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NEW FICTION

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THE ART OF DESIRE

Sept 2023

One doomed love affair after another has made lovely Alex Walton swear off men. Little does she know that a chance meeting with a strikingly handsome stranger, a mysterious obelisk, and lost kingdom will change her life forever. After three years inside a terrorist organization, Phillip Turman is trying to rebuild his life. His first assignment is to pick up Alex Walton, the maid of honor for his best friend's wedding, at the airport. His second is to deal with his instant attraction to her. But his third may be the toughest: to keep Alex out of danger as his past—and her need to know about it—threaten to destroy their future. [Selena Montgomery](#) is the nom de plume of Stacey Abrams — she is the two-time *New York Times* bestselling author of *Our Time Is Now* and *Lead from the Outside*, an entrepreneur; and a political leader. (Reissue – after a decade out of print.)

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: The Loewenthal Company
Brazil: Companhia Editora Nacional

Allain, Suzanne
THE LADIES REWRITE THE RULES

Jan 2024

Diana Boyle is a twenty-something widow living a quiet life in London when fortune hunters begin arriving on her doorstep, hoping to woo the rich dowager. She is furious to learn they found her using a document called *The Bachelor's Directory*, which lists the names and addresses of England's wealthy widows. When Diana tracks down the author, Maxwell Dean, and confronts him, they are both surprised (and in Diana's case, appalled) by a shared instant attraction. She gathers the ladies in the directory to inform them of its existence. Though outraged, the women decide to embrace their unique position of power and reverse the usual gender roles by making the men dance to their tune. Max began to fall for the feisty, enchanting Diana the second they met and as the two spend more time together, he falls madly in love. But he knows she will continue to doubt his sincerity...unless he can find a way to prove himself. [Suzanne Allain](#) is a screenwriter who lived in New York and Beijing before returning to her hometown of Tallahassee, Florida, where she lives with her husband.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)
Agent: Janklow & Nesbit Associates

Bear, Lauren
MEDUSA'S SISTERS

Aug 2023

In **MEDUSA'S SISTERS**, a brilliantly captivating debut novel, [Lauren Bear](#) re-imagines the tale of Medusa and her sisters. Told from the point of view of Stheno and Euryale, we follow Medusa, their incandescent sister, whose beauty becomes a curse. Born to grotesque sea monsters, the women tangle with gods and heroes while grappling with their own jealousies and betrayals.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Ann Sowards)
Agent: Dystel, Goderich & Bourret
UK: Titan

Bell, David
TRY NOT TO BREATHE

June 2023

Disgraced FBI agent Avery Rogers is working as a security guard when her father to say her younger sister Maya is missing. Avery picks up her sister's trail and follows it to a small town, where Maya was last seen heading to an organic farm in a pickup truck. When Avery finally gets Maya alone, her sister drops a bombshell. She took a DNA test and found out she's not biologically related to anyone in their family. She came to the farm to find her real family...only now they won't let her leave. [David Bell](#) is a *USA Today* bestselling, award-winning author whose work has been translated into multiple foreign languages.

First serial, UK, Translation: Berkley
Agent: InkWell Management

Blake, Ashley Herring
IRIS KELLY DOESN'T DATE

Nov 2023

Everyone around Iris Kelly is in love and she's happy for all of them, truly. So what if she misses her friends, who are so busy with their own wonderful love lives, they don't really notice Iris is spiraling. At least she has a brand-new career writing romance novels. She is now working on her second book but has one problem: she is completely out of juice after having spent all of her romantic energy on her debut. To get her creative juices flowing, Iris tries out for a local play and comes face-to-face with Stefania—or, Stevie, her real name—the worst one night stand of her life. When Stevie desperately asks Iris to play along as her girlfriend, Iris is shocked but goes along with it. As the two women play the part of a couple, they turn into a constant state of hot-and-bothered and soon it just comes down to who will make the real first move... [Ashley Herring Blake](#) holds a Master's degree in teaching and loves coffee, arranging her books by color, and cold weather..

Translation: Berkley (editor: Angela Kim)
Agent: Rees Literary Agency
UK: Little Brown Book Group

Brady, Ali
THE COMEBACK SUMMER

June 2023

In this new women's fiction novel from the author of *THE BEACH TRAP*, sisters Hannah and Libby need to make a big change. The PR agency they inherited from their grandmother—her pride and joy, her legacy—is failing. A well-known self-help guru named Big Betty agrees to help, but only if Hannah and Libby “crush their comfort zones”: introverted Hannah must go on twelve dates with twelve different men, while outgoing and creative Libby, who is not athletic by any means, must complete a rigorous obstacle course. Things are going well until Hannah's ex Josh rolls into town and Libby gets mistaken for Hannah on the dating app. With their company's future at stake, they can't afford to fail at their challenges, but are they pushing themselves toward the wrong path?

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

Brazier, Eliza Jane
GIRLS AND THEIR HORSES

June 2023

Rancho Santa Fe Equestrian is known for three things: it's disgraced head trainer, it's prime location and its beautiful riders. They call them "Gerry's Girls" and they have what every girl wants. A horse, or three. But when an accident at a show leads to the death of one of their own, everyone is under suspicion. Then the dead girl's older sister joins the team in her place. Doesn't her mother know when to quit? The girl is a natural and rises up the ranks. But everyone knows, horseback riding is a dangerous sport. Accidents happen, all the time. Eliza Jane Brazier currently lives in California, where she is developing her books for television.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: Levine Greenberg Literary Agency

Cañas, Isabel
VAMPIRES OF EL NORTE

Aug 2023

From the author of THE HACIENDA comes a supernatural thriller set in the 1800s on the Texas-Mexico border. A local healer, Nena has committed herself to a lifetime of helping others, but she's never gotten over a mysterious childhood incident at the water's edge with her best friend Néstor. Meanwhile, Néstor believes that Nena drowned that fateful night, and he's been running from the memory of the glowing light, the cold air, the creatures with sharp teeth ever since. A letter from his uncle arrives, begging Néstor to come home: strange things have been happening on the ranch, things that seem to evade reason. Finally reunited, Nena and Néstor may be the only ones who can stop it. [Isabel Cañas](#) knows nine languages and has lived in Mexico, Scotland, Egypt, Turkey, and Jordan, but now calls New York City home.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: Bradford Literary Agency

Cleeton, Chanel
THE CUBAN HEIRESS: A Novel

May 2023

In 1934, the ultimate vacation becomes a fight for survival as the secrets of two women's pasts collide aboard a luxury cruise liner on a round-trip voyage from New York to Havana in New York Times bestselling author [Chanel Cleeton](#)'s page-turning new novel inspired by the true story of the tragedy of the SS Morro Castle.

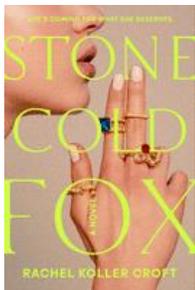
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Cobb, May
A LIKEABLE WOMAN

Aug 2023

After her mother's mysterious death, Kira fled her wealthy Texas town and never looked back. Decades later, she's invited back for an old frenemy's vow renewal, and though she's reluctant to go, Kira's grandmother convinces her. Once home, Kira's grandmother gives her an unpublished manuscript that her mother had been working on before she died. Kira is quickly pulled into the past secrets of her gossipy, country club town. As she gets closer to what—and who—might have brought about her mother's end, it becomes clear that someone wants the past to stay buried in this sizzling new novel from the author of MY SUMMER DARLINGS. [May Cobb](#) earned her MA in literature from San Francisco State University.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: Victoria Sanders & Associates



Croft, Rachel Koller
STONE COLD FOX

Feb 2023

Like any enterprising woman, Bea knows what she's worth and is determined to get all she deserves—it just so happens that what she deserves is to marry rich. Filthy rich. After years of forced instruction by her mother in the art of swindling men, a now-solo Bea wants nothing more than to close and lock the door on their sordid partnership so she can disappear safely into old-money domesticity, sealing the final phase of her escape. When Bea chooses her ultimate target in the fully loaded, thoroughly dull and blue-blooded Collin Case, she's ready to deploy all of her tricks one last time. The challenge isn't getting the ring, but rather the approval of Collin's family and everyone else in their 1 percent tax bracket, particularly his childhood best friend, Gale. Going toe-to-toe with Gale isn't a threat to an expert like Bea, but what begins as an amusing cat-and-mouse game quickly develops into a dangerous pursuit of the grisly truth. Finding herself at a literal life-and-death crossroads with everything on the line, Bea must finally decide who she really wants to be. Like mother, like daughter? Rachel Koller Croft is an author and screenwriter in Los Angeles, where she has scripted projects for Blumhouse, Sony Pictures Entertainment, and Comedy Central, among others.

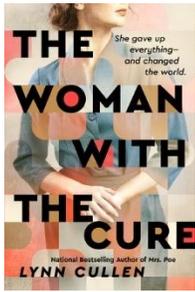
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: 3 Arts Entertainment

Collins, Sarah-Jane
RADIANT HEAT

Jan 2024

A heart pounding, lyrical debut about a young woman who survives a bush fire that nearly destroys her small Australian hometown, only to be thrust into a reckoning with her own past when she finds a dead woman in her driveway holding a piece of paper with her name on it.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: Janklow & Nesbit Associates



Cullen, Lynn
THE WOMAN WITH THE CURE

Feb 2023

A fictional novel about the riveting real-life American scientist Dr Dorothy Horstmann, the unsung heroine at the heart of the race for the polio vaccine. In 1940s and '50s America, polio is as dreaded as the atomic bomb. No one's life is untouched by this disease that kills or paralyzes its victims, particularly children. Outbreaks of the virus across the country regularly put American cities in lockdown. Some of the world's best minds are engaged in the race to find a vaccine. The man who succeeds will be a god. But Dorothy Horstmann is not focused on beating her colleagues to the vaccine. She's locked in a race against polio itself. Applying the same determination that lifted her from a humble background to becoming a doctor against all odds, she hunts down the monster where it lurks: in the blood. [Lynn Cullen](#) is the bestselling author of several historical novels.

