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IN A THOUSAND DIFFERENT WAYS

by Cecelia Ahern

The International Bestselling author returns with a powerful story about a young woman who can see—and subsequently experience—the emotions of everyone around her, and her own struggle to discover her true colors.

Gold is the colour of innocence, green stands for stability, and blue represents sadness. As a child, Alice discovers that she can see other people's emotions and moods in colours emanating from their bodies. These auras reveal whether someone is telling the truth or lying; happy or secretly close to tears; or filled with rage. Alice sees the best in people but she also sees the worst. She sees a thousand different emotions and knows exactly what everyone around her is feeling. But it's the dark thoughts. The sadness and the rage that she can't get out of her head.

Awash in a sea of other people's emotions, Alice struggles to surround herself with the colours of happiness. At first, nature and the outdoors are her only opportunity to experience some peace. But as she strikes out on her own, a wise neighbor who recognizes Alice's gift teaches her how to cope with the daily flood of feelings, preparing her for an encounter with a man seemingly without colours. Alice, who once sought to mute the vivid colours around her, finally embraces all the shimmering facets of life for herself.

Emotional and wise, colourful and tender, IN A THOUSAND DIFFERENT WAYS celebrates the joys of being together and the infinite colours of life and love.

Praise for IN A THOUSAND DIFFERENT WAYS

“Beautiful, moving, and unexpected, IN A THOUSAND DIFFERENT WAYS is an unforgettable story. This is Cecelia Ahern at her very best.”

-Louise O'Neill, award-winning author of ASKING FOR IT

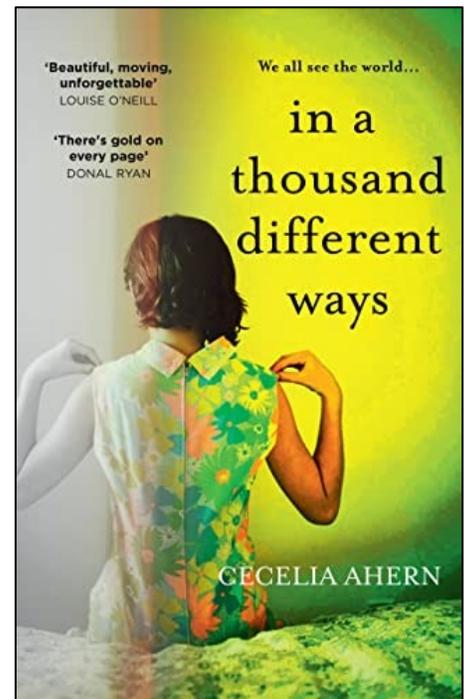
“Cecelia Ahern is a master storyteller at the absolute peak of her powers. Her heroine, Alice Kelly, is completely unique - beguiling, complicated, extraordinary - and she'll change the way you see the world. Just you wait”

-Clare Pooley, bestselling author of THE AUTHENTICITY PROJECT

“A novel that's so wise and profound, there's gold on every page.”

Donal Ryan, Booker-longlisted author of THE QUEEN OF DIRT ISLAND

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
April 2023

Rights Sold:

German - Piper Verlag

Icelandic - Ugly Utgafa

Russian - Azbooka-Atticus

THE GOLDEN GATE

by Amy Chua

A sweeping, evocative, and compelling historical thriller that paints a vibrant portrait of a world at war and a society about to undergo massive change.

In Berkeley, California, in 1944, Homicide Detective Al Sullivan has just left the swanky Claremont Hotel after a drink in the bar when a presidential candidate is assassinated in one of the rooms upstairs. A rich industrialist with enemies among the anarchist factions on the far left, Walter Wilkinson could have been targeted by any number of groups. But strangely, Sullivan's investigation brings up the specter of another tragedy at the Claremont, ten years earlier: the death of seven-year-old Iris Stafford, a member of the Bainbridge family, one of the wealthiest in all of San Francisco. Some say she haunts the Claremont still.

The many threads of the case keep leading Sullivan back to the three remaining Bainbridge heiresses, now adults: Iris's sister, Isabella, and her cousins Cassie and Nicole. Determined not to let anything distract him from the truth—not the powerful influence of Bainbridges' grandmother, or the political aspirations of Berkeley's district attorney, or the interest of China's First Lady Madame Chiang Kai-Shek in his findings—Sullivan follows his investigation to its devastating conclusion.

Chua's page-turning debut brings to life a historical era rife with turbulent social forces and groundbreaking forensic advances, when race and class defined the very essence of power, sex, and justice, and introduces a fascinating character in Detective Sullivan, a former Army officer still reckoning with his own history.

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Early Praise for THE GOLDEN GATE

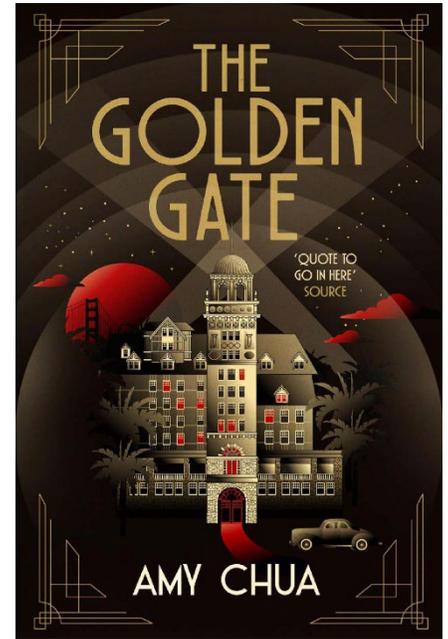
"All the elements I love in a mystery: A tough-guy homicide detective, an entrancing femme fatale, family secrets, a fabulous building in a beautiful city in a great time period, a touch of Agatha Christie, and a soupcon of Dashiell Hammett. And Amy Chua's terrific writing provides the icing."

—Lisa See, *New York Times* bestselling author of *DREAMS OF JOY*

"This saga—the story has as many twisting corridors as the hotel--allows Chua to dig deep into the privileges and invisible barriers at work in any haves-and-have-nots meeting, with memorable results."

-FirstCLUE Newsletter

Amy Chua is the John M. Duff, Jr. Professor of Law at Yale Law School. She is an internationally bestselling author of several non-fiction titles, including her 2011 memoir *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, which was a runaway international bestseller that has been translated into over 30 languages. Chua graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College and cum laude from Harvard Law School. After practicing on Wall Street for a few years, she joined the Yale Law School faculty in 2001. *The Golden Gate* is her fiction debut.



**Minotaur
Corvus
Fall 2023**

Format: Galleys

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German - Goldmann

ENCHANTED HILL

By Emily Bain Murphy

The debut mystery from the celebrated author of *THE DISAPPEARANCES*, perfect for readers of Kate Morton and Julia Kelly.

As a girl, Cora McCavanagh would sit next to a chain-link fence and talk through the wires to Jack Yates, a murderer sentenced to life in the Pelican Island prison where Cora's father worked as a guard. It's an innocent, if unlikely, friendship, until Cora unwittingly helps Jack escape from the most secure prison in the world, her father loses his job, and her family collapses around her.

Over a decade later, the estranged wife of media mogul Truman Byrd hires Cora, now a private investigator, to infiltrate Byrd's closely guarded mansion disguised as a maid in order to find evidence of her husband's affair. After six months on the job, Cora has only days left on her contract, and she's on the verge of finding the proof she needs. Then a new guest arrives at the mansion. And Cora finds herself face to face with the one man she thought she'd never see again.

Cora recognizes Jack. Jack recognizes Cora. He insists he can prove his innocence of the murder that put him on Pelican Island all those years ago; she can't give him away without blowing her own cover. Both have much to gain and much to lose on *Enchanted Hill*. But nothing about Truman Byrd's mansion is what it seems, least of all Jack himself. And as Cora finds out who Jack Yates truly is, she will have to determine who is really playing who.

In gripping prose, *ENCHANTED HILL* brings to life all the attendant gangsters, hucksters, eccentric millionaires, corrupt senators, and glamorous Hollywood starlets that ran 1930s California in an unforgettable mystery held together by the beguiling relationship at its heart.

- Bought by Union Square Books in a preempt!

Emily Bain Murphy was born in Indiana and raised in Hong Kong and Japan. She graduated from Tufts University and has also called Massachusetts, Connecticut, and California home. Murphy is the author of two critically acclaimed young adult novels.



Union Square Books
(WE)
November 2023

THE BLACKBIRD ORACLE

by Deborah Harkness

A thrilling and triumphant return to the All Souls Universe about facing the darkness inside yourself—and embracing it.

Four years after the events of *TIME'S CONVERT*, Diana and Matthew are living in Connecticut with their seven-year-old twins preparing for a summer holiday in England. Their plans are thrown into disarray, however, when the Congregation notifies Diana that her children are scheduled to have their magic tested this autumn, bringing back painful memories of her own assessment and the chain of events it set in motion. The mail also brings a letter telling her it's time to come home to Ravenswood—the family farm—and fulfill the prophecy the Proctors call *The Blackbird Oracle*. The letter is signed by Gwyneth Proctor—a great-aunt Diana didn't know existed from a side of her family she thought dead.

Concerned for their children and curious to meet any family that remains, Diana and Matthew travel to the marshes of Ipswich, Massachusetts to meet Gwyneth. She shows Diana the higher magic that runs through her veins—and through her children's, too, and Diana finds herself conflicted between her lifelong fear of darker magic and the tantalizing powers she could have, including prophesizing, scrying, spellbinding, and conjuring.

While visiting her mother's home, Diana discovers a collection of dusty old bottles filled with family memories captured through higher magic, including those of her mother's. But her family's memories aren't just stored in Ravenswood; the Congregation holds some of the Proctor and Bishop memories along with those of other powerful witches as a means of control. As Diana learns how higher magic operates and how the Congregation withholds it for their own purposes, she'll have to decide whether or not to embrace the darkness within her to protect her family. And whether to give her own children the chance to learn higher magic—a chance she never had—even if it means exposing them to the Congregation and their own dark sides.

- *SHADOW OF NIGHT* and *THE BOOK OF LIFE* each debuted at #1 on the New York Times Bestseller list
- The trilogy was adapted into a hit TV show, entitled *A DISCOVERY OF WITCHES*, starring Teresa Palmer and Matthew Goode.

Deborah Harkness is the number one *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Discovery of Witches*, *Shadow of Night*, and *The Book of Life*. A history professor at the University of Southern California, Harkness has received Fulbright, Guggenheim, and National Humanities Center fellowships. She lives in Los Angeles.



**Ballantine
Headline
Summer 2024**

DREAMLAND

by Nicholas Sparks

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.

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.

- #1 *New York Times* Bestseller
- An immediate bestseller in both Italy and Germany
- Film Rights sold to Universal Pictures

Praise for previous novel *THE WISH*:

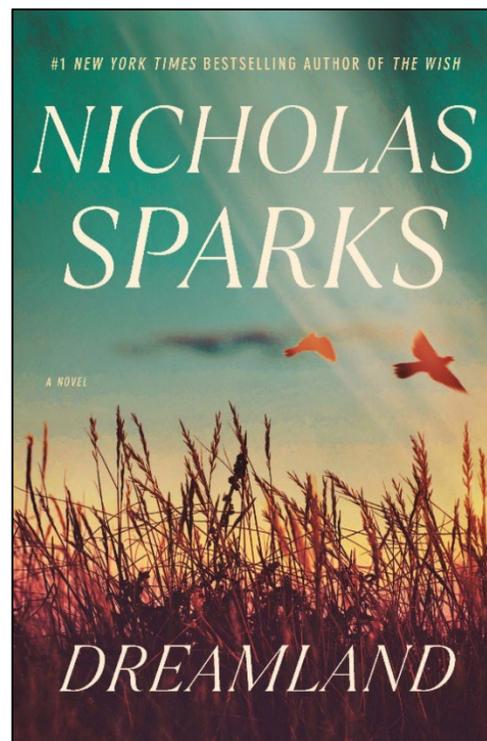
"If it's never too early for Christmas in your world, get in the mood with this awww-worthy story of first love and its echoes that takes place during the holidays."
—*Good Housekeeping*

"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*

Nicholas Sparks is one of the world’s most beloved storytellers, with over 105 million books sold worldwide. 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
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Bulgarian - ERA
Czech - Euromedia
French - Michel Lafon
Georgian - Palitra L
German - Heyne
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Italian - Sperling & Kupfer
Lithuanian - Balto Leidybos
Norwegian - Cappelen Damm
Polish - Albatros
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Slovenian - Učila
Spanish - Roca

CARRIE SOTO IS BACK

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

In this powerful novel about the cost of greatness, the #1 *New York Times* Bestselling author returns with the story of a legendary athlete attempting a comeback when the world considers her past her prime.

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 every one. 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.

- The Amazon Prime series based on her novel *DAISY JONES AND THE SIX* premieres in March.
- Debuted at #1 on the *New York Times* Bestseller list and at #4 on the *Sunday Times* Bestseller list in the UK
- Taylor Jenkins Reid is the author of eight novels, including the global phenomenon *THE SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN HUGO*

Praise for *CARRIE SOTO IS BACK*:

“This Nineties tennis romp is a crowd-pleaser. Taylor Jenkins Reid captures all the sweat, rivalry and glamour of elite sport.”

—*The Times*

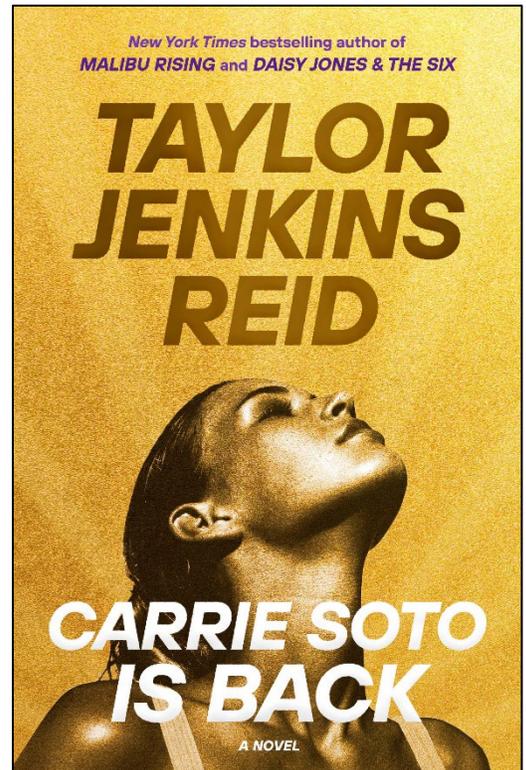
“Reid’s writing is extraordinary in its empathy for women navigating uncharted fame and success. Following the mental trajectory of a certified champion like Soto is endlessly fascinating and makes the book impossible to put down.”

—*USA Today*

“With a wonderfully complex character, a world you can’t help being seduced by, and an important message about it never being too late, TJR has served up another ace.”

—*Heat Magazine*, Five stars and Book of the Week

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:

Arabic - Arab Cultural Center
Bulgarian - Locus
Croatian - Vorto
Czech - Dobrovsky
Danish - Politikens
Dutch - Ambo Anthos
French - Leduc
German - Ullstein
Icelandic - Bokabeitan
Lithuanian - Svajoniū
Macedonian - ARS Lamina
Norwegian - Cappelen Damm
Polish - Poznanskie
Portuguese (Bra) - Companhia Das Letras
Portuguese - Topseller
Romanian - Corint
Slovak - Slovensky Spisovatel
Slovenian - HKZ
Spanish - Urano
Ukrainian - Artbooks

Fiction

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 a 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 secure her grandmother more help, makes the 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.

- Amazon Best Book of the Month
- Amazon Best Books of the Year
- National Public Radio Best Books of 2022
- Goodreads Choice Awards 2022 nominee

Praise for THANK YOU FOR LISTENING:

"Hilarious and touching...this novel has everything the best romance novels should have: a reluctant protagonist, a hot partner, loving family/friends and true love. What more can you ask for?"

—*USA Today*, ★★★★★ review (Out of 4!)

"A compulsively readable story about self-discovery with plenty of laughs and spice along the way."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review ★

"Whelan has a fine touch with the characters. This is one to revel in."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"Whelan draws on her experience narrating audiobooks in this poignant and charming novel... Whelan's skillfully nuanced writing truly shines."

—*Booklist*, starred review ★

"... 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*

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.



Avon (WE)
August 2022

Rights Sold:

Bulgarian - Ciela

German - Penguin Verlag

Portuguese (Bra) - Sextante

Polish - Kobiectwo

Turkish- Go Kitap

Foreign Deceit

A David Wolf Mystery

by Jeff Carson

With over 2 million copies sold and thousands of five-star reviews, the #1 International Bestselling David Wolf Series begins with this suspense-filled mystery taking you halfway around the world to Italy and back to the high country of Colorado. For fans of C. J. Box, David Baldacci and Michael Connelly.

For Deputy Sergeant David Wolf, life in the small ski resort town in the Colorado Rockies is getting complicated. His ex-wife is back from rehab, a colleague jealous of his upcoming promotion to sheriff is escalating to violence, and a boy from town has just been reported missing. But all that trouble falls away when Wolf learns his brother has just committed suicide in northern Italy.

