDENCE is a deeply personal memoir filled with insight and practical tools for honest self-assessment, mastering emotions, and staying motivated. With humor, honesty, and Lisa's beloved hilarious voice, this book teaches you how to harness your insecurities to create the life of your dreams.

- With over 5.5 million fans, Impact Theory's podcasts have been downloaded 44 million times and its YouTube videos have received 124 million views

Lisa Bilyeu is one half of one of personal development's most powerful couples. In 2017, Lisa and her husband Tom Bilyeu cofounded Impact Theory, which has already grown to reach 5.5 million fans through podcasts, social media, and YouTube channels in its first four years. Their podcasts have been downloaded 44 million times and their YouTube videos have received 124 million views.



Simon Element  
Piatkus  
May 2022

Format: Galleys

Rights Sold:

Korean - Maven

Greek - Kaktos

## HOW TO BE A BOSS B\*TCH:

STOP APOLOGIZING FOR WHO YOU ARE AND GET THE LIFE YOU WANT

By Christine Quinn

Christine Quinn, the breakout star of Netflix's hit *Selling Sunset*, shows women how to unapologetically own their power in business and relationships to live the life they want.

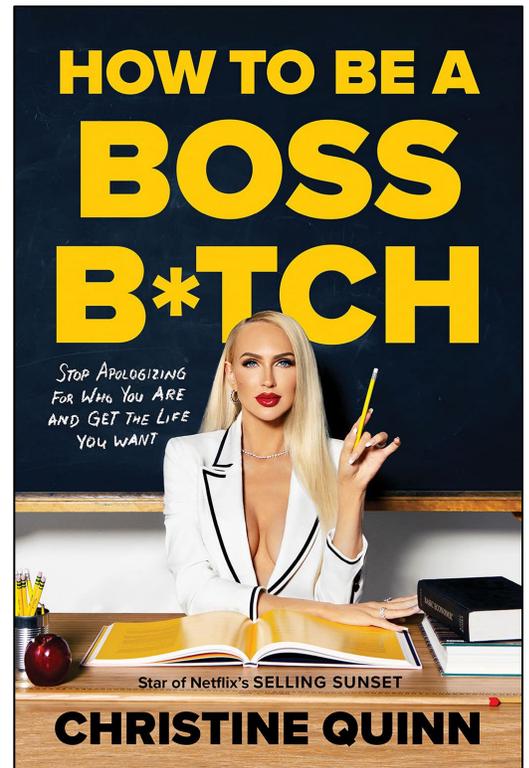
*"Let's get one thing straight right up front: If you're going to call me a bitch, I'm going to take it as a compliment."*

Part prescriptive how-to, part manifesto, part tell-all, Christine Quinn's HOW TO BE A BOSS B\*TCH candidly covers sex and money, fashion and fame, gossip and gratitude, confidence and consciousness. Quinn has been called everything from "the most-talked-about woman on TV" to "the villain 2020 needed," and she isn't shy about any of the qualities that got her the success she has today: tenacity, confidence, and fearlessness, all while dressed in full glam and designer. By sharing details of her journey from high school dropout to self made millionaire, reality TV star, and fashion and beauty entrepreneur, Quinn gives her readers the tools to define their own Boss Bitch style and manifest their own success—without being held back by society's terms.

From branding yourself with a signature style that reflects your unique strengths, to using your opponent's poison as your power, to learning the basics of a successful negotiation, to getting fired—and being ecstatic about it, *How to Be a Boss Bitch* is a modern guide to living a bold, authentic life.

- Quinn has done several exclusives with *People* and has been on the covers of *Playboy*, *Maxim*, and *Grazia*.
- The hit Netflix series, *Selling Sunset*, streams globally in over 190 countries.
- 1.7 million followers on Instagram and almost 30K followers on Twitter
- *Selling Sunset* has been renewed for a 6th and 7th season on Netflix
- 

Christine Quinn is the star of Netflix's hugely popular *Selling Sunset* and a member of the elite real estate firm selling high-end luxury properties to affluent clients in the Los Angeles area. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband and son.



