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## NEW FICTION

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**Aksel, Amanda**  
**DELIA SUITS UP**

**August 2021**

Following a failed interview for her dream job at a world-class investment bank, Delia Reese commiserates with her roommates. She laments the overwhelmingly male superiors in her field who don't see past her tailored skirt, and drunkenly finds herself wishing she was a man. The next morning, Delia wakes up in an unfamiliar, masculine body with a fresh perspective, a borrowed suit, and a new name—Dick. This is [Amanda Aksel](#)'s traditional publishing debut.

UK: Berkley (editor Kristine Swartz)  
Agent: New Leaf Literary & Media

**Allain, Suzanne**  
**MISS LATTIMORE'S LETTER**

**July 2021**

When Sophronia Morgan writes a letter that ensures the marriage of two true loves, the title of "expert matchmaker" is thrust upon her. Her current client is the eligible and attractive Sir Edmund Winslow of Bath. Sophie is attracted to him; however, she vows to remain professional. Three unexpected arrivals soon show up at Sophie's door - the man who once broke her heart, one angry former "client" who is unsatisfied with her match, and a man who is madly in love with Sophie's cousin, seeking her help. When both her former beau and Sir Edmund begin showing Sophie attention, Sophie becomes even more overwhelmed and confused. How can she be expected to help other people sort out their romantic lives when her own is a mess? [Suzanne Allain](#) is the author of Mr. Malcolm's List – soon to become a major motion picture.

Translation: Berkley (editor Kate Seaver)  
Agent: Janklow & Nesbit Associates  
UK: Little Brown Book Group

**Arlen, Tessa**  
**IN ROYAL SERVICE TO THE QUEEN: Novel of the Queen's Governess**

**June 2021**

It's May 1945 and Princess Elizabeth, the heiress presumptive to the British throne, has fallen in love. No one in her life thinks that Prince Philip of Greece would be a suitable husband for the future Queen of England. No one, that is except for her governess - Marion "Crawfie" Crawford. Marion wholeheartedly supports Elizabeth in her determination to marry Philip. She too has fallen in love--and has convinced her fiancée, George, that they must wait for Elizabeth and Philip to receive the King's blessing before she can leave the service of the Crown. Over the next two years Marion is caught between loyalty to Princess Elizabeth, running the risk of alienating her royal employer, Queen Elizabeth, and losing the man she loves. She does not anticipate a betrayal that will sever her bond with the royal family forever. [Tessa Arlen](#) is the author of the Woman of World War II Mysteries.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Michelle Vega)  
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency



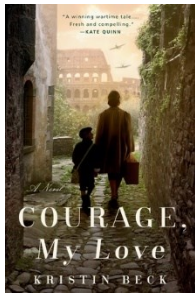
**Baratz-Logsted, Lauren, and Jackie Logsted**  
**JOINT CUSTODY: A Novel**

**January 2021**

"A delight from my new favorite mother/daughter writing team."—Adriana Trigiani, bestselling author of *Tony's Wife*

*The Art of Racing in the Rain* meets *The Parent Trap* in this offbeat romantic comedy in which a Border Collie takes matters into his own paws when his beloved owners split up. The Man has custody Monday-Friday, while The Woman has custody on the weekends. That's not enough for Gatz, who will do anything, including risk his own life by consuming an entire box of chocolates, to bring them back together. After that misguided attempt fails, Gatz thinks he still has time. But when New Man—so handsome, so nice, so perfect—enters The Woman's life, Gatz may be running out of time. You know what they say: Drastic times call for drastic doggy measures. [Lauren Baratz-Logsted](#) is the author of 40 books.

UK, Translation: Berkley Jove (editor Cindy Hwang)  
 Agent: The Knight Agency



**Beck, Kristin**  
**COURAGE, MY LOVE: A Novel**

**April 2021**

"Powerful, poignant, and timely, *Courage, My Love* is a must-read."--Chanel Cleeton, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Last Train to Key West*

**Debut novel!** Rome 1943: Lucia Colombo has had her doubts about fascism for years, but as a single mother in an increasingly unstable country, politics are for other people—she needs to focus on keeping herself and her son alive. Then the Italian government falls, the German occupation begins, and Lucia finds that complacency is no longer an option. Francesca Gallo came to Rome with her fiancé to start a new life. But when her fiancé is taken by the Nazis, she decides to fight back. As Lucia and Francesca are pulled deeper into the fight against the occupation, the resistance is in constant danger. In their darkest days, the women face their pasts, find the courage to love, and maintain hope for a future that is finally free.

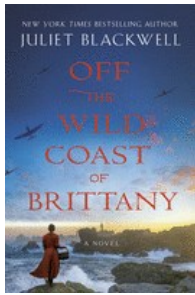
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kate Seaver)  
 Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary

**Bell, David**  
**KILL ALL YOUR DARLINGS**

**July 2021**

English professor Connor Nye is worried about making tenure. He's struggled to write after the tragic deaths of his wife and child five years ago. He's finally just published his second book, a thriller about the murder of a young woman in a small college town. He's now guaranteed tenure, and feels that his life is back on track. There's just one problem: Connor didn't write the novel. His missing student did. And someone knows. And wants to make him pay. When the police arrive at his door, asking questions about a murder from two years ago because of the striking similarity to the crime in his book, Connor realizes he's in over his head. To clear his name and protect his career and his life, he must unravel the frightening secrets buried in the manuscript. [David Bell](#) is a *USA Today* bestselling author and the director of the MFA program at Western Kentucky University.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Danielle Perez)  
 Agent: Massie And Mcquilkiln Llc



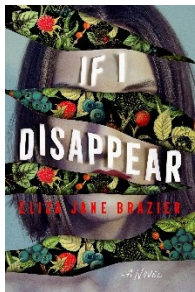
**Blackwell, Juliet**  
**OFF THE WILD COAST OF BRITTANY**

**March 2021**

Natalie Morgen moved to a tiny fishing village off the coast of Brittany to open a guesthouse with the man she loved. When the relationship ends abruptly, Natalie finds herself flat broke in the middle of renovating. She's already struggling when her sister, Alex, shows up unannounced. They form an unlikely partnership to save the guesthouse, reluctantly admitting their secrets to each other as they begin to heal the scars of their shared past. But the property harbors hidden stories of its own. When the sisters unearth an old cookbook in a hidden cupboard, they find handwritten recipes that reveal old secrets. With the help of locals, they begin to unravel the relationship between Violette, a young islander whose family ran the guesthouse during WWII, and Rainier, a German military customs official with a devastating secret of his own. [Juliet Blackwell](#) is the pseudonym for the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Letters from Paris* and *The Paris Key*.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)

Agent: Dystel Goderich & Bourret LLC



**Brazier, Eliza Jane**  
**IF I DISAPPEAR: A Novel**

**January 2021**

"The writing is lean, the story is fascinating, and you won't guess where this one is going. A slick, smart thriller you don't want to miss." —Samantha Downing, bestselling author of *My Lovely Wife*

**Debut novel!** Sera loves true crime podcasts. They make her feel empowered in a world where women like her disappear daily. She's sure they are preparing her for something. So when Rachel, her favorite podcast host, goes missing, Sera knows it's time to act. Rachel always taught her to trust her instincts. Sera follows the clues hidden in the episodes to an isolated ranch outside of Rachel's small hometown to begin her search. She's convinced her investigation will make Rachel so proud. But the more Sera digs into this unfamiliar world, the more *off* things start to feel. Because Rachel is not the first woman to vanish from the ranch, and she won't be the last. Rachel *did* try to warn her... [Eliza Jane Brazier](#) is a screenwriter and author.

Translation: Berkley (editor Jen Monroe)

Agent: Levine, Greenberg, Rostan

UK: Constable & Robinson; Russian: Eksmo

**Brown, Amy Belding**  
**EMILY'S HOUSE**

**August 2021**

From the USA Today bestselling author comes an evocative new novel about Emily Dickinson's longtime maid, Margaret Maher. In 1869, Maggie accepted a temporary position at the Dickinson household, never intending to form a life-altering friendship with the eccentric, brilliant Miss Emily. Yet Maggie's bond with the poet and her quiet betrayal ensured Dickinson's work would live on and continue to influence literature to this very day. [Amy Belding Brown](#) writes historical novels based on real lives.