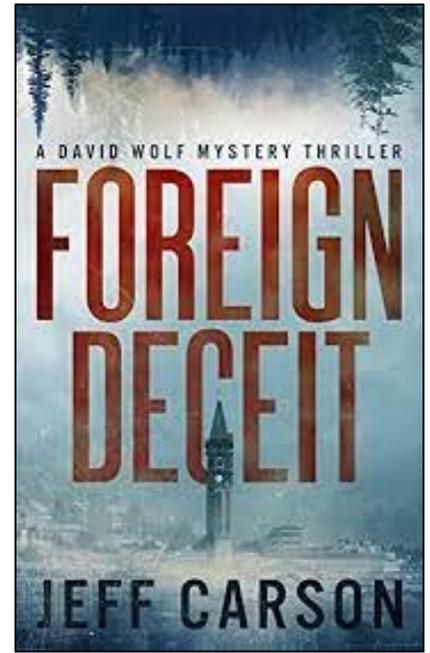
Wolf is devastated and resentful, but he knows one thing is for certain: his brother would never kill himself.

Suspicious of the official story, Wolf rips himself from the pressing issues at home and lands in the wholly foreign city of Lecco, Italy—a beautiful town on the shores of Lake Como—where deadly deception waits among the ancient streets.

With the aid of a beautiful Carabinieri agent named Lia, Wolf must try to piece together what happened to his brother that fateful night. But with treachery in Lecco running deeper than the lake lapping its shores, the closer he gets to the truth, the further he's drawn into danger. Can Wolf manage to make those responsible pay? Or will he be returning home in a box of his own?

- Book 1 in a the 16-book David Wolf series
- Millions of fans have read the David Wolf series and the first book in his newest Ali Falco series

Jeff began writing and self-publishing his novels on Amazon a decade ago, and quickly became a bestselling author with legions of devoted fans. He acquired a love for adventure-thriller-mystery-suspense fiction at a young age by listening to audio books while driving the vast landscapes of the western U.S. with his family. One leg of a trip from Denver to Payette, Idaho (to visit relatives) was enough time to squeeze in a good Cussler, a Christie, a Child, a Silva, a Box, a Flynn, or one of the others he considers master story-tellers. Now he incorporates many of the same elements of those authors in his own writing. Jeff and his wife, Cristina, currently live with their two sons in Colorado.



October 2013
Cross Atlantic

THE NIGHT ENDS WITH FIRE

THE NIGHT ENDS WITH FIRE DUOLOGY: BOOK ONE

by K. X. Song

The first in a gripping fantasy duology inspired by *Mulan* and *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*, perfect for fans of R. F. Kuang and Rin Chupeco.

The Three Kingdoms are at war, but Meilin's father refuses to answer the imperial draft. Instead, facing mounting gambling debts, he plans to sell Meilin for her dowry to fund his opium addiction. But when Meilin discovers her husband-to-be is another violent, ill-tempered man, she realizes that nothing will change for her unless she takes matters into her own hands.

The very next day, she disguises herself as a boy and enlists in her father's place.

With the help of Sky, the prince who leads their platoon, Meilin's relentless hard work brings her recognition and even friendship—and with Sky, a closeness that starts to border on something more. But has she simply exchanged one prison for another? As her army barrels towards a deadly war, Meilin begins to have visions of a fickle sea dragon spirit that warns her of sinister forces at work behind the war, cornering her into another impossible decision: remain a loyal soldier for a kingdom that would turn on her in an instant if her true identity were discovered, or wield the tantalizing outlawed magic that the sea dragon offers and claim the power long denied to her and every other woman in the kingdom.

As the very future of the Three Kingdoms hangs in the balance, Meilin will need to decide whom to trust—Sky, who has earned her love and loyalty; the sea dragon spirit, which has its own murky agenda; or an infuriating enemy prince who makes her question everything she once knew—about her kingdom and about her own heart.

From a major new voice in fantasy, K. X. Song offers a powerful meditation on the forces that shape our destiny and the grit required to overcome them ... and on the double-edged sword of ambition, which can both free and corrupt.

K. X. Song is a Highlights Foundation fellow and a HG Wells Turnill Prize honoree. She currently resides in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she can often be found feeding the pampered ducks of Golden Gate Park. Her debut YA novel, *AN ECHO IN THE CITY*, is slated for publication in summer 2023 by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers and is about two teenagers falling in love and coming of age amid the Hong Kong protests.



PRH/Ace Books
Hodder & Stoughton
2024

Format: Manuscript

Rights Sold:

Italian - DeAgostini

LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS

A Memoir of Finding My Place in the Universe by Dr. Aomawa Shields

A journey of self-discovery from an explorer on the last frontier.

Some planets don't spin; one hemisphere bakes in the constant sun while the other is dark and cold. Between the two inhospitable regions, a sliver of the planet lives in perpetual twilight. Known as the Terminator Habitable Zone, it just might sustain life. An inspiring memoir from a leading astronomer, LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS charts Dr. Shield's search for a Terminator Habitable Zone of her own. Torn between her love for the stage and the stars, could an astronomer, actor, mother, and Black woman in science create a fulfilling life in the space between her seemingly opposing worlds?

With her infectious curiosity and an awe for life wherever it can be found, Dr. Shields puts our eyes to the telescope, showing us planets covered in red and blue ice, burned by greenhouse gases, or drifting through the dark without a sun. In honest and beautiful prose, she welcomes us into her world - searching distant planets while building a meaningful life on our own. LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS is a remarkable memoir about the possibility of living between two worlds and not choosing - but instead charting a new path entirely.

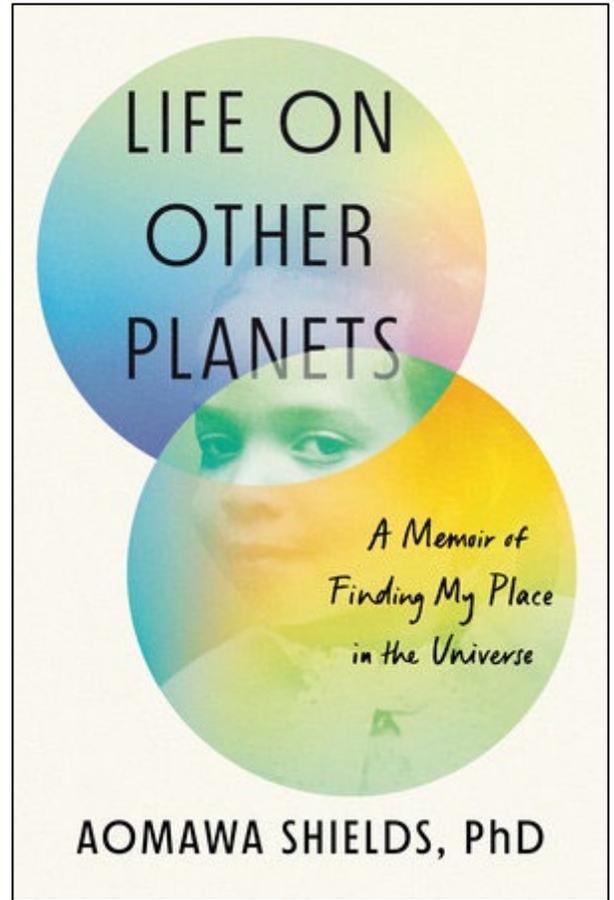
Early Praise for LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS:

"The author has a gift for rendering unimaginable astrological concepts in vivid prose, pulling the reader into her world... A lyrical, image-rich investigation of an unconventional blueprint for authentic living."
—*Kirkus Reviews*

"A riveting memoir of crossroads, choices, and triumph. I could not put this book down. Shields is an astronomer whose writing miraculously feels like the night sky itself - vast, elegant, luminous."
—Tara Mohr, author of *Playing Big*

"This book is so good, so gorgeously written... It is a triumph and a pleasure. It compels the reader to learn more about the planets, and how to stretch our unlimited capacity to live fully in this universe."
—Natalie Goldberg, author of *Three Simple Lines*

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, Dr Shields is a Clare Boothe Luce Associate Professor at the University of California, Irvine where she focuses on exploring the possible climates and potential habitability of extrasolar planets, particularly those orbiting low-mass stars. Dr. Shields uses her theater and writing background to communicate science to the public in engaging, innovative ways.



**Viking
Constable
July 2023**

Format: Manuscript

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Korean - MurlyBooks

OUTRAGE MACHINE:

How Tech Amplifies Discontent and Disrupts Democracy—And What We Can Do About It

by Tobias Rose-Stockwell

An invaluable guide to the underlying machinery and technology that controls modern society - and a roadmap to navigate it.

Over the last two decades, there has been an inescapable rise of anger and aggression across our planet. Hate speech has become increasingly prevalent online, governments are turning towards authoritarianism and populism, and extremist groups are growing in prominence. Every day, it seems, we're hearing more angry voices, we're seeing more threats, and we're reacting faster and less rationally. The cause is hidden in plain sight: almost all of the information we consume is controlled and curated by algorithms designed to capture our emotional attention. This is the outrage machine.

In his first book, media researcher Tobias Rose-Stockwell traces the history of social media from its optimistic early days to its monolithic present, explaining how and why websites built to connect people drove us apart, and showing us how to navigate the new world that social media has built. It is not just a warning; it's also a critical guide that clearly explains the algorithms that have come to control us, and a compass to help guide people toward reflection rather than reaction. The culmination of 15 years of research and inquiry, this book helps readers comprehend the rapid and continuing changes to our society and offers new mental models for how to manage our time, our technology, and our attention.

Praise for OUTRAGE MACHINE:

"A riveting exploration of the double-edged sword of our time: social media. This book provides a road map of how we got here, what's really at stake, and how we can find our way out. An absolute urgent read"

—Ryder Carroll, NYT bestselling author of *The Bullet Journal Method*

"With insight and sensitivity, Tobias offers a deep examination of how digital technologies are shaping our perceptions, relationships, and even our sense of personal identity. This book offers a vital perspective that's needed for us to build a more humane future."

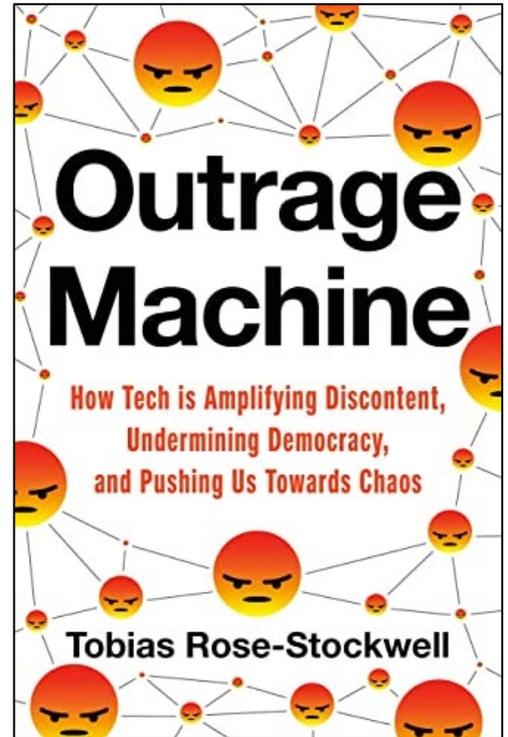
—Tristan Harris, co-founder of Center for Humane Technology and focus of the Netflix documentary *The Social Dilemma*

"Tobias is a master of intuition and metaphor. This is a vivid and unforgettable book."

—From the foreword by Jonathan Haidt, NYT Bestselling author of *The Righteous Mind*

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.

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**Hachette
Piatkus
July 2023**

Format: Manuscript

Rights Sold:
Chinese Complex - Heliopolis
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HOW TRUST WORKS:

The Science of How Relationships are Built, Broken and Repaired

by Peter H. Kim

From the world's leading expert on trust repair, a guide to understanding the most essential foundation of our relationships and communities.

How do we react when our trust is broken? How do we make things right when we break someone's trust in us? We barely know how trust works. So, how can we possibly repair it when it breaks?

Dr. Peter Kim, the world's leading expert in trust repair, has conducted over two decades of groundbreaking research to answer that question. In *HOW TRUST WORKS*, he reveals the surprising truths about how relationships are built, how they are broken, and how they are repaired. He shows how we are often more trusting than we think - and how easily our trust in others can be distorted. Illustrating his insights with accounts of striking trust violations, Dr. Kim unveils crucial secrets behind when and why our attempts to repair relationships are effective, and which breaches of trust are just too deep.

HOW TRUST WORKS transforms our understanding of our deepest bonds, giving us the tools to build strong and supportive relationships in every aspect of our lives - with our family and friends, with businesses and organizations, and even with nations and the world at large.

- Sold in a six-figure deal to Flatiron

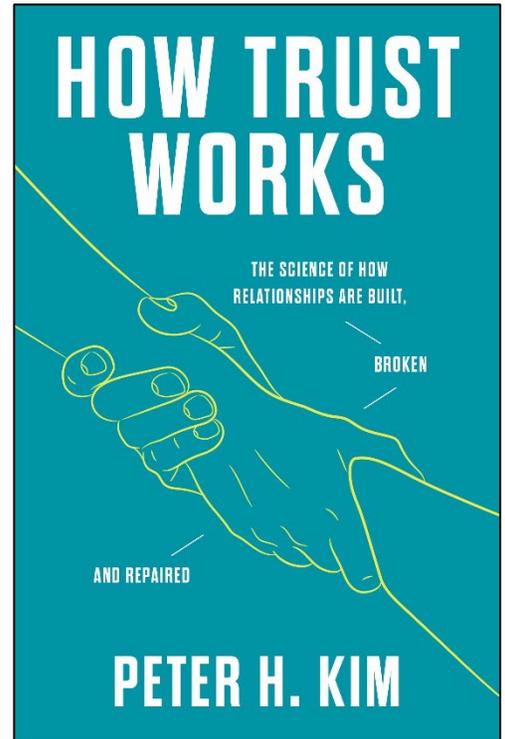
Praise for *HOW TRUST WORKS*:

Written with wit and compassion, it brims with insights about our judgements of others' actions and the ways that our intuitions can sometimes lead to irrational conclusions. With enormous implications for individuals, businesses and society, this is an eye-opening read for anyone who wishes to understand human behaviour and relationships."

- David Robson, author of *The Intelligence Trap* and *The Expectation Effect*

"*How Trust Works* is engaging, evidence-based, and deeply important. Peter Kim explains why you trust others, how trust can be damaged, and how it can be repaired. In doing so, he offers an invaluable guide to improving all of your relationships. Every interaction is based on trust, which makes *How Trust Works* a must-read." —Katy Milkman, author of *HOW TO CHANGE*

Dr. Kim is a Professor of Management and Organization at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business and 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)
August 2023

Format: Galleys

Rights Sold:

Korean - Prunsoop
Portuguese (Bra.) - Universo Dos Livros

TOUGH TITTIES:

On Living Your Best Life When You're the Fking Worst**

By Laura Belgray

From award-winning TV writer Laura Belgray, a hilarious collection of full-body-crige, watch-through-your-fingers life lessons her own husband calls “loser *Sex and the City*.”

What does it take to grow up cool and popular, master adulthood, fast track your success, and always be your best? Laura Belgray wouldn't know.

Her wildly relatable coming-of-age stories include hate-following her 6th grade bully on social media decades later; moving home post-college to measure her self-worth in hookups with Upper West Side bartenders; dating a sociopathic man-baby; proving herself in the early '90s at New York's coolest magazine (as the world's worst intern); falling for get-rich-quick schemes on the Internet; and, most of all, saying “tough titties” to the supposed-to's in life: driving a car, being on time, handing in your paperwork, learning to roast a chicken, and having kids.

Peppered with cutting insights on our confusing, self-helpy culture that calls hair removal “self care” and tells us to give our 110% but also to give zero f*cks, TOUGH TITTIES will leave you feeling better about, well, everything. Let's face it: we're all tired of shame-spiraling after being told what to do when we *know* we're not going to do any of it.

TOUGH TITTIES is one big permission slip to be a dork, a sometimes-unspiritual slacker, a late bloomer and, ultimately, 100% yourself.

Praise for TOUGH TITTIES:

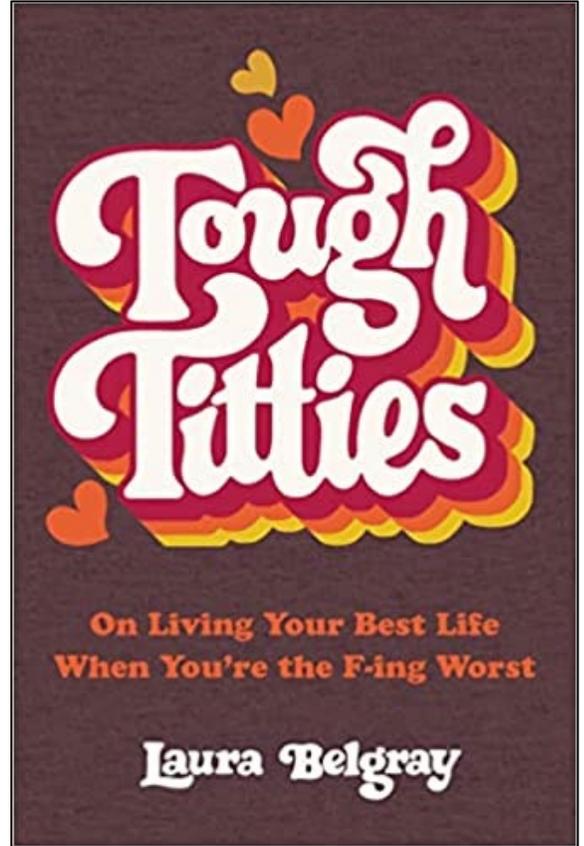
“I loved TOUGH TITTIES and didn't want it to end! Through her insightful wit and sarcasm, Laura Belgray speaks to the late bloomers and slow starters in us all.”