UK: Berkley (editor: Amanda Bergeron)
Agent: Folio Literary Management

Danan, Rosie
DO YOUR WORST

Nov 2023

An archaeologist and an occult expert become professional rivals as they excavate a haunted chateau in this steamy romance from "go-to author" Rosie Danan (The New York Times Book Review). Thanks to her family's gift for the supernatural, Riley Rittenhouse has been hired to break a curse on a historic mansion in the French mountainside. This opportunity could make her dream of turning her family's knack for the paranormal into a successful business. But archeologist Clark Edgeware has other ideas. Riley's former high school rival has also been hired to inspect the mansion from an earthier standpoint, and he's convinced Riley's ideas about a haunting will derail any legitimate exploration at the site. When the items they discover grow stranger, Riley becomes more adamant that the house is cursed. For Clark, the only otherworldly phenomenon happening is the way Riley steals his breath when she touches him. [Rosie Danan](#) is the author of steamy, big-hearted books, articles, and tweets about the trials and triumphs of modern love.

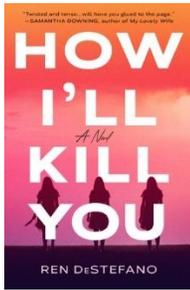
Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency
UK: Little Brown UK

Desai, Sara
TO HAVE AND TO HEIST

June 2023

In this hilarious rom-com caper, Simi Chopra is on a losing streak. She's lost yet another job, her student-loan debt won't stop growing, and now her best friend has been accused of stealing a multi-million-dollar diamond necklace. That's right when Jack waltzes into her life, just as charming as he is mysterious. When he offers to help Simi find the necklace and steal it back, Simi jumps at the chance to clear her friend's name and collect the substantial reward. She's got three weeks to transform a group of random strangers into an elite heist crew, but the ultimate robbery might be Jack stealing Simi's heart in the process...

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



DeStefano, Ren
HOW I'LL KILL YOU

Mar 2023

Make him want you. Make him love you. Make him dead. Sissy has an interesting family. Always the careful one, always the cautious one, she has watched for years while the family motto has carved a path of carnage across the US. Now as they arrive in the Arizona heat, Sissy encounters what is intended to be her very first target- a young widower named Edison- and their mutual attraction is instant. While their relationship progresses, and most would be thinking about picking out china patterns and moving in, Sissy's family is reminding her to think about picking out burial sites. The clock is ticking, and her family is growing restless. It becomes clear that the gravesite she chose will hide a body no matter what happens; but if she betrays her family, will it be hers? [Ren DeStefano](#) is the pen name for *New York Times* Bestselling YA author Lauren DeStefano. This is her **adult debut**.

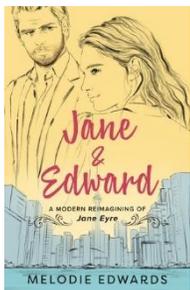
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: Irene Goodman Literary

Downing, Samantha
A TWISTED LOVE STORY

Jul 2023

In this delicious thriller, a young couple gives a whole new meaning to the dangers of modern dating. Ivy and Wes know they are meant to be. What starts with a first date, then a first kiss, turns into an intensely passionate love affair that neither of them will ever be able to walk away from. No matter how hard they try and, believe me, they've tried. But they're back together and swear this time will be different. No more games, no more drama, and certainly no more crimes. They know their friends, family, and the police aren't rooting for their happily ever after. But if you're meant to be, nothing will stand in your way. [Samantha Downing](#) is the author of the bestselling *My Lovely Wife*, nominated for Edgar, ITW, Macavity, and CWA awards.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: Irene Goodman Literary Agency
UK: Penguin Random House



Edwards, Melodie
JANE & EDWARD

Mar 2023

This **debut novel** is a powerful, modern-day retelling of *Jane Eyre*. For years Jane has kept her head down as a waitress. She works hard to get by, but knows that one broken arm from a slip-and-fall could endanger her livelihood. She takes a night class to become a legal assistant and gets offered a job at a white-shoe law firm. Everyone at the firm thinks she's destined for failure—a young woman taking on too much as assistant to Edward Rosen. Edward has never been able to keep an assistant—he's too loud, too messy, too mercurial. But there's something about quiet, competent Jane that intrigues him. Their orbits overlap, first with fondness and then something more. When his secrets put Jane's independence at risk, she is forced to face aspects of her history that she has long ignored. Melodie Edwards studied comedy writing at the Second City Training Centre and works in communications.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)
Agent: Stonesong



Elliot, Amanda
BEST SERVED HOT

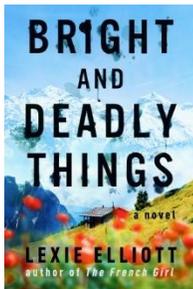
Feb 2023

Julie Zimmerman wants to be a salaried critic at a major newspaper, like the New York Scroll. The only thing worse than the Scroll's rejection of her application is the fact that smarmy, social-media-averse society boy Bennett Richard Macalester Wright snagged her dream job. Julie confronts the annoyingly handsome Bennett about his outdated opinions on Instagram and posts the resulting video footage. Julie's follower count soars — and so does the Scroll's.

Julie and Bennett grudgingly agree to partner up for a few reviews together. Over tapas, dumplings, burgers and more, Julie and Bennett connect over their shared love of food. When the competitive fire between them turns extra spicy, they'll have to decide whether they can take the heat or if it's time to end their partnership. [Amanda Elliot](#) is the author of several young adult and middle grade books as Amanda Panitch.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)

Agent: Writers House



Elliott, Lexie
BRIGHT AND DEADLY THINGS

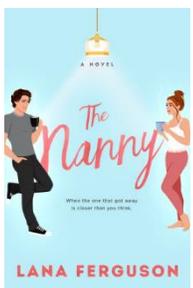
Feb 2023

The Chalet de Anglais seems to be the perfect place for Oxford fellow Emily to try and cut through the fog of her grief over the loss of her husband, Nick. Joining Emily at the French Alps-based academic retreat are a collection of friends as well as other undergraduates, graduates, and fellows. With no electricity, running water, or accessible roads, all Emily wants to do is heal and forget. But Emily is unnerved by sexual advances from one of the female undergraduates, and even more shocked when she witnesses the same student in a sexual liaison with a friend. When the undergraduate suddenly disappears and Emily finds Nick's phone number among her things, she needs to figure out what is going on and who she can trust. [Lexie Elliott](#) grew up at the foot of the Highlands.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)

Agent: Folio Literary Management

UK: Atlantic Books



Ferguson, Lana
THE NANNY

Apr 2023

In this debut novel, down-on-her-luck graduate student Cassie takes a live-in nanny position that she hopes will solve her money problems. Aidan Reid turns out to be far from the stuffy single dad Cassie was picturing when she answered his ad: he's attractive and strangely familiar. When she accidentally sees him without a shirt on, Cassie realizes that Aidan was one of her OnlyFans clients—one of the few who seemed to really care about her. Thankfully,

Aidan hasn't recognized her, but the secret begins to wear on Cassie and their budding relationship. If the truth comes out, her heart—and her job—will be on the line.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)

Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency

Fischer, Nan
THE BOOK OF SILVER LININGS

Aug 2023

Constance Sparks says yes when Hayden, her kind but secretive boyfriend, asks her to marry him. While planning their wedding, she struggles with anxiety about the right course for her future. Researching the history of her antique engagement ring, she unearths the name of the man who designed it, plus his tragic love story. When she finds a book in her library's old manuscript section written by the long dead man, Constance is deeply touched by his words and leaves a letter for him confessing her uncertainty and doubts. She's shocked days later to find a response tucked among the pages. As the letters continue to arrive, Constance finds herself quickly falling in love with a ghost and putting her real-life relationship in jeopardy. Will a bond based on letters impossibly sent from the past derail her future? Or will Constance discover her voice and risk everything for the chance to somehow connect with her true soul mate? [Nan Fischer](#) is the author of several LucasFilm novelizations and the autobiographies of numerous Olympic athletes and sports figures.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)
Agent: Jane Rotrosen Agency

Glass, Seressia
GAME ON

Dec 2023

When Samara Reynolds posts a video critiquing the popular game Legendsfall, she knew she'd get a reaction from her fans but she didn't expect a job offer from Aron Galanis, the handsome CEO of Artemis. Working together turns Aron and Samara from adversaries into allies, allies into friends, and after that—something more. Once their relationship goes public, will they be able to weather the storm and fight for a happy ending or is it game over?

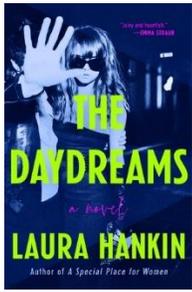
UK: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: The Bent Agency

Gornichec, Genevieve
THE WEAVER AND THE WITCH QUEEN

Jul 2023

Oddny and Gunnhild meet as children, and they could not be more different. Oddny longs for a quiet life, to marry and raise children. Gunnhild on the other hand has been told by a goddess that she will be queen one day, and she burns for power. But both girls are possessed of seid, a special magic, and the two witches form a bond and a blood oath to help each other. When Oddny's sister is kidnapped by Viking raiders, she vows to find her no matter the cost. Gunnhild is on her way to her exalted destiny, but she will honor her oath to her friend. Along their journey they will learn to hone their magic, find love, meet gods of Norse myth, and grow to understand what it is to be a woman who wields power in a world ruled by men. [Genevieve Gornichec](#) earned her degree in history and her study of Norse myths and Icelandic sagas became her writing inspiration.

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



Hankin, Laura
THE DAYDREAMS

May 2023

Daisy Jones & The Six set during the Justin and Britney era, about the four stars of a popular teen show from the early 2000s and the reunion special—13 years later—that forces them to confront how the show's scandalous flameout damaged the lives of the female cast members while boosting the career of the male lead. [Laura Hankin](#) has written for publications like *McSweeney's* and *HuffPost*, while her musical comedy has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and more.