UK: Berkley (editor Amanda Bergeron)

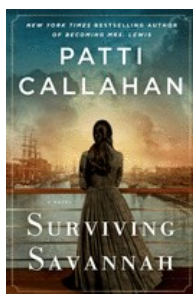
Agent: Don Congdon Associates Inc

**Butler, Lyn Liao**  
**THE TIGER MOM'S TALE: A Novel**

**July 2021**

**Debut novel!** Lexa Thomas has never quite fit in. Growing up in a family of blondes while looking like Constance Wu, she's neither white enough nor Asian enough. She doesn't want children because she won't risk doing to a child what her father did to her. When her estranged father dies unexpectedly, leaving the fate of his Taiwanese family in Lexa's hands, her safe life in New York is no longer enough. She needs to return to Taiwan and claim her place in her heritage, or her Taiwanese family will lose their home. Armed with the advice of two half-sisters (one American and the other Taiwanese, who can't stand each other), a mother who's had a recent change in sexual orientation, and a man whose kisses make her walk into walls, Lexa finally confronts the woman who drove her away from Taiwan. As the truth of that long-ago summer slowly unfolds, she must stand up for herself and open her heart to love and family, or allow her father's estrangement to forever dictate the path of her life. [Lyn Liao Butler](#) was born in Taiwan and grew up in the US. This is her first novel.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)  
Agent: BookEnds Literary



**Callahan, Patti**  
**SURVIVING SAVANNAH**

**March 2021**

"Patti Callahan masterfully weaves a little known historical tragedy, an enigmatic mystery and a searing family saga into a mesmerizing tale that will captivate readers until the last page and beyond."--Pam Jenoff, New York Times bestselling author of *The Lost Girls of Paris*

When Savannah history professor Everly Winthrop is asked to guest-curate a new museum collection focusing on artifacts recovered from the steamship *Pulaski*, she's shocked. The ship sank after a boiler explosion in 1838, and the wreckage was just discovered, 180 years later. Everly can't resist the opportunity to try to solve some of the mysteries and myths surrounding the devastating night of its sinking. Her research leads her to the extraordinary stories of two women: a known survivor, Augusta Longstreet, and her niece, Lilly Forsyth. These aristocratic women were part of Savannah's society, but when the ship exploded, each was faced with difficult and heartbreaking decisions. This is a moving and powerful exploration of what women will do to endure in the face of tragedy, the role fate plays, and the myriad ways we survive the surviving. [Patti Callahan](#) is a *New York Times* bestselling author and is the recipient of the Harper Lee Award for Alabama's Distinguished Writer of the Year.

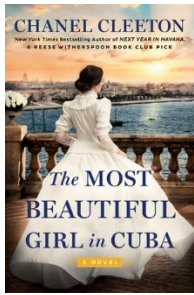
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Danielle Perez)  
Agent: Rusoff Agency

**Christopher, Andie J.**  
**HOT UNDER HIS COLLAR**

**August 2021**

Sasha Finerghy has always had bad luck with men. So, it makes sense that the man who makes her heart flutter – Father Patrick – is unavailable. Father Patrick Dooley joined the clergy to fulfill his mother's dying wish. While it once gave him purpose, he no longer believes it's his calling. How can he reconcile his faith with his growing desire to live a fuller life? Especially when the more he gets to know Sasha, the easier it is for him to see a future unfolding for them. It will take a leap of faith for Sasha and Patrick to fight for a future together. *USA Today* bestselling author [Andie J. Christopher](#) lives in the Nation's Capital with her French Bulldog, Gus, a stockpile of Campari, and way too many books.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kristine Swartz)  
Agent: Handspun Literary Agency, Inc. (858-866-8162)



**Cleeton, Chanel**  
**THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN CUBA: A Novel**

**May 2021**

"You won't be able to put this one down." —*Cosmopolitan*

A war is brewing in Gilded Age New York between newspaper tycoons William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer, amid calls for the US to intervene in Cuba's fight for independence from Spain. When Pulitzer offers Grace Harrington a job, she can't resist the opportunity to take her shot. There's just one caveat: she must spy on his chief competitor, Hearst. In Cuba, Evangelina Cisneros dreams of a free country. When a Spanish colonel assaults her, she is sent to the notorious Havana women's prison. Her story reaches America, and Hearst decides that Evangelina, "the most beautiful girl in Cuba," is the perfect figurehead for his campaign to push America into war with Spain—and the answer to his circulation battle with Pulitzer. With the help of Marina Perez, a courier secretly working for the Cuban revolutionaries, Grace and Hearst's staff form a plan to try to rescue Evangelina. But while Evangelina languishes in prison, the violence among Cuba, Spain, and the US builds. [Chanel Cleeton](#) is the bestselling author of *When We Left Cuba* and *Next Year in Havana*.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kate Seaver)  
 Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Cobb, Mary**  
**THE HUNTING WIVES: A Novel**

**May 2021**

"Compulsively readable." —Rosamund Lupton, *New York Times*-bestselling author, on *Big Woods*

Sophie O'Neill left behind an envy-inspiring career and the stressful, competitive life of big-city Chicago to settle down with her husband and young son in a small Texas town. It seems like the perfect life with a beautiful home in an idyllic rural community. But Sophie soon realizes that life is now too quiet, and she's feeling bored and restless. Then she meets Margot Banks, an alluring socialite who is part of an elite clique secretly known as The Hunting Wives. Sophie finds herself drawn to Margot and swept into her mysterious world of late-night target practice and dangerous partying. As Sophie's curiosity gives way to full-blown obsession, she slips further away from the safety of her family and deeper into this nest of vipers. When the body of a teenage girl is discovered in the woods where The Hunting Wives meet, Sophie finds herself in the middle of a murder investigation and her life spiraling out of control. [May Cobb](#) is the author of *Big Woods*.

Translation: Berkley (editor Danielle Perez)  
 Agent: Victoria Sanders & Associates  
 UK: Orion; Hebrew: Yedioth Ahronoth

**Cornwall, Lecia**  
**WHEN A KISS WON'T MEAN GOODBYE**

**October 2021**

When Eleanor Atherton graduates from medical school near the top of her class in 1917, she wants to go overseas to help the wounded. Even with a severe shortage of doctors, both the War Office and the British Red Cross prohibit female doctors at the front. Women might serve as ambulance drivers, clerks, or nurses, but they cannot work as physicians. A favor to an acquaintance leads to an unexpected opportunity: the Countess of Kirkswell wants to send Eleanor to the battlefields of France as a private doctor for her son. She faces skeptical commanders who question her skills, scores of wounded men needing care, underhanded efforts by her family to bring her back home—and a blossoming romance. Eleanor must decide if she's brave enough to face her darkest fears to win the career—and the love—she's always wanted.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Sarah Blumenstock)  
 Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency



**Desai, Sara**  
**THE DATING PLAN**

**March 2021**

Desperate to escape a parade of unwanted suitors, Daisy Patel asks her childhood crush Liam Murphy, whose inheritance is contingent on being married, to be her decoy fiancé. Without rules, these fake fiancés might accidentally fall for each other.

UK: Berkley (editor Kristine Swartz)  
 Agent: Bradford Literary Agency

**Downing, Samantha**  
**FOR YOUR OWN GOOD: A Novel**

**July 2021**

“Wholly original. Scarily clever. Completely mesmerizing.” —Lisa Gardner, #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author, on *He Started It*

Everybody loves 17-year-old Zach Ward, the golden boy of the prestigious Belmont Academy. Except Teddy Crutcher, who also happens to be Belmont’s Teacher of the Year. He thinks Zach is an entitled little brat with no appreciation for what he has. Teddy intends to change that. Not to punish Zach *necessarily*, but to turn him into a better person. If only the other teachers would stop getting in his way. Sometimes they can be more annoying than the students. He intends to do something about that, too. After all, someone has to save the kids. And if not Teddy, then who? [Samantha Downing](#) is the bestselling author of *My Lovely Wife* and *He Started It*.

Translation: Berkley (editor Jen Monroe)  
 Agent: Irene Goodman Literary  
 UK: Michael Joseph



**Dray, Stephanie**  
**THE WOMEN OF CHATEAU LAFAYETTE: A Novel**

**April 2021**

“Painstakingly researched, beautifully hewn, compulsively readable.” —Allison Pataki, on *America’s First Daughter*

This is an epic generational saga based on the true story of an extraordinary French castle and the remarkable women bound by its legacy in some of humanity’s darkest hours. 1940: French schoolteacher and aspiring artist Marthe Simone has an orphan’s self-reliance and wants nothing to do with war. But as the realities of Nazi occupation transform her life in the isolated castle where she came of age, she makes a discovery that calls into question who she is and who she is willing to become. 1914: Glittering New York socialite Beatrice Astor Chanler is a force of nature, daunted by nothing—not her humble beginnings, her crumbling marriage, or the outbreak of war. After witnessing the devastation in France and delivering war relief over dangerous seas, Beatrice takes on the challenge of a lifetime: convincing America to fight for what’s right. 1774: Noblewoman Adrienne Lafayette becomes her husband’s political partner in the fight for American independence. When their idealism sparks revolution in France, and the guillotine threatens everything she holds dear, Adrienne must choose to renounce the complicated man she loves or risk her life for a legacy that will inspire generations. [Stephanie Dray](#) is a bestselling author of historical women’s fiction.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Amanda Bergeron)  
 Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary



**dyer, kc**  
**AN ACCIDENTAL ODYSSEY**

**December 2021**

On the cusp of her wedding to one of New York's most eligible bachelors, Gianna Kostas receives shocking news that sends her on a wild journey halfway around the world in pursuit of her ailing and nearly-estranged father. Along the way, she uncovers family secrets, finds heartbreak, and learns more about a certain archeologist with a mysterious past of his own. [kc dyer](#) is the author of *Eight Days to Elsewhere* and *Finding Fraser*.