– Kelly Ripa, *New York Times* bestselling author of *LIVE WIRE* and host of *Live! With Kelly and Mark*

“Nobody makes me laugh like Laura Belgray. She's got a one-of-a-kind knack for taking the shame out of life's most humiliating moments. Tough Titties is a hilarious, must-read permission slip to be 100% you.”

– Marie Forleo, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *EVERYTHING IS FIGUREOUTABLE*

Laura Belgray is the founder of award-winning creative agency *Talking Shrimp* and co-creator of *The Copy Cure* with Marie Forleo. She has been featured in *Fast Company*, *Money Magazine*, *Forbes*, *Vox*, and *Business Insider*, and has written for *Fandango*, *NBC*, *HBO*, *TBS*, *Nick at Nite*, *Nickelodeon*, *TV Land*, *FX*, *Nick Mom*, *VH1*, *TNT*, *Lifetime*, *Oxygen*, *the CW*, and more. Belgray lives in New York.



Hachette (NA)
June 2023

Format: Galleys

SURELY YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS: The True Story of *Airplane!* By David Zucker, Jim Abrahams & Jerry Zucker

An in-depth and hysterical look at the making of 1980's comedy cult classic *Airplane!* by the legendary writers and directors of the hit film.

Airplane! premiered on July 2nd, 1980. With a budget of \$3.5 million, it went on to make nearly \$200 million in sales and has influenced a multitude of comedians on both sides of the camera.

SURELY YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS is an oral history of the making of *Airplane!* by the creators, as well as the humble origins of the ZAZ (Zucker, Abrahams, Zucker) trio - charting the rise of their comedy troupe Kentucky Fried Theater in L.A. all the way to premiere day. The directors explain what drew them to filmmaking and in particular, comedy. With anecdotes, behind the scenes trivia and never-before-known factoids - these titans of comedy filmmaking unpack everything from how they got Peter Graves to play his first comedy role after a career of "straight" roles, casting Leslie Nielsen, who was the prankster on set, to that jive talk scene! The book also features testimonies and personal anecdotes from well-known faces in the film, television, and comedy sphere - proving how influential *Airplane!* has been from day one.

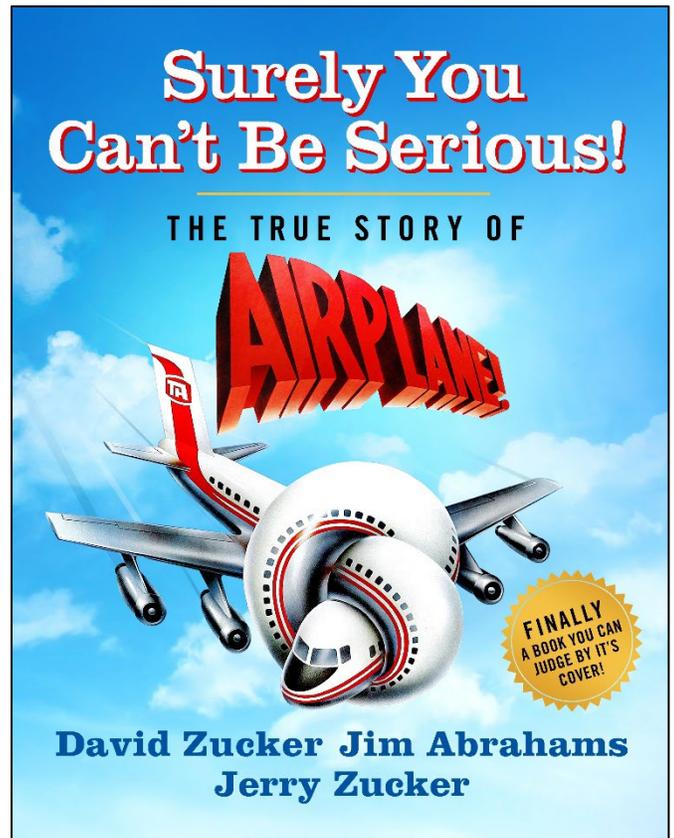
Today, four decades after release, the film has had another resurgence, reaching a whole new generation through social media. This fully organic expansion of the ZAZ trio's fan-base, prompted solely by word-of-mouth and one-liners, comes as no surprise to longtime fans. When all around us is in flux - laughter is priceless.

- Includes behind the scenes photos from the ZAZ archive, and celebrity anecdotes from Hollywood's biggest comedians.

Jim Abrahams is one third of the ZAZ and the director, producer and writer of *Airplane!* (1980), *The Naked Gun* series and *Hot Shots!* (1991). The trio created the Kentucky Fried Theater sketch comedy show in Madison, Wisconsin, but moved the show in 1972 to Los Angeles.

David Zucker is one third of the ZAZ and one of Hollywood's most successful comedy filmmakers ever. A selection of his worldwide box office hits are *Airplane!*, *Ruthless People*, the three *Naked Gun* films, *Phone Booth*, and the record-breaking *Scary Movie 3* and *4*.

Jerry Zucker is one third of the ZAZ and known for his role in directing comedy spoof films such as *Airplane!* and *Top Secret!*, and the Best Picture-nominated supernatural drama film *Ghost*.



St. Martin's Press
Fall 2023

Format: Manuscript

ATTENTION SPAN: A Groundbreaking Way to Restore Balance Happiness and Productivity by Gloria Mark, PH.D.

The definitive new book about attention that can help us perform better - and be happier - in the digital world.

Psychologist Gloria Mark began researching how technology affects human attention when the first personal computers were beginning to arrive in offices. Over the last 30 years, she has tracked changes in our attention spans, stress levels, and the fundamental way our brains process information.

Now in ATTENTION SPAN, Dr. Mark shows how much of what we think we know about attention is wrong. She explores the current crisis of focus and productivity that is so deeply entwined with rising rates of anxiety and depression, and investigates what we might be able to do about it. Delving into the newly celebrated concept of 'kinetic attention', she introduces a more balanced understanding of the rhythm between deep focus and less focused states, which may actually serve to make us happier and more productive in the long term.

- Amazon Best Book of the Month
- Next Big Idea Club "Must Read Book for January"
- Featured in *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*
- The research behind Johann Hari's *STOLEN FOCUS*

Praise for ATTENTION SPAN:

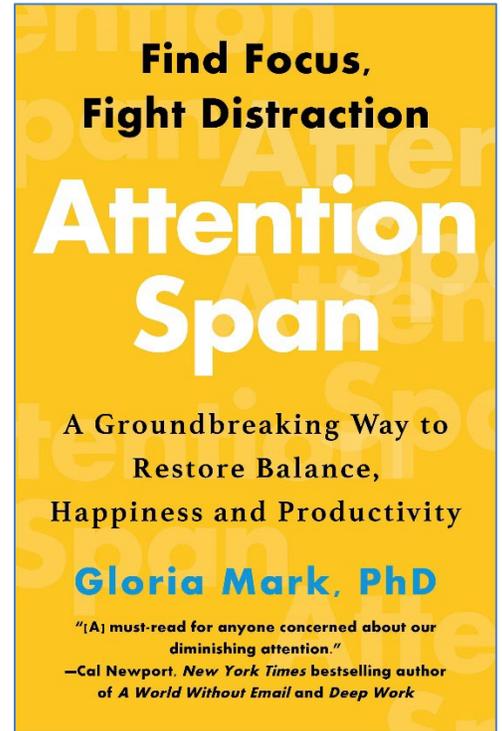
"Startling... Mark makes the case for a new, evidence-based approach to attention, one that works with our tech-riddled modern world and tendencies towards distraction, instead of trying to squeeze the genie back in the bottle."
—*The Guardian*

"Rather than give unrealistic tips to de-throne technology, Mark offers strategies to harmonize our relationship with tech and create ways to be productive without an incessant need to multitask."
—*Motherly*

"A valuable guide to how to balance work and well-being in a world increasingly dependent on tech."
—*The New Scientist*

"Gloria Mark is the definitive expert on distraction and multitasking in our increasingly digital world. Her book is a must-read for anyone concerned about our diminishing attention span."
—Cal Newport, *New York Times* bestselling author of *A WORLD WITHOUT EMAIL and DEEP WORK*

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*, and *Slate*. 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 has been a Fulbright Scholar.



**Hanover Square Press
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January 2023**

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Arabic - Jarir Bookstore
 Chinese s. - Huazhang
 Chinese c. - CWM
 Dutch - Luitingh-Sijthoff
 Japanese - Nikkei
 Korean - Wisdom House
 Portuguese (Brazilian) -
 Alaude
 Romanian - Curtea Veche
 Russian - MIF
 Spanish - Urano
 Turkish - Ithaki
 Ukrainian - Vivat

ELIZABETH TAYLOR: The Grit & Glamour of an Icon By Kate Andersen Brower

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *THE RESIDENCE* and *FIRST WOMEN*, the first ever authorized biography of the most famous movie star of the twentieth century, Elizabeth Taylor.

No celebrity rivals Elizabeth Taylor’s glamour and guts or her level of fame. She was the last major star to come out of the old Hollywood studio system and she is a legend known for her beauty and her magnetic screen presence in a career that spanned most of the twentieth century and nearly sixty films. But her private life was even more compelling than her Oscar-winning on-screen performances. During her seventy-nine years of rapid-fire love and loss she was married eight times to seven different men. Above all, she was a survivor—by the time she was twenty-six she was twice divorced and once widowed. Her life was a soap opera that ended in a deeply meaningful way when she became the first major celebrity activist to lead the fight against HIV/AIDS. A co-founder of amfAR, she raised more than \$100 million for research and patient care. She was also a shrewd businesswoman who made a fortune as the first celebrity perfumer who always demanded to be paid what she was worth.

In the first ever authorized biography of the Hollywood icon, Kate Andersen Brower reveals the world through Elizabeth’s eyes. Brower uses Elizabeth’s unpublished letters, diary entries, and off-the-record interview transcripts as well as interviews with 250 of her closest friends and family to tell the full, unvarnished story of her remarkable career and her explosive private life that made headlines worldwide. *ELIZABETH TAYLOR* captures this intelligent, empathetic, tenacious, volatile, and complex woman as never before, from her rise to massive fame at age twelve in *National Velvet* to becoming the first to negotiate a million-dollar salary for a film, from her eight marriages and enduring love affair with Richard Burton to her lifelong battle with addiction and her courageous efforts as an AIDS activist.

Here is a fascinating and complete portrait worthy of the legendary star and her legacy.

- Featuring photographs, unpublished letters, and private reflections from Elizabeth Taylor herself, all cleared for world use

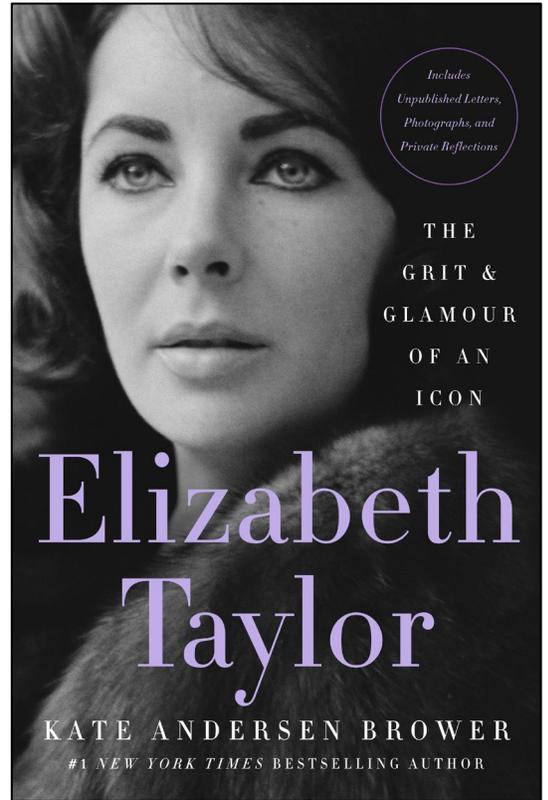
Praise for ELIZABETH TAYLOR

“Brower convincingly depicts Taylor as a complex woman whose glamour, even today is ‘intoxicating.’ The result is a mesmerizing appreciation of a legendary star.”
— *Publisher’s Weekly*

“Brower mines previously unpublished interviews, personal letters and diary entries as well as input from hundreds of friends and family to offer a comprehensive and intimate biography of a true icon... Taylor’s tumultuous life unfolds in Brower’s portrait like one of her own epic screen adventures.”
— *Booklist*

“Told with style and great detail, making this a must read for new fans and longtime admirers alike.”
— *Town & Country*

Kate Andersen Brower is the author of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *THE RESIDENCE* and the *New York Times* bestseller *FIRST WOMEN*, and *FIRST IN LINE*. She has written for *Vanity Fair*, *Time*, the *Washington Post*, and the *New York Times*. She lives outside of Washington, D.C., with her husband, their three young children, and their Wheaten Terrier.



Harper (WE)
December 2022

Rights Sold:

Czech - Euromedia

Estonian - Tanapaev

Spanish - Planeta

CAN'T HURT ME

Master Your Mind and Defy the Odds

by David Goggins

The inspirational story of overcoming adversity, pushing past pain, and reaching your full potential from international icon and *New York Times* bestselling author David Goggins. Having sold over 4 million copies, CAN'T HURT ME is a global phenomenon with a cult following.

For David Goggins, childhood was a nightmare—poverty, prejudice, and physical abuse colored his days and haunted his nights. But through self-discipline, mental strength, and hard work, he transformed himself from a depressed, overweight young man with no viable future into a worldwide icon and one of the globe's top ultra-endurance athletes.

In CAN'T HURT ME, he shares his astonishing life story and provides the no-nonsense roadmap to unleashing the inner strength that each of us possess. Goggins believes that we must face the hard truths about ourselves before we can enact any significant change, and that most of us tap into only 40% of our capabilities ("The 40% Rule"). With tough-love guidance and personal stories, he provides a path to demolishing fear and becoming the best version of yourself. His philosophy of mental toughness as a lifestyle has been embraced by millions of readers.

With a fan-base that spans the globe, David Goggins's reach knows no bound. YOU CAN'T HURT ME is part memoir, part self-help, and includes the unflinching truths and hardline directives ("I don't stop when I'm tired. I stop when I'm done.") that have helped him conquer immense obstacles to become the toughest man in the world. There are no shortcuts, but his path is clear.

- On the *New York Times* best seller list for over 25 weeks
- CAN'T HURT ME has sold over four million copies
- Featured on *The Today Show*, *CBS News*, *Runners World* and *Outside Magazine*, among many others

Praise for CAN'T HURT ME:

"A remarkable description of Goggins' journey and the capacity to leverage and better the mind. Most importantly, it teaches you how."

—Andrew D. Huberman, Ph.D. Professor of Neurobiology, Stanford University School of Medicine

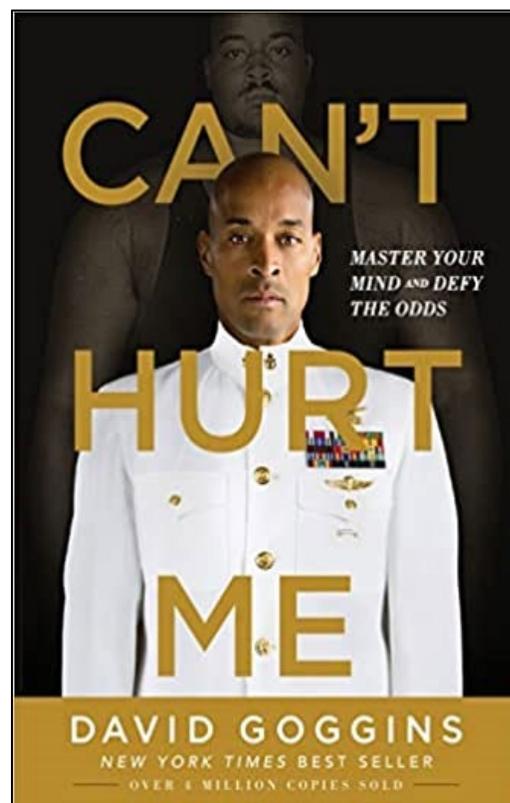
"I firmly believe people like [Goggins] can change the course of the world just by inspiring people to push harder and dig deeper."

—Joe Rogan

"Goggins proves your body can handle anything if you let your mind keep up."

—Marcus Luttrell, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Lone Survivor*

David Goggins is a retired Navy SEAL and the only member of the U.S. Armed Forces ever to complete SEAL training, U.S. Army Ranger School, and Air Force Tactical Air Controller training. Goggins has competed in more than sixty ultra-marathons, triathlons, and ultra-triathlons, setting new course records and regularly placing in the top five. A former Guinness World Record holder for completing 4,030 pull-ups in seventeen hours, he's a much-sought-after public speaker who's shared his story with the staffs of *Fortune* 500 companies, professional sports teams, and hundreds of thousands of students across the country.