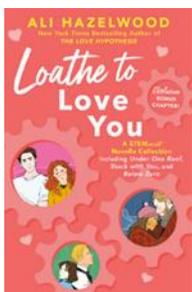
UK: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: Janklow & Nesbit

Harrison, Rachel
BLACK SHEEP

Sept 2023

Vesper Wright is in hell. The night she gets fired from her unglamorous restaurant job she comes home to find an envelope waiting on her doorstep. There's no return address, but she knows exactly who it's from—her estranged family. Inside the envelope is an invitation to the wedding of Vesper's cousin and childhood best friend Rosemary. She's marrying Vesper's ex Brody, hosted at the family home. A home that, according to the rules of her strictly religious family, she shouldn't be allowed to return to. But Vesper has always been an exception to the rule, and she'll be damned if she misses this traitorous wedding, even if it means suffering through a weekend in the staunchly religious community she defected from, even if it means reuniting with her mother, Constance, a former horror film star and forever ice queen. When Vesper's homecoming exhumes a horrifying family secret, she's forced to reckon with her family's fanatical beliefs and her own grim identity. A novel about complicated families, nature vs. nurture, and the struggles of severing blood ties. [Rachel Harrison](#) lives in Western New York with her husband and their cat/overlord.

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



Hazelwood, Ali
LOATHE TO LOVE YOU

Jan 2023

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Love Hypothesis* comes a collection of steamy, STEMInist novellas and their loves in loathing—with a special bonus chapter! [Ali Hazelwood](#)'s favorite thing is to explore traditional romance tropes—and to picture how they'll play out in academic settings.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency
UK: Little Brown; Germany: Aufbau; Poland: Muza; Brazil: Arqueiro; Turkey: Nemesis

Herbert, Frank
THE DUNE COLORING BOOK

Sept 2023

The first official coloring book based on one of the bestselling science fiction novels of all time, Frank Herbert's *Dune*. It will include 44 original illustrations, featuring character studies, locations, and scenes inspired by *Dune*, the profound and triumphant novel adored by millions of readers around the world.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jessica Wade)
Agent: Trident Media Group

Higgins, Kristan
A LITTLE RAY OF SUNSHINE

June 2023

Harlow thought she had finally achieved the quiet life she wanted—a little bookstore on Cape Cod, an apartment in her grandpa's house, a happily single life—when a secret from her past walks into town and changes everything. His name is Matthew Walker, and he's the son she put up for adoption seventeen years ago (and that she never told anyone about). It turns out to be a summer filled with emotion as more than one secret is revealed, long-lost hurts are discovered, and a slightly lost soul realizes the best of everything is yet to come.

UK: Berkley (editor: Claire Zion)
Agent: Maria Carvainis Agency

Hubscher, Libby
PLAY FOR ME

June 2023

After Sophie Doyle loses her relationship and her dream job as an athletic trainer for the Boston Red Sox, she's forced to apply for the open trainer position at an arts-focused boarding school in New Hampshire. She knew that training the privileged high-school kids would be tough, but she wasn't expecting them to have big-time talent and even bigger-time problems. With sunny optimism, she sets out to help the kids and also win over Jonas, the school's aloof but attractive orchestra teacher. When her relationship with Jonas heats up, they'll have to decide whether they are they playing for keeps in this new romance from the author of *IF YOU ASK ME*.

UK: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)
Agent: Dystel Goderich & Bourret

Jackson, Danielle
ACCIDENTALLY IN LOVE

Aug 2023

As office manager of the city's leading luxury boudoir and pinup photography studio, lovable grump Samantha Sawyer has everything under control. With an eventful summer season on the horizon, Sam is balancing an insane workload. There's one person who can see right through her and her to do lists - Russell Montgomery. Sam is certain that the insanity of her calendar will ensure their distance, and she won't have to deal with Russ or his irritating, handsome smile. Fate puts them in the same personal and professional circles and the sizzling Chicago heat is no match for the fire between them. [Danielle Jackson](#) is a former publicist at Sourcebooks where she worked specifically on romance novels and is currently a book review editorial manager at Fresh Fiction.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Liz Sellers)
Agent: Rees Literary Agency

Kantra, Virginia
THE FAIRYTALE LIFE OF DOROTHY GALE

Dec 2023

Modern retelling of The Wizard of Oz about a woman who attends a writing program in Dublin and meets the friends who will be her companions on her journey to finding what she wants in life and love. [Virginia Kantra](#) is a New York Times bestselling author who has won numerous industry awards.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: Writer's House

Kann, Claire
LOOKING FOR LOVE IN ALL THE HAUNTED PLACES

Mar 2024

When down-on-her-luck Lucky Hart finds out her biological mother died and left her a beautiful Victorian home named Hennessee House, it almost sounds too good to be true...and it might be. Rumor has it that Hennessee House is haunted. That's where Maverick Phillips, single dad and host of a paranormal investigation show, comes in. After an unexpected encounter, Maverick offers Lucky a much-needed job babysitting his daughter Rebel. In exchange, she hires Maverick to investigate Hennessee House. As chemistry crackles between them, they slowly switch from chasing ghosts to chasing each other in this new paranormal rom-com from the acclaimed author of THE ROMANTIC AGENDA.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: Laura Dail Literary Agency

Jayatissa, Amanda
ISLAND WITCH

Feb 2024

Set in 1850s Sri Lanka, the daughter of a traditional demon-priest--relentlessly bullied by peers and accused of witchcraft herself--tries to solve the mysterious attacks that have been plaguing her coastal village while also trying to discover why her father suddenly decided to stop teaching her his craft. But when the young woman's own tormenters start falling prey, she wonders if the real threat is even closer than she realized. [Amanda Jayatissa](#) works as a corporate trainer, owns a chain of cookie stores, and is a proud dog-mum to her two spoiled huskies.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Jen Monroe)
Agent: Stuart Krichevsky Literary
UK: Hodder & Stoughton

Lalli, Sonya
JASMINE AND JAKE ROCK THE BOAT

Apr 2023

Everyone thinks Jasmine Randhawa has it all—great job, perfect Seattle apartment, and a loving boyfriend. When her relationships ends, Jasmine returns home devastated. Determined to cheer her up, her parents invite her on a cruise they've been planning. Only after the ship leaves the harbor does she realize that this is a seniors' cruise, and the only other person under fifty on the entire boat is her childhood acquaintance Jake Dhillon. Jasmine and Jake clash right away, with nothing in common except being stuck on a boat full of old people. With no alternative options, as they spend time together during the two-week cruise, they recognize a lot in common, especially how much they've each been hiding from everyone. Their restlessness seems to disappear whenever they're together, but is this relationship strong enough to last on land? The books of [Sonya Lalli](#) have been featured in *NPR*, *Washington Post*, *Glamour* and more.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)
Agent: CookeMcDermid Literary Agency

Lim, Roselle
NIGHT FOR DAY

Oct 2023

Exes Ward Dunbar and Camille Buhay thought they would never see each other again. Years later, they unexpectedly reconnect in London where they are interviewing for the same position: a specialist at a prestigious antique shop, Lethe's Curiosities. The attraction comes back like muscle memory and they vow to give their relationship another try. Ward starts the day shift and finds the clientele unusual and dazzling, almost preternatural. When he clocks out at the end of the day, he finds the door locked and himself trapped in the building. After a horrific first night shift contending with restless spirits and ghosts, Camille finds herself also unable to escape. In their antique shop prison, they discover that they're able to see the shadows of each other and talk for precisely one minute before dawn. Their promise to be together feels impossible. Because while one belongs to the Living, and other to the Dead, they can never meet again. [Roselle Lim](#) lives on the north shore of Lake Erie and always has an artistic project on the go.

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

Linden, Rachel
RECIPE FOR A CHARMED LIFE

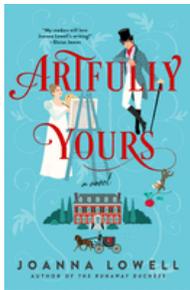
Sept 2023

In one disastrous night, chef Georgia May loses her sous chef position, her French boyfriend, and her sense of taste! Suddenly, every morsel of food she samples is bitter. Renowned for her exquisite palate and daring use of bold flavors, Georgia is devastated to discover her culinary gift has disappeared. So when she receives a mysterious invitation from her estranged mother, Georgia flees to a small island in the Pacific Northwest where she tentatively reconnects with her mom, a free-spirited hippie eager to make up for her past mistakes. Her neighbor is a surprisingly antagonist (and annoyingly handsome) oyster farmer. The visit has all the makings of a disaster...until Georgia begins to unravel some surprising secrets that make her wonder if the true recipe for a charmed life might look—and taste—very different than she ever imagined. [Rachel Linden](#) is a novelist and international aid worker whose adventures in over fifty countries around the globe provide excellent grist for her writing.

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

Lowell, Joanna
ARTFULLY YOURS

Feb 2023



This is a captivating Victorian historical romance from the author of *THE RUNAWAY DUCHESS*. Nina Finch is about to retire from forging paintings to pursue her real dream of becoming a baker when infamous art critic Alan De'Ath detects the fakes. Now Nina's future depends on her ability to outfox London's most discerning man. Alan takes pride in his infallible judgement, but he can't get close to the dazzling woman without losing all perspective. As Nina and Alan grow closer, divided loyalties threaten to shatter their worlds. They'll lose everything or discover just how strong real love can be.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)
Agent: One Track Literary Agency



Lux, Claudia
SIGN HERE

Oct 2022

A darkly humorous, suprisingly poignant, and utterly gripping **debut novel!** Peyote Trip has a pretty good gig in the deals department on the Fifth Floor of Hell. Sure, none of the pens work, ns the coffee machine in his department has been out of order for a century, but Pey has a plan—and all he needs is one last member of the Harrison family to sell their soul. When the Harrisons retreat to the family lake house for the summer, the opportunity Pey has waited millennium for might finally be in his grasp. But things aren't always what they seem, on earth or in Hell. And as old secrets and new dangers scrape away at the Harrison's shiny surface, revealing the darkness beneath, all the characters must face the consequences of their choices. Claudia Lux lives and works in Austin, Texas.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jen Monroe)
Agent: Kneerim & Williams

Mackin, Jeanne
UNTITLED

Sept 2023

A lushly drawn imagining of the women who inspired Pablo Picasso, the secreted muses behind some of his greatest works, and the enduring influence of love and art.