Abrams  
Ebury  
May 2022

Rights Sold:

Portuguese (Bra) -  
Seoman

## THE 12 HOUR WALK:

INVEST ONE DAY, CONQUER YOUR MIND, AND UNLOCK YOUR BEST LIFE

By Colin O'Brady

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *THE IMPOSSIBLE FIRST*, a compelling blend of riveting adventure stories and hard-won wisdom that reveals how you can harness your inner strength, overcome your limiting beliefs, and embark on a transformative, one-day journey that will unlock your best life.

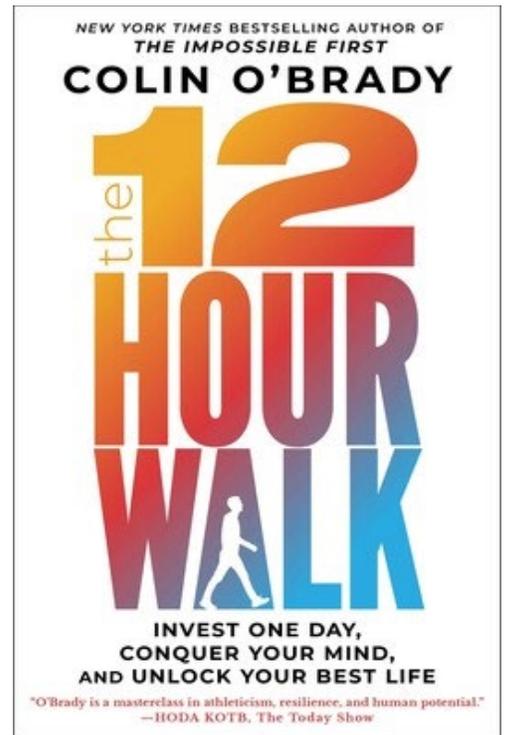
Millions of people dream of living a more fulfilling life, yet many of us settle for a life of comfortable complacency and quiet desperation, allowing excuses and negative thoughts to invade our mindset. What if I fail...I don't have enough money...I don't have what it takes—we allow these voices to run our lives.

Now, *THE 12-HOUR WALK* provides the inspiration and catalyst for getting unstuck. Featuring the hard-earned life lessons of ten-time world record breaking explorer Colin O'Brady, with captivating stories set to the most extreme places on Earth—from Antarctica to the perilous Drake Passage to the peaks of Mt. Everest and K2—this book shows us how to embrace our abilities, step out of our comfort zone and embark on our own life-changing personal journey.

With Colin as our guide, *THE 12-HOUR WALK* asks us to invest one day in ourselves. The reward? Unlocking our best lives and embracing our full potential. By walking alone, unplugging, listening to the voice within, and rewriting the limiting beliefs that are etched into our psyche, we can break free of the patterns that hold us back and cultivate a "Possible Mindset." *THE 12-HOUR WALK* gives you the wisdom and confidence to become the hero of your own destiny.

- Sold to Scribner at auction in a two-book, major deal

**Colin O'Brady** is a ten-time world record breaking explorer, *New York Times* bestselling author, entrepreneur, speaker, and an expert on mindset. He is focused on sharing his hard-won wisdom to encourage others to step outside of their comfort zone and unlock their best lives. Colin's highly publicized expeditions have been seen by millions and his work has been featured by *The New York Times*, *The Tonight Show*, *BBC*, *The Joe Rogan Experience*, *Forbes*, and *Today*. His world-renowned feats include the world's first solo, unsupported, and fully human-powered crossing of Antarctica, speed records for the Explorers Grand Slam and the Seven Summits, as well as the first human-powered row across Drake Passage. He is a regular speaker at Fortune 100 companies like Nike, Google, and Amazon and top Universities including UPenn, Georgetown, and Johns Hopkins. Native to the Pacific Northwest, he now lives in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, with his wife, Jenna Besaw, and dog, Jack.



**Scribner (NA)**  
**August 2022**

Format: Manuscript

## WILLPOWER WORKS:

### Stop Sabotaging Yourself and Start Reaching Your Full Potential By Rob Dial

The host of the *Mindset Mentor* podcast shares the advice and tools from years of study and interviews that have worked for thousands of coaching clients.