Lioncrest Publishing
December 2018

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Arabic - Arab Cultural Center

Brazilian Portuguese - Sextante

Chinese Simplified - Xiron

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Korean - Woongjin ThinkBig

Norwegian - Bonnier Norsk

Polish - Galatyka

Portuguese - Lua de Papel

Romanian - Litera

GET HIGHER

Free Yourself from What's Weighing You Down
and Discover Your Best Self

by Sean Anderson

with a foreword by Jay Shetty

From the rap superstar Big Sean, a guide to achieving your full potential for an underserved audience. Because self-care isn't a luxury—it's for everyone, no matter where they come from.

It hasn't always been easy for Big Sean. At 30 years old, despite achieving worldwide success, he was depressed, lonely, and forced to take a break from music. But because he took his mental health seriously and learned how to protect it, he is back at the top of his game. Now he wants to share the methods he learned to turn his life around to help the whole world get higher, especially the young men who think 'self-help' isn't for them but who may need these tools the most.

In the last few years, Sean has mastered meditation, self-care rituals and journaling. He's spoken to therapists, self-care experts, and spiritual leaders, and he's learned that you can't expect to reach your potential without making the time and space to do the work. A mental health advocate, Sean will use stories from his own life to teach readers that they have the potential to be greater, and he'll include journal prompts that will put readers on the path to get as high as they can.

Getting higher isn't just about achieving more success. It's about becoming your best self. The self who feels at peace, feels happy, has meaningful relationships, and achieves their goals. It's about understanding who you are and what your purpose is. It's about not waiting to be at the bottom to start changing your life. It's about challenging the norm and using everything in your toolkit to move yourself upwards. Too many people think that they can't reach the top—that self-care is designed for those with more time, more money, and more privilege. Those are exactly the people Sean wants to touch.

- Sold at auction for seven figures!
- Big Sean has three #1 albums, over 185 million records sold, and 16.6 billion streams worldwide.

Big Sean is a multi-platinum artist, entrepreneur, philanthropist and father. Beyond selling out worldwide tours and starring in films on Netflix, he also runs the Sean Anderson Foundation, which assists in the education, health, safety, and well-being of school-age youth and their families, and works with organizations like *Moguls In The Making* and *Black & Positively Golden* to expand the conversation around self-care. He lives in Los Angeles with his partner, Jhene Aiko, and their newborn son.



Simon Element (WE)
Fall 2024

Format: Proposal

Writing for Busy Readers

Communicate More Effectively in the Real World by Todd Rogers and Jessica Lasky-Fink

We were all taught the fundamentals of writing in school. But how do we write *effectively* in today's hyper-interactive world.

When *The Elements of Style* was published in 1959, the internet hadn't been invented. Since then, there has been a radical transformation in how we communicate. The average adult receives over 120 emails and over 100 texts each day. With all this correspondence, each message must compete for busy readers' scarce attention and time; the old rules no longer apply.

Succeeding in this competition means being read, understood, and acted upon. It requires more than writing well; it requires writing effectively. Effective writing in the real world must incorporate the laws of human attention, psychology, and time.

In *WRITING FOR BUSY READERS*, Harvard behavioral scientists Todd Rogers and Jessica Lasky-Fink examine why it's hard to communicate with busy people and study the psychology of how people make decisions and process information, using these insights to formulate the principles of effective practical writing.

Filled with fascinating examples from the authors' research and practical tools to translate their findings into your own writing, *WRITING FOR BUSY READERS* is the writing guide we need to make an impact in the 21st century.

Todd Rogers is a Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University, where he has won teaching awards for the past six consecutive years. He is a behavioral scientist and the co-founder of the Analyst Institute and Everyday Labs. His opinion pieces have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and *Politico*, among others.

Jessica Lasky-Fink is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, Berkeley, a senior analyst at EveryDay Labs, and an associate fellow with the Office of Evaluation Sciences. Her research focuses on improving the delivery of social services by connecting low-income populations to government programs.

~~You are Writing
more than ever,
competing for
the attention of
Busy Readers
who skim.~~

**Communicate
More Effectively in
the Real World**

Todd Rogers and
Jessica Lasky-Fink

**Dutton
Scribe
September 2023**

Format: Manuscript

Rights Sold:

Chinese S. - Zhihu

Japanese - Diamond

Korean - Hanbit Biz

THE MIRACLE MORNING

The Not So Obvious Secret Guaranteed to Transform Your Life (Before 8am)

by Hal Elrod

A brand-new edition of the book that created a global phenomenon and a lifelong community of followers, updated with two never before seen bonus chapters, and success stories from the *Miracle Morning* community themselves.

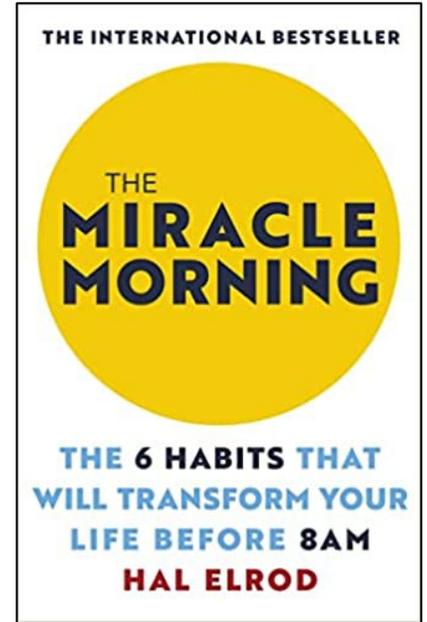
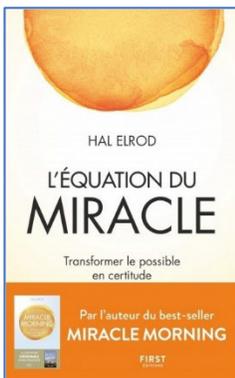
What if you could miraculously wake up tomorrow and any—or every—area of your life was transformed? Which of your problems would you solve? Would you seek to be happier? Healthier? More successful? What would you envision to be different? What if I told you that real people are experiencing tangible change every day simply by adjusting the way they wake up in the morning?

The Miracle Morning is a morning routine that can take anywhere from 6 minutes before coffee for a busy parent to 60 minutes for the devoted reader who is facing a big challenge. Created ten years ago by Hal Elrod, the *Miracle Morning* is already practiced by millions of people around the world. In this revised edition, Hal also teaches you how to close out your day following the “Miracle Evening” practice, achieving balance, and resetting for the next day; and teaches you how to live “The Miracle Life” - showing the reader the clear path to achieving true fulfillment by experiencing life exactly as you *choose*. In these crucial new chapters, Hal will help his millions of readers create an internal shift in their minds by choosing acceptance, gratitude, and positivity. “The Miracle Life” is the true end goal state, to finding your own happiness and the culmination of Hal’s inspiring mission. It is a state of inner freedom and a determination to live with purpose and intention every single day.

With updates throughout the book and never-before-seen material, this will be *the definitive edition* for *The Miracle Morning’s* legions of fans worldwide.

- Over 2 million copies sold
- THE MIRACLE MORNING was a bestseller in the UK, France, Brazil, and Korea!

THE MIRACLE MORNING around the World



Benbella
Fall 2023

MIRACLE MORNING Publishers:

- Albanian - Bota
- Arabic - Arab Cultural Center
- Azerbaijani - Qanun
- Bulgarian - Bard
- C. Chinese - Ping's Publications
- S. Chinese - Grand China
- Croatian - Konzept
- Czech - Euromedia
- Dutch - Kosmos
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- French - Editions First
- German - Irisiana
- Greek - Dipotra
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- Hindi - Goel Prakashan
- Hungarian - Muvelt Nep
- Italian - Macro
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- Kazakh - Stepp & World
- Korean - Hanbit Biz
- Lithuanian - Eugrimas
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- Marathi - Goel
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- Polish - Galaktyka
- Portuguese - Bertrand
- Br. Portuguese - Bestseller
- Romanian - Lifestyle
- Russian - MIF
- Serbian - Carbona
- Slovakian - Ikar
- Slovenian - Učila
- Spanish - Planeta
- Tamil/Malayalam - Manjul
- Thai - Bee Media
- Turkish - Pegasus
- Ukrainian - Nash Format

A HEALTHY STATE OF PANIC

Follow Your Fears to Build Wealth, Crush your Career, and Win at Life

by Farnoosh Torabi

What if we stop hiding from fear? What if, instead, we invite it into our living room? Could we use it to become more self-reliant and financially stable, to become calmer, to take control and build our best life?

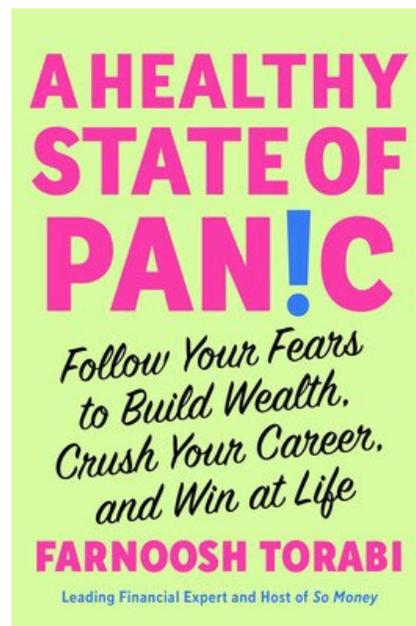
Farnoosh Torabi is familiar with fear. Growing up in the 1980s as the daughter of Iranian immigrants, she was warned to proceed with caution and play it safe. She spent her whole childhood afraid—of rejection, loneliness, missed opportunities, and falling short of her potential. But, Farnoosh realized that fear never limited her. Instead, it became a friend, expanding her world and equipping her with the tools and street smarts to navigate life's trials and thrive on her own terms.

Now, Farnoosh pairs stories from her immigrant upbringing with hard-won industry knowledge and data to show how leaning into what scares you can help you take control of your financial future. With clear-eyed advice and an engaging, heartfelt voice, she lays out the nine most common fears that hold us back—both personally and in our financial decisions—and shows how we can pivot each one into strengths and mine them for wisdom to help us achieve richer, more meaningful lives.

An accessible and clever guide to maximizing your financial success that combines *Buy Yourself the F*cking Lilies* and *You Are a Badass at Making Money*.

- Farnoosh's *So Money* podcast has over 25 million downloads

Farnoosh Torabi is one of the country's leading and most trusted personal finance experts. For more than twenty years, she's dedicated her career to helping people become financially empowered and lead richer lives. She's written multiple books, hosted a CNBC program and worked alongside Oprah's editorial team to bring her advice and insights to the masses. Farnoosh holds a degree in finance from Penn State and a master's in journalism from Columbia University.



Atria (WE)
October 2023

Format: Manuscript

LEVEL UP

Get Focused, Be More Productive, and Actually Improve 1% Every Day By Rob Dial

The host of the hugely popular *Mindset Mentor* podcast shares the science behind how taking small actions every day will build momentum that leads to life-changing success.

Why is it so hard to actually achieve our goals?

The answer, Rob Dial tells us, is our mindset. We focus on the finished goal, we focus on the outcome, we focus on the many steps between here and there, and in doing so, we get stuck. In his years spent studying human behavior and coaching numerous clients, Dial has found that what people most struggle with is not identifying goals, or even having the motivation to reach them, but creating momentum and sustaining that momentum to long-term success. The secret: all we have to do is get just 1% better each day to make huge strides and achieve our goals. When you master your mindset, you master your life.

In this positive, pragmatic book, Dial gets to the root of what's been holding us back, then provides concrete steps and tools for uprooting negative patterns and building better habits to achieve the goals that have eluded us. Packed with proven strategies for productivity and neuro-hacks, we can literally rewire our brains to take the necessary action that leads to change. Combining research-backed science, insightful journal prompts, invaluable examples from real clients, and actionable tools, LEVEL UP empowers readers to create their own roadmap to success.

- Sold at auction in a mid six-figure deal
- “The Mindset Mentor” 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
September 2023

Format: Manuscript

Rights Sold:

Arabic - Jarir Bookstore

Korean - Sam & Parkers

Russian - Portal

BREAKING BIAS

Where Stereotypes & Prejudices Come From—and the Science-Backed Method to Unravel Them

By Anu Gupta

If bias is something learned, not a trait we're born with, then how do we unlearn it?

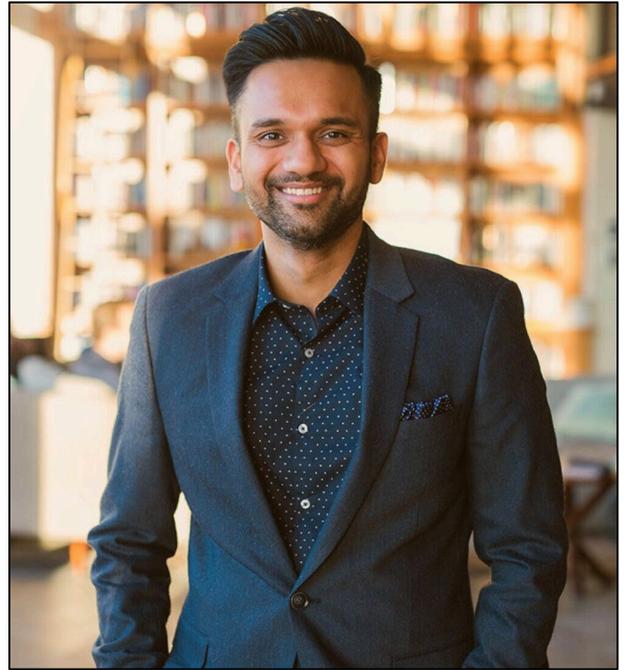
Growing up in India and the United States, and being a brown-skinned, cis-gendered, gay man with an Indian name, Anu has experienced different levels of bias, privilege, and prejudice in his life—ranging from the subtly stinging to the all-out violent—and he knows intimately the importance of breaking not only interpersonal bias, but our own internalized biases. Today, he is the founder of BE MORE with Anu, an organization that funds independent research on breaking bias and has provided anti-bias trainings to hundreds of companies around the world.

In his first book, Anu will provide readers with a solid foundation in understanding the different types of bias (internalized, interpersonal, and institutional) and their root causes: social contact, education, media, cultural stories, and institutional policies. Then, he'll teach them how to break it.

At the heart of Anu's work is the PRISM Toolkit, a mindfulness-based training program that Anu developed in partnership with a cross-disciplinary board of scientists at BE MORE. PRISM stands for Perspective-Taking, pRosocial Behavior, Individuation, Stereotype Replacement, and Mindfulness. These tools have been shown to measurably break bias through regular practice—with the added benefits of strengthening relationships, increasing resilience, reducing stress and anxiety, and even enhancing memory and cognition.

At a time when so many people are desperate for real solutions to structural inequality **BREAKING BIAS** will expand the important conversation and provide readers with the specific tools needed to address bias in all its forms—racism, sexism, classism, and more.

Anu Gupta is a scientist, educator, lawyer, and the founder & CEO of BE MORE with Anu, an e-learning company that trains organizations in breaking bias. He has spent five years developing and testing a unique science-backed, data-driven methodology that trains people in measurably breaking bias, with funding from National Science Foundation, New York State Health Foundation, American Heart Association, and On Being, among others. He has led hundreds of DEI programs that train professionals in this methodology. Anu has appeared on The Oprah Conversation with Oprah Winfrey, and his writing has been featured in *Newsweek*, *Fast Company*, *Harvard Business Review* and more.



Hay House
Hay House UK
September 2024

Format: Proposal

WHAT DRIVES YOU

How to Discover Your Unique Motivators and Accelerate Growth in Work and Life

By Kevin Miller

A roadmap for discovering the authentic drive that already exists within you and is just waiting for you to clarify, understand, and direct it—from the host of the top-rated podcast “Self-Helpful with Kevin Miller.”

Everyone has drive—a *strong energy and determination to achieve a goal or satisfy a need*. But drive can remain dormant, and it alone isn’t enough to create the kind of success in work and life you want.

In *What Drives You*, former pro athlete, performance guide, and star podcaster Kevin Miller takes you on an enlightening journey to discover how this motivational force works and how to get yourself in the mindset you need to find your true inspiration and fulfillment. He busts myths, puts the spotlight on what you need to focus on, and shows you how to use your own unique drive to power yourself in the direction you want to go.

Miller offers profound insight on how to identify the roadblocks that are keeping you from reaching your true potential, and practical steps for finding the elements that will create your unique brand of success. Knowing what drives you and how to channel that drive in the right direction puts you on the right path for you—not just professionally, but in every other way that helps you achieve more joy, peace, and fulfillment.

Praise for WHAT DRIVES YOU

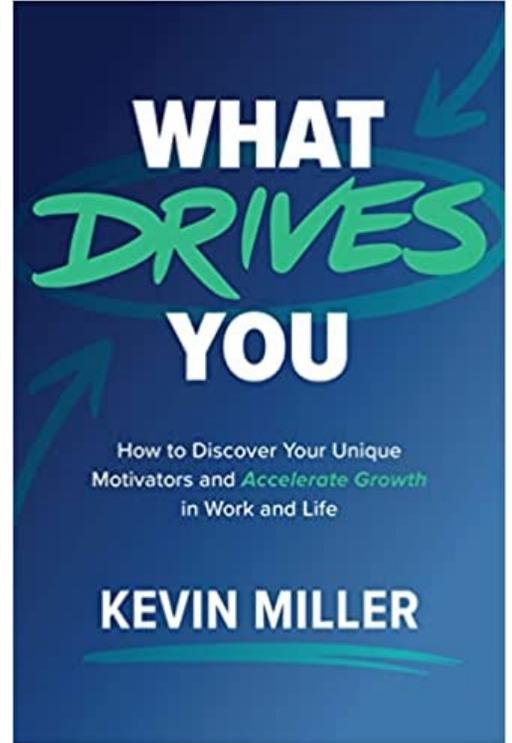
“This book is an incredible map to guide you to uncover and clarify what you truly value and care about for your life, which is what drive is.”