UK: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)  
Agent: Bradford Literary Agency Inc

**Elliott, Lexie**  
**HOW TO KILL YOUR BEST FRIEND**

**August 2021**

Georgie, Lissa and Bronwyn have been best friends since they met on their college swim team - that is, until Bron slept with Lissa's first husband, and Georgie began to suspect Lissa of murdering him. Now Lissa is dead - drowned off the coast of the remote island where her second husband owns a luxury resort. Can a star open water swimmer really have drowned or is there something more sinister going on? Brought together for Lissa's memorial, Bron, Georgie, Lissa's grieving husband and their friends find themselves questioning the circumstances around Lissa's death--and each other. As the weather turns ominous, trapping the funeral guests on the island, it slowly dawns on them that Lissa's death was only the beginning. Nobody knows who they can trust or if they'll leave the island alive. [Lexie Elliott](#) is the author of *The French Girls* and *The Missing Years*.

Translation: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)  
Agent: Folio Literary Management  
UK: Corvus/Atlantic Books

**Ellis, Courtney**  
**AT SUMMER'S END**

**August 2021**

Alberta Preston gets the commission of a lifetime when she receives an invitation from the Earl of Wakeford to spend a summer painting at His Lordship's country home, Castle Braemore. Bertie imagines her summer at the glorious estate will be the start to a dignified career that will at last enable her to prove her worth regardless of her gender. Upon her arrival, however, she finds the opulent Braemore and its inhabitants diminished by The Great War. The earl has been living in isolation ever since returning from battle, shut up in his rooms and hiding his battle scars behind a prosthetic mask. As she and the earl develop an unexpected bond, Bertie becomes deeply entangled in the pain and secrets she discovers hidden within Castle Braemore and its residents. Threaded with hope, love, and loss, *At Summer's End* unfolds a portrait of a noble family - and a world - changed forever by the war to end all wars.

UK Translation: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)  
Agent: The Lark Group

**Feehan, Christine**  
**MURDER AT SUNRISE LAKE**

**July 2021**

A new standalone novel of suspense and passion with a touch of the paranormal from the #1 New York Times bestselling author [Christine Feehan](#).

Translation: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)  
Agent: Jane Rotrosen Agency LLC  
UK: Little Brown UK



**Freidland, Elyssa**  
**LAST SUMMER AT THE GOLDEN HOTEL**

**May 2021**

In its heyday, The Golden Hotel was the crown jewel of the hotter-than-hot Catskills vacation scene. For more than sixty years, the Goldman and Weingold families – best friends and business partners – have presided over this glamorous resort which served as a second home for well-heeled guests and celebrities. But the Catskills are not what they used to be – and neither is the relationship between the Goldmans and the Weingolds. As the facilities and management begin to fall apart, a tempting offer to sell forces the two families together again to make a heart-wrenching decision. Can they save their beloved Golden or is it too late? Long-buried secrets emerge, new dramas and financial scandal erupt, and everyone from the traditional grandparents to the millennial grandchildren wants a say in the hotel's future. Business and pleasure clash in this fast-paced, hilarious, nostalgia-filled story, where the hotel owners rediscover the magic of a bygone era of nonstop fun even as they grapple with what may be their last resort. [Elyssa Freidland](#) is the author of *The Floating Feldmans*.

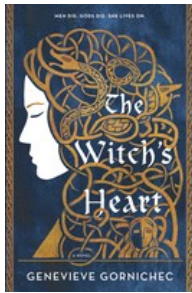
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)  
Agent: Janklow & Nesbit

**Fox, Phoebe**  
**THE WAY WE WEREN'T**

**August 2021**

Despondent and heartbroken, Marcie leaves behind her old life and finds she has nowhere to go. Herman Flint has seen just about everything in his seventy years living in a fading blue-collar Florida town, but the body collapsed on the beach outside his window is a new one. The woman is clearly in some kind of trouble and Flint wants no part of it--he's learned to live on his own just fine without the hassle of worrying about others. But against his better judgment he takes Marcie in and lets her stay until she's on her feet if she keeps out of his way. As the unlikely pair slowly copes with the damages life has wrought, Marcie and Flint have to decide whether to stay lost in the pain of the past or find a way to move forward with the people they care about most. [Phoebe Fox](#) is the author of *A Little Bit of Grace*.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)  
Agent: Handspun Literary Agency



**Gornichec, Genevieve**  
**THE WITCH'S HEART: A Novel**

**February 2021**

**Debut novel!** This is a reimagining of Norse mythology from the perspective of one of its most mysterious women. Angrboda's story begins where most witch tales end: being burnt alive. A punishment from the gods, the fire leaves her powerless and in pieces. She escapes into the forest to heal—only to find the trickster god Loki has tracked her down, carrying with him the half-burnt heart she left behind. Their romance produces the most important things in her life: a trio of peculiar children, whom she is keen to raise at the edge of the world, safely hidden from Odin's all-seeing eye. But as Angrboda recovers her prophetic powers, she learns that her blissful life—and possibly all of existence—is in danger. Angrboda must choose whether she'll accept the fate that she's foreseen for her beloved family—or rise to meet it. [Genevieve Gornichec](#) is a Viking reenactor and avid writer on this subject.

Translation: Berkley Ace (editor Jessica Wade)  
Agent: HG Literary  
UK: Titan

**Harrison, Rachel**  
**PET**

**October 2021**

What would happen if you meet a glamorous, fiercely independent new friend who thinks your ex is a loser, fixes your broken heart but \*might\* just be evil herself? [Rachel Harrison](#) is the author of *The Return*.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Jessica Wade)  
Agent: The Friedrich Agency

**Hankin, Laura**  
**A SPECIAL PLACE FOR WOMEN**

**May 2021**

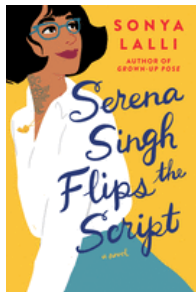
For years, rumors have swirled about a women-only secret society where the elite tastemakers of NYC meet. Journalist Jillian Beckley decides she's going to get the scoop and infiltrates the club. The deeper she gets into this new world, the more suspicious Jillian becomes. The members are into astrology and witchcraft and their lives are somehow perfect. Too perfect. These women have a secret... [Laura Hankin](#) is the author of *Happy And You Know It*.

UK: Berkley (editor Jen Monroe)  
Agent: Janklow & Nesbit Associates

Ever since she was adopted as a teenager from an orphanage in Sri Lanka, Paloma has led a privileged life. Now at thirty, Paloma has managed to disappoint her parents so thoroughly that their relationship will never recover. Unemployed with no friends and no money, she decides to illegally sublet the second bedroom of her overpriced San Francisco apartment to a man named Arun. He's recently moved from India, and Paloma has to admit, it feels good to help someone trying to find his way in America. That is until he discovers her darkest secret and offers to keep quiet for a price. Before Paloma can pay him off, she finds him face down in a pool of blood. She flees the apartment and by the time the police arrive, there's no body to be found or signs of struggle—and no evidence that Arun ever even existed. The police are quick to dismiss everything, but Paloma knows what she saw and fears that it is all somehow tangled up in her childhood in Sri Lanka. Did Paloma's secret die with Arun or is she now in greater danger than ever before?

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Jen Monroe)

Agent: Stuart Krichevsky Literary



**Lalli, Sonya**  
**SERENA SINGH FLIPS THE SCRIPT: A Novel**

February 2021

"Lalli's sharp-eyed tale of cross-cultural dating, family heartbreak, the strictures of culture, and the exuberance of love is both universal and timeless." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review), on *The Matchmaker's List*

Serena's life has a lot of positives. She's smart, confident, and just got a kickass new job at a top advertising firm in Washington, DC. When her younger sister gets married in a big, traditional wedding, Serena knows she doesn't need a husband or children to make her own dreams come true. But with her mother constantly encouraging her to be more like her sister, Serena can't understand why her parents refuse to recognize that she and her sister want completely different experiences out of life. As Serena forms a closer bond with some of the married women in her social circle, her long-held beliefs about the importance of self-reliance are challenged. She's forced to confront her past in her quest to learn what she truly wants and what it means to really "have it all." [Sonya Lalli](#) is the author of *The Matchmaker's List* and others.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)

Agent: Cooke McDermid Agency



**Lowell, Joanna**  
**THE DUKE UNDONE**

April 2021

Royal Academy painting student Lucy Coover quickly comes to the aid of the naked drunkard she stumbles upon one evening. If only she could banish his lovely form from her dreams. Instead, she is compelled to paint the man in his natural form. She has no idea that her impromptu subject is the seventh Duke of Weston, Anthony Philby. When the duke is confronted with his nude portrait, he goes searching for the mysterious artist. He's stunned to discover the unconventional and bewitching Lucy. They make a bargain: he will save her aunt's dressmaking shop from ruin and she will help him search for his missing sister. An unexpected passion blossoms between the two, but they must face numerous obstacles to fight for their love.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kate Seaver)