Rob Dial has transformed millions of lives through his role as host of the *Mindset Mentor* podcast, with 3.5 million downloads a month. His book will use principles of neuroplasticity and mindfulness to help readers change their brains and break out of self-sabotaging patterns. He uses personal stories to demonstrate how to create routines and tools that will help readers to visualize and achieve their success.

Rob receives thousands of DMs from listeners thanking him for helping them break life-long patterns of self-sabotage to finally change careers, lose weight, overcome anxiety, and find meaningful relationships. Self-sabotage keeps us locked in behaviors like procrastination, perfectionism, workaholism, and saying yes to commitments we can't see through, ultimately preventing us from making progress toward our true goals. Our strongest emotions get the better of us, even with the best intentions. By drawing on principles of neuroplasticity and mindfulness techniques, you can change your brain and develop the willpower to break free of these self-sabotaging patterns.

In **WILLPOWER WORKS**, Rob will share the brain and personality science he has learned in years of study, the advice and tools that have worked for 1000s of coaching clients, and his personal journey of self-sabotage following the death of his alcoholic father while Rob was in his teens. Rob will promote his book through his podcast platform, which reaches 1.1M unique listeners per month with episodes featuring guests like Matthew McConaughey and Jay Shetty, and Facebook, where he has 2.6M followers and videos regularly go viral, such as "Your Job is a Waste of Your Life" with 99M+ views. He will also engage his network which includes Tom Bilyeu, Aubrey Marcus, Rich Roll, and more. His book would be his first foray into traditional media.

- Sold at auction in a mid six-figure deal
- Rob Dial is the host of the hugely popular podcast "The Mindset Mentor," which receives 3.5M+ downloads per month and is consistently ranked the #1 personal development podcast in iTunes.

**Rob Dial** started his career in sales at age 19 and worked his way up to owning and operating a multi-million-dollar office by age 24. After studying with leaders in the personal development field, he launched his podcast, *The Mindset Mentor*, in 2015. In 2017, he started producing viral Facebook videos that have garnered upwards of 98M+ views, 51M+ view and 23M+ views, with totals well over a billion total views. He now reaches 3M+ followers on social media.



**HarperOne  
Transworld  
April 2023**

Format: Proposal

#### Rights Sold:

Korean - Sam & Parkers

Russian - Portal

## CLEAN(ISH):

EAT (MOSTLY) CLEAN, LIVE (MAINLY) CLEAN, AND UNLOCK YOUR BODY'S NATURAL ABILITY TO SELF-CLEAN

By Gin Stephens

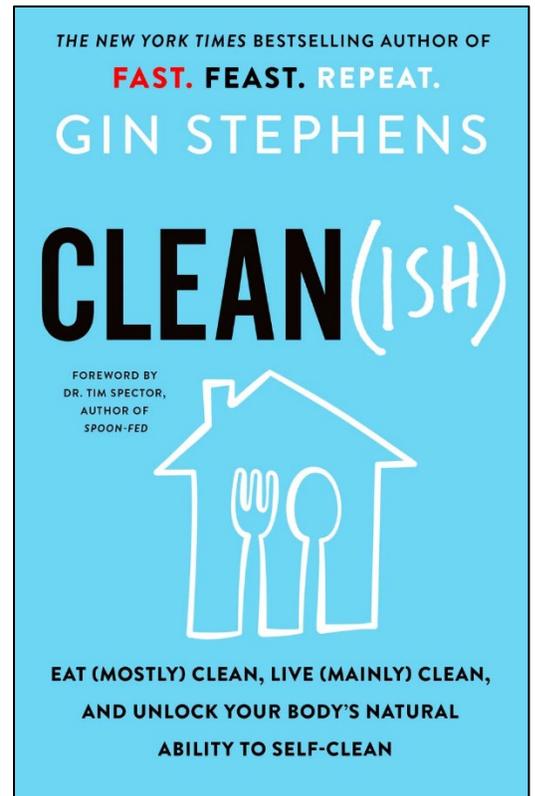
CLEAN(ISH) leads readers to a focus on real foods and a healthier home environment free of obvious toxins, without fixating on perfection. By living clean(ish), our bodies' natural processes become streamlined and more effective, while we enjoy a vibrant life.