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

Maher, Kerri
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CALL

Aug 2023

Chicago, early 1970s: Who does a girl call when she needs help? Jane. In just a few years, the best known open secret in the city has helped thousands of women live freer lives. Veronica, Jane's founder, prides herself on the service she provides, a women's health organization comprised entirely of women helping other women, liberating them from the expectations of society and family. And yet the price of her freedom is that she must live a double life: when she's not at the service, Veronica appears to be an entirely conventional wife and mother. Two other women in Veronica's neighborhood are grappling with similar disconnects. Deena, a young professor at the University of Chicago, falls in love with a man whose behavior toward his ex-wife increasingly disturbs her. And Patty, who's long been content with her role as a devoted wife and mother, has begun to sense something essential is missing from her life. In this historic moment when the personal was nothing if not political, when television and movies and commercials told women they'd come a long way, "baby," the stories of Veronica, Deena, and Patty intersect in ways that make them—and us—question the very meaning of liberation. Kerri Maher holds an MFA from Columbia University.

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

Martin, Alexa
NEXT DOOR NEMESIS

Nov 2023

After years of hustling, Collins Carter has finally made it...back to her parents' house. Between tending to the compost with her newly retired dad and running into her high school nemesis at the only decent coffee shop in town, this subdivision from hell she swore she'd never return to is her rock bottom. Then the Homeowner's Association complaint arrived. Nathaniel Adams always dreamt of a nice, quiet life in his suburban hometown. Or at least that's what he thought until Collins moved back and sent his quaint, organized life into a tailspin. He thought Collins was infuriating ten years ago, but when she announces she's running against him for HOA president, all bets are off. From secret board meetings to vicious smear campaigns whispered over backyard fences, Collins and Nate sink to levels their sleepy suburb has never before seen. But as hate turns into lust, these two enemies are forced to reckon with the feelings they've ignored for years. If only there were bylaws for real life. [Alexa Martin](#) is a writer and stay-at-home mom.

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

Martin, Tori Anne
THIS SPELLS DISASTER

Sept 2023

When her famous crush starts to flirt with her, a scatterbrained witch fears she must have accidentally given her a love potion, and to break the spell, she must prove how wrong they are for each other -- all while falling harder herself.

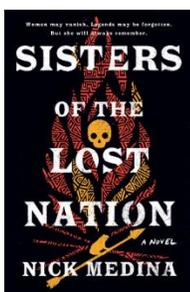
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Agent: DeFiore and Co.

McKinlay, Jenn
SUMMER READING

June 2023

After a kitchen catastrophe, twenty-eight-year-old Boston chef Gabriela Gale finds herself jobless. When her father invites her to spend the summer with him on Martha's Vineyard, it's perfect—some beachside downtime to regroup and refocus is just what she needs. Upon arrival, Gabby's dad and stepmom throw her for a loop—they're headed on a last-minute trip to Europe, leaving Gabby to chaperone her thirteen-year-old half-brother, who is spending his summer at the local library in a robotics competition. And because the universe hates her, the robotics coach turns out to be Spencer Reynolds—the hot guy she accidentally accosted on her disastrous ferry ride to the island. To Gabby's surprise, sparks fly with Spencer and they embark on a summer romance for the books. This could be the best summer of her life, so long as heartbreak doesn't get in the way. [Jenn McKinlay](#) is the award-winning, *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and Publishers Weekly bestselling author of several mystery and romance series.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)
Agent: Jane Rotrosen Agency
UK: Cornerstone

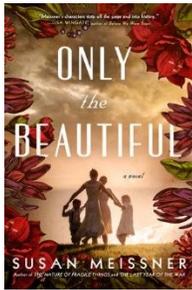


Medina, Nick
SISTERS OF THE LOST NATION

Apr 2023

A young girl hunts for answers about a string of disappearances, all while being haunted herself, in this heart-pounding debut with a mythological twist. Anna Horn is always looking over her shoulder. For the bullies who torment her, for the entitled visitors at the reservation's casino...and for the nameless, disembodied entity that stalks her every step—an ancient myth from her tribe's folklore come-to-life, one that's intent on devouring her whole. As girls begin to go missing and the tribe scrambles to find answers, Anna struggles with her place on the rez, desperately searching for the key she's sure lies in the legends of her tribe's past. When Anna's own little sister also disappears, she'll do anything to bring Grace home. But the demons plaguing the reservation—both old and new—are strong, and sometimes, it's the stories that never get told that are the most important. Nick Medina is passionate about music, travel, and good storytelling and currently lives in the northwest suburbs of Chicago.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sareer Khader)
Agent: Transatlantic Agency



Meissner, Susan
ONLY THE BEAUTIFUL

Apr 2023

California, 1938. Sixteen-year-old Rosanne has an odd ability: she sees unexplainable flashes of color when she hears sounds. When Rosanne loses her parents in an accident, she's taken in by the owners of the vineyard where she grew up. She ends up pregnant and a state worker sends her away to a place where inherited flaws are not tolerated. Austria, 1947. After witnessing firsthand Adolf Hitler's brutal pursuit of hereditary purity, Helen is ready to return to America for good. When she arrives at her brother's peaceful vineyard she is shocked to learn what happened to Rosanne and resolves to find her.

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

Noyes, Emma
GUY'S GIRL

Oct 2023

Ginny isn't sure which came first—the bad habit or the boy. They showed up at almost exactly the same time, like two trains pulling into one station from opposite directions. And when they left, it took much longer for one to go than the other. On the surface, the two seem completely disconnected—one a human being, the other a human defect—but at their core, they're both powered by the same thing: false versions of love. One the wrong way to love another, the other the wrong way to love yourself. She didn't mean to become bulimic. Does anyone? Does anyone go out looking for mental illness? Well, she didn't, in any case. It just kind of happened. Piece by piece, she fell into something intoxicating, something dangerous, and by the time she realized what was happening, it was already too late.

UK: Berkley (editor Kristine Swartz)
Agent: The Whalen Agency

Orlando, Carissa
THE SEPTEMBER HOUSE

Sept 2023

Debut novel! A person can get used to pretty much anything. That's what Margaret tells herself when her walls start to drip blood every September. It's going to stop again soon, and in the meantime, you just look away from the disfigured apparitions who appear. Hal, Margaret's husband, never did learn to live with it, and maybe that's why he left. Now, Margaret's daughter, Katherine, has arrived to look for her missing father, convinced something grim has happened. She's never been to the house before and doesn't seem to see the ghosts. Margaret is trying her best to keep Katherine out of harm's way, avoiding that one dead boy with razor-sharp teeth and wiping blood from the walls. The greatest threat of all is Master Vale, a wiry, domineering creature out of your worst nightmares. He's yet to show his face this September. But it's only a matter of days now... Carissa Orlando is a psychologist who works with troubled children and survivors of trauma.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jessica Wade)
Agent: Folio Literary Management



Painter, Lynn
THE LOVE WAGER

Mar 2023

After crawling out of a hotel room, Hallie Piper decides it's time to become a full-on adult. She gets a new apartment, a new haircut, and a new wardrobe, but when she logs into the dating app that she has determined will find her new love, she sees none other than Jack, the guy whose room she snuck out of. After the joint agreement that they are not interested in each other, Jack and Hallie become partners in their respective searches for The One. Discouraged by the lack of prospects, Jack and Hallie make a wager to see who can find true love first, but when they agree to be fake dates for a weekend wedding, all bets are off. As they pretend to be a couple, lines become blurred and they each struggle to remember why the other was a bad idea to begin with. [Lynn Painter](#) is a community columnist for the Omaha World-Herald, as well as a regular blogger for their parenting section.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Angela Kim)

Agent: BookEnds

UK: Michael Joseph/PRH



Patel, Sajni
ISHA, UNSCRIPTED

Feb 2023

Isha Patel is the black sheep of the family, but that's okay because she commiserates with cousin Rohan, her best friend and a fellow outcast. When Isha has a breakthrough getting her script in front of producers, it doesn't go according to plan. Instead of letting her dreams fall through the cracks, Rohan convinces her to snag a pitch session with an Austinite high-profile celeb: the one and only Matthew McConaughey, who also happened to be her professor at the University of Texas. When the search for the esteemed actor turns into a night of debauchery and unexpected—albeit fun—chaos, everything falls apart. Sajni Patel is an award-winning author of women's fiction and young adult books.

UK: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)

Agent: Jill Grinberg Literary Management

Rosen, Jane L.
ON FIRE ISLAND

May 2023

As a book editor, Julia Morse lived and breathed stories. Her imagination alight with a good tale, she could anticipate practically any ending. The ending she'd never imagined was her own. To be fair, no one expects to die at thirty-seven. So when the unthinkable happens, rather than following the light, she chooses to spend one last summer near those she loves most. As she follows her adoring, novelist husband Ben to their home on Fire Island, she discovers the ripple affect her life has had on the trajectory of so many: her baseball loving, young-at-heart neighbor who believes it's best not to go it alone, two bright-eyed teenagers eager to become adults, and her best friend who must shake off heartbreak for a new chance at love. Jane L. Rosen lives in New York City and Fire Island with her husband and three daughters.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Amanda Bergeron)

Agent: C. Fletcher & Company



Rosen, Renee
FIFTH AVENUE GLAMOUR GIRLS

Apr 2023

New York City, 1938. Eager to distance herself from a family scandal, Gloria Downing needs a total makeover and a friend she can lean on—and into her path walks a young, idealistic Estée Lauder. The chance encounter changes Gloria’s life, giving her the fresh start she seeks. Before Gloria knows it, she is swept up in her new friend’s mission to become a household name like Elizabeth Arden, Helena Rubinstein and Revlon. While Estee rolls up her sleeves, Gloria begins to discover her own talents when she lands a job at Saks Fifth Avenue. Just when it looks as though nothing can stop them, an outsider threatens to expose secrets that both women have kept, even from each other. With all that they hold dear on the line, Estée and Gloria will have to reckon with the price that comes with reinventing one’s past and discover what is more important to each: friendship or fame? [Renée Rosen](#) is the *USA Today* bestselling author of **The Social Graces** and **Park Avenue Summer**.