Agent: One Track Literary Agency

**McKinlay, Jenn**  
**WAIT FOR IT**

**August 2021**

Stuck in a dreary Boston winter, Annabelle Martin would like nothing more than to run away from her current life. She's not even thirty and has been divorced twice. When an opportunity arises, she moves to Arizona for a dream job as a graphic designer. Her new home is a casita that's attached to a mansion with a mysterious owner. Having assumed her anonymous landlord, Nick Benwick, to be some old, rich curmudgeon, she is shocked to discover that he's not much older than her . . . and wheelchair-bound. Nick suffered from a stroke a year ago and is struggling to overcome the paralyzing fear that has kept him a prisoner in his own home. Despite her promise to herself not to date, Annabelle finds herself irresistibly drawn to Nick. Can they help each other find the courage to embrace life, happiness, and true love? [Jenn McKinlay](#) is the award winning, *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Publishers Weekly* bestselling author of several mystery and romance series.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kate Seaver)  
Agent: Jane Rotrosen Agency  
German: dtv Verlagsgesellschaft



**Meissner, Susan**  
**THE NATURE OF FRAGILE THINGS: A Novel**

**February 2021**

April 1906: A massive earthquake rocks San Francisco. Lives are shattered, but some rise from the ashes forever changed. Sophie Whalen is a young Irish immigrant so desperate to get out of a New York tenement she answers a mail-order bride ad to marry a man she knows nothing about. San Francisco widower Martin Hocking proves to be as aloof as he is handsome. While Sophie quickly develops deep affection for Kat, Martin's five-year-old daughter, his odd behaviors leave her uneasy. Then one spring evening, a stranger at the door sets in motion a transforming chain of events. Sophie discovers hidden ties to two other women. The first, pretty and pregnant, is standing on her doorstep. The second is hundreds of miles away in the American Southwest, grieving the loss of everything she once loved. The fates of these three women intertwine on the eve of the devastating earthquake, thrusting them onto a perilous journey that will test their resiliency and resolve, and ultimately, their belief that love can overcome fear. [Susan Meissner](#) is the award-winning author of *The Last Year of the War* and *As Bright as Heaven*, among others.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Claire Zion)  
Agent: The Book Group

**Morrissey, Bridget**  
**LOVE SCENES**

**June 2021**

Sloane Ford is an out of work actress whose Hollywood royalty family ropes her into their new World War II romance film. The catch is that her least favorite co-star of all time, Joseph Donovan, is headlining. As they spend time together off camera honing their characters, they grow closer, but playing the role of a woman in love with Joseph Donovan is a dangerous business. Soon, Sloane isn't sure she can tell any longer what's for real, and what's just for show. This is [Bridget Morrissey](#)'s adult debut.

UK: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)  
Agent: Root Literary



**Probst, Jennifer**  
**OUR ITALIAN SUMMER: A Novel**

**January 2021**

Career-obsessed Francesca struggles to make time for her relationship with her teenaged daughter. When Allegra hangs out with a new crowd and is arrested for drug possession, Francesca gives in to her mother's wishes that they take one epic vacation to trace their family roots in Italy. What she never expected was to be faced with the choice of a lifetime. Allegra wants to make her grandmother happy, but she hates the idea of forced time with her mother and vows to fight every step of the ridiculous tour, until a young man on the verge of priesthood begins to show her the power of acceptance, healing, and the heartbreaking complications of love. Sophia knows her girls are in trouble. A summer filled with the possibility for change is what they all desperately need. Among the ruins of ancient Rome, the small churches of Assisi, and the rolling hills of Tuscany, Sophia hopes to show her girls that the bonds of family are everything. [Jennifer Probst](#) is the *New York Times* bestselling author of several series.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)  
 Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary

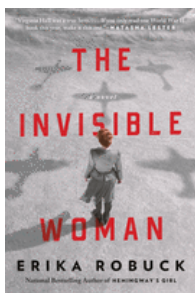


**Reichert, Amy E.**  
**The Kindred Spirits Supper Club**

**April 2021**

For Sabrina Monroe, moving back home to the Wisconsin Dells--the self-described Waterpark Capital of the World--means returning to the Monroe family curse: the women in her family can see spirits who come to them for help with unfinished business. She always redirected the needy spirits to her mom, who's much better suited for the job. The one exception has always been Molly, a bubbly rom-com loving ghost, who stuck by Sabrina's side all through her lonely childhood. Her personal life starts looking up when Ray, the new local restaurateur, invites Sabrina to his supper club, where he flirts with her over his famous Brandy Old-Fashioneds. He's charming and handsome, but Sabrina tells herself she doesn't have time for romance--she needs to focus on finding a job. Except the longer she's in the Dells, the harder it is to resist her feelings for Ray. Who can turn down a cute guy with a fondness for rescue dogs and an obsession with perfecting his fried cheese curds recipe? When the Dells starts to feel like home for the first time and with Ray in her corner, Sabrina begins to realize that she can make a difference and help others wherever she is.

UK: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)  
 Agent: Folio Literary Management

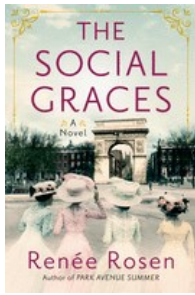


**Robuck, Erika**  
**THE INVISIBLE WOMAN: A Novel**

**February 2021**

March 1944: Virginia Hall has never been like the other women in Baltimore—she never wanted the debutante ball. She traded it all for Europe and grand adventure. Subverting the Nazis becomes her calling, earning a price on her head. But that doesn't stop her from carrying out her mission to arm a network of French guerilla forces before D-Day arrives and to protect secluded mountain villages harboring a precious secret. Virginia knows better than anyone that one of the greatest risks in war is trusting the wrong person. Every day she is haunted by the betrayal that rained hell on the brave men and women lost during her first mission. She's not sure she has the strength to do it all again, she just knows—with so many depending on her—that she must. [Erika Robuck](#) is the bestselling author of *The House of Hawthorne* and others.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kate Seaver)  
 Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary  
 Netherlands: Uitgeverij Nieuw Amsterdam B.V.



**Rosen, Rene**  
**THE SOCIAL GRACES**

**April 2021**

In the glittering world of Manhattan's upper crust, where wives turn a blind eye to husbands' infidelities, and women have few rights and even less independence, society is everything. The more celebrated the hostess, the more powerful the woman. None is more powerful than Caroline Astor—the Mrs. Astor, but times are changing. Alva Vanderbilt has recently married into one of America's richest families. What good is money when society refuses to acknowledge you? Alva, who knows what it is to have nothing, will do whatever it takes to have everything. Sweeping three decades and based on true events, this gripping novel follows these two women as they try to outdo and outsmart each other at every turn. As Caroline comes closer to defeat and Alva closer to victory, both will make surprising discoveries about themselves and what is truly at stake. [Renée Rosen](#) is the bestselling author of *Park Avenue Summer*, *Windy City Blues*, *White Collar Girl*, *What the Lady Wants* and *Dollface*.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Amanda Bergeron)  
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

**Rudnick, Paul**  
**PLAYING THE PALACE**

**June 2021**

Bridget Jones' Diary meets *The Prince and Me* with a gay twist in this royally hilarious and heartwarming romantic comedy by award-winning playwright, novelist, screenwriter and essayist Paul Rudnick. As lofty as Carter Ogden's dreams are, he never expected to open his eyes one day and suddenly have the Crown Prince of England stare straight back at him. As an event planner, Carter doesn't usually get many perks, but when he helps set up an event that Prince Edgar is speaking at, he finds himself meeting the dreamy royal and even helping him loosen up for his speech. What begins as a chance meeting becomes a series of dates as Carter shows Prince Edgar how to truly live the New York life. When a photo of them together goes viral, Carter is flown to England to meet the Queen, who disapproves of the match. Still, she gives them three weeks to prove to the Royal Family--and the entire world--that they are right for each other. [Paul Rudnick](#) is a novelist, playwright, essayist, and screenwriter, whom *The New York Times* has called "one of our preeminent humorists."

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)  
Agent: Aevitas Creative Management

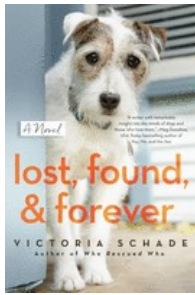
**Ruiz, Sarah**  
**XO, JO**

**November 2021**

For the last year, Jo Walker has blogged about her attempt to complete a bucket list of 30 things she wants to accomplish by her 30th birthday. According to the blog, Jo has almost everything she's ever wanted: a condo on the beach (though she's the youngest resident by thirty years), an exciting job (serving wealthy strangers as a stewardess on a super yacht), and a loyal best friend (who forced her into creating the list after a bad break-up). But Jo's life isn't as breezy as the blog makes it out to be. After her nephew is killed in a tragic accident, the list falls by the wayside. When her two teenage nieces show up on her doorstep unannounced and with plans to stay the summer, they quickly discover her list and insist on helping her finish it before her big birthday. Though the remaining eight items (which include running a marathon, and visiting ten countries,) seem impossible to complete in less than two months, Jo decides to take on the challenge. When she summons the courage to complete item #5 - kiss a stranger - and meets Alex Hayes, all bets are off. As her feelings for Alex intensify and Jo's inability to confront difficult family emotions complicates her relationships she must learn to quit playing it safe with her heart before she crosses people off her list who matter most.

