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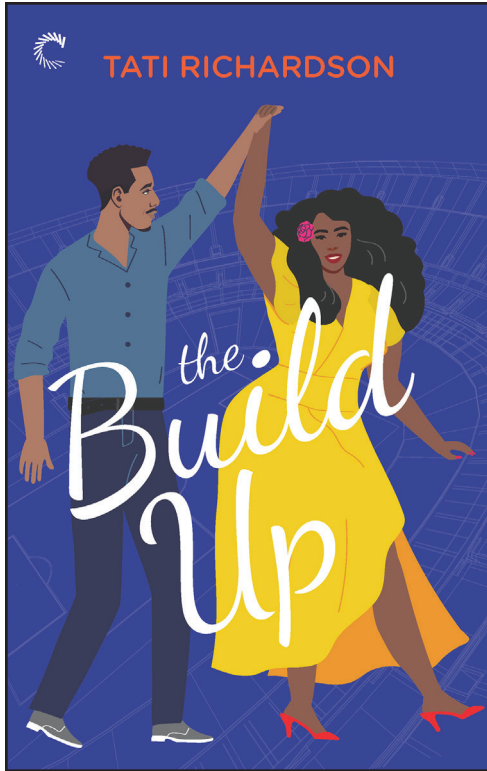
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# Contemporary Romance



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## The Build Up

Tati Richardson

**When two forty-something architects work together to design a state-of-the-art soccer stadium, they must resist falling in love and destroying their careers.**

Ari James is a brilliant architect. She's also a confident, plus-sized woman who refuses to let her size overshadow her capabilities. With an eye for unique design, Ari James's talent is in high demand. When one of the country's only Black-owned architectural firms hires her to co-design a major league soccer stadium, Ari sees this as an opportunity to not only showcase her talents but also put her troubled past behind her. This means focusing on work and not love. In the arena of love, Ari isn't one to settle down, keeping love at arm's length. When she comes face to face with her handsome new design partner, Ari tests her resolve not to fall in love.

Porter Harrison is on the fast track to becoming a partner at Riddle and Robinson, ready to stick it to every other associate in his office, including his arch-nemesis. With a promotion riding on the success of the soccer stadium design with a new associate, Porter is laser-focused on doing whatever it takes to be successful. When Ari James shows up in his office, she flips his world on its axis. When their budding romance threatens not only to upend the multi-million dollar stadium project but also Porter's promotion, it takes faith, family, and friends to build it all up together again.

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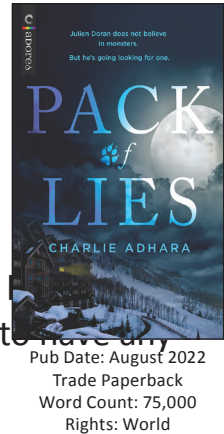
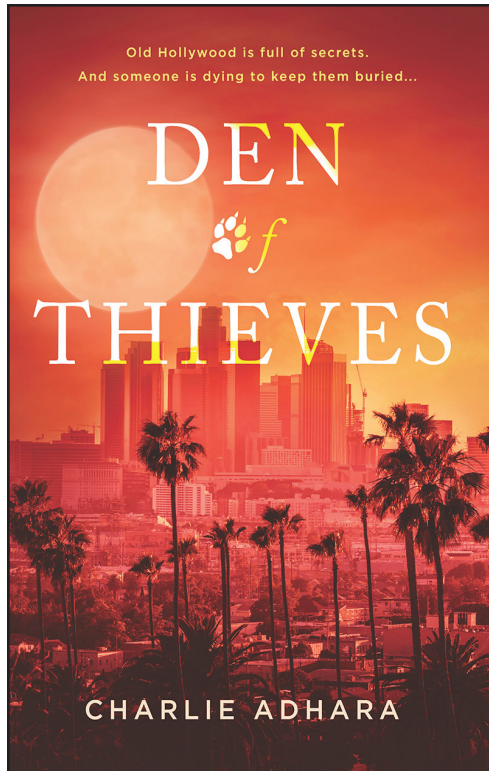
### Monster Hunt Series (Book Two) (Spin Off of Big Bad Wolf Series) Charlie Adhara

When their darkest secrets are laid bare, can they work together or will they fall apart?