—Dr. Benjamin Hardy, bestselling author of BE YOUR FUTURE SELF NOW

“I honestly can’t imagine anyone who would not benefit from reading this and putting it into practice”

—Patrick Lencioni, bestselling author of THE SIX TYPES OF WORKING GENIUS

Kevin Miller is a former pro athlete, lifetime entrepreneur and host of the top ranked “Self-Helpful with Kevin Miller” podcast (formerly “The Ziglar Show,”) a professional and personal development podcast that has been ranked #3 in the “All-Time Careers” category on iTunes and downloaded more than 65 million times.



McGraw Hill (We)
May 2023

Format: Galleys

Rights Sold:
 Chinese S. - Cheers Publishing
 Korean - NextWave

THE AGE OF SCIENTIFIC WELLNESS

Why the Future of Medicine Is Personalized,
Predictive, Data-Rich and in Your Hands

by Leroy Hood, MD, PhD and Nathan Price, PhD

A visionary biotechnologist and a pathbreaking researcher take us to the cutting edge of the new frontier of medicine to show us how we can optimize our health in ways that were previously unimaginable.

We are on the cusp of a major transformation in healthcare—yet few people know it. At top hospitals and innovative health-tech startups, scientists are working closely with patients to dramatically extend their “healthspan”—the number of healthy years before disease sets in. In their first book, Leroy Hood and Nathan Price, two visionary leaders of this revolution in health take us on a thrilling journey to this new frontier of medicine.

Today, most doctors wait for clinical symptoms to appear before they act, and the ten most commonly prescribed medications confer little or no benefit to most people taking them. We must move beyond this reactive approach to usher in real precision health—a form of highly personalized care they call “scientific wellness.” Using information gleaned from our blood and genes and tapping into the data revolution made possible by AI, doctors can catch the onset of disease years before symptoms arise, revolutionizing prevention.

This is not a future fantasy: it is already happening, but only for a few patients and at high cost. It’s time to make this gold standard of care more widely available. Inspiring in its possibilities, radical in its conclusions, *The Age of Scientific Wellness* shares actionable insights to help you chart a course to a longer, healthier, and more fulfilling life.

Praise for THE AGE OF SCIENTIFIC WELLNESS

“A remarkable vision of the near future of healthcare from two of the leading innovators of our age. Always a decade ahead of the pack, Dr. Hood has been an inspiration for his entire career. This book tells you why.”

—David Sinclair, PhD, bestselling author of *Lifespan*

“Leroy Hood literally pioneered the field of personalized medicine. Now he shares his knowledge, enabling all of us to maximize our healthspan. A must-read for understanding the new era of data-driven medicine.”

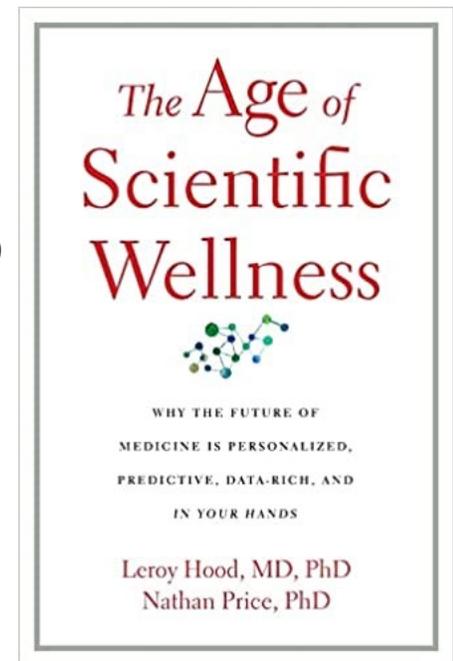
—David Agus, MD, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The End of Illness*

“This is probably the most important self-help book you will ever read—it will impact your quality of life for decades. Not only does it clearly explain recent revolutions in genomics, AI, aging, neuroplasticity, etc., it shows how you can harness them.”

—George Church, founder of Nebula Genomics

Leroy Hood, MD, developed the DNA synthesizing technology that made possible the Human Genome Project and is cofounder of the Institute for Systems Biology. A pioneer in the fields of systems biology, proteomics, and P4 medicine, he has won the Kyoto Prize, the Lasker Award, the Heinz Award, and the National Medal of Science.

Nathan Price is Chief Science Officer of Thorne HealthTech and Professor at the Institute for Systems Biology. Selected as an Emerging Leader in Health and Medicine by the National Academy of Medicine, he received the Grace A. Goldsmith Award for his work on scientific wellness and has coauthored over 200 peer-reviewed scientific publications.



Harvard University
Press
April 2023

Rights Sold:
Korean - Rok Media

IT'S NOT HYSTERIA:

An Inclusive Guide to Gynecologic Health

By Dr. Karen Tang

A gynecologic encyclopedia to help readers take control of their health from a leading pelvic pain specialist.

Covering everything from anatomy to conditions like PCOS, endometriosis, and fibroids to more complex and emotional aspects of gynecologic care like fertility, sexual health, and surgeries such as sterilizations and hysterectomies, IT'S NOT HYSTERIA educates readers about conditions and procedures that are too often misdiagnosed or misunderstood, Dr. Tang's book will offer concrete tools such as symptom guides, worksheets, and sample questions for readers to advocate for themselves with their healthcare provider.

Reproductive healthcare, from abortion to gender affirming care, is under siege; misinformation is proliferating online and in the media; the healthcare system continues to reel from the pandemic; and this perfect storm is destined to disproportionately impact people with uteruses, people of color and those in the LGBTQIA+ community. By bringing together decades of credentialed expertise and the practical information and tools readers need to take control of their bodies and their medical choices, IT'S NOT HYSTERIA will empower readers in the face of uncertainty.

Dr. Tang has extensive followings on Instagram, TikTok, YouTube as @KarenTangMD, with more than 400,000 followers on TikTok and 120,000 followers on Instagram, all growing at a rapid rate.

Dr. Karen Tang is a nationally recognized leader in women's health and minimally invasive gynecologic surgery (MIGS). She has trained medical students and residents at Harvard, Oregon Health and Sciences University, University of Miami and UPenn, and has given lectures across the U.S. on topics of women's health and minimally invasive surgery.



Flatiron Books
Penguin Life
May 2024

Format: Proposal

Rights Sold:

Spanish - Planeta

OLD FASHIONED ON PURPOSE: Cultivating a Slower, More Joyful Life By Jill Winger

The secret to finding happiness today is turning to the lost arts of the past.

As our society races toward progress, we've left something important behind. We are more connected than ever before, yet we're still feeling unfulfilled. In *OLD-FASHIONED ON PURPOSE*, Winger shows how simplifying our lives and adopting retro skills such as gardening and handiwork can be the key to creating the happy and healthy life we're yearning for. Inside these pages, readers will learn:

- How to find joy in the kitchen (even if you hate to cook)
- Proven strategies for growing your own groceries
- The surprising stress-relievers that can be found in your backyard
- How to craft a more grounded routine and save money in the process
- Clever tips and creative DIYs to help you embark on your old-fashioned journey

You don't have to live on a farm to cultivate a simpler life. This inspiring and practical book offers a powerful new sense of purpose, with plenty of tomatoes, chickens, and bread making along the way.

Praise *OLD FASHIONED ON PURPOSE*:

"I love Jill Winger's mission to make the homestead lifestyle accessible to everyone. She shows that you don't have to live on a farm and just how attainable happiness and fulfillment can be."

—Hal Elrod, international bestselling author of *THE MIRACLE MORNING*

"*Old-Fashioned on Purpose* details how she bravely stepped off the well-worn path and offers a road map for others seeking to live a more authentic and fulfilling life. This book will inspire you to reconsider how you're spending your days and help you reconnect with what matters most." —Erin Benzakein, Founder of Floret

Jill Winger is the founder of The Prairie Homestead, an online space dedicated to helping people learn how to grow their own food and take a break from the rat race, regardless of where they live. Jill has been featured in *Urban Farm*, *Farm & Ranch Living*, *Woman's Day*, *HuffPost*, and *Buzzfeed*. She resides on the Wyoming prairie with her husband, three children, and more farm animals than she can count.



**Park Row
September 2023**

Format: Manuscript

BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN

by Daniel Aleman

This timely and thought-provoking story about a teen girl shouldering impossibly large responsibilities and ultimately learning that she doesn't have to do it alone is the perfect follow-up to Daniel Aleman's award-winning debut novel, *INDIVISIBLE*.

Every morning, sixteen-year-old Sol wakes up at the break of dawn in her hometown of Tijuana, Mexico and makes the trip across the border to go to school in the United States. Though the commute is exhausting, this is the best way to achieve her dream: becoming the first person in her family to go to college.

When her family's restaurant starts struggling, Sol must find a part-time job in San Diego to help her dad put food on the table and pay the bills. But her complicated school and work schedules on the US side of the border mean moving in with her best friend and leaving her family behind.

With her life divided by an international border, Sol must come to terms with the loneliness she hides, the pressure she feels to succeed for her family, and the fact that the future she once dreamt of is starting to seem unattainable. Mostly, she'll have to grapple with a secret she's kept even from herself: that maybe she's relieved to have escaped her difficult home life, and a part of her may never want to return.

Advance Praise for *BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN*:

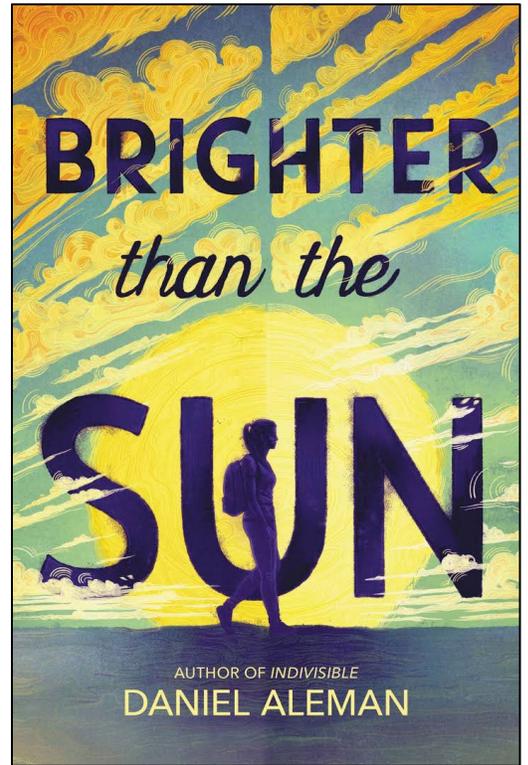
"Richly layered and emotionally complex, Aleman delivers a coming-of-age story that wrenches and soothes the heart."

-Adi Alsaid, author of *BEFORE TAKEOFF*

"A coming-of-age narrative with no easy answers but in which hope blooms."

-*Kirkus*

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 (WE)
March 2023

MUZOON

A Syrian Refugee Speaks Out by Muzoon Almellean

The inspiring true story of a Syrian refugee who fought hard for what she needed—and grew into one of the world's leading advocates for education.

When her family had to flee Syria, 14-year-old Muzoon was told to pack only the most essential things—and so she packed her schoolbooks.

This eye-opening memoir tells the story of a young girl's life in Syria, her family's wrenching decision to leave their home, and the upheaval of life in a refugee camp. Though her life had utterly changed, one thing remained the same. She knew that education was the key to a better future—for herself, and so that she could help her country. She went from tent to tent in the camp, trying to convince other kids, especially girls, to come to school. And her passion and dedication soon had people calling her the "Malala of Syria."

Muzoon has grown into an internationally recognized advocate for refugees, for education, and for the rights of girls and women, and is now a UNICEF goodwill ambassador—the first refugee to play that role.

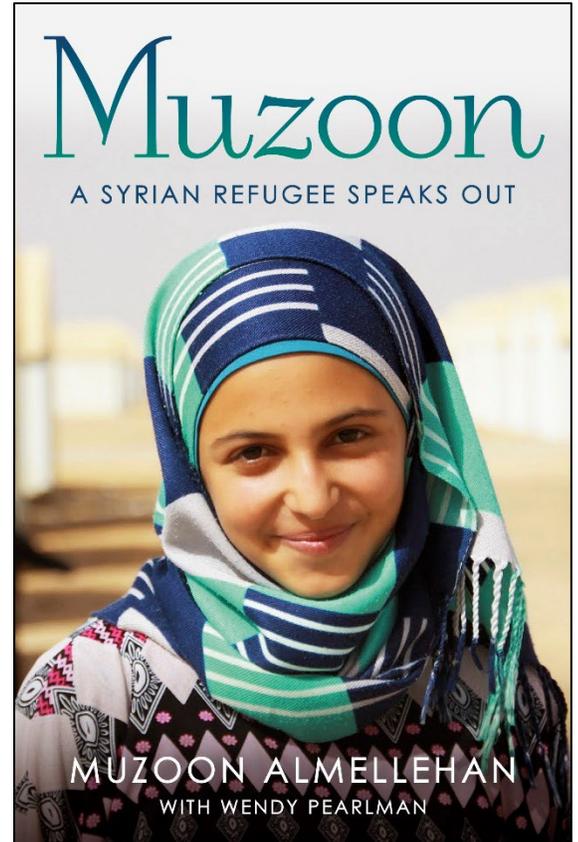
Muzoon's story is absolutely riveting and will inspire young readers to use their own voices and stand up for what they believe in.

Advance Praise for MUZOON:

"Muzoon takes readers on her perilous and ultimately hopeful journey from refugee child to advocate for others in need."

—Malala Yousafzai, bestselling author and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize

Muzoon Almellean (Arabic: المزون المليةان) is a Syrian activist and refugee resettled in the United Kingdom. She has been campaigning for children's education in emergencies since she was forced to flee Syria in 2013. Muzoon began advocating for girls' education as part of a UNICEF-supported back-to-school campaign, during which she went tent to tent, speaking with the parents of children at risk of child marriage or early labor. Since then, Muzoon has been recognized by the BBC's list of 100 inspirational and innovative women, Time Magazine's 30 Most Influential Teens, and Teen Vogue's 21 Under 21. In 2017, Muzoon received the Glamour Women of the Year Award. She is known for her work promoting the importance of education for Syrian girls. In June 2017, she became the youngest GoodWill Ambassador of UNICEF.



Knopf BFYR (WE)
May 2023

Format: Manuscript

Rights Sold:

Dutch - Kluitman

ACTUALLY SUPER

by Adi Alsaid

A globetrotting novel that takes a determined teen from Japan to Australia and to Argentina and Mexico on a quest to prove that humanity is more good than bad from the author of *LET'S GET LOST* and *BEFORE TAKEOFF*.

Isabel is having an existential crisis. She's three years into high school, and everything she's learned has only shaken her faith in humanity. Late one night, she finds herself drawn to a niche corner of the internet—a forum whose members believe firmly in one thing: that there are indeed people out in the world quietly performing impossible acts of heroism. You might even call them *supers*. No, not in the comic book sense—these are real people, just like each of us, but who happen to have a power or two. If Isabel can find them, she reasons, she might be able to prove to herself that humanity is more good than bad.

So, the day she turns 18, she sets off on a journey that will take her from Japan to Australia, and from Argentina to Mexico, with many stops along the way. She longs to prove one—*just one*—super exists to restore her hope for the future.

Will she find what she's looking for? And how will she know when—if—she does?

Praise for previous book *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 ★

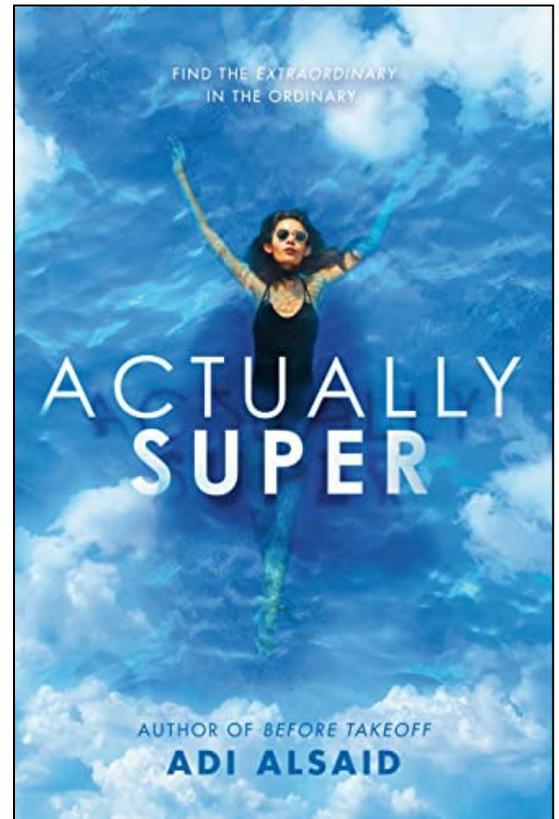
"This is a creative literary work with some thriller and romance elements that broaden its appeal. An intelligent narrative featuring introspective characters."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

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—*School Library Journal*, 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. *ACTUALLY SUPER* is his seventh novel.