UK: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)  
Agent: Wendy Sherman Associates, Inc.





**Schade, Victoria**  
**LOST, FOUND, AND FOREVER**

**March 2021**

Justine Becker could not be more in love with her rescue dog, Spencer. He's her best friend and "colleague" at her dog supply store, Tricks & Biscuits. When she discovers a heartbreaking social media post trying to locate a dog that looks suspiciously like Spencer, Justine realizes he might actually belong to someone else. Her worst fears are realized when she meets Griffin McCabe and he wants Spencer back. Justine refuses to give up and vows to prove she the better pet parent. When romantic feelings for Griffin catch Justine off guard, she needs to determine if it's all part of his plot to win the pup back or if the guy who was good enough for Spencer might also be good enough for her. [Victoria Schade](#) is the author of *Who Rescued Who*.

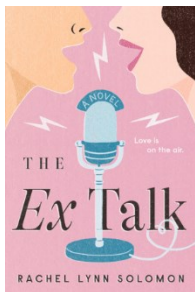
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kate Seaver)  
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency LLC

**Seely, Mabel**  
**THE LISTENING HOUSE**

**May 2021**

After losing her copywriting job and her apartment, Gwynne Dacres stumbles across Mrs. Garr's old boarding house. Despite the gruff landlady and an assortment of shifty tenants, Gwynne rents a room. The house creaks and groans as if listening to everything that happens behind its closed doors. A chain of chilling events leads to the gruesome discovery of a mutilated body in the basement kitchen, dead of unknown circumstances. Was it an accident or murder? Under the red-black brick façade of the old house on Trent Street, Gwynne uncovers a myriad of secrets, blackmail, corruption, and clues of a wicked past. As she closes in on the truth, the cold, pale hands of death reach for Gwynne in the night. Mabel Seeley's first, **The Listening House**, was originally published in 1938. Over the course of her career, she wrote seven critically acclaimed mysteries.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Liz Sellers)  
Agent: Wing Capital Group, Wing Media & Management Co.



**The Ex Talk**  
**Solomon, Rachel Lynn**

**January 2021**

When the struggling station needs a new concept, Shay proposes a show that her boss green-lights with excitement. On *The Ex Talk*, two exes will deliver relationship advice live, on air. Their boss decides Shay and Dominic are the perfect co-hosts, given how much they already despise each other. Neither loves the idea of lying to listeners, but it's this or unemployment. Their audience gets invested fast, and it's not long before *The Ex Talk* becomes a must-listen in Seattle and climbs podcast charts. As the show gets bigger, so does their deception, especially when Shay and Dominic start to catch feelings for each other. In an industry that values truth, getting caught could mean the end of more than just their careers. [Rachel Lynn Solomon](#) is the author of several books for teens and adults and will tell anyone who'll listen that it really doesn't rain that much in Seattle.

UK: Berkley (editor Kristine Swartz)  
Agent: Bradford Literary Agency



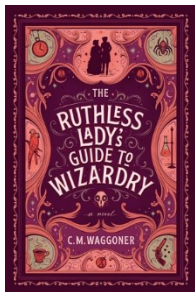
**Thornton, Stephanie Marie**  
**CLEVER GIRL**

**July 2021**

A thrilling tale of love, loyalty, and espionage, based on the incredible true story of Elizabeth Bentley, a Cold War double agent spying for the Russians and the United States. It's 1963. A recent Vassar graduate, Catherine Grey is struggling to get her first job in journalism and can't believe her luck when the opportunity to interview the controversial American spy Elizabeth Bentley arises. Recruited by the American Communist Party to spy on fascists at the outbreak of World War II, a young Bentley—code name Clever Girl—finds she has an unexpected gift for espionage. After falling desperately in love with her handler, Jacob Golos, she makes another unexpected discovery when she learns her lover is actually a Russian spy. Unable to fight her dangerous attraction to him, Elizabeth must choose between her love for one man and her loyalty to her country. As Catherine begins to research the veracity of Elizabeth's account, she uncovers startling revelations that could link the two women's lives in shocking ways. [Stephanie Marie Thornton](#) is the author of *And They Called It Camelot*.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kate Seaver)

Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency



**Waggoner, C. M.**  
**THE RUTHLESS LADY'S GUIDE TO WIZARDRY**

**January 2021**

Dellaria Wells, petty con artist, occasional thief, and partly educated fire witch, is behind on her rent in the city of Leiscourt—again. Then she sees the “wanted” sign, seeking Female Persons, of Martial or Magical ability, to guard a Lady of some Importance, prior to the celebration of her Marriage. Delly fast-talks her way into the job and joins a team of highly peculiar women tasked with protecting their wealthy charge from unknown assassins. Delly quickly sets her sights on one of her companions, the confident and well-bred Winn Cynallum. The job looks like nothing but romance and easy money until things take a deadly (and undead) turn. With the help of a bird-loving necromancer, a shapeshifting schoolgirl, and an ill-tempered reanimated mouse named Buttons, Delly and Winn are determined to get the best of an adversary who wields a twisted magic and has friends in the highest of places.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Jessica Wade)

Agent: Barry Goldblatt Literary LLC

**Wax, Wendy**  
**THE BREAK-UP BOOK CLUB**

**May 2021**

In this book club of broken hearts, four women find the courage to give love a second chance. Jazmine was supposed to be a professional tennis player, but her plans to go pro were quashed in a car crash. Now she's a top sports agent balancing a demanding career and single motherhood. Judith is an empty nester stuck in an unhappy marriage. After her husband's sudden death, she has to build a new life on top of the ashes of the old. When Sara finds out that her husband has left her for a secret second family, she believes she's hit rock bottom. Erin was a week away from marrying her high school sweetheart when her fiancé called off the wedding. Heartbroken, Erin is forced to navigate adulthood as a single woman for the first time. Once a month, these women meet in a historic carriage house in Atlanta seeking solace, friendship, and people who share their love of books (okay, and wine). Together, they help one another move forward, to discover who they want to be now and what will make them happy. [Wendy Wax](#) is the author of fifteen novels and two novellas, including *My Ex-Best Friend's Wedding*.

UK: Berkley (editor Kate Seaver)

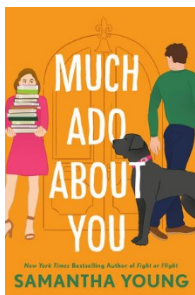
Agent: Levine Greenberg Lit. Agency

**Winfrey, Kerry**  
**VERY SINCERELY YOURS**

**August 2021**

After being unceremoniously dumped by her long-time boyfriend, Teddy Phillips decides to write a letter to the one person who brings her joy: Everett St. James, the host of a local children's show. Everett has wonderful friends and his dream job. Still, he feels something is missing in his life. He receives Teddy's letter and is drawn to her honesty and vulnerability. They continue writing to each other, all the while living their lives without meeting. When their worlds collide, however, they must both let go of their fears and figure out what they truly want--and if the future they want includes one another. [Kerry Winfrey](#) is the author of *Waiting For Tom Hanks*.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)  
Agent: InkWell Management



**Young, Samantha**  
**MUCH ADO ABOUT YOU: A Novel**

**February 2021**

“Young writes stories that stay with you long after you flip that last page.” –Under the Covers

After abruptly quitting her job, Evie needs some time away. She plans a holiday in a quaint village in England, where the owner rents out the apartment above the bookstore, allowing renters to run the business during their stay. It's a dream vacation for the bookish Evie, as she's immediately drawn to the charming store and opportunity to try out something new. As soon as she arrives, she meets charming local villagers including Roane, a handsome farmer, who tempts her enough with his friendly flirtations that she dreams about staying much longer than she'd originally planned. Samantha Young is the bestselling author of the On Dublin Street series and the Hart's Boardwalk series. [Samantha Young](#) is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of the *On Dublin Street* series and the standalone novels *Hero* and *Fight or Flight*.

Translation: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)  
Agent: Dystel Goderich & Bourret  
UK: Piatkus, Germany: HarperCollins; Italy: Quixote

## SERIES FICTION

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Adams, Lyssa Kay

June 2021

ISN'T IT BROMANTIC?: Bromance Book Club #4

Vlad is unhappy in his marriage of convenience to Elena, a childhood friend who fled dangerous family ties in Russia by moving to Nashville with him. After four years, Vlad wants Elena to see and love him as a husband. The Bros join forces with Vlad's senior citizen neighbors, a group of meddling widows who call themselves The Loners. When things finally look promising, the danger from Elena's past life intrudes, and the book club will face their first-ever life-or-death grand gesture as they race to a happy ever after.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kristine Swartz)

Agent: One Track Literary Agency Inc.