In Gin Stephens's *New York Times* bestseller FAST. FEAST. REPEAT., she showed you how to fast (completely) clean as part of an intermittent fasting lifestyle. Now, whether you're an intermittent faster or not, Gin shows you how to become clean(ish) where it counts: you'll learn how to shift your choices so you're not burdening your body with a bucket of chemicals, additives, and obesogens it wasn't designed to handle.

Instead of aiming for perfection (which is impossible) or changing everything at once (which is hard, and rarely leads to lasting results), you'll cut through the confusion, lose the fear, and embrace the freedom that comes from becoming clean(ish). As you learn how to lower your toxic load through small changes, smart swaps, and simple solutions, you'll evolve simply and naturally toward a clean(ish) lifestyle that works for your body and your life!

- Gin's previous book, FAST. FEAST. REPEAT. debuted at #4 on the *New York Times* bestseller list and was a *USA Today* bestseller!
- 500,000 members on her Facebook group
- Gin's *Intermittent Fasting Podcast* just passed 15M downloads, and the *Intermittent Fasting Stories* podcast is over 7m downloads.

**Gin Stephens**, the *New York Times* bestselling author of FAST. FEAST. REPEAT. and DELAY, DON'T DENY, has been living the intermittent fasting (IF) lifestyle since 2014. Since then, she's lost over eighty pounds and launched her IF website, four online support groups, four self-published books, and two top-ranked podcasts—Intermittent Fasting Stories and The Intermittent Fasting Podcast. A graduate of the Institute of Integrative Nutrition's Health Coach Training Program (2019), she also earned a Doctor of Education degree in Gifted and Talented Education (2009), a Master's degree in Natural Sciences (1997), and a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education (1990). She taught elementary school for twenty-eight years and has worked with adult learners in a number of settings.



St. Martin's Press  
January 2022

### Backlist publishers:

Hungarian - Édesvíz

Italian - Sperling &

Kupfer

Polish - Studio

Astropsychologii

Spanish - Alfgaomega

# THE FRESH EGGS DAILY COOKBOOK: OVER 100 FABULOUS RECIPES TO USE EGGS IN UNEXPECTED WAYS

By Lisa Steele

Think you know all there is to know about eggs and how to cook and bake with them? Think again!

Lisa Steele, fifth-generation chicken keeper and founder of the popular blog Fresh Eggs Daily, knows a thing or two about eggs. And she's ready to show you just how easy and delicious it can be to make eggs a staple of every meal.

First, Lisa will tell you everything you don't know about eggs—such as what the different labels on grocery store egg cartons mean—and bust some common egg myths.

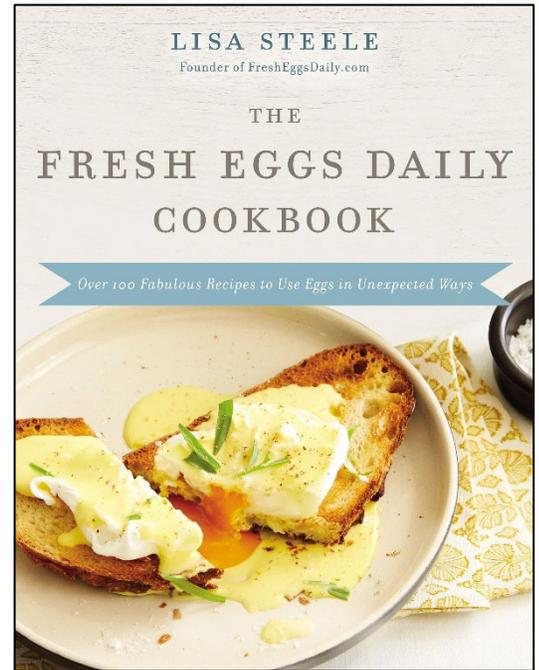
From there, she provides you with foundational techniques for cooking with eggs, including steaming, grilling, baking, and frying.