Julien Doran is back home in California, reeling from the discovery that not only do werewolves exist, but also that Eli Smith, the elusive man he can't get off his mind, is one. Neither man knows what comes next for them, but when Eli gets caught in a web of deadly thefts, Julien isn't going to let him face the danger alone.

It was only a matter of time before Eli's past as a rebel wolf caught up with him, but he hardly imagined it would lead to Hollywood theater. Stumbling on a dead body while paying off one last debt wasn't part of the plan, but if he's going to have any chance of a future—with or without Julien—he needs to track down the killer.

Together, the two dive into the world of horror movies, mediums, and monster hunters to find out exactly what secrets someone is willing to kill for. But when the line between on-screen and off begins to blur, Julien and Eli don't have the luxury of dancing around each other anymore. Not if they want to avoid being the next victims.

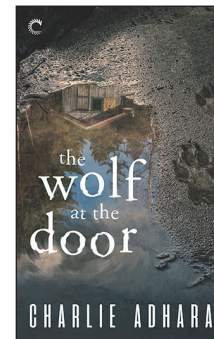


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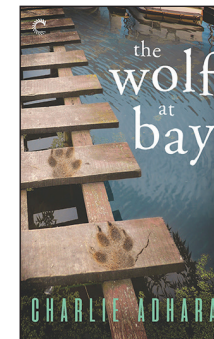
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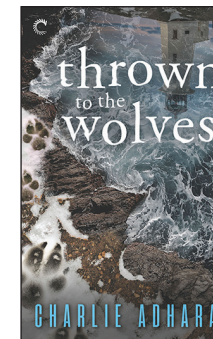
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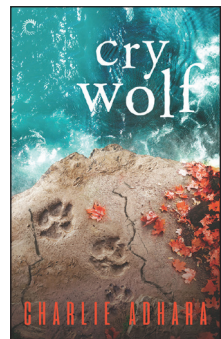
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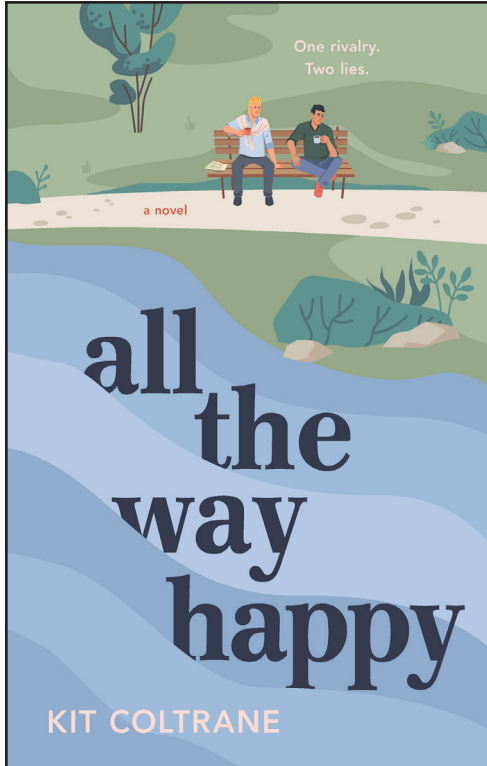


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# LGBTQ+: Carina Adores

## All The Way Happy

Kit Coltrane



**Their differences made them enemies.**

**One summer tied them together forever.**

From the moment Jack Gardner first laid eyes on Theodore Beaumont, he hated everything about him. Emanating wealth and icy perfection, Theo was everything Jack was not. Their time together at the elite Gwynns Academy changed them both, but it wasn't until a chance encounter the summer after graduation that the tension between them became palpable. Unbearable.

Seventeen years later, Jack's and Theo's worlds collide as they drop their sons off at Gwynns. Theo wants the kind of authentic life that requires confronting past lies—specifically the steamy summer affair he and Jack kept buried like a secret beneath the floorboards of their marriages.