Afia, Nekesa

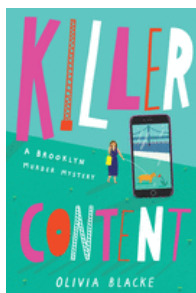
June 2021

DEAD DEAD GIRLS: Harlem Hero #1

**First in a brand-new series!** Harlem. 1926. Louise Lloyd is doing everything she can to maintain a normal life. She spends her days working at Maggie's Café and her nights at the Zodiac, Manhattan's hottest speakeasy. Louise's friends might say she's running from her past and the notoriety that still stalks her, but don't tell her that. When a girl turns up dead in front of the café, Louise is forced to confront something she's been trying to ignore--several local black girls have been murdered over the past few weeks. After Louise's night job gets her arrested, she's given an ultimatum. She can either help solve the case or let a judge make an example of her. Fearing for her and her sister's safety, she takes the case. She soon finds herself toe-to-toe with a mastermind. She must push herself past the limits of her fears and the prejudices of New York City society if she wants to catch a killer. This is [Nekesa Afia](#)'s debut novel.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Michelle Vega)

Agent: The Knight Agency



Blacke, Olivia

February 2021

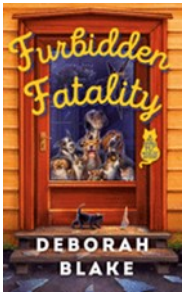
KILLER CONTENT: Brooklyn Murder Mystery #1

It's murder most viral in this debut mystery! Bayou transplant Odessa Dean has a lot to learn about life in Brooklyn. So far she's scored a rent free apartment in one of the nicest neighborhoods around by cat-sitting, and has a new job working at Untapped Books & Café. Hand-selling books and craft beers is easy for Odessa, but making new friends and learning how to ride the subway? Well, that might take her a little extra time. Things turn sour when the death of a fellow waitress goes viral, caught on camera in the background of a couple's flash-mob proposal video. Nothing about Bethany's death feels right to

Odessa--neither her sudden departure mid-shift nor the clues that only Odessa seems to catch. As an up-and-coming YouTube star, Bethany had more than one viewer waiting for her to fall from grace. Determined to prove there's a killer on the loose, Odessa takes matters into her own hands. Can she pin down Bethany's killer before they take Odessa offline for good?

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kirstine Swartz)

Agent: BookEnds, LLC



**Blake, Deborah**

**March 2021**

**FURBIDDEN FATALITY: Catskills Pet Rescue Mystery #1**

Kari Stuart's life is going nowhere—until she unexpectedly wins the lottery. The twenty-nine-year-old instant multimillionaire is still mulling plans for her winnings when rescuing a bossy black kitten leads her to a semi-abandoned animal shelter. They need the cash—Kari needs a purpose. The dilapidated rescue is literally going to the dogs with a pending lawsuit, hard to adopt animals, and too much unwanted attention from the town's dog warden. When the warden turns up dead outside the shelter's dog kennels, Kari finds herself up a creek without a pooper-scooper. With the help of some dedicated volunteers, a cute vet, and a kitten who mysteriously shows up just when she needs it, Kari must prove her innocence all while trying to save a dog on death row. Now she just needs to hope that her string of unexpected luck isn't about to run out.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Jennifer Snyder)

Agent: The Knight Agency

**Boyden, Alina**

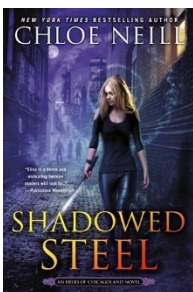
**April 2021**

**GIFTING FIRE: Stealing Thunder #2**

Although at long last Razia Khan has found peace with herself and love with her prince, Arjun, her trials are far from over. To save her prince and his city from certain destruction, Razia made a deal with the devil—her father, the Sultan of Nizam. The bill has come due. Razia must secure the province of Zindh, a land surrounded by enemies and loyal to a rebel queen who has survived her father's purge. When her old tormentor Prince Karim forces her into a marriage alliance, Razia finds herself trapped in the women's quarters of a foreign palace. Now, she must call upon all of her training as a royal princess, a cunning courtesan and a daring thief to summon new allies and old friends for a battle that will decide the fate of an empire.

UK, Translation: Berkley (Kristine Swartz)

Agent: Harvey Klinger Inc. (212-581-7068)



**Chloe, Neill**

**May 2021**

**SHADOWED STEEL: HEIRS OF CHICAGOLAND #3**

Elisa Sullivan is the only vampire ever born and she bears a heavy legacy. After a sojourn with the North American Central Pack of shifters in the wilderness—where she turned a young woman into a vampire to save her life—Elisa returns to Chicago. No good deed goes unpunished. The ruling body of vampire masters is furious that she turned someone without their permission. Elisa will need to keep a clear head, and a sharp blade, to survive all the supernatural strife.

Translation: Berkley (editor Jessica Wade)

Agent: The Knight Agency

UK: Orion Publishing Group



**Collette, Abby**  
**A GAME OF CONES: Ice Cream Mystery #2**

**March 2021**

Bronwyn Crewse is delighted that Crewse Creamery, the ice cream shop her family has owned for decades, is restored to its former glory. When a big city developer comes to town intent on building a mall, a killer with a frozen heart takes him out. After literally stumbling across the body, one of Win's closest friends becomes the prime suspect. To make things worse, Win's aunt has come to town with the intention of taking command of the shop. Even though Win has a rocky road ahead, it will take more than a sprinkle of murder to stop her from solving the crime.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Jessica Wade)  
 Agent: BookEnds, LLC



**Danan, Rosie**  
**THE INTIMACY EXPERIMENT**

**April 2021**

**Sequel to the ground-breaking debut, THE ROOMMATE.** Naomi Grant has built a life around going against the grain. When the sex-positive start-up she cofounded becomes an international sensation, her responsibilities shift from the bedroom to the boardroom. Naomi wants to extend her educational platform to live lecturing, but despite her long list of qualifications, higher ed won't hire her. Ethan Cohen has recently received two honors: LA Mag named him one of the city's hottest bachelors and he became rabbi of his own synagogue. Unfortunately, his temple is low on both funds and congregants.

He has three months to turn things around or else the synagogue will close. Naomi and Ethan join forces to host a buzzy seminar series on Modern Intimacy, the perfect solution to their problems--until they discover a new one--their growing attraction to each other.

Translation: Berkley (editor Kristine Swartz)  
 Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency  
 UK: Little Brown UK

**Dave, Saumya**  
**BEAUTY AND THE BREAKDOWN**

**June 2021**

The Joshi women, who were all raised to be strong, each carry a secret burden that could unravel the family. Natasha Joshi quit her day job so she can pursue her real passion: comedy. A series of rejections and hardships send her into a downward spiral. On the outside, her sister Suhani has everything: successful career, glamorous wardrobe, and a happy marriage. When Suhani's ex-boyfriend is hired at her hospital, the secrets she's kept about their dark past threaten to dismantle everything. Mother Bina finds herself dissatisfied and lacking purpose. Her solution: Chats Over Chai, a support group where women come together to share their secrets, regrets, and dreams. After a community scandal, Bina must decide whether to move forward with what she's created or fight for the most important friendship of her life. When tragedy hits, the Joshi women discover they need each other.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kristine Swartz)  
 Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency

**PORTAIT OF A SCOTSMAN: The League of Extraordinary Women #3**

London banking heiress Hattie Greenfield wanted just three things in life: acclaim as an artist, a noble cause and marriage to a young lord who puts the gentle in gentleman. Why then does she find herself at the altar with darkly attractive financier Lucian Blackstone, whose murky past and ruthless business practices strike fear in the hearts of Britain's peerage? Dissatisfied with her art studies, and the sheltered one among her fellow Oxford suffragists, she has taken an invigorating little adventure too far. When the daughter of his business rival all but falls into his lap, Lucian sees opportunity. As a self-made man, he has vast wealth but holds little power, and Hattie might be the key to finally setting long-harbored political plans in motion. Driven by an old revenge, he has no room for tender feelings or Hattie's bewitching laugh. A journey to Scotland paints everything in a different light. Perhaps it's the man who threatens Hattie's heart the most, the real Lucian, who can help her achieve her dreams. [Evie Dunmore](#), the *USA Today* bestselling author of *Bringing Down the Duke*, lives in Berlin and pours her fascination with 19th century Britain into her writing.