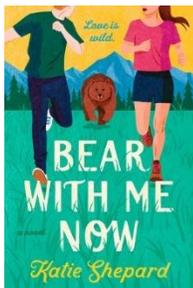
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Amanda Bergeron)
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Ruiz, Sarah Grunder
LAST CALL AT THE LOCAL

July 2023

Ten years after fleeing home, Nina is chief stew on the super yacht Serendipity, single by choice, and perfectly content with how life has turned out. Then Nina’s ex-coworker and old flame, Irish chef Ollie Dunne, returns with an ultimatum: if Nina denies she’s in love with him after three dates spread over the charter season, he’ll go back to Ireland for good. As their connection grows amid chaotic guests and crew drama, could there be smooth sailing in their future? [Sarah Grunder Ruiz](#) is a writer, educator, and karaoke enthusiast.

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



Shepard, Katie
BEAR WITH ME NOW

Apr 2023

Debut novel! After being hospitalized for depression, charitable foundation CEO Teagan van Zijl attends a wilderness therapy retreat in Montana. Lost in the woods, Teagan nearly gets eaten by a bear but is saved by the program’s handywoman, Darcy Albano. Darcy is dealing with her own problems, and over the course of the retreat, the two form an unlikely bond. At the end of the summer Teagan realizes he doesn’t want to return to New York without Darcy. He offers her a fake position at his company, afraid to confess his feelings for her. Darcy agrees, and though the city turns out to be far from what she envisioned when she agreed to join him, she realizes that anything feels possible with Teagan.

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

Thompson, Alicia
FROM COLD WORLD, WITH LOVE

Aug 2023

Lauren Fox is the bookkeeper for Cold World, a tourist destination that's always a winter wonderland despite being located in humid Orlando. It's ranked below any of the trademarked amusement parks, but it's a fun place to work, even if "fun" isn't exactly Lauren's middle name. Co-worker Asa Williamson is all about finding ways to enliven his days at Cold World -- whether that means organizing the Secret Santa or teasing Lauren. When the owner asks Lauren and Asa to propose something (anything, really) to raise more revenue, their rivalry heats up as they compete to come up with the best idea. The situation is more dire than they thought and it might take these polar opposites working together to save it. Alicia Thompson is a writer, reader, and Paramore superfan.

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

Thornton, Stephanie Marie
HER LOST WORDS: A Novel of Mary Wollstonecraft and Mary Shelley

Mar 2023

In 1792, ambitious radical Mary Wollstonecraft authors the landmark volume *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* in which she scandalously suggests women are equal to men. She is stricken with childbed fever after giving birth to their daughter, Mary Godwin. In the last days of her life, Wollstonecraft pens her memoirs as a final gift to her daughter. In 1822, Mary Godwin Shelley learns to read by tracing the letters of her mother's tombstone. As a young bride, she struggles to balance an ever-complicated marriage with motherhood while pursuing her own dreams of writing. After a series of tragedies, two things save her—discovering the truth of her mother's life and creating a mountain of writing that earns her world-renown as a travel writer, literary editor, and author of *Frankenstein*. [Stephanie Marie Thornton](#) is a *USA Today* bestselling author and a high school history teacher.

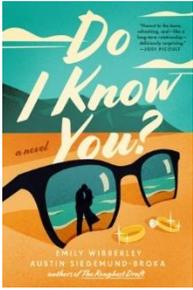
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Townsend, Peggy
THE WITNESS TREE

Nov 2023

It's summer in Alaska and the light surrounding the shipping-container-turned-storage-shed where Liv Russo is being held prisoner is fuzzy and grey. Around her is thick forest and serrated mountains. In front of her, across a clearing, is a low-slung cabin with a single window that spills a wash of yellow light onto bare ground. Illuminated in that light is the father of her child, a man she once loved. A man who is now her jailor. Liv vows to do anything to escape. Carrying her own secrets and a fierce need to protect her young son, Liv navigates a new world where extreme weather, starvation and grizzly bears are not the only threats she faces. She must take a lesson from nature: that in order to live some things must die. Peggy Townsend is an award-winning newspaper reporter who once chased an escaped killer through a graveyard in the middle of the night.

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



Wibberley, Emily and Austin Siegemund-Broka
DO I KNOW YOU

Jan 2023

Eliza and Graham’s marriage is quietly failing. With their five-year anniversary approaching, neither of them are thrilled about the weeklong getaway to the Treeline Retreat. After a well-meaning guest mistakes Eliza and Graham as single and introduces them at the hotel bar, they don’t correct him. Suddenly, they’re pretending to be perfect strangers and it’s unexpectedly...fun? Eliza and Graham find themselves flirting like it’s their first date. As they realize this performance could be the thing that saves their marriage, their game becomes something more. [Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka](#) live in Los Angeles, where they continue to take daily inspiration from their own love story.

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

Wibberley, Emily and Austin Siegemund-Broka
THE BREAK-UP TOUR

Jan 2024

A Taylor-Swift-inspired heroine goes on tour with the guy who inspired her hit breakup song—her first love—bringing old heartbreak and unexpected second-chance romance into the spotlight, and one more romance. [Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka](#) live in Los Angeles, where they continue to take daily inspiration from their own love story.

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

Winfrey, Kerry
FAKING CHRISTMAS

Oct 2023

A holiday rom-com about a woman who, due to a misunderstanding, pretends to be her twin sister while faking a marriage with her nemesis. [Kerry Winfrey](#) is not writing, she’s likely baking yet another pie or watching far too many romantic comedies.

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

Young, Samantha
THE LOVE PLOT

Aug 2023

Star Shine Meadows believes in no expectations, no stressful ambitions, and no strings attached relationships. So when she meets lovable grump Rafe while working his niece's princess party, she can't help but needle him. Rafe Whitman is a successful veterinarian, but his family is constantly nagging him about finding "the one." When he runs into obnoxiously cheery Star again, he makes her an offer. He'll pay her more than she would make doing her odd jobs if she'll pretend to be his girlfriend at family gatherings. When the tension between them heats to a breaking point, Star's desire for no strings is tested against Rafe's staunch stability. Samantha Young is the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of the Hart's Boardwalk series and the On Dublin Street series,

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)
Agent: Dystel, Goderich & Bourret



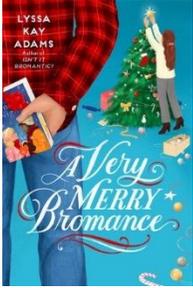
Zhao, Kyla
THE FRAUD SQUAD

Jan 2023

Debut novel! For as long as she can remember, Samantha Song has dreamed of having her own byline in a high-society magazine. The constant struggle to help her mom make ends meet and her low social status make her dream feel like a distant fantasy. Currently working at a drab PR firm, Sam fears the closest she'll get to that life is living vicariously through her socialite co-worker, Anya Chen. Then, she meets Timothy Kingston, the disillusioned son of one of Singapore's elite families. To Sam's surprise, Tim and Anya both agree to help her make a name for herself in Singapore's socialite scene. The borrowed designer clothes and plus-ones to every party and major event can only get her so far; the rest is on Sam, and she's determined to make an impression on the editor-in-chief of Singapore's leading high society magazine. The deeper Sam wades into this fraud, the more she fears being exposed. Can she reconcile her pretense with who she really is before she loses it all? [Kyla Zhao](#) is a Stanford University '21 alumna and currently a lifestyle and fashion writer for Vogue Singapore.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Angela Kim)
Agent: Creative Artists Agency
UK: Headline UK

SERIES FICTION



Adams, Lyssa Kay
A VERY MERRY BROMANCE: Bromance Book Club #5

Nov 2022

When her mother asks her to convince Colton Wheeler to be the next face of her family's limited edition holiday whiskey brand, Gretchen Winthrop can't say no...even though he's the man she had a one-night fling with a few months ago. Country star golden boy Colton has no idea why Gretchen loved him. He agrees to the promotion on one condition: she has to grant him three dates before Christmas. Not even the Bros and their handy Christmas romance novel can guarantee a happily ever after unless Gretchen and Colton learn to overcome their ghosts of Christmas past. [Lyssa Kay Adams](#) writes full-time from her home in Michigan with a pesky, fluffy K9 assistant named Domino.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: One Track Literary Agency
UK: Headline, Germany: Rowohlt, Brazil: Arqueiro

Afia, Nekesa
LADY LOST: Harlem Renaissance Mystery #3

Nov 2023

Louise Lloyd's life in Paris is everything she was hoping it would be until a shocking murder turns her new world upside down. When [Nekesa Afia](#) isn't writing, she's dancing, sewing, and trying to pet every dog she sees.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Michelle Vega)
Agent: The Knight Agency

Albertson, Alana Quintana
KISS ME, MI AMOR: Love & Tacos #2

May 2023

Enrique Montez, smooth-talking heir to the Taco King empire, is man enough to admit that he made a critical error when he underestimated Catalina Flores. The agricultural hotshot should have been an easy conquest—who would turn down the chance to partner with California's largest fast-food chain? As one of the few Latina farm owners, Catalina has no time for romance and she's certainly not about to let the notorious Montez brother anywhere near her business—even if just being near Enrique makes her skin tingle. When Catalina's father and her lovelorn sisters mistake Enrique for her nonexistent boyfriend, she reluctantly agrees to a series of pretend dates to the town's traditional Mexican-American holiday celebrations. Soon the fake feelings turn real and both Catalina and Enrique must convince each other to take a chance on love before their vacation romance is over.

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

Ashley, Jennifer

Mar 2024

SPECULATIONS IN SIN: Below Stairs Mystery #7

To save an innocent man's life, amateur sleuth and cook Kat Holloway must expose a financial scam that could ruin the most powerful aristocrats in Victorian-era London. [Jennifer Ashley](#)'s hobbies include cooking, hiking, playing flute and guitar, painting, and building miniature rooms and dollhouses.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)

Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Butcher, James J.