Jack is...less than convinced.

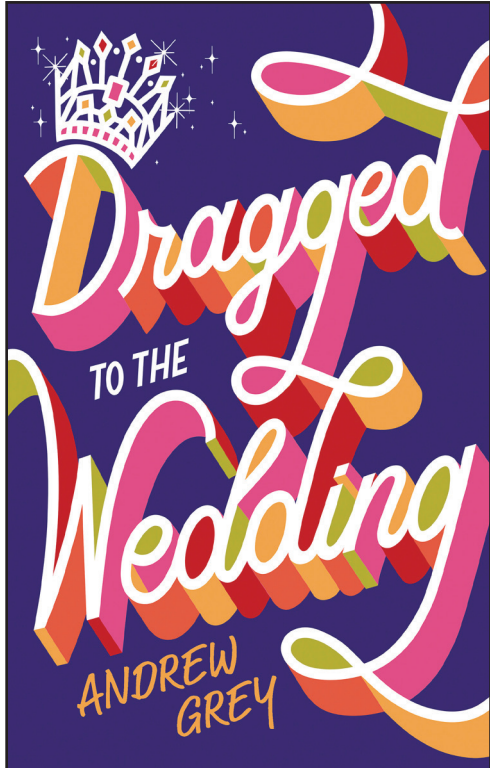
Existing in the present and simultaneously in their shared past, in the richness of their memories and the way they once clung together, Jack and Theo struggle to reconcile the worlds they have built apart with their longing to be together—and the fear of being hurt all over again.

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## Dragged To The Wedding

Andrew Grey

**He's here to slay...but will he stay?**

James Petika is living the single gay life he always wanted. A police officer in Chicago, he has a good job, good friends—and he's two thousand miles away from his family's expectations. He also has a problem: he needs a date for his sister's wedding in Missoula, Montana, but his family has no idea that he's gay, and he'd like to keep it that way.

The solution? Daniel Bonafonte aka Lala Traviata, the queen of the Chicago drag scene. Lala is the real thing: she can sing, she can dance—and she can throw more shade than a solar eclipse. One drink and plenty of dishing later, Daniel agrees to help James out and be his incognito date to the wedding.

Daniel's drag-diva skills are put to the test right away, with the bride's ill-fitting wedding dress, a groom who's a danger on the dance floor and more drama than auditions for a gay men's chorus. Faking this relationship—and ignoring the very real feelings developing between them—might just be the performance of their lives.

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## A Little Kissing Between Friends

Chencia C. Higgins

*“Triumphantly Black, queer and contemporary. Magic...the dialogue snaps and shimmers.”  
—New York Times Book Review, on D’Vaughn and Kris Plan a Wedding*

Cyn Tha Starr likes her women femme, lesbian, and smart enough to know when it’s over. Her ever-rotating roster has never been a problem until her latest girl clashes with Jucee, Cyn’s best friend and the most popular dancer at strip club Sanity.

It makes Cyn see Jucee in a different light. One with far fewer boundaries and a lot more kissing.

Juleesa Jones makes great money dancing the early shift at Sanity and spends most evenings with her son, her Sanilty family or at Cyn’s house. Relationships are not high on the priority list—until she’s forced to admit that maybe friendship isn’t the only thing she wants from her bestie.

But Cyn Tha Starr has a type, and despite how things look on the surface, Jucee doesn’t quite fit the bill. Not only does she have to make sure her feelings aren’t unrequited, but she first has to convince Cyn that the heat between them is the real deal and this isn’t just a phase to satisfy her curiosity...

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# Carina Adores

## Really Cute People

Markus Harwood-Jones



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120K+ followers on TikTok!  
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Charlie Dee is disillusioned, disengaged, and disinterested in any/all concepts of community or family. After all, they've been burned before, both by their bio family and the queer collective they'd sunk so much into before it crashed and burned. When they're asked to take a work trip outside the city to conduct a site-visit at a small-town community center, it feels like additional work with no additional pay but is also an excuse to get out of town—and out of their own head.