Translation: Berkley (editor Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

UK: Little Brown UK; Germany: Bastei Luebbe



**Everett, Elizabeth**

**February 2021**

**A LADY'S FORMULA FOR LOVE: The Secret Scientists of London**

"A secret society of rule-breaking women...irresistible! You're going to love Elizabeth Everett's adventurous debut."—Theresa Romain, author of *The Holiday Pleasures* series

Lady Violet Hughes is keeping secrets. First, she founded a clandestine sanctuary for England's most brilliant female scientists. Second, she is using her genius on a confidential mission for the Crown. The biggest secret of all? Her feelings for protection officer Arthur Kneland. Solitary and reserved, Arthur learned the hard way to put duty first. The more time he spends in the company of Violet and the eccentric club members, the more his best intentions go up in flames. Literally. When a shadowy threat infiltrates Violet's laboratory, endangering her life and her work, scientist and bodyguard will find all their theories put to the test--and learn that the most important discoveries are those of the heart.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: Dystel Goderich & Bourret LLC



**Feehan, Christine**

**March 2021**

**RECKLESS ROAD: Torpedo Ink #5**

Little rattles Gedeon "Player" Lazaroff Player, except for the times his gift gets the better of him. When that happens, he has to lie down in the dark and hope for the best. On a night when he's on the verge of losing it, he meets a woman who manages to soothe his fractured mind. Zyah is a striking, ethereal beauty who seduces him with every word and move. Their night together is one of pure, exquisite bliss. Player gets confused and thinks their intimate encounter was nothing more than a dream. His careless dismissal leaves her humiliated and angry. Now, Player will have to devote his every breath to convincing Zyah to give him a second chance. She might be the only one who can save him from himself.

Translation: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)

Agent: Jane Rotrosen Agency

UK: Little Brown UK



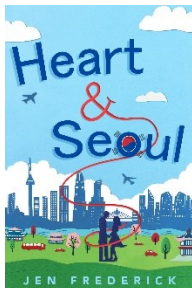


**Feehan, Christine**  
**LIGHTNING GAME: GhostWalker #17**

**March 2021**

Uninhibited passion meets spine-chilling danger in this thrilling GhostWalker novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Christine Feehan.

Translation: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)  
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 UK: Little Brown UK



**Frederick, Jen**  
**HEART & SEOUL: A Novel**

**May. 2020**

“Kudos to Jen Frederick for writing another winner.” —Book Binge

Every time Korean adoptee Hara looks in the mirror, she’s reminded that she doesn’t look like anyone else in her family—not her loving mother, Ellen; not her jerk of a father, Pat; and certainly not Pat’s new wife and new “real” son. But when her father suddenly dies, his funeral triggers an identity crisis that has her running off to Seoul in search of her roots. What Hara finds there has all the makings of a classic

K-drama: a tall, mysterious stranger who greets her at the airport, spontaneous adventures across the city, and a mess of familial ties, along with a red string of destiny that winds its way around her, heart and soul. Hara goes to Korea looking for answers, but what she gets instead is love—a forbidden love that will either welcome Hara home... or destroy her chance of finding one. [Jen Frederick](#) is the bestselling author of several novels under this name and the pseudonym Erin Watt.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)  
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 Germany: Heyne



**Griffin, Laura**  
**FLIGHT: Texas Murder Files #2**

**March 2021**

“Griffin never disappoints with her exciting, well-researched, fast-paced romantic thrillers.” —*Publishers Weekly*

When former forensic photographer Miranda Rhoads moves to the seaside town of Lost Beach, she’s decided to make her living as a wildlife photographer and put crime scenes behind her. But her plans are quickly upended when one morning, she comes across a couple sleeping in a canoe, entwined in an embrace. Looking closer, she realizes the man and woman aren’t asleep—they’ve been murdered. Detective Joel Breda sets out to find answers—not only about the unidentified victims in the marshy death scene, but also about the aloof and beautiful photographer who seems to know more about his investigation than he does. As they begin to unravel the motivation of a merciless serial killer, Miranda and Joel must race against the clock to make an arrest before the killer can find them first. [Laura Griffin](#) is the bestselling author of more than 25 books and novellas.

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**Griffin, Patience**  
**ONE SNOWY NIGHT: Sweet Home Alaska #1**

**March 2021**

Sweet Home, Alaska, was once a thriving, idyllic town. Then, in one fatal moment, two young lives were cut short and everything changed. After the tragic accident that took her sister's life, Hope McKnight discovered she was pregnant. She gave up her dreams of college to raise her daughter. When Donovan Stone returns to sell his family's properties and to cut final ties with Sweet Home, he's shocked to find Hope still there--and a single mother. The pull between Hope and Donovan is as powerful as ever, but so are the secrets and lies stemming from that long-ago tragedy. Will they be able to overcome the past or will the heartbreak of bygone days destroy their love again?

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Tracy Bernstein)  
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary

**Harper, Lana**  
**PAYBACK IS A WITCH**

**October 2021**

**First in a fresh, accessible fantasy romance series for the modern rom-com reader.** Emmy Harlow is a witch, but not a very powerful one—in part because she hasn't been home to the magical town of Thistle Grove years. Her self-imposed exile has a lot to do with a complicated family history and a desire to forge her own way in the world. It has only the very tiniest bit to do with Gareth Blackmoor, heir to the most powerful magical family in town and casual breaker of hearts/destroyer of dreams. On her first night home, she runs into Talia Avramov, heir to the second-most powerful magical family in Thistle Grove. Adept in the arts of divination and an all-around badass, Talia's the last person Emmy would expect to fall for Gareth Blackmoor's shit. But...lo and behold. Fresh off a bad breakup and extremely vulnerable, Talia let herself be charmed, only to discover that Gareth was also seeing Violet Thorn—unbeknownst to either of them. Now, she and Violet want revenge. Emmy can't pass up the chance to put him in his place.

UK: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)  
Agent: Root Literary Agency

**Harrison, Kim**  
**MILLION DOLLAR DEMON: Hollows #15**

**June 2021**

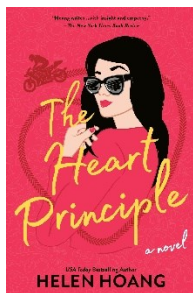
The new master vampire of Cincinnati has arrived and she wants Rachel Morgan out. No matter where Rachel goes, Constance is there—causing city-wide chaos. Rachel has no desire to be enthralled or killed--and she's terrified of what may come of the city if Constance forces a return to the ancient ways. A witch-born demon can't stand against the old undead--at least, not alone.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Anne Sowards)  
Agent: Donald Maass Literary Agency  
Germany: Random House



**First in a new STEM focused contemporary romance series!** As a third year Ph.D. student, Olive Smith doesn't believe in lasting romantic relationships. In fact, her last date ended up falling for her best friend, Anh, instead. Olive lies and tells Anh that she is already dating someone else so Anh can guiltlessly date Olive's ex. When she almost gets caught in her own lie, Olive panics and kisses the first man she sees. The man she kisses is none other than Doctor Adam Carlsen, a young hotshot professor, and well-known ass. In order to keep Anh from learning about her lie, Olive must enlist his help in keeping up a fake dating charade. Surprisingly, Adam agrees. Together they set a list of rules to keep things professional. As situations continue to throw them together, whether it be an overcrowded seminar that lands Olive into Adam's lap or a sunscreen disaster at a department picnic that forces her to apply said sunscreen to Adam's bare chest in front of their cohorts, the line between fake and real blurs. As far as her hypothesis about love goes, it turns out facing her true feelings might be even more complicated than mastering biology. Originally from Italy, Ali Hazelwood has lived in Japan and Germany before moving to the US to pursue a Ph.D. in Neuroscience. She has been a university professor since 2019. **This is a debut novel.**

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Sarah Blumenstock)  
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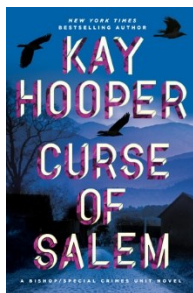
**Hoang, Helen**  
**THE HEART PRINCIPLE: Kiss Quotient #3**

August 2021

"Hoang's writing has a sharp, quirky, emotional edge that will resonate with anyone who has ever tried to navigate the complicated world of modern relationships." –Jayne Ann Krentz

To most, Quan Diep is nothing but a surly-looking, underachieving playboy. But now that he's the CEO of an up-and-coming retail business, he's suddenly a catch, and the rich girls are looking at him in a new way—especially Camilla, the girl who brushed him off many years ago. Anna will never admit that she has a secret crush on Quan, especially because he only has eyes for her charismatic younger sister Camilla. Over the years, Anna has worked hard to overcome her OCD, but she'll still need to find a way to bury her anxieties and seduce Quan so he doesn't ruin her sister's engagement, and with it, a crucial real estate deal. Slowly, Anna breaks down Quan's dangerous and careless exterior while peeling off her own tough, protective shell. But when Quan discovers Anna's true intentions, he's forced to confront his own hurtful past and learn to forgive, while Anna must face her greatest challenge: truly opening herself up to love. [Helen Hoang](#) is the author of the bestselling *The Kiss Quotient* and *The Bride Test*.