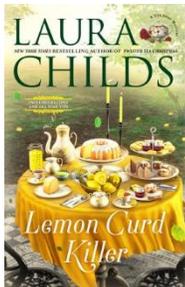
Oct 2023

WRACK AND RUIN: The Unorthodox Chronicles #2

Against all odds, Grimshaw Griswald Grimsby has become an Auditor, enforcing laws about magic for Boston's Department of Unorthodox Affairs. But Grimsby soon finds the daily grind of his job is far removed from the glamour he imagined. Overlooked for every exciting case, Grimsby tires of being told to handle mundane magical troubles, and appropriates a case file intended for a friend. With his partner, the temporarily unretired magic hunter Mayflower, Grimsby sets off to solve the case and discover the origin of a strange, unfinished ritual—one that seems to be the handiwork of a foe the Huntsman put down twenty years ago. Together, they'll have to deal with escaped werewolves, a cursed artifact, and a perilous journey to the mysterious subterranean city below Boston, all to uncover the shocking truth. At all costs, Grimsby must stop this ritual from being completed once more. But the cost may be paid not by himself, but by his friends....James J. Butcher is a nerd born and raised.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Anne Sowards)

Agent: Donald Maass Literary Agency



Childs, Laura

Mar 2023

LEMON CURD KILLER: Tea Shop Mystery #24

Tea shop entrepreneur Theodosia Browning has been tapped to host a fancy Limón Tea in a genuine lemon orchard as a rousing kick-off to Charleston Fashion Week. But the deadly murder of a fashion designer puts the squeeze on things. As the lemon curd begins to sour, the murdered woman's daughter begs Theodosia to help find the killer. Tea events and fashion shows must go on, however, which puts Theodosia and her tea sommelier, Drayton Conneley, right in the thick of squabbling business partners, crazed clothing designers, irate film producers, drug deals, and a disastrous Tea Trolley Tour. [Laura Childs](#) is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Tea Shop Mysteries, New Orleans Scrapbooking Mysteries, and Cackleberry Club Mysteries.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Tom Colgan)

Agent: Veritas Media

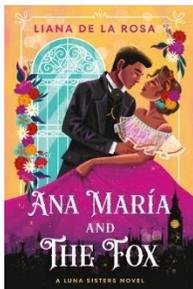


Clare, Jessica
WHAT THE HEX

Apr 2023

Penny Roundtree wants nothing more than to be a familiar (a witch's assistant), so when an unorthodox arrangement to apprentice under the table to the forbidden warlock Willem Sauer presents itself, she takes it. The Society of Familiars finds out that Penny's been apprenticing on the sly, so they give her a choice: leave the Society forever, or spy on the warlock she wants to hate but keeps kissing, for some reason. Now Penny must decide if Willem feels the same spark. Writing under three pen names, [Jessica Clare](#) a little bit of everything.

UK: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: Root Literary



De la Rosa, Liana
ANA MARÍA AND THE FOX

Apr 2023

New series! Ana María Luna Valdés has strived to be the perfect daughter, the perfect niece, and the perfect representative of the powerful Luna familia. Secretly sent to London with her sisters to seek refuge during the French occupation of Mexico, she experiences her first taste of freedom far from the judgmental eyes of her domineering father. Gideon Fox elevated himself from the London gutters with a burning desire for more: more opportunities, more choices. Now as a member of parliament, Gideon's on the cusp of securing the votes he needs to push forth a vote on the abolishment of the Atlantic slave trade, a cause that is close to his heart as the grandson of an escaped slave. A proper English bride would certainly aide his task but it's the sweetly vexing Ana María who inflames him. [Liana De la Rosa](#) has an English degree and in her past life she owned a mystery shopping company and sold pecans for a large farm.

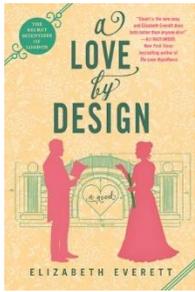
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)
Agent: DeFiore and Co.

Dunmore, Evie
THE GENTLEMAN'S GAMBIT: League of Extraordinary Women #4

Sept 2023

Deeply introverted Catriona prioritizes her academic work and her fight for women's suffrage above everything. Aware that she is decidedly not wife material, she keeps her romantic desires firmly locked inside her brilliant head—until she climbs out of a Scottish Loch after a good swim and finds herself face to face with her new colleague. Art smuggler Elias has wheedled his way into Oxford University under false pretenses—he did not come all the way from the Middle East to classify artefacts from the Levante; he is here to steal them back. Unfortunately, his heist faces unplanned obstacles: the coolly intense lady scholar who makes his jaded heart beat faster whenever they put their heads together. As sparks fly in the close quarters of dusty libraries, a dangerous new game begins and the question arises whether love can truly conquer all divides. [Evie Dunmore](#) lives in Berlin and pours her fascination with nineteenth-century Britain into her writing.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency
UK: Little Brown UK; Germany: Bastei Luebbe



Everett, Elizabeth

Jan 2023

A LOVE BY DESIGN: The Secret Scientists of London #3

Widowed and determined, Margaret Gault has returned to Athena's Retreat and the welcoming arms of her fellow secret scientists with an ambitious plan in mind: to establish England's first woman-owned engineering firm. From the moment she sets foot in London her plans are threatened by greedy investors and —at literally every turn—by the irritatingly attractive Earl Grantham. George Willis, Earl Grantham, is thrilled that the woman he has loved since childhood has returned to London. Not as thrilling, however, is her decision to undertake an engineering commission from his political arch-nemesis. Facing obstacles seemingly too large to dismantle, will Grantham and Margaret remain forever disconnected or find a way to bridge their differences? [Elizabeth Everett](#) lives in upstate New York with her family.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: Dystel Goderich & Bourret

Feehan, Brian

Feb 2023

HARMONY OF LIES: Alice & Owen #2

In the follow up to HARMONY OF FIRE, Alice is finally home. How do you tell your family that the world is a far more dangerous place than they know and you are anything but the small, innocent child that was torn from their arms years ago? Owen can't say goodbye, and Alice can't hold on to him tightly enough as the pressures of danger and obligation grow stronger and stronger. With a broken heart, Owen is headed to San Francisco, city filled with history, secrets, and brutal deaths. To survive these trials, Owen will need everything he has—even the broken parts he gave to Alice—to have any hope of doing the impossible one more time. [Brian Feehan](#) lives in his mind, creating vibrant characters that talk very loud and far too often.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)

Agent: The Axelrod Agency

Feehan, Christine

DARK WHISPER: Carpathian #36 (Nov 2022)

LEOPARD'S SCAR: Leopard People #14 (Nov 2022)

RECOVERY ROAD: Torpedo Ink #8 (January 2023)

GHOSTLY GAME: GhostWalker #19 (May 2023)

SHADOW DANCE: Shadow Riders #8 (Aug 2023)

DARK MEMORY: Carpathian #36 (Oct 2023)

New novels in the long running series by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author [Christine Feehan](#).

Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)

Agent: Jane Rotrosen Agency

UK: Little Brown UK

Flower, Amanda

Sept 2023

I HEARD A FLY BUZZ WHEN I DIED: Emily Dickinson Mystery #2

August 1856. When famous thinker and writer Ralph Waldo Emerson comes to Amherst to speak at a local literary society, he and his young secretary Luther Howard stay with the Dickinsons. Emily is determined to impress Emerson with her quick wit and, if she can gather the courage, a poem. Willia Noble, the second maid in the Dickinson home and Emily's friend, is intrigued by Luther because of his clear fondness for the Dickinson sisters. When Luther turns up dead in the garden, Emerson is aghast and the Dickinsons are worried over how this will impact them in society. Emily and Willa set out to solve the murder and save the family reputation. [Amanda Flower](#) is a former librarian, and she and her husband, a recording engineer, own a habitat farm and recording studio.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Michelle Vega)

Agent: The Seymour Agency



Flynn, Avery

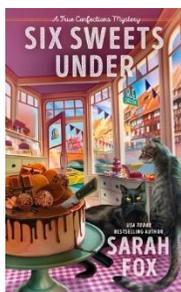
Dec 2022

WITCHA GONNA DO?

First in a new magical romcom series! Tilda Sherwood was born into a supremely powerful family of witches, but since she doesn't have any powers, she's relegated to managing the family social media accounts. When researcher (and Tilda's handsome nemesis) Gil Harding is assigned to assess her magical abilities, inexplicable things happen around her. The two of them will have to figure out their logic-defying attraction to each other and discover Tilda's true powers. [Avery Flynn](#) has three slightly-wild children, loves a hockey-addicted husband and is desperately hoping someone invents the coffee IV drip.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)

Agent: The Knight Agency



Fox, Sarah

Feb 2023

SIX SWEETS UNDER: True Confections Mystery #1

New sweet series! Budding chocolatier Becca Ransom is helping her grandparents run their chocolate shop in Larch Haven, Vermont—a town known as the Venice of North America for its many canals. The town is gearing up for the annual Gondola Races when local curmudgeon Archie Smith is found floating face-down in the canal. Soon Becca's grandfather finds himself one of the top suspects, but Becca's determined to temper the growing suspicions and clear her grandfather's name. When not writing novels or working as a legal writer, [Sarah Fox](#) is often reading her way through a stack of books or spending time outdoors with her English Springer Spaniel.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Leis Pederson)

Agent: BookEnds

Gilliland, Raquel Vasquez
WITCH OF WILD THINGS: Book 1

Sept 2023

Sage Flores and the women in her family—sisters, mother, grandmother, tías—have gifts. Gifts that Sage can't ignore as she reluctantly returns to Cranberry, Virginia, her hometown that contains equal measures of love and sorrow. 29 and broke, Sage takes a job at Cranberry Rose Company, where her ability to communicate with plants comes in very handy, especially when her boss asks her to forage for unusual heritage specimens in the nearby woods. The only problem? Her partner in botany sleuthing is Tenn Reyes, the guy who shattered Sage's heart when she was 17. Does he really think that his earthy sexiness and genuine kindness will work on Sage? She has rare plants to find; a dead sister who keeps bringing her coffee; another sister whose anger fills the sky with lightning. There's no time for romance. Oh, who are we kidding? As Sage explores her feelings for Tenn, she discovers her own capacity for forgiveness, healing, and love. [Raquel Vasquez Gilliland](#) is a sorceress, alchemist, and consummate storyteller.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Miranda Hill)
Agent: Sterling Lord Literistic