Knopf BFYR (WE)
August 2023

Format: Manuscript

THE BRAVEST WARRIOR IN NEFARIA

THE BRAVEST WARRIOR IN NEFARIA

DUOLOGY: BOOK ONE

by Adi Alsaid

Phineas and Ferb meets the *Despicable Me* series in this hilarious and heartwarming middle grade debut from acclaimed author Adi Alsaid about a wannabe hero who lives in a goofily evil kingdom where nefarious schemes abound.

Welcome to Nefaria, where nearly every day the kingdom faces another evil scheme.

Most are harmless, though, so the citizens of Nefaria simply learn to live with the latest hijinks and go on with their lives. This includes Bobert Bougainvillea, who is much more concerned with the fact that he seems to be invisible. From the teachers in his school to his classmates, almost no one notices Bobert, no matter how visible he tries to be. Then everything changes when Bobert follows his classmates to a cursed gumball machine.

Before he knows it, Bobert is sucked into one of Nefaria's most villainous evil schemes, a plot that has been a long time in the making—too long, in the evil wizard Matt's opinion. And retreating into invisibility this time won't do, not when Bobert is the only one with the drive, knowledge, and—if his newfound courage doesn't fail him—bravery to foil Matt's plan.

Praise for previous book BEFORE TAKEOFF:

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S&S/Aladdin (WE)
September 2023

Format: Manuscript

IF I CAN GIVE YOU THAT

by Michael Gray Bulla

For fans of Kacen Callender and Mason Deaver comes a heart-tugging coming-of-age YA debut that takes a poignant look at gender identity, sexuality, friendship, and family—both the one we're born into and the one we find for ourselves.

Seventeen-year-old Gael is used to keeping to himself. Though his best friend convinces him to attend a meeting of Plus, a support group for LGBTQIA+ teens, Gael doesn't plan on sharing much. Where would he even start?

Between supporting his mother through her bouts of depression, dealing with his estranged father, and navigating senior year as a transgender boy at a conservative Tennessean high school, his life is a lot to unload on strangers.

But after meeting easygoing Declan, Gael is welcomed into a new circle of friends who make him want to open up. As Gael's friendship with Declan develops into something more, he finds himself caught between his mother's worsening mental health and his father's attempts to reconnect.

After tragedy strikes, Gael must decide if he can risk letting the walls around his heart down and fully opening up to those who care for him.

Praise for IF I CAN GIVE YOU THAT:

"Bulla handles complex topics such as consent, gender and sexuality, and mental illness with nuance, and Gael's sensitive first-person narration believably renders his internality and gradual growth in this confidently written portrait of a young queer person finding his way."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"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 *BEFORE TAKEOFF*

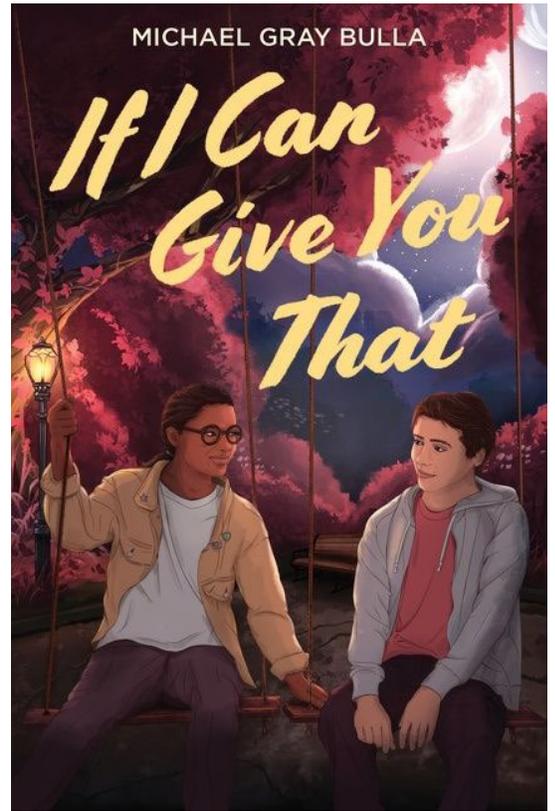
"Michael Gray Bulla's IF I CAN GIVE YOU THAT offers an emotional and deeply honest depiction of queerness and mental health. At times heartwarming and at times heartbreaking, this remarkable debut novel will remind you that loving fearlessly and letting other people in is the best way to live—especially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

—Daniel Aleman, author of *BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN*

"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 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 HOME*, was published in 2019.



Harper/Quill Tree (WE)
February 2023

LOOKING FOR SMOKE

by K.A. Cobell

Set against the backdrop of the North American Indian Days—an annual celebration in Browning, Montana on the Blackfeet Nation—a group of four teenagers find themselves in the middle of a murder investigation after a classmate is found dead.

Since moving to the Blackfeet Reservation with her parents, Mara Racine has felt like an outsider, taunted by her classmates for growing up off the reservation and being “only half” Native American. So no one's more surprised than Mara when Loren Arnoux, who was particularly cruel, includes her in a traditional Blackfeet Giveaway honoring Loren's missing sister, Cheyenne.

Mara thinks she'll finally make some friends. Instead, Samantha Calf Tail, a girl from the Giveaway group, is murdered.

Now, Mara finds herself a person of interest in the Tribal Police's investigation, along with the others who were last seen with Samantha: grief-stricken Loren, who was Samantha's best friend until Cheyenne's disappearance drove a wedge between them; class clown Brody Clark, whose unrequited attraction for Samantha is an open secret; and Eli First Kill, who has his own complicated history with Samantha.

Each of them a suspect.

Each of them hiding secrets.

When Cheyenne's body is found days later, it becomes clear that there is a connection between the two cases - and that the Tribal Police seem less interested in justice than pinning it on someone and moving on. Mara, Loren, Brody, and Eli must now take matters into their own hands and clear their names—even though the murderer may be among them, and finding out the truth could mean becoming the killer's next victim.

- Sold in a 2 book, seven-figure deal at auction

K.A. Cobell is a Pitch Wars mentee and an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Nation. She currently lives in Washington State, where she spends her time writing books, chasing her kids through the never-ending rain, and scouring the inlet beaches for sand dollars and hermit crabs. *LOOKING FOR SMOKE* is her debut novel. It was included in the Pitch Wars showcase this year, where it was requested more than any other title (by over 50 agents!).



HarperCollins/Heartdrum
Penguin Random House
2024

Format: Manuscript

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.

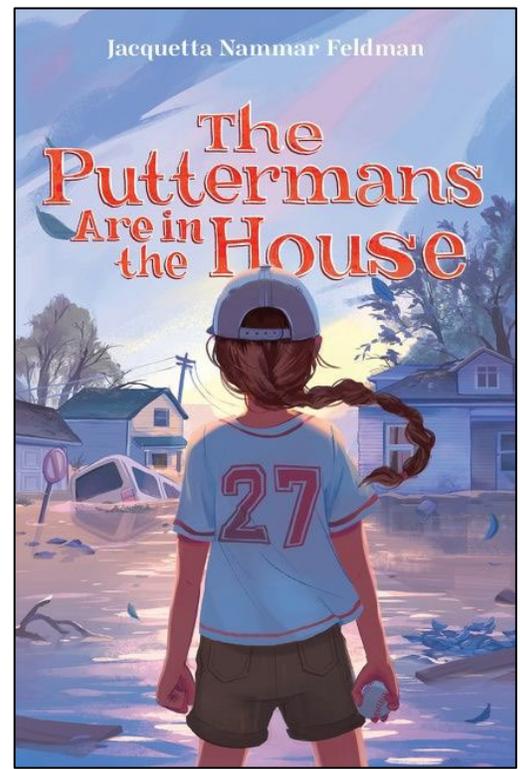
But then Hurricane Harvey hits Houston, Texas, and the twins’ house is damaged in the flood. Their family moves in with Becky’s—which no one is happy about. As their grief, anger, and uncertainty grows, they’ll soon find they need each other now more than ever before. With all nine Puttermans under one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

Praise for THE PUTTERMANS ARE IN THE HOUSE:

“A heartfelt home run for hope and healing, THE PUTTERMANS ARE IN THE HOUSE is a dynamic story that proves when families come together, they can truly weather any storm... Jacquetta Nammar Feldman’s sophomore novel is out-of-this-park good.” --Michael Leali, author of THE CIVIL WAR OF AMOS ABERNATHY

“A sad and sweet novel that takes a hurricane and turns it on its head: instead of leaving only destruction, this one becomes the crucible for restoration... Faced with past resentments, present insecurities, and future disappointments, these characters come together by helping each other find what they most truly love—and the surprising wholeness that results is a story worth telling.” --Gary Schmidt, bestselling author of National Book Award finalist OKAY FOR NOW and the Newbery Honor Books LIZZIE BRIGHT AND THE BUCKMINSTER BOY and THE WEDNESDAY WARS

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

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

Advance Praise for THE WITCH AND THE VAMPIRE:

"This incredible book is full of everything you'll ever need—a lush, interesting world, action, incredible character work, and, of course, witches and vampires galore. I had a fantastic time and I couldn't put it down."

-Jessica Lewis, author of *BAD WITCH BURNING*

"An enchanting world with fast-paced action, plenty of twists, and a sweet romance at the center. For anyone who wished *Tangled* had been a little more dark and a lot more gay."

-Sonia Hartl, author of *THE LOST GIRLS*

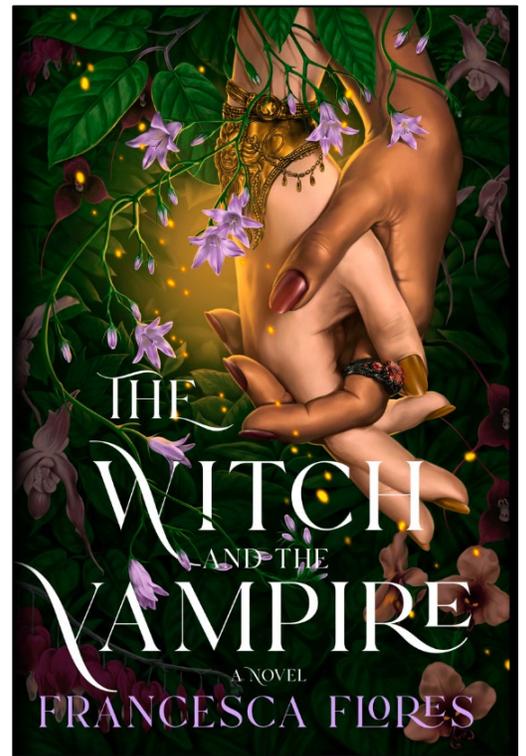
"THE WITCH AND THE VAMPIRE casts a pulse-pounding spell on readers from the start and never relents. Its magic lies in the complex exploration of self, how family and ideological differences play a role in defining it, and the healing nature of sweet, patient love."

-Amparo Ortiz, author of *BLAZEWRATH GAMES*

"Flores conjures a bewitchingly atmospheric world of deadly magic, ancient rivalries, and cursed forests underpinned by a sumptuous, slow-burn romance that puts a fresh spin on the canon of witches and vampires."

-Amélie Wen Zhao, *NYT* bestselling author of *SONG OF SILVER*, *FLAME LIKE NIGHT*

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

Rights Sold:

Polish - Proszynski

Ukrainian - Laboratory

BRING ME YOUR MIDNIGHT

by Rachel Griffin

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *THE NATURE OF WITCHES* and *WILD IS THE WITCH*; comes a lush romantic fantasy about forbidden love, the choices we make, and the pull between duty and desire.

Tana Fairchild's fate has never been in question. Her life has been planned out since the moment she was born: she is to marry the governor's son, Landon, and secure an unprecedented alliance between the witches of her island home and the mainlanders who see her very existence as a threat.

Tana's coven has appeased those who fear their power for years by releasing most of their magic into the ocean during the full moon. But when Tana misses the midnight ritual—a fatal mistake—there is no one she can turn to for help...until she meets Wolfe.

Wolfe claims he is from a coven that practices dark magic, making him one of the only people who can help her. But he refuses to let Tana's power rush into the sea, and instead teaches her his forbidden magic. A magic that makes her feel powerful. Alive.

As the sea grows more violent, her coven loses control of the currents, a danger that could destroy the alliance as well as her island. Tana will have to choose between love and duty, between loyalty to her people and loyalty to her heart. Marrying Landon would secure peace for her coven but losing Wolfe and his wild magic could cost her everything else.

Advance Praise for BRING ME YOUR MIDNIGHT:

"Prepare to be bewitched. Achingly beautiful, devastatingly romantic, and deliciously atmospheric, *BRING ME YOUR MIDNIGHT* casts a powerful spell. Readers who pick up this book will feel the sea spray of the ocean, the heart pounding romance, and the impossible choices that Tana must make."

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

"Mesmerizingly atmospheric, achingly tender, and fiercely passionate, *BRING ME YOUR MIDNIGHT* holds the depths of an ocean within its spellbinding pages. Griffin weaves enchantment with lyrical prose that is at once intimate and bold, vulnerable and sweet, in a magical, romantic masterpiece."

— Amélie Wen Zhao, *NYT* bestselling author of *SONG OF SILVER, FLAME LIKE NIGHT*

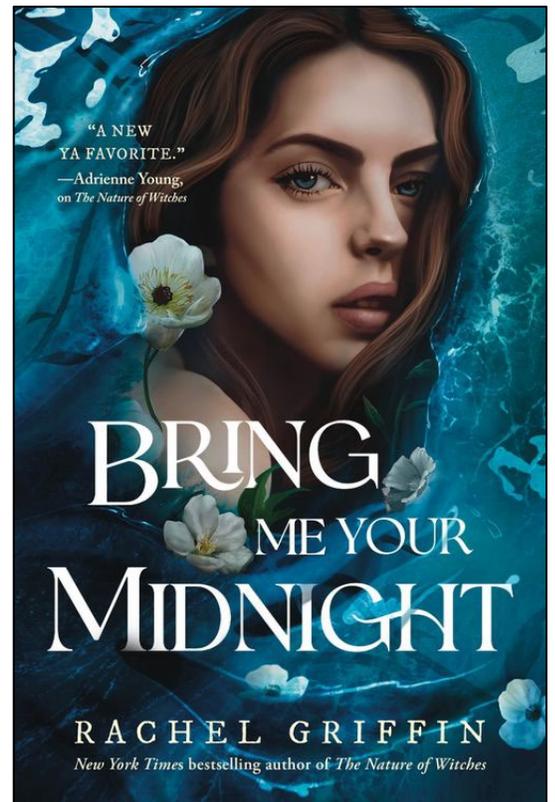
"Darkly enchanting and lush, *BRING ME YOUR MIDNIGHT*—with its forbidden romance and gorgeous atmosphere—is sure to cast a spell on you."

— Kerri Maniscalco, #1 *NYT* bestselling author of *KINGDOM OF THE WICKED*

"Griffin's best work yet! *BRING ME YOUR MIDNIGHT* is a beautiful exploration of first love, the familial ties that bind us, and trusting your own heart's desires. Steeped in Griffin's signature lush atmosphere and a deeply romantic tone, this dazzling fantasy is bound to be a new favorite."

— Adalyn Grace, *NYT* bestselling author of *BELLADONNA*

Rachel Griffin is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *THE NATURE OF WITCHES* and *WILD IS THE WITCH*. When she isn't writing, you can find her wandering the Pacific Northwest, reading by the fire, or drinking copious amounts of coffee and tea.



Sourcebooks (WE) August 2023

Format: Manuscript

Rights Sold:
Italian - Gribaudo
Spanish - Urano

BEHOLDER

by Ryan La Sala

From Ryan La Sala, author of the tantalizingly twisted *THE HONEYS* and riotously imaginative *REVERIE*, comes a chilling new contemporary fable about art, aesthetic obsession, and the gaze that peers back at us from behind our reflections.

No one survived the party at the penthouse. Except Athan.

Athanasios “Athan” Bakirtzis has made it far in life relying on his charm and good looks, even securing an invitation to a mysterious penthouse soiree for New York City’s artsy elite. But when he sneaks off to the bathroom, he hears a slam, followed by a scream. Athan peers outside, only to be pushed back in by a boy his age. The boy gravely tells him not to open the door, then closes Athan in.

Outside the door, the party descends into chaos. Through hours of howls, laughter, and sobs, Athan stays hidden. When he finally emerges, he discovers a massacre where the corpses appear to have arranged themselves into a disturbingly elegant sculpture—and Athan’s mysterious savior is nowhere to be found. Athan—the only known survivor—is now the primary suspect.

In a race to prove his innocence, Athan is swept up in a supernatural mystery, one of secret occult societies and deadly eldritch horrors with *rather* distinctive taste. Something evil is waking up in the walls of New York City, and its compelling victims toward violence, chaos, and self-destruction. Bound to him by a mysterious hereditary power, Athan has felt this evil hiding behind his reflection his entire life, watching him. Waiting. Now, it’s taking over.

Part paranormal thriller, part urban Gothic, and all wall-to-wall horror, *Beholder* is a novel as rich as it is spellbinding. It explores the monstrous side of beauty—and what it can do to us when we’re caught up in its web.

