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The darkly enchanting YA fantasy debut that blends gothic mystery, supernatural intrigue, and forbidden romance at a haunted academy. Part One.

From debut to SPIEGEL Bestseller • #1 BookTok YA

Eden Blackspell never wanted to return to crumbling Thunder Hall, her late father's ancestral home in the wilds of Dartmoor. Called back for the reading of his will, she stumbles on a chilling sight: the moth-covered corpse of a girl by Hollows Lake—only for it to vanish without a trace. Was it a nightmare, or is something sinister lurking?

Next day, Eden learns she's inherited a fortune to secure her future and pay for her mother's care. But there's a catch: she must spend her final school year at the mysterious Wyndhouse Academy. Here, nothing is as it seems. Students possess uncanny abilities, and the dead girl from the woods was one of them.

As Eden unravels the academy's secrets, she's drawn into the orbit of her enigmatic neighbors, the Holmesworths. Their sons, Wolf and Ace, are as dangerous as they are captivating, and Eden finds herself tangled in lies, forbidden feelings, and perilous truths. When more students disappear, Eden must decide who to trust—before she becomes the next victim. With darkness closing in and the line between friend and foe always shifting, the answer may be more elusive than she imagined...

#Enemies to Lovers #Love Triangle #Secret School #Unreliable Perception



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Trust is deadly in this dark YA fantasy.
Eden unleashes her powers, but it
comes at a price...

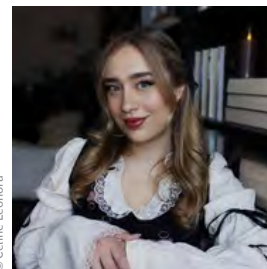


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Back at Wyndhouse Academy, Eden is fighting to control her unleashed powers and to keep their true nature hidden. A fragile deal binds her to Ace Holmesworth, a secretive academy graduate and the brother of Wolf, the boy who hurt her most. In exchange for helping Ace pursue revenge, Eden learns to master her magic. But her abilities come at a price: they start to toy with her mind, and when she suddenly hears Wolf's voice, she can no longer tell what's real.

Eden is a Gate, able to reach through the Veil into the Otherworld and bring things back, something the Cabinet must never discover. Eden and Ace draw the attention of the Blood Moths, a secret society within the Red Circle. With enemies closing in from the shadows Eden has to ask herself: Has she been trusting the wrong person all along?

**#Dark Academia #Secret Society #Between Worlds
 #Slow Burn Romance**



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Celine Leonora was born in a small town in the middle of nowhere, from where she could dream herself into any book world. She has lived in Berlin since 2017 and works as a graphic designer and illustrator. On her TikTok channel @afterhourbookclub, she has been talking since 2022 about the books that have enriched her life. When she isn't writing or talking about books, she illustrates her favorite book characters or goes swimming to clear her head.

The Eternal City under permanent ice. A cruel curse and a fragile love.

Rome lies locked in eternal winter, held in the icy grip of the goddess Chione. Aurelia, branded since childhood as her mother's murderer, is about to be crowned empress of this cursed empire – feared by all, desired by many. From enemy city Carthage, Lucius is sent to the Roman court to seduce her, a last, desperate attempt to avert another devastating war.

What begins as calculated manipulation slowly turns into a fragile bond as Aurelia and Lucius circle each other through palace intrigue, forbidden nights in an ice-crusted Rome and the ever-watchful eyes of the gods. But on the night of Aurelia's consecration, Chione claims her price: the empress must lead a new campaign against Carthage, or defy a deity. As legions gather and snow falls thicker over the city, Aurelia's will and Lucius's loyalty are tested – until one of them is cast out into the storm, and the other stands alone before a goddess who is nowhere near done with her...

#Retelling Dido x Aeneas #Slow Burn #Haters to Lovers



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Clara Riva is currently studying comparative literature. When she isn't reading, she writes and lets her imagination wander to unknown worlds.

Part two coming up in 2027



Daughter of the Frost (Aurelia 2)

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Age: 14+

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Clara Riva

The Heiress of Fire (Aurelia 1)

Aurelia

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Age: 14+

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A gripping Young Adult novel about first love, manipulation, and the courage to reclaim yourself.



Maxine Reuker
At the Last Moment (Paper Hearts 2)
 Paper Hearts 2
 352 pages • 13,5 × 20,5 cm
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Mila has left the clinic behind and is finally finding her footing again in Zurich. Even so, she cannot forget Nicolas - his sudden disappearance and the pain of having trusted him completely.

At a party, she meets Finn, the brother of a fellow patient. Confident, attentive, and charming, he seems to offer the closeness and stability Mila has been missing. But what feels like a new beginning soon reveals a darker side. Finn grows possessive, isolates her from the people she loves, and slowly turns affection into control.

As Mila is pulled deeper into a relationship that threatens everything she has rebuilt, she begins to lose sight of where care ends and harm begins. And just as she realizes the danger she is in, Nicolas reenters her life.

#Mental Health #Star-Crossed Lovers #Female Empowerment



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Maxine Reuker studied law for five semesters at Ruhr University Bochum before an unexpected acting opportunity put her in the spotlight. Drawing on her personal experiences with an eating disorder, abuse, and a relationship with a narcissist, she now speaks openly about mental health and female empowerment. After more than two years of therapy and deep personal work, Maxine is now ready to write about these experiences with honesty and a clear, reflective perspective.

Under @maxinereuker she reaches about 150,000 follower on Instagram and over 500,000 on TikTok.



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