Gracie, Anne
UNTITLED GRACIE: Brides of Bellaire Gardens #3

Jan 2024

Heiress Clarissa Studley wants a husband. Plain, shy, and a little bit plump, she yearns to be loved and sets out to become a more confident person. She comes up with two rules for a husband — no fortune hunters and no rakes. Her father was both, and she'll never forget the misery he caused when he broke her mother's heart. When Race, Lord Randall, starts to pay Clarissa attention, she keeps him at a distance. Though she finds him quite attractive, she's smart enough to see through his intentions. Race's reputation as a rake precedes him, as he's known for his flirtatious ways with London society beauties. And yet, Race sees a beauty in Clarissa that others cannot, and for the first time in his life, he is truly in love. When another candidate for Clarissa's affections appears — a handsome, wounded war hero — Race becomes desperate to convince Clarissa that his love is true and that his rakish ways are behind him. The question remains: can Clarissa finally come to terms with her own unhappy past and believe she is worthy of love? [Anne Gracie](#) lives in Melbourne, Victoria.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)
Agent: Nancy Yost Literary Agency

Griffin, Laura
DEEP TIDE: Texas Murder Files #4

Apr 2023

Though the seaside community of Long Beach may look like a postcard, undercover FBI agent Sean Moran has been investigating crime syndicates there for years. When an employee is murdered behind the local coffee shop, Sean teams up with Leyla, the coffeeshop's brash and beautiful owner. As a single crime spirals into something much darker, they'll have to lean on each other to withstand the pressure. [Laura Griffin](#) is a two-time RITA Award winner and the recipient of the Daphne du Maurier Award.

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

Harper, Lana

Aug 2023

IN CHARM'S WAY: Witches Of Thistle Grove #4

After getting hit by an accidental power surge, Delilah Harlow casts a spell that's designed to help her heal and recover. Yet it also unexpectedly makes Delilah an irresistible beacon for supernatural creatures. The gorgeous and dangerous fae Caitriona Quinn appears just in time. A half-human half-creature herself, she hunts other threatening supernatural creatures. Though Delilah balks at the idea of a partnership, she doesn't have much of a choice. As the two delve deeper into the power that underlies Thistle Grove, they uncover not only the town's hidden history but also a risky attraction that could upend Delilah's entire life. [Lana Harper](#) lives in Chicago, where she spends most of her time plotting witchy stories and equally witchy tattoos.

UK: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)

Agent: Root Literary

Harrison, Kim

June 2023

DEMONS OF GOOD AND EVIL: Hollows #17

A witch-born demon, Rachel suspected that protecting the paranormal citizens of Cincinnati as the demon subrosa would be trouble. But it's rapidly becoming way more trouble than even she could have imagined. While Rachel and her friends may have vanquished the trickster demon Hodin, his mysterious associate known only as "The Mage" is eager to finish what Hodin started, beginning with taking down Rachel's power structure piece by piece. When he frames Rachel for the death of a powerful coven member and the vampire leaders in DC threaten to send a new master vampire to take the city in hand, Rachel's friends Ivy and Pike are forced into hiding, and even her lover, Trent, finds himself under fire. With her world falling apart, Rachel desperately needs help. But with all of her supporters under attack, her only hope is to make a deal with the unlikeliest of allies.

UK, Translation (editor: Anne Sowards)

Agent: Donald Maass Literary Agency

Harrison, Kim

Nov 2023

THREE KINDS OF LUCKY: Lucky #1

Luck is its own kind of magic, in this electrifying new contemporary fantasy from the author of the #1 New York Times bestselling Hollows series. Petra Grady has known since adolescence that she has no talent for Light magic—and that's never going to change. But as a sweeper first-class, she's parlayed her rare ability to handle dross—the damaging, magical waste generated by her more talented kin's spellwork—into a surprisingly good life working at the mages' university. Except Grady's relatively predictable life is about to be upended. When the oblivious, sexy, and oh-so-out-of-reach Benedict Strom needs someone with her abilities for a research project studying dross and how to render it harmless, she's stuck working on his team—whether she wants to or not. Only Benedict doesn't understand the characteristics of dross like Grady does. After an unthinkable accident, she and Benedict are forced to go on the run to seek out the one person who might be able to help: an outcast exiled ten years ago for the crime of using dross—not Light—to cast spells. Now Grady must decide whether to stick with the magical status quo or embrace her own hidden talents...and risk shattering their entire world.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Anne Sowards)

Agent: Donald Maass Literary Agency



Hawley, Sarah
A WITCH'S GUIDE TO FAKE-DATING A DEMON

Mar 2023

When a spell to summon flour goes very wrong, Muriel Spark finds herself staring down a demon—one she inadvertently summoned for a soul bargain. Ozroth the Ruthless is a legend among demons. Cold, powerful, and merciless, he drives hard bargains to collect the emotion- and magic-filled mortal souls that power the demon plane. Ozroth can't leave Muriel's side until they complete a bargain. Becoming awkward roommates quickly escalates when they pretend to date to thwart suspicion. As Ozroth and Muriel struggle with their opposing goals and maintaining the appearance of a fake relationship, real attraction blooms between them. But the demon has a limited amount of time to strike the deal, and if Muriel gives up her soul, she'll lose all her emotions—including love. [Sarah Hawley](#) co-hosts the Wicked Wallflowers Club podcast.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency
UK: Gollancz

Hazelwood, Ali
LOVE, THEORETICALLY

Jun 2023

The many lives of theoretical physicist Elsie Hannaway have finally caught up with her. By day, she's an adjunct professor, toiling away at grading labs and teaching thermodynamics in the hopes of landing tenure. By other day, Elsie makes up for her non-existent paycheck by offering her services as a fake girlfriend, tapping into her expertly honed people pleasing skills to embody whichever version of herself the client needs. Honestly, it's a pretty sweet gig—until her carefully constructed Elsie-verse comes crashing down. Jack Smith, the annoyingly attractive and broody older brother of her favorite client, turns out to be the cold-hearted experimental physicist who ruined her mentor's career and undermined the reputation of theorists everywhere. And that same Jack who now sits on the hiring committee at MIT, right between Elsie and her dream job. Elsie is prepared for an all-out war of scholarly sabotage but...those long, penetrating looks? Will falling into an experimentalist's orbit finally tempt her to put her most guarded theories on love into practice? [Ali Hazelwood](#)'s favorite thing is to explore traditional romance tropes—and to picture how they'll play out in academic settings.

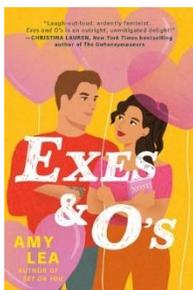
Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency
UK: Little Brown UK; Germany: Aufbau; Bulgaria: Egmont; Greece: Dioptra

Lafferty, Mur
UNTITLED: Midsolar Murders #2

Oct 2023

Reluctant amateur detective Mallory Viridian is driven to crack the case once more in this clever murder mystery set on an alien space station. [Mur Lafferty](#) is an award-winning author and Hall of Fame podcaster.

UK: Berkley (editor: Anne Sowards)
Agent: Barry Goldblatt Literary



Lea, Amy
EXES AND O'S

Jan 2023

Romance book connoisseur Tara Chen has had her heart broken ten times by ten different men—all of whom dumped her because of her “stage-five clinger” tendencies. Nevertheless, Tara is determined to find The One. The only problem? Classic meet-cutes are dead, thanks to modern dating apps. So Tara decides to revisit her exes in hopes of securing her very own trope-worthy second-chance romance. Boston firefighter Trevor Metcalfe will be the first to rush into a burning building but the last to rush into a relationship. Love just isn't his thing. When his new roommate Tara enlists him to help her reconnect with her exes, he reluctantly agrees. But Tara's journey is leading him to discover his own new chapter. The more time they spend together, the more Tara realizes Trevor seems to be the only one who appreciates her authentic, dramatic self. To claim their happily ever after, can Tara and Trevor read between the lines of their growing connection?. [Amy Lea](#) is Canadian bureaucrat by day and contemporary romance author by night (and weekends).

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)

Agent: Bookends Literary

UK: Penguin Books UK

Leigh, Lora
IN ISABEAU'S EYES

Mar 2023

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Nauti series comes the first novel in the new Kentucky Nights series that continues the legacy of the Mackay family. Tracker Calloway finds a new reason to stay in Kentucky now that his foster sister, Angel, has finally reunited with her long-lost family. He's more than intrigued by Mina, the mysterious beauty who lives next door, but Mina has secrets she's hiding. Her secrets will threaten all she loves, especially Tracker. Most days, Lora Leigh can be found in front of her computer weaving daydreams while sipping the ambrosia of the gods, also known as coffee.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)

Agent: Writers House

Levine, Jenna
MY ROOMMATE IS A VAMPIRE

June 2023

The Flatshare meets What We Do In The Shadows in this **debut romantic comedy!** Faced with an eviction notice, artist Cassie Greenberg is feeling desperate until she finds an unusually cheap apartment in a beautiful Chicago neighborhood. Cassie knows there has to be a catch—nobody normal would rent out a nice room for so little money. Of course, Frederick J. Fitzwilliam isn't exactly normal. He sleeps all day, is out all night on business, and talks like he's walked out of a Jane Austen novel. He also doesn't look half bad shirtless. When Cassie finds bags of blood in the fridge that definitely weren't there earlier, Frederick has to come clean. Her sexy new roommate is a vampire, and he has a proposition for her. When [Jenna Levine](#) isn't busy being a lawyer, a law professor, or a romance novelist she can usually be found training her small army of cats to take over the world..