- Previous book *THE HONEYS* was an instant *Indiebound* Bestseller

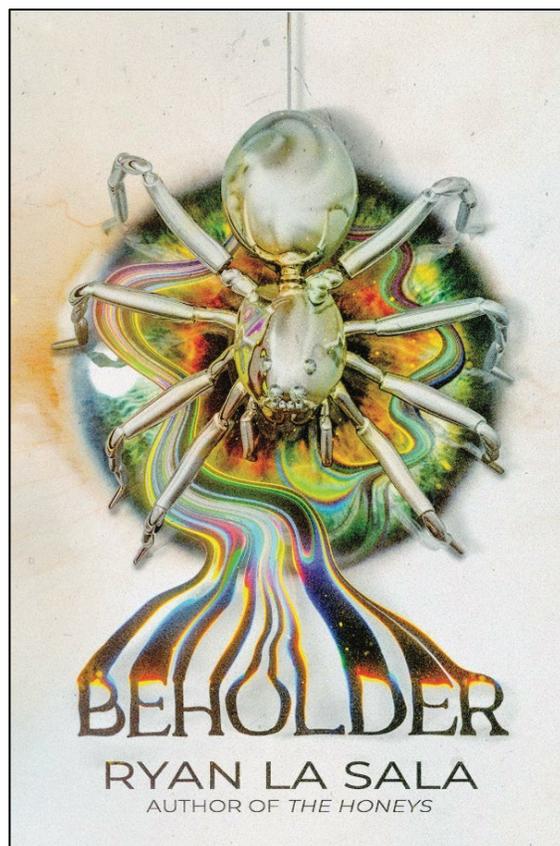
Praise for previous book *THE HONEYS*:

“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 ★

“A sparkling and powerful exploration of grief, gender roles, and escaping the strong grip of expectations, this is a must-purchase for all libraries serving teens.”
—*School Library Journal*, starred review ★

“Tantalizing and memorable, La Sala’s elite summer camp-set horror novel is a tribute to the healing and revolutionary power of solidarity... La Sala’s slow plot reveal is gripping, and the narrative lush prose crafts both deliciously creepy horror scenes and a nuanced, self-assured protagonist consumed by grief and longing for acceptance.”
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review ★

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



Push/Scholastic (WE)
October 2023

Format: Manuscript

ONE LAST BREATH

by Ginny Myers Sain

The *New York Times* bestselling author of *DARK & SHALLOW LIES* delivers another chilling supernatural thriller filled with murder, romance, and a decades long mystery that haunts a small Florida town.

True love never dies. It just stays buried.

Mount Orange, Florida, is famous for two things: Cerulean freshwater springs, perfect for free divers who aren't afraid of lurking gator, and the gruesome cold case murder of best friends, Bailey and Celeste, twenty years ago.

The spectre of Bailey and Celeste's murders cast a permanent darkness over sunny Mount Orange. Tru has always lived in that shadow. Sometimes, it seems like she knows the long-dead Bailey, feels the dead girl in her bones. Now she's supposed to head to FSU in the fall with her boyfriend, but those unsolved murders -- and the death of her own sister -- invade her every thought. It's only in the shadowy deep, 100 feet below the surface of Hidden Glen Springs, that she can breathe.

When Rio, a strange girl, rolls into town, hell-bent on figuring out who killed Bailey and Celeste, Tru can't resist entangling herself in the thrill of solving the decades old mystery any more than she can resist her familiar, aching attraction to Rio.

As the summer heat ignites, so does the spark between Tru and Rio...along with their other-worldly connection to Bailey and Celeste. But when someone begins stalking them, the girls become convinced the killer is back in town. And if they keep digging into the past, Tru and Rio know this time, it could be their blood that makes the springs run red.

Praise for previous book *SECRETS SO DEEP*:

"*SECRETS SO DEEP* sneaks up and utterly consumes you in its murky tides. This is a book made of smoke, impossible to pin down and difficult to forget..."
- *The Nerd Daily*

"Sorrowful, haunting, and romantic; a true page-turner."
- *Kirkus*

"Atmospheric, thoroughly engrossing... An exploration of many different ways to be haunted wrapped in eerie, chilling suspense."
- *School Library Journal*

"Harrowing twists and reveals [with] a setting that reads as its own character, providing ethereal ambiance and a palpably unmoored feeling of anticipatory tension. The seething, surrealistic imagery is sure to stay lodged in readers' minds long after they've finished."
- *Publishers Weekly*

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.



**PRH/Razorbill
Farshore
Spring 2024**

Format: Manuscript

LASAGNA MEANS I LOVE YOU

by Kate O'Shaughnessy

What are the essential ingredients that make a family? Eleven-year-old Mo is making up her own recipe in this unforgettable story that's a little sweet, a little sour, and totally delicious.

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.

- February 2023 Amazon Editors' Pick

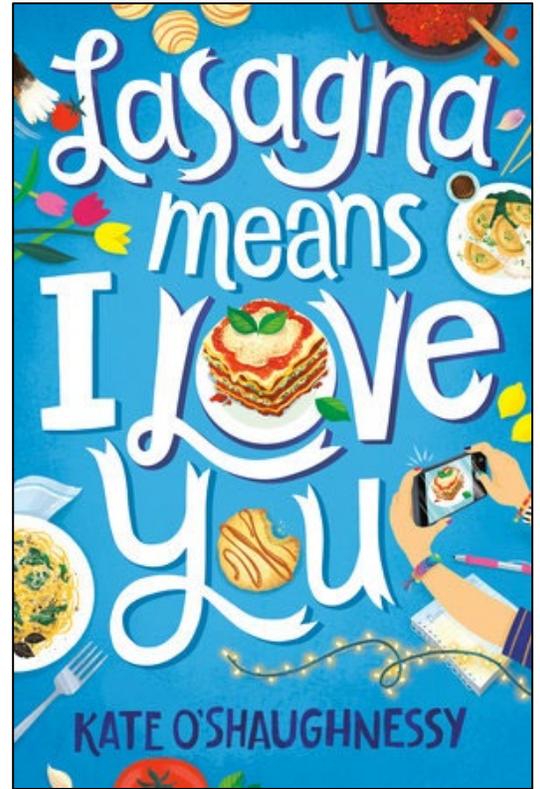
Praise for LASAGNA MEANS I LOVE YOU:

"Readers will laugh, cry, and embrace Mo completely... Deeply moving and tender."
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review ★

"[An] 11-year-old in mourning navigates foster care and seeks connection by collecting families' recipes and stories in this tenderly rendered, character-driven novel... Extremely satisfying."
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review ★

"Mo, imperfections and all, is a winning heroine. To be read with snacks at hand, and perhaps also some tissues."
—*The Horn Book*

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 (WE)
February 2023

YOU BET YOUR HEART

by Danielle Parker

A riveting, swoon-worthy YA romance centered on two high achievers fighting for the title of high school valedictorian and falling in love along the way, from debut author Danielle Parker.

Sasha Johnson-Sun might not know everything—like how to fully heal after her dad’s passing or how many more Saturdays her mom can spend cleaning houses. But the one thing Sasha is certain of? She will graduate this year as Skyline High’s class valedictorian.

At least, she was sure before the principal calls Sasha and her cute, effortlessly gifted ex-best friend, Ezra Davis-Goldberg, into his office to deliver earth-shattering news: they’re tied for valedictorian and the scholarship attached...

This outcome can’t be left to chance. So, Sasha and Ezra agree on a best-of-three, winner-take-all academic bet. As they go head-to-head, they are forced not only to reexamine why they drifted apart but also to figure out who they’ve become since. With her future hanging in the balance, Sasha must choose: honor her family’s sacrifices by winning (at all costs) or give her heart a shot at finding happiness?

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

Advance Praise for YOU BET YOUR HEART:

“A hilarious mix of wit and soul, YOU BET YOUR HEART blends heart-stopping romance with an honest perspective on class, grief, perfectionism, and mental health. An affirming love story for the anxious, the driven, the color-coordinated-pencil-case-loving reluctant romantics everywhere.”

-Jade Adia, author of THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD

“Big-hearted with a pitch-perfect voice, this enemies-to-lovers is your next favorite rom com. With a fiercely driven and lovable main character, You Bet Your Heart explores complex family dynamics, self-discovery, and the sweet unfurling of first love.”

-Maurene Goo, NYT bestselling author of SOMEWHERE ONLY WE KNOW and THROWBACK

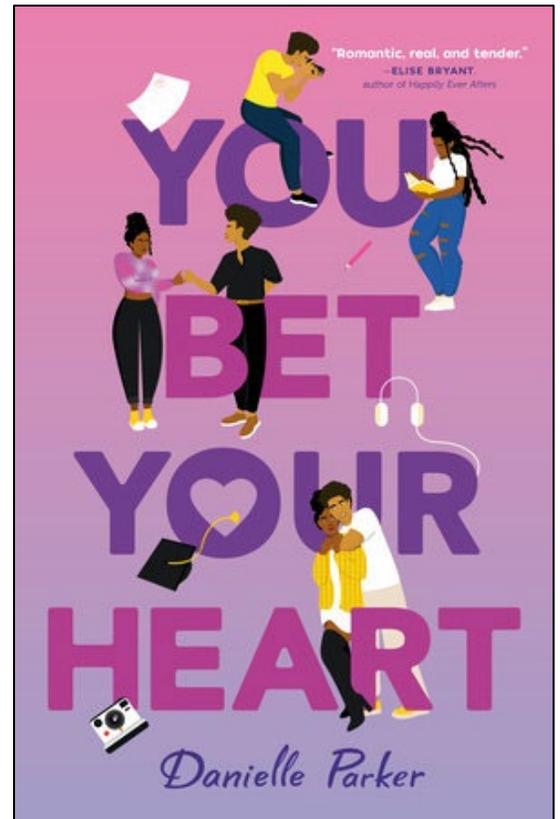
“A fun, fast-paced, and flirty rom com. Come for the swoons, stay for the feels.”

-Samantha Markum, author of THIS MIGHT END BADLY

“Utterly charming and thoroughly delightful. A beautiful story about opening your heart to others, and learning how to live a life full of meaning, love, and joy.”

-Julia Drake, author of THE LAST TRUE POETS OF THE SEA

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
May 2023

Format: Galleys

Rights Sold:

Portuguese (Brazilian) - Globo Alt

Spanish - Anaya

BITTERSWEET IN THE HOLLOW

by Kate Pearsall

In this beautifully dark and enthralling YA, four sisters with unusual talents investigate a mysterious disappearance in their secluded Appalachian town. For fans of HOUSE OF HOLLOW and WILDER GIRLS.

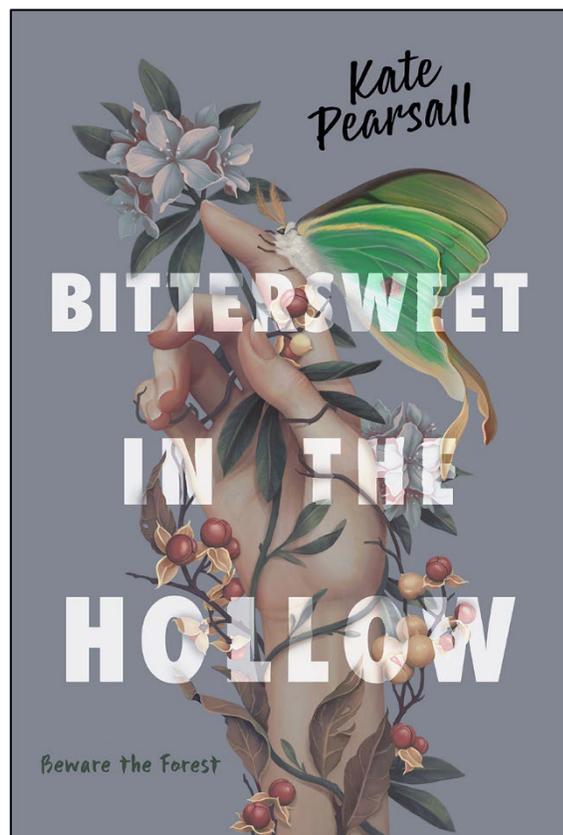
In rural Caball Hollow, surrounded by the vast National Forest, the James women serve up more than fried green tomatoes at the Harvest Moon diner, where the family recipes are not the only secrets.

Like her sisters, Linden was born with an unusual ability. She can taste what others are feeling, but this so-called gift soured her relationship with the vexingly attractive Cole Spencer one fateful night a year ago . . . A night when Linden vanished into the depths of the Forest and returned with no memories of what happened, just a litany of questions—and a haze of nightmares that suggest there’s more to her story than simply getting lost.

Now, during the hottest summer on record, another girl in town is gone, and the similarities to last year’s events are striking. Except, this time the missing girl doesn’t make it home, and when her body is discovered, the scene unmistakably spells murder.

As tempers boil over, Linden enlists the help of her sisters to find what’s hiding in the forest . . . before it finds her. But as she starts digging for truth—about the Moth-Winged Man rumored to haunt the Hollow, about her bitter rift with Cole, and even about her family—she must question if some secrets are best left buried.

Kate Pearsall is a creative thinker, an award-winning copywriter, and a storyteller. She has a degree in business and public relations and has written for magazines and newspapers. Her debut novel, *Bittersweet in the Hollow*, was inspired in part by a childhood listening to her mom’s stories about growing up in the Appalachian Mountains and visiting family in West Virginia.



**G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books
for Young Readers
October 2023**

Format: Galleys

THE NIGHT ENDS WITH FIRE

THE NIGHT ENDS WITH FIRE DUOLOGY: BOOK ONE

by K. X. Song

The first in a gripping fantasy duology inspired by *Mulan* and *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*, perfect for fans of R. F. Kuang and Rin Chupeco.

The Three Kingdoms are at war, but Meilin's father refuses to answer the imperial draft. Instead, facing mounting gambling debts, he plans to sell Meilin for her dowry to fund his opium addiction. But when Meilin discovers her husband-to-be is another violent, ill-tempered man, she realizes that nothing will change for her unless she takes matters into her own hands.

The very next day, she disguises herself as a boy and enlists in her father's place.

With the help of Sky, the prince who leads their platoon, Meilin's relentless hard work brings her recognition and even friendship—and with Sky, a closeness that starts to border on something more. But has she simply exchanged one prison for another? As her army barrels towards a deadly war, Meilin begins to have visions of a fickle sea dragon spirit that warns her of sinister forces at work behind the war, cornering her into another impossible decision: remain a loyal soldier for a kingdom that would turn on her in an instant if her true identity were discovered, or wield the tantalizing outlawed magic that the sea dragon offers and claim the power long denied to her and every other woman in the kingdom.

As the very future of the Three Kingdoms hangs in the balance, Meilin will need to decide whom to trust—Sky, who has earned her love and loyalty; the sea dragon spirit, which has its own murky agenda; or an infuriating enemy prince who makes her question everything she once knew—about her kingdom and about her own heart.

From a major new voice in fantasy, K. X. Song offers a powerful meditation on the forces that shape our destiny and the grit required to overcome them ... and on the double-edged sword of ambition, which can both free and corrupt.

K. X. Song is a Highlights Foundation fellow and a HG Wells Turnill Prize honoree. She currently resides in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she can often be found feeding the pampered ducks of Golden Gate Park. Her debut YA novel, *AN ECHO IN THE CITY*, is slated for publication in summer 2023 by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers and is about two teenagers falling in love and coming of age amid the Hong Kong protests.

PRH/Ace Books
 Hodder & Stoughton
 2024

Format: Manuscript

Rights Sold:

Italian - DeAgostini

BLOOD AT THE ROOT

by LaDarrion Williams

An action-packed story of a Black teen who must choose to embrace his long-lost family's legacy—and the love, warmth, secrets, and power that come with it. Perfect for fans of LEGENDBORN.

Black boys like me don't have magic powers. At least, that's what I believed growing up...

Now that he's seventeen, Malik Baron has a plan: get his foster brother, Taye, out of an abusive household, and get the hell out of Helena, Alabama. It's been years since Malik's strange, mercurial powers manifested—the same night his mother vanished, leaving behind only dead bodies and questions—and all he wants is a fresh start somewhere far away. But when Taye falls sick during their getaway, Malik is forced to turn to mysterious strangers in New Orleans for help—strangers who claim to be his long-lost family.

Strangers with powers, like Malik's.

And powerful, they are; his grandmother, Mama Aya, is a living legend, famous for wiping out the Bokors, dark sorcerers who once threatened the world. All Mama Aya wants now is to reconnect with Malik so he can learn about his heritage and how to control his powers at Caiman University, a hidden HBCU in New Orleans—for students with magic.

It's the same school his own mother attended, and soon Malik finds himself following a breadcrumb trail that may bring him to the answers about his mom he's so long hoped for...or that may just as easily lead down a dangerous path from which he can never return. Because there's a lot beneath the surface at Caiman: feuding covens, magical politics, dark secrets, and a dangerous threat: the Bokors are on the rise again...and it'll be up to Malik to stop them, or else the Bokors will destroy what's left of his old family as well as his new one—taking with them his only shot at uncovering what really happened the night his mom went missing.