That dream is shattered when Charlie opens the door to their supposedly private AirBnB: There's a bird on the loose, circling the living room as it's chased by a cat who is chased by a small child. When the girl's parents, Hayden and Buffy, appear, trying to corral the situation, they only manage to add to the chaos. Inconveniently, a massive snowstorm rolls in, forcing everyone to shelter in place, and turning an overnight trip into a weeklong affair.

Charmed by this unfiltered—if forced—look at a loving, healthy, family, Charlie begins to develop feelings for both Hayden and Buffy. And they both seem to be flirting back. At first Charlie is wracked with guilt, certain that they've become a homewrecker. When they find out Hayden and Buffy are polyamorous and interested in dating Charlie, this is somehow even worse...will the reality that their romantic tension could transform into a real, loving relationship send Charlie running back to Toronto? Or will they take a chance on happiness within a romantic triad?

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## Time to Shine

Rachel Reid

Landon Stackhouse has been waiting for his chance to prove himself as a goaltender. At twenty-four, he's established himself as the reliable starter for the Calgary Broncos' farm team. When the Broncos back-up goalie is injured, Landon is called up to take his place. It's exciting and terrifying, even if he never leaves the bench. In the locker room, the other players are polite to him, and friendly enough, but mostly ignore him. A quiet loner by nature, Landon knows he gives off strong "don't talk to me" vibes. The only player on the team who doesn't seem to notice those vibes is the team's superstar young winger, Casey Hicks.

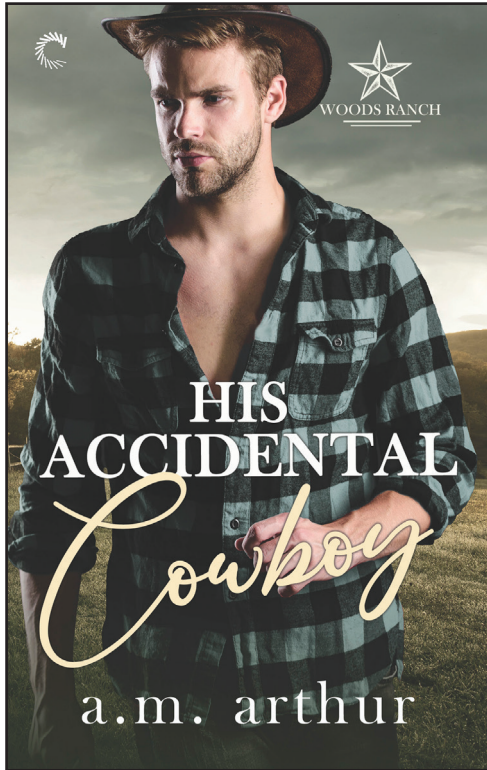
Casey is a year younger than Landon, but he's already in his fourth season. He was a top draft pick, the son of a former NHL star, a finalist for the league's Rookie of the Year award, an All-Star in his second season, and is now making serious money. He greets Landon like an old friend, even though they've only interacted briefly at training camps in the past. Casey is a relentless chatterbox, endlessly charming, and completely laid back in a way that Landon absolutely can't relate to. They couldn't have less in common.

And yet...

A casual roommate situation turns into sharing a bed, turns into flirting in a Las Vegas night club, turns into the single best sexual experience of Landon's life. Officially boyfriends, Casey and Landon are both ecstatic and besotted...until the Broncos' backup goalie recovers and Landon's time in Calgary is meant to come to an end.

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## His Accidental Cowboy Woods Ranch Series (Book Three) A.M. Arthur

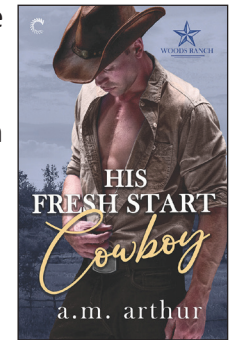
Wyatt Gibson is determined to discover his birth father, but his mother passed away before he turned eighteen, and his grandparents refuse to give Wyatt any information on the man. After two years of searching, a DNA test kit connects him to a woman in Weston, Texas. She's the daughter of a cattle ranch owner with the last name Woods. When Wyatt takes this to his grandparents, they spin stories of how awful the Woods family was and how they basically drove their family out of town. That his biological father cut off all ties to Wyatt.