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)

Agent: BookEnds Literary

Matthews, Mimi

Jan 2024

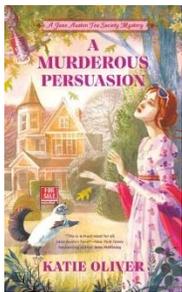
THE LILY OF LUDGATE HILL: Belles of London #3

Since her mother's devastating plunge into mourning six years ago, Lady Anne Deveril voluntarily renounced any fanciful notions of love and marriage. Yet, when fate puts Anne back into the entirely too enticing path of Mr. Felix Hartford, she's tempted to run...right into his arms. No one understands why Lady Anne withdrew into the shadows of society, Felix least of all. The youthful torch he once held for her has long since cooled. Or so he keeps telling himself. But now Anne needs a favor to help a friend. Felix will play along with her little ruse—on the condition that Anne attend a holiday house party at his grandfather's country estate. No more mourning clothes. No more barriers. Only the two of them, unrequited feelings finally laid bare. Finally free to gallop out on her own, Anne makes the tantalizing discovery that beneath the roguish exterior of her not-so-white knight is a man with hidden depths, scorching passions—and a tender heart. *USA Today* bestselling author [Mimi Matthews](#) writes both historical nonfiction and award-winning proper Victorian romances.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: Hershman Rights Management

Germany: Bastei Luebbe



Oliver, Katie

Jan 2023

A MURDEROUS PERSUASION: Jane Austen Tea Society Mystery #2

Phaedra's aunt has decided she wants to sell Laurel Springs Inn, including Phaedra's beloved carriage house. In a last-ditch attempt to drum up more business instead, Phaedra convinces her aunt to host an immersive Persuasion themed murder mystery weekend. When one of the participants winds up dead, Phaedra finds herself on the hunt for a killer once again and with more suspects than she knows what to do with. [Katie Oliver](#) reside in South Florida with her husband, an assortment of neighborhood blue jays, cardinals, and woodpeckers.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sareer Khader)

Agent: Holloway Literary

Neill, Chloe

Nov 2023

COLD CURSES: Heirs Of Chicagoland #5

Elisa, the only vampire ever born, is hoping all can remain quiet in the city of Chicago in the wake of an destructive attack by an ancient supernatural being. Still, she and her friends, including shifter Connor Keene, know they need to be ready for anything. They're working as hard as they can to repair the city's defenses, but they soon finds themselves caught in the middle of a magical turf war with roots that go back generations. They know they have to take a stand but fighting back threatens to reveal Elisa's deepest secret... [Chloe Neill](#) is the New York Times bestselling author of several series.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jessica Wade)

Agent: The Knight Agency

Payne, Nikki
SEX, LIES AND SENSIBILITY

Nov 2023

Nora needs a reinvention fast. After discovering at her father's funeral that she and her sister Yanne have lived their entire lives as his secret second family, everything they had is gone. Well, there is one thing—a dilapidated beach house on its way to foreclosure in Maine. She decamps for coastal Maine with her sister, but they haven't even knocked the traveling dust off last season's designer boots when the first problem pops up: a squatter who has claimed their property as his own—and is hotter than the local lobster boil. From the moment Ennis "Bear" Freeman sees these two city sisters, he knows they won't last here. That doesn't mean he can't fix his struggling ecotourism business with the money they supply to revamp the place. As an Indigenous person native to Maine, Ennis has every reason not to trust another outsider claiming land they have no rights to. As they work side by side, he's afraid Nora may be the key to more than just his financial happiness. His best course of action? Stay away. But that's easier said than done... [Nikki Payne](#), a curious anthropologist by day, dreams of ways to subvert canon literature.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: Bookends

Porter, Jane
FLIRTING WITH FIRE: Modern Love #3

May 2023

This is a captivating and flirty new romance from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *FLIRTING WITH THE BEAST*. After a devastating breakup with her playwright fiancé, forty-five-year-old Margot Hughes swears off the theatre world and takes a job in California real estate. She's thrown back into the theatre world when her boss, who was funding a new production at a historic theatre, has a heart attack. She struggles to find new actors for the production until Max Russo arrives, a soap opera star with a huge following. She soon takes on the role opposite the charming, witty, and passionate Max. Can Margot allow herself to fall for Max when he represents everything she left behind? [Jane Porter](#) is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of 70 romances.

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

Ritchie, Becca and Krista
DISHONESTLY YOURS

Dec 2023

A new series about a young woman who leaves her con-artist family in hopes of starting a new (and law-abiding) life, only to be tracked down by her childhood nemesis who is determined to watch as her new crime-free life implodes. [Krista & Becca Ritchie](#) are *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling authors and identical twins—one a science nerd, the other a comic book geek—but with a shared passion for writing.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: Brower Literary Agency
UK: MacMillan; Brazil: Intrínseca

Robert, Katee

Nov 2023

HUNT ON DARK WATERS: Crimson Sails #1

Evelyn is a witch with a perfect storm of impulses: terrible taste in bed partners, sticky fingers, and a lust for danger. After she steals from her vampire ex and falls through a portal to another realm, she's fished out of the sea by a band of Cŵn Annwn and their telekinetic captain and given a choice — join their group or die. Bowen and his pirate crew are bound by vow to sail through Threshold, keeping the portals to other realms safe. When he rescues Evelyn, he doesn't expect to be attracted to the unflappably brassy pickpocket. The longer he spends in her presence, the more he begins to question if his heart is the next thing she'll steal. As things heat up between Bowen and Evelyn, the danger rises as well. If she betrays the crew, both she and Bowen will pay the ultimate price. [Katee Robert](#) is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of contemporary romance and romantic suspense.

UK: Berkley (editor Cindy Hwang)

Agent: Bradford Literary Agency

Segur, Jo

Dec 2023

RAIDERS OF THE LOST HEART

When the opportunity to participate in her dream dig—hunting for the remains of Chimalli, a fabled Aztec warrior—lands at Dr. Socorro Mejía's feet, she doesn't hesitate to drop everything and run headfirst into the Mexican jungle. Regrets quickly ensue when she learns that Dr. Ford Matthews is the lead archeologist. Corrie should be leading the expedition, not sharing the glory with her disgustingly handsome nemesis. With his life imploding around him, the last thing Ford needs is a reminder of his irritating, decade-long attraction to the reckless "Badass Mejía." Digging up old wounds and misunderstandings with the woman who sets his heart ablaze is not going to work for him. His academic career in limbo, Ford needs to find something newsworthy soon. With the Mexican authorities, a murderous investor, and the lies between them closing in, there's only one way this all ends—explosively. When not writing, you can find [Jo Segur](#) working on a puzzle, trying out new recipes, or practicing municipal law with her two dogs, Gus and Henrik, sleeping at her feet.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: Speilburg Literary

Shepard Gray, Shelley

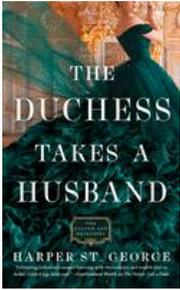
Aug 2023

MOVING FORWARD: Woodland Park Firefighters #2

Former Army captain Greg Tebo has earned his reputation as a fearless firefighter and is ready to settle down with a wife and kids. When a call comes in from Lee Garden Center about a possible heart attack, Greg meets the beautiful, feisty proprietor Kristen Werner. Greg hopes romance will flower, but Kristen's struggling with a devastating diagnosis and a fiancé who left her. Can she trust Greg not to break her heart? [Shelley Shepard Gray](#) lives in southern Ohio where she writes full-time, bakes too much, and can often be found walking her dachshunds on her town's bike trail.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Tracy Bernstein)

Agent: The Seymour Agency



St. George, Harper

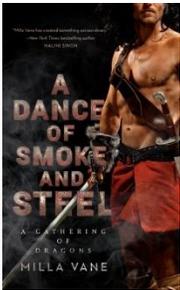
Apr 2023

THE DUCHESS TAKES A HUSBAND: Gilded Age Heiress #4

Despite her illustrious title as the Duchess of Hereford, American heiress and suffragette Camille is a social pariah in London society. When Jacob Thorne, the illegitimate son of an earl and co-owner of the infamous Montague Club, arrives in society, Camille suggests a deal so he can gain the backing of crucial investors. She offers him the respectability of a fake engagement with a duchess in return for one condition: she wants Jacob to show her if it's possible for her to experience pleasure in bed. The proposition may turn into a dangerous gamble of the heart. When not writing, [Harper St. George](#) can be found devouring her husband's amazing cooking and reading.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: The Seymour Agency



Vane, Milla

May 2023

A DANCE OF SMOKE AND STEEL: Gathering of Dragons #3

As Anumith the Destroyer's army draws nearer to the western realms, an alliance is forming to stand against him. Laina, the heir to the throne of Krimathe, embarks upon a quest that the goddess Vela has promised will give her strength enough to defeat the Destroyer. Fulfilling the quest might come at a far higher cost than Laina could imagine. [Milla Vane](#) currently resides in Oregon.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)

Agent: The Knight Agency

Woodward, M.P.

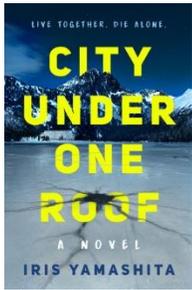
Apr 2023

DEAD DROP

In this electrifying new thriller, nuclear negotiations between the United States and Iran have reached a crisis point. As usual, John and Meredith Dale are caught in the middle. Mossad—the Israeli intelligence agency—wants Meredith's help to find the lead Iranian rocket scientist the CIA has hidden away at a safe house. Meanwhile, John is in a desperate race to keep the scientist one step ahead of an Iranian hit squad. They are pawns in an international chess game, and any good player knows you can't capture the king without sacrificing some pawns. [M. P. Woodward](#) is a veteran of both US intelligence ops and the entertainment industry.

UK: Berkley (editor: Tom Colgan)

Agent: Trident Media Group



Yamashita, Iris
CITY UNDER ONE ROOF

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A stranded detective tries to find answers to a murder case in a strange Alaskan small town where the people are as icy as the weather in this gripping **debut**. When a local teenager discovers a severed hand and foot washed up on the shore of Pt. Mettier, Cara Kennedy is on the case. A detective from Anchorage, she has her own reasons for investigating the possible murder in this isolated place. After an avalanche, Cara is stuck amongst the odd and suspicious residents of the town—all 160 of whom live in the same high-rise building. Teaming up a local officer, Cara discovers that everyone in this town is keeping secrets. [Iris Yamashita](#) is a Japanese American screenwriter who was nominated for an Academy Award® for her screenplay, LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA.

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