- Sold in a 2 book, high six-figure deal to Liesa Abrams at Labyrinth Road

LaDarrion Williams is a Los Angeles based-playwright, filmmaker, author, and screenwriter whose goal is to cultivate a new era of Black fantasy, providing space and agency for Black characters and stories in a new, fresh, and fantastical way. In September 2019, his play, *Coco Queens*, was a part of the Sundance Institute's Playwriting Intensive and was also a semi-finalist for the 2020 Eugene O'Neill National Playwriting Conference. LaDarrion is currently a resident playwright/co-creator of The Black Creators Collective, where his play *UMOJA* made its West Coast premiere in January 2022 and produced North Hollywood's first Black playwrights' festival at the Waco Theater Center. His viral and award-winning short film *Blood at The Root*, based on the same concept as the book, is currently on YouTube and Amazon Prime.



PRH/Labyrinth Road
Summer 2024

Format: Manuscript

FOXGLOVE

BELLADONNA SERIES: BOOK TWO

by Adalyn Grace

The captivating sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling, Gothic-infused *BELLADONNA*, in which Signa and Death face a supernatural foe determined to tear them apart.

A duke has been murdered. The lord of Thorn Grove has been framed. And Fate, the elusive brother of Death, has taken up residence in a sumptuous estate nearby. He's hellbent on revenge after Death took the life of the woman he loved many years ago...and now he's determined to have Signa for himself, no matter the cost.

Signa and her cousin Blythe are certain that Fate can save Elijah Hawthorne from prison if they will entertain his presence. But the more time the girls spend with Fate, the more frightening their reality becomes as Signa exhibits dramatic new powers that link her to Fate's past. With mysteries and danger around every corner, the cousins must decide if they can trust one another as they navigate their futures in high society, unravel the murders that haunt their family, and play Fate's unexpected games—all with their destinies hanging in the balance.

Dangerous, suspenseful, and seductive, this sequel to Signa and Death's story is as utterly romantic as it is perfectly deadly.

- *BELLADONNA* was an Instant *New York Times*, *Times (UK)*, *USA Today* and *Indiebound* and *Nielson UK Children's* Bestseller!
- Barnes & Noble Book Club Pick, Epic Reads pick at Target and Fall YA Book Club pick for *Seventeen Magazine*.

Praise previous Book One in the Series - *BELLADONNA*:

"Darkly twisted and deliciously gothic, *BELLADONNA* is the kind of wicked fairy tale I've loved for most of my life. Grace's world is vivid and sexy"

– Renée Ahdieh, #1 NYT bestselling author of *THE WRATH & THE DAWN*

"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*

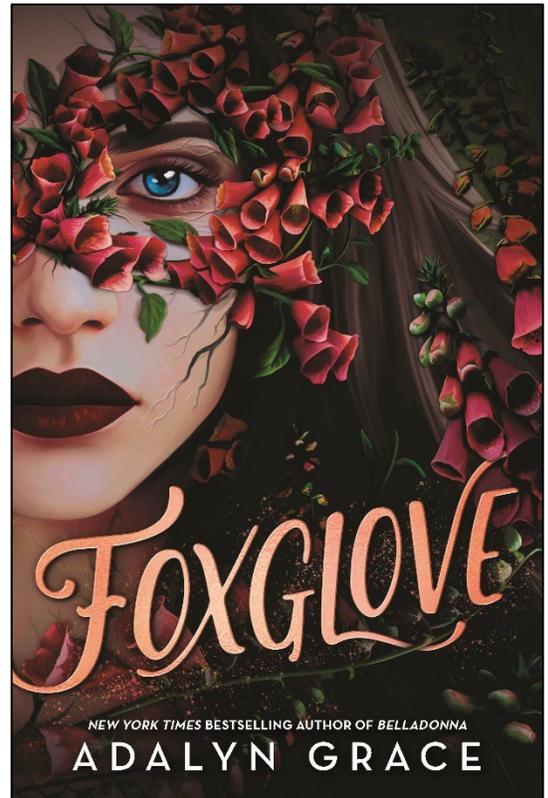
"Decadently atmospheric. This gothic romance is filled with desire, betrayal, and of course, Death."

- Kerri Maniscalco, NYT bestselling author of *KINGDOM OF THE WICKED*

"*BELLADONNA* effortlessly weaves mystery, magic, and romance together into a gothic-infused masterpiece sure to become YA's new obsession. Every page drips with atmosphere and will leave readers wishing that they, too, could roam the halls of haunted Thorn Grove. Utterly original and completely addictive, *BELLADONNA* is a fantasy to die for."

–Rachel Griffin, NYT bestselling author of *THE NATURE OF WITCHES*

Adalyn Grace is the *New York Times*, indie, and USA Today bestselling author of *BELLADONNA* and the *ALL THE STARS AND TEETH* duology.



Little, Brown Books for
Young Readers
Hodder & Stoughton
August 2023

Format: Manuscript

Rights Sold:

Brazilian (Portuguese) - VR Editora

Czech - Euromedia

Italian - Rizzoli

Polish - Foksal

Romanian - Corint

Slovak - Ikar

Spanish - Urano

Turkish - Artemis

ADIA KELBARA AND THE CIRCLE OF SHAMANS

Adia Kelbara and the Circle of Shamans: Book One

by Isi Hendrix

An unputdownable story about carving your own path out in the world, for fans of SCHOOL FOR GOOD AN EVIL and ARU SHAH AND THE END OF TIME.

Life is tough for twelve-year-old orphan Adia. Her aunt and uncle believe she's an ogbanje, a demon-possessed child that brings misfortune wherever they go, and Adia can't disagree—especially when she suddenly manifests mysterious powers that she can't control, causing an earthquake in her village.

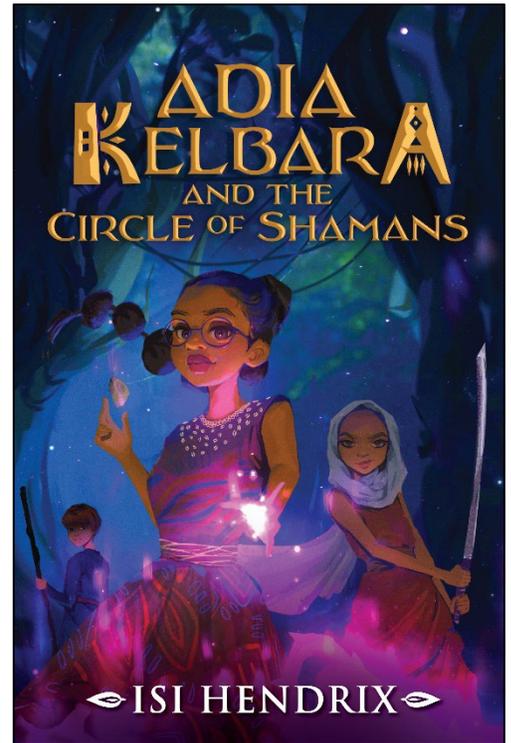
So when Adia is offered a kitchen apprenticeship at the faraway Academy of Shamans, she flees with nothing but a pouch of change, her cat Bubbles, and the hope that someone there can figure out what's wrong with her—and fix it. But just as she's settling in, Adia stumbles upon a shocking secret. Darian, the emperor of Zaria, really is possessed, by a demon more wicked than any other. And he's on his way to the Academy for a visit.

Joining forces with a snarky Goddess, a 500-year-old warrior girl, and an annoying soldier-in-training, Adia must travel through hidden realms to exorcise Darian and save her kingdom. But to succeed, she first must come to understand the mysterious powers inside her...

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. ADIA KELBARA AND THE CIRCLE OF SHAMANS is her debut novel.



Harper/Balzer + Bray
Usborne
September 2023

Format: Manuscript

Rights Sold:

French - Seuil

Russian - Eksmo

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.

- Instant *Sunday Times* bestseller!

Praise for SPICE ROAD:

“Overflowing with culturally specific details and set in a fictional, Arabian-inspired world, this high-octane adventure maintains a steady clip toward a scintillating conclusion.” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred Review ★

“Spellbinding magic, lush description and whirlwind action define Maiya Ibrahim’s YA debut, SPICE ROAD.” — *Shelf Awareness*, starred review ★

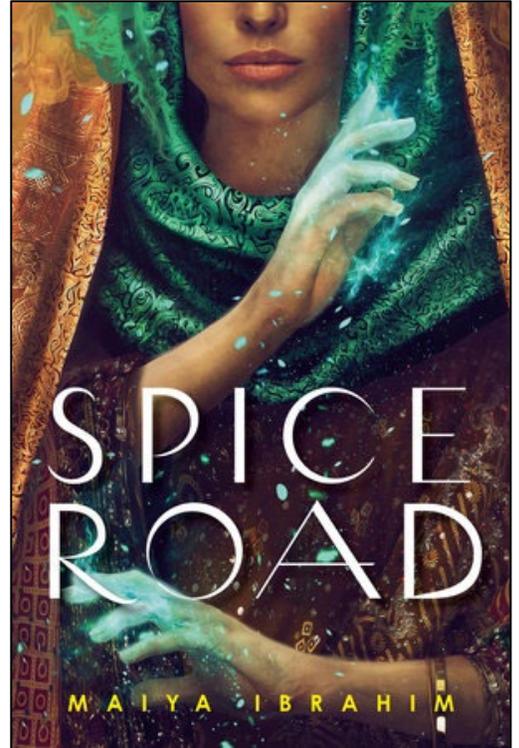
“A beautifully written, surprise-filled page-turner.” — *Kirkus*, starred review ★

“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, *New York Times* bestselling author of SONG OF SILVER, FLAME LIKE NIGHT

- Sold to Delacorte at auction in a mid six-figure, three book deal
- UK rights sold, with a major subscription box on board

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**SPICE ROAD TRILOGY
BOOK TWO:
SERPENT SEA**
Forthcoming June 2024

SONG OF SILVER, FLAME LIKE NIGHT

SONG OF THE LAST KINGDOM SERIES: 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.

- Instant *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestseller!
- Over 107k followers on TikTok

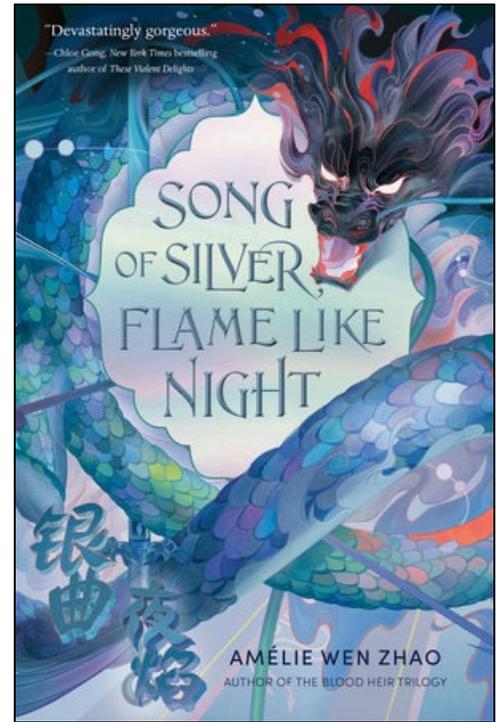
Praise for SONG OF SILVER, FLAME LIKE NIGHT:

“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

“Devastatingly gorgeous... [E]ach page of SONG OF SILVER, FLAME LIKE NIGHT unfolds with a deliberate, skilled hand. Amélie Wen Zhao writes with a direct line to my heart.”
 -Chloe Gong, #1 NYT bestselling author of THESE VIOLENT DELIGHTS

“A gloriously rendered tale of power and what we’ll do to protect. Zhao serves the action, stunning visuals, and philosophical underpinnings of the xianxia genre in high style. Perfect for fans of The Untamed. I loved it!”
 -Shelley Parker-Chan, #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author of SHE WHO BECAME THE SUN

Amélie Wen Zhao was born in Paris and grew up in Beijing. Her multicultural upbringing instilled in her a deep love of global affairs and cross-cultural perspectives. Amélie is the author of the BLOOD HEIR trilogy and the SONG OF THE LAST KINGDOM series.



**Delacorte
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January 2023**

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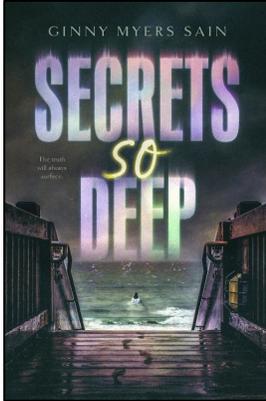
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Ukrainian - Vivat

**SONG OF THE LAST KINGDOM
BOOK TWO:
DARK STAR BURNING, ASH
FALLS WHITE**

Forthcoming January 2024

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...



SECRETS SO DEEP
By Ginny Myers Sain

Razorbill/Egmont
September 2022

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.

Rights Sold:

German - Panini

Praise for SECRETS SO DEEP:

"Sorrowful, haunting, and romantic; a true page-turner."
-Kirkus

"Harrowing twists and reveals [with] a setting that reads as its own character, providing ethereal ambiance and a palpably unmoored feeling of anticipatory tension. The seething, surrealistic imagery is sure to stay lodged in readers' minds long after they've finished."

-Publishers Weekly

Rights Sold:

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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 ★

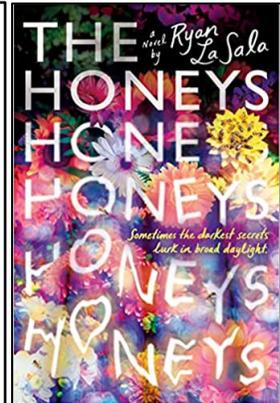
"A sparkling and powerful exploration of grief, gender roles, and escaping the strong grip of expectations."

-School Library Journal, starred review ★

THE HONEYS
By Ryan La Sala

Push/Scholastic (WE)
August 2022

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.



BEFORE TAKEOFF
Adi Alsaid

Knopf BFYR
June 2022

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!

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 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 ★

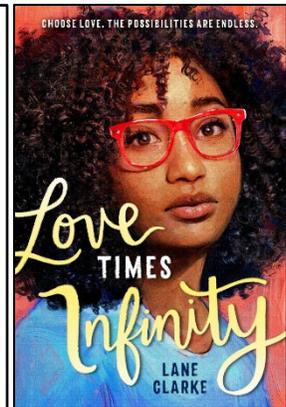
"Lane Clarke's one-of-a-kind voice had me hooked from the very first page....This book is truly something special."

-Elise Bryant, author of HAPPILY EVER AFTER

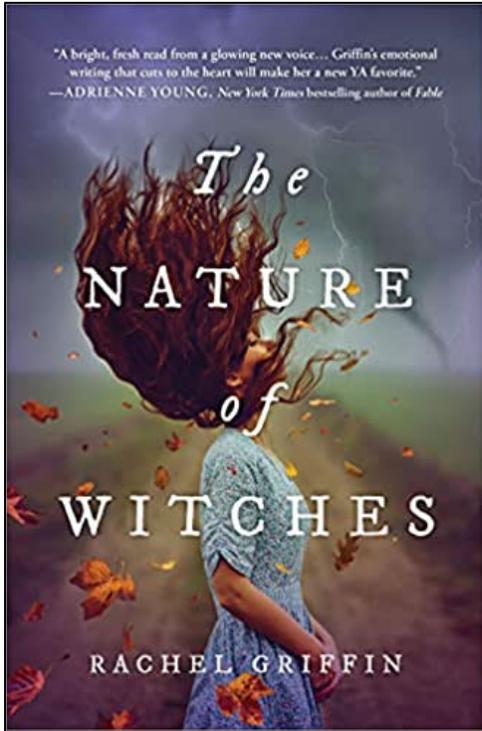
LOVE TIMES INFINITY
Lane Clarke

Poppy/Little, Brown BFYR
July 2022

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



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...



THE NATURE OF WITCHES
Rachel Griffin
 Sourcebooks (WE)
 June 2021

In a world where witches control the climate and are losing control, only one witch can save earth from destruction. But as her power grows, it hurts those closest to her, and when she falls in love with her training partner she's forced to choose between her power, her love, and saving the earth. For centuries, witches have maintained the climate, but now their control is faltering as the atmosphere becomes more erratic; the storms, more destructive. All hope lies with Clara, a once-in-a-generation Everwitch whose magic is tied to every season.

"The forces of nature and magic blend perfectly in this masterfully told story. I couldn't love this book more." — **Shea Ernshaw**, *NYT* bestselling author of **THE WICKED DEEP** and **WINTERWOOD**

- An instant *New York Times* bestseller

Rights Sold: Brazilian Portuguese (Editora Rocco); Czech (Albatros); Russian (AST); Spanish (Urano); Italian (Gribaudo)

WILD IS THE WITCH
Rachel Griffin
 Sourcebooks (WE)
 August 2022

After a night of magic turns deadly, Iris Gray vows to never let another person learn she's a witch. Now settled in Washington, Iris hides who she really is and vents her frustrations by writing curses she never intends to cast. And while she loves working at the wildlife refuge she runs with her mother, she loathes Pike Alder, the witch-hating aspiring ornithologist who interns with them.

When Pike makes a particularly hurtful comment, Iris concocts a cruel curse for him. But just as she's about to dispel it, an owl swoops down and steals the curse before flying far away from the refuge. The owl is a powerful amplifier, and if it dies, Iris's dark spell will be unleashed not only on Pike but on everyone in the region.

Forced to work together, Iris and Pike trek through the wilderness in search of the bird that could cost Pike his life. But Pike doesn't know the truth, and as more dangers arise in the woods, Iris must decide how far she's willing to go to keep her secrets safe.

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