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**Hooper, Kay**  
**CURSE OF SALEM: Bishop/Special Crimes Unit #20**

April 2021

As a former Chicago street cop, Nash O'Hara never expected to make it to the FBI, let alone to be chosen for the elite and highly selective Special Crimes Unit. Needless to say, he's nervous about his first assignment. His new partner, Destiny Kincaid, isn't doing anything to calm his fears when she warns that the case will most likely involve a dark and perilous curse. Nash and Destiny will have to use every tool in their arsenal—not least their paranormal powers—to fight off the occult dangers that the future holds in store.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)  
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**Jackson, Kwana**  
**KNOT AGAIN: Real Men Knit #2**

**July 2021**

Lucas Strong unintentionally gained local celebrity status after participating in a FDNY charity calendar. Underneath his happy facade, he is grieving the death of his foster mom. While her legacy, Strong Knits, is once again a thriving knitting store, he feels adrift. Thanks to a busted washing machine, Lucas finds himself at Scrubs Laundromat and back in contact with his high school crush. Sidney Harris-Hughes knows everyone is probably whispering about how she had screwed up a good life and ended up back at her family's laundromat. When she sees Lucas again, a long forgotten attraction kicks into high gear. They both must decide if this is a true love or just an infatuation, thin and as fragile as soap bubbles in the air.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kristine Swartz)  
Agent: The Evan Marshall Agency

**Kantra, Virginia**  
**BETH & AMY**

**May 2021**

**The sequel to MEG & JO!** Amy March is more like her older sister Jo than she'd like to admit. An up-and-coming designer in New York's competitive fashion industry, ambitious Amy is determined to get out of her sisters' shadows. When Jo's wedding forces Amy home, she must face what she really wants...and confront the One Big Mistake that could upend her life. Gentle, unassuming Beth grew up as the good girl of the family. A talented singer-songwriter, she's overcome her painful anxiety to tour with country superstar Colt Henderson. Life on the road has taken its toll on her health and their relationship. Maybe a break to attend her sister's wedding will get her out of her funk. Beth realizes that what she's looking for and what she needs are two very different things. With the March women reunited, this time with growing careers and families, they must once again learn to lean on one another as they juggle the changes coming their way. *New York Times* bestselling author [Virginia Kantra](#) is the author of almost thirty novels.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)  
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**Kelly, Diane**  
**THE MOONSHINE SHACK MURDER: Southern Homebrew Mystery #1**

**June 2021**

Modern-day moonshiner Hattie Hayes is successfully continuing her family's tradition by serving up fun, fruity flavors in mason jars for locals and tourists alike. The fledgling business may be in trouble when a body ends up on the store's doorstep—Hattie will have to distill the evidence and catch the killer in this intoxicating mystery.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Miranda Hall)  
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**Manansala, Mia P.**

**May 2021**

**ARSENIC AND ADOBO: Tita Rosie's Kitchen Mystery #1**

**New mystery series!** When Lila Macapagal moves back home to recover from a horrible breakup, her life seems to be following all the typical rom-com tropes. She's tasked with saving her Tita Rosie's failing restaurant, all the while dealing with a group of matchmaking aunties who shower her with love and judgment. When a notoriously nasty food critic (who happens to be her ex-boyfriend) drops dead moments after a confrontation with Lila, her life quickly swerves from a Nora Ephron romp to an Agatha Christie case. With the cops treating her like she's the one and only suspect, Lila's left with no choice but to conduct her own investigation. Armed with the nosy auntie network, her barista best bud and her trusted Dachshund, Lila takes on this tasty, twisted case and soon finds her own neck on the chopping block.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Angela Kim)

Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency LLC

**Marsh, Nicola**

**July 2021**

**THE MAN BAN**

After a particularly horrible breakup, Harper Ryland has been on a self-imposed man ban for the last twelve months. Instead, she's focusing on the one thing she can control: her career as an up-and-coming food stylist. Everything about Manny Gomes, a handsome Anglo-Indian doctor, rubs her the wrong way. When suave Manny steps in to help after an unfortunate disaster, Harper discovers lifting her ban temporarily is exactly what the doctor ordered. Manny isn't looking for anything but fun either. Yes, there's something about Harper that makes him want more, even though she keeps her distance. They are both about to discover how far he's willing to go to be with her... [Nicola Marsh](#) is a *USA Today* bestselling and multi-award winning author who loves all things romance.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)

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**Oliver, Katie**

**November 2021**

**PRIDE, PREJUDICE AND PERIL**

**First in a new series!** Phaedra Brighton is perfectly content with her life of lectures, Jane Austen Tea Society meetings with her best friends, and dreaming of Mr. Darcy. A respected yet somewhat quirky, young Jane Austen scholar and professor of English Literature, she is known for dressing in period dress while teaching at a small liberal arts college in rural Virginia. She's over the moon when she's asked to lend her Austenian knowledge to a reality show called "Who Wants to Marry Mr. Darcy" which is being filmed at the newly inherited estate of her best friend's husband. But the glitz and glamour of the television show loses its sparkle when he is found dead and her best friend, Charlene, is the prime suspect. Someone has gone to a lot of trouble to frame her friend, and Phaedra will stop at nothing to prove her innocence. With murder on the syllabus and her best friend in desperate straits, Phaedra is determined to learn whodunnit. There's no Mr. Darcy to save her as she investigates the mysterious happenings surrounding the murder.

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**Ricciardi, David**  
**UNTITLED JAKE KELLER #4**

**May 2021**

Being a CIA field agent is a dangerous job at the best of times, but lately the death rate has soared. Agents are dying under mysterious circumstances. Jake Keller is the latest almost victim. When his small plane crashes in the Alps, he's the only survivor. Soon, a rescue helicopter arrives, but the men inside aren't there to save anyone. They are there to complete the murderous job they started. Jake's determined to find the killers but they are just as determined to get their hands on him. David Ricciardi, a keen outdoorsman, incorporates many personal experiences into his work.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Tom Colgan)  
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**St. George, Harper**  
**THE HEIRESS GETS A DUKE: Gilded Age Heiresses #1**

**January 2021**

When it's clear that American heiress August Crenshaw's outrageously progressive ways render her unsuitable for a respectable match, her parents offer up Violet, her younger sister, to the highest entitled bidder instead. August refuses to leave her sister to the mercy of a loveless marriage. Evan Sterling, the Duke of Rothschild, has no intention of walking away from the marriage. He's recently inherited the title only to find his coffers empty. With countless lives depending on him, he can't walk away from the fortune a Crenshaw heiress would bring him. After meeting her fiery sister, he realizes Violet isn't the one he wants. Still, August won't go peacefully to her fate. Little does she realize that every stunt she pulls to make him call off the wedding only makes him like her even more. [Harper St. George](#) is the author of several historical romance series.

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**Wibberley, Emily and Austin Siegemund-Broka**  
**THE ROUGHEST DRAFT**

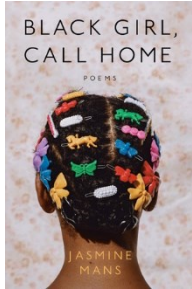
**November 2021**

Katrina Freeling and Nathan Van Huysen, former co-authors, wrote the instant bestseller *Only Once*. Their professional partnership quickly ended amid rumors of an affair, resulting in Katrina marrying their literary agent and Nathan getting a divorce. Now, coming to a crossroads in their careers, Nathan and Katrina are faced with the opportunity to write another book together. After some convincing, and conversations with their agents & editor, everyone is in on board— Katrina and Nathan will write another book together. They head to the Key West house they wrote *Only Once* together in years ago, where Kat and Nate are the only ones to know the whole truth behind the rumors. As their words begin to come together, so do they, in this heart-stopping, emotional roller-coaster of two people who must rekindle their professionalism, and of course, undeniable flame. Co-writers [Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka](#) have written several popular YA novels. *The Roughest Draft* is their adult contemporary romance debut.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kristine Swartz)  
Agent: Donald Maass Literary Agency

## NON FICTION

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**Mans, Jasmine**  
**BLACK GIRL, CALL HOME**

**March 2021**

"This book is a haven for all the black daughters out there, hoping to make sense of the power and powerlessness in their bodies, the connection to others' bodies, and the moments of everyday life that comprise so much of our identities."—New York Times bestselling author Morgan Jerkins

From spoken word poet [Jasmine Mans](#) comes an unforgettable poetry collection about race, feminism, and queer identity. With echoes of Gwendolyn Brooks and Sonia Sanchez, Mans writes to call herself—and us—home. Each poem explores what it means to be a daughter of Newark, and America—and the painful, joyous path to adulthood as a young, queer Black woman. *Black Girl, Call Home* is a love letter to the wandering Black girl and a vital companion to any woman on a journey to find truth, belonging, and healing.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Jen Monroe)  
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**Pryde, Jessica P.**  
**BLACK LOVES MATTER**

**February 2022**

*Black Love Matters* is a multi-author nonfiction anthology that will both celebrate and examine the romance in all forms of entertainment media (novels, tv, movies, etc). The collection will include essays from the biggest and brightest romance and pop culture commentators such as Beverly Jenkins, Alyssa Cole, Jasmine Guillory, and Nichole Perkins. (A full contributor list will be announced at a later date.) The writers will center their experiences and personal histories with romance, as they discover and/or craft it, finding windows and mirrors in these works and, most importantly, finding joy. For the past five years, [Jessica Pryde](#) has been a romance columnist, newsletter author, and contributing editor for BookRiot.com, the premier editorial site for all things bookish.

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