And finally, Lisa shares her go-to recipes for everything from breakfast staples, like eggs Benedict and a classic French trifold “omelette,” to breads, sandwiches, beverages, snacks, soups, salads, pasta, cakes, pies, and condiments. You'll encounter a wide variety of both sweet and savory dishes with Lisa's unique twists.

Read THE FRESH EGGS DAILY COOKBOOK to discover new and exciting ways to incorporate fresh eggs into your cooking and baking repertoire each and every day.

- Lisa is the creator of the blog Fresh Eggs Daily, the premiere online resource for chicken-keeping advice
- Dubbed “queen of the coop” by the media, Lisa has been recognized by many national media outlets, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *USA Today*, *Country Living*, *Farmers' Almanac*, and *Parade*
- Lisa has appeared on the Hallmark Channel's Home & Family, Martha Knows Best on HGTV, P. Allen Smith's Garden Home, and NPR's Maine Calling

Lisa Steele is an author, popular television and radio guest, and creator of the blog Fresh Eggs Daily, the premiere online resource for chicken-keeping advice. Lisa has amassed an audience of nearly one million from all over the globe, who look to her for tips on raising backyard poultry naturally, gardening tips, and her coop-to-kitchen recipes. Her previous books on chicken keeping have sold more than 125,000 copies worldwide and are among the bestselling chicken-keeping books in print.



Harper Horizon  
February 2022

**Rights Sold:**  
Russian - Azbooka-Atticus

# MOVE, CONNECT, PLAY:

## THE ART AND SCIENCE OF ACROYOGA

By Jason Nemer

**MOVE, CONNECT, PLAY** is a book detailing the core principles of AcroYoga, a practice that melds the spectacle of circus arts with the healing power of massage and the breathwork of yoga.

*Get ready to learn how to fly...*

AcroYoga is a movement practice that combines the balance and connection of yoga with the fitness and intensity of acrobatics, as well as the holistic healing power of physical therapy. People come to it for all kinds of reasons—they may have chronic pain and are looking for a long-term solution to manage it, they may want to lose weight, gain muscle or increase their mobility, or maybe they just want to experience it with their friends or partners to deepen their relationships. Some even just want to have some fun together.

In **MOVE, CONNECT, PLAY**, founder of AcroYoga International Jason Nemer shares the core principles of AcroYoga for athletic performance and for life, as well as 10 key areas of training (strength, flexibility, technique, balance, breath, gravity, relationships, mental, emotional, and sustainability). He also offers specific exercises and routines for how to train safely and effectively in each area.

This is a book that millions of AcroYogis around the world have long been waiting for, and one that is an essential read for high-performance athletes, weekend health warriors, and spiritual seekers alike.

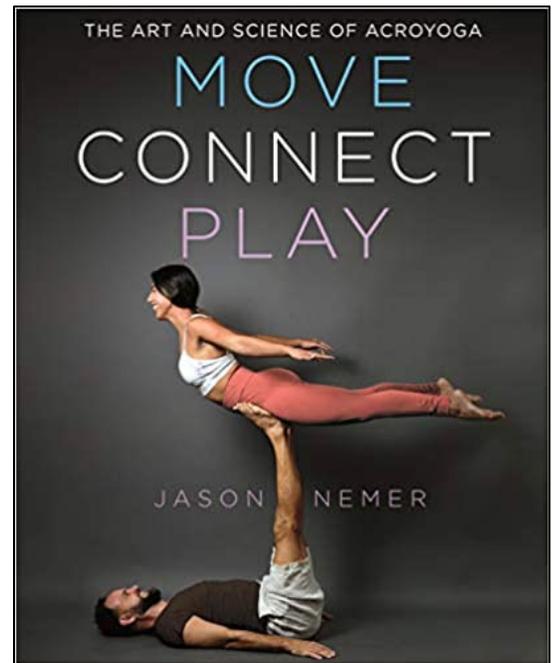
- The founder of AcroYoga International, Jason Nemer has taught AcroYoga around the world
- Licensed AcroYoga instructors teach in over sixty countries

### Praise for **MOVE, CONNECT, PLAY**:

"Jason is an incredible character, who travels the world with next to nothing. He introduced me to my latest obsession – AcroYoga."