Angry but still curious about his roots, Wyatt applies for a job at the ranch and is stunned when he gets it. Moving from the city to the country isn't easy for him but he's determined to see what kind of people his family really is. But Wyatt fudged his application a little (okay, a lot) and isn't as good with horses or ranch life as he might have let on. He's here now, though, and while his boss is Brand Woods, his direct supervisor is a very sexy cowboy named Jackson Sumner.

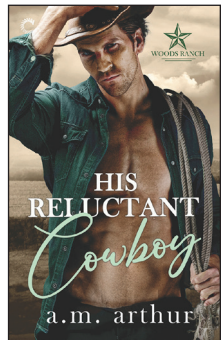
Jackson was born into the cowboy life, and he's enjoyed his time working the Woods Ranch. Being around the large family gives him a glimpse of the family he lost when he came out to them, unable to hide his true self anymore. It cost him everything once, but he thought he'd found acceptance with his boyfriend at the time—until said boyfriend betrayed his trust by lying and cheating. Unwilling to risk his heart again, Jackson lives firmly in the closet here in Weston, even after his boss (and former occasional lover) Brand finds love with another man. The last thing he wants is to risk losing his job if the family patriarch finds out he's gay too.

Then Wyatt stumbles (quite literally) into his life, and Jackson is intrigued by the clumsy city slicker who wants to learn the cowboy way. Intrigued by, attracted to, and frustrated as hell by, because Wyatt is...kind of a terrible cowboy. He tries hard, though, despite injury after injury, so Jackson does his best to mentor him. There's something familiar about the guy, too, but he can't put his finger on it.

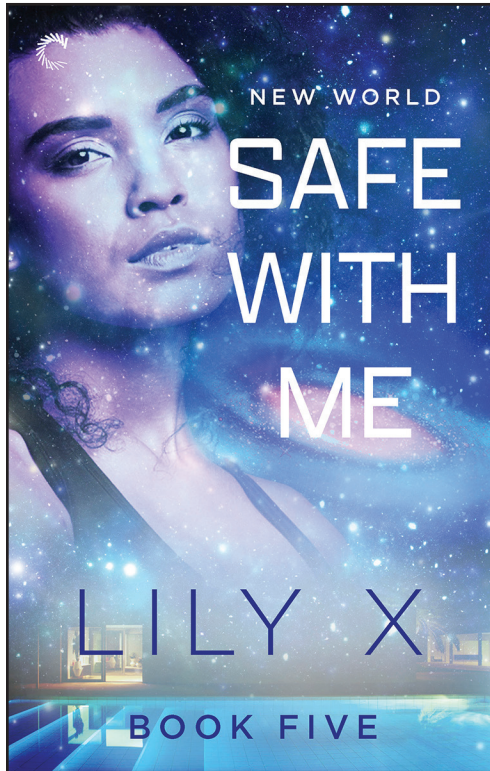
When Jackson and Wyatt end up stranded in the wilderness protecting a trapped cow, more flames ignite than just their campfire. They carry on in secret for a while, growing closer as they do, but when Wyatt's true motive for coming here is revealed, the lies might be more than Jackson's tender heart can handle.



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## New World: Safe With Me

### New World Series (Book Five)

Lily X

A pilot from Old Earth crash lands in a whole New World—and falls for her dreamy medic—in Lily X’s sexy, fluffy sci-fi romance.

**Havi:** Aww hell. I probably shouldn’t have “borrowed” a US military ship to flee impending disaster on Earth, but it’s not like we had a better option. We had to get out of that polluted hellhole!

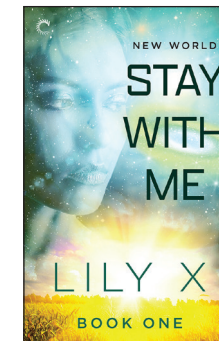
Life on the New World as a refugee is a hard one to get used to, but I’ll do what I can for a better future. At least the pretty medic in charge of my case provides a lovely distraction. Problem is, I’m having a hard time keeping my thoughts respectable around her.

**Fay:** The past few years had been one long, endless hustle. Life as a medic is go-go-go, without much time for rest or romance. But none of that carefully accumulated medical knowledge has prepared me for what I feel tending to a beautiful, burly captain who crash lands on Royal One.

I’m supposed to be taking care of her, but as she wiggles her way into my heart one endearment at a time, she shows me there’s more to life than just work.

As her past comes calling, everything we’ve fought to build could be ripped away...

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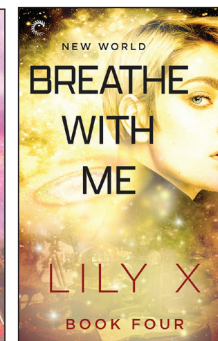
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# Romantic Suspense

## Bottom Line Follow The Money Series (Book Two) G.B. Gordon

G.B. Gordon returns with the second installment in the Follow the Money romantic suspense series, perfect for fans of TV's *White Collar*.

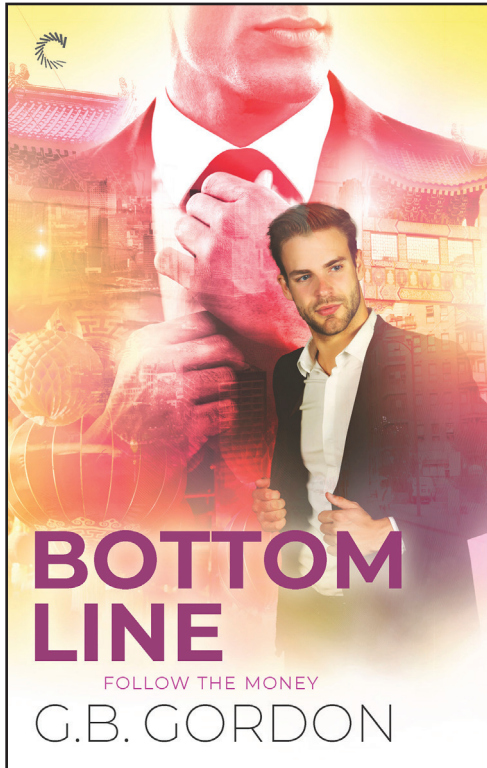
Working for the FBI has always given Nick Marshall exactly what he wants in life: control over his distinguished career and control over his playboy image. And his notorious hookups have always given him control over his admittedly shallow relationships...until his last assignment showed him how amazing it could be to give up a little of that control. Amazing and terrifying.

Accountant Ben Coyne likes control too. Which is why waiting in vain for the gruff FBI agent to call makes Ben question his judgment and his heart. Just when it seems their intense chemistry must have been one-sided, Ben and Nick's lives collide again, and Ben gets tangled up in the money-laundering scheme Nick's investigating in Vancouver. And it's crystal clear the attraction is still there, hotter than ever.

Tracking down dirty money and working to uncover a suspected mole, Nick and Ben must learn to trust each other and work together, or else watch this case—and maybe their lives—go up in flames...

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# Romantic Suspense

## To Hold And Protect K-9 Defenders Series (Book Three) Sandra Owens



It's a deadly game of cat and mouse...

Willow Landry only plans to humor the adorable little girl playing matchmaker one door down. Everly wants a mommy, and she's decided that Willow is perfect for her daddy, a handsome firefighter with the soul of an artist. But when an arsonist comes to Marsville, Willow will need all the help she can get...

Only four things matter to firefighter Parker Church: his five-year-old, pickle-loving daughter; his brothers; his art; and Ember, his accelerant detection dog. But when his beautiful new neighbor Willow is targeted by a dangerous outsider, Parker finds himself desperate to keep her safe.

As Parker and Ember work to sniff out the truth, Willow warms to the idea of being part of a family. And Ember proves she's got what it takes to protect Parker's one true love.

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