-Tim Ferriss

The co-founder of AcroYoga International, **Jason Nemer** has helped the practice and the franchise grow to thousands of teachers in more than 60 countries. The millions of people who practice AcroYoga worldwide have fueled the success of his self-published AcroYoga manual, *Elements of AcroYoga* (a nuts and bolts guide to stretches and poses to get started as an aspiring AcroYogi), which has sold more than 85K copies to date. Jason and his AcroYoga practice have been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *PopSugar*, *USA Today*, *Newsweek*, *Outside Magazine*, *Mic.com*, *TODAY* online, and more.



**St. Martin's Press (WE)**  
**April 2022**

## BE THE LOVE: SEVEN WAYS TO UNLOCK YOUR HEART AND MANIFEST HAPPINESS

By Sarah Prout

Filled with practical guidance, soulful exercises, and nuggets of wisdom, Sarah Prout's **BE THE LOVE** is your invitation to use the power of your emotions to achieve happiness.

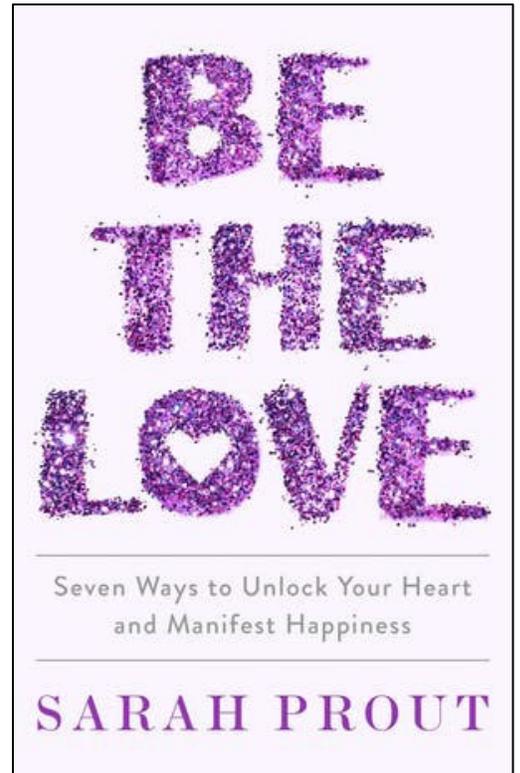
Emotional empowerment expert Sarah Prout shares how to Be the Love you believe you wish to feel, and how to do it by embracing lessons such as overcoming comparison traps, finding freedom in forgiveness, and accepting that making choices is how life happens, but living with your choices is how growth happens. These lessons are illustrated by Prout's own raw, personal stories that range from humorous to harrowing.

By following the seven pieces of advice and trying them out in your own life, you will create radical and magical inner transformation, and inner transformation will lead to outer results—whether that's within your career, relationships, or something as simple as your own self-confidence as you walk down the street. If you live your life with self-love and self-compassion as your North Star, then you will thrive.

Praise for Sarah's previous book, **DEAR UNIVERSE**:

"**DEAR UNIVERSE** is a wonderful resource filled with techniques and wisdom to bring you greater happiness and emotional well-being. Sarah Prout's unique approach is refreshing and inspiring." —Marci Shimoff, #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of **CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE WOMAN'S SOUL**

Inspirational speaker and emotional empowerment expert, **Sarah Prout** runs a successful spiritual lifestyle brand alongside her husband. Named a "Manifestation Guru" by *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, Sarah is an award-winning entrepreneur, podcast host, bestselling author, and mother of four. She is the author of the bestselling book **Dear UNIVERSE: 200 Mini-Meditations for Instant Manifestations**.



**St. Martin's Press  
Piatkus  
May 2022**

**Rights Sold:**

French - Editions Trédaniel