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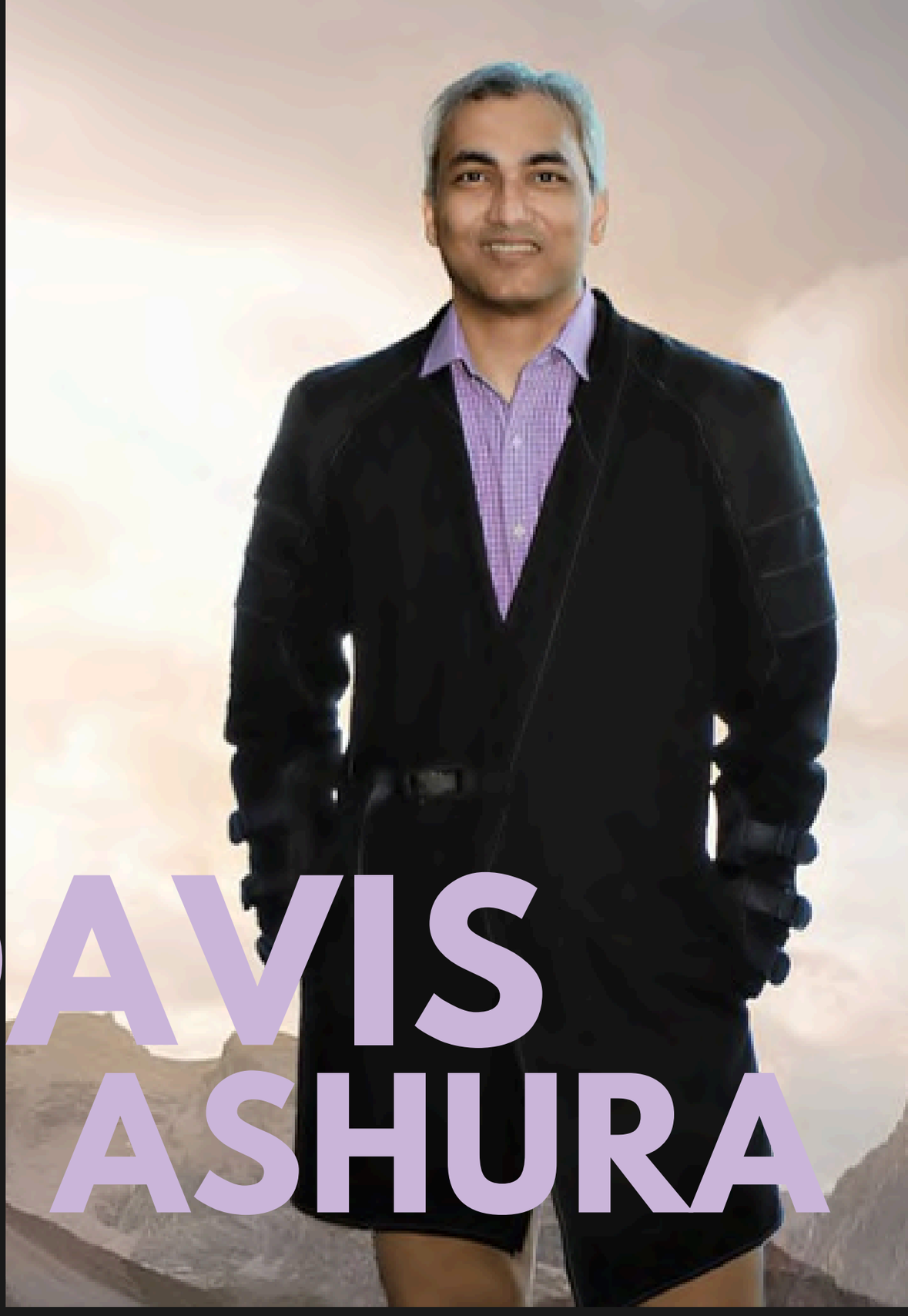

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Davis Ashura is a bestselling author and a full-time practicing physician, who is best known for several fantasy series that are all interconnected and part of his Anchored Worlds universe. The proper sequence to read the series would be The Castes and the OutCastes, William Wilde and then Instrument of Omens.

The Eternal Ephemera comes last, well after the others. But truthfully, you actually don't have to read any of other series in order to enjoy the one you happen to pick up first. Davis is considerate that way.

Davis is married and shares a house with his wonderful wife and two sons. There is, of course, the obligatory stray cats (all authors have cats—it's required by the union) and a gnarly-toothed rescue dog.



In The Comfort of Crows, New York Times opinion writer and bestselling author Margaret Renkl presents a literary devotional: fifty-two chapters that follow the creatures and plants in her backyard over the course of a year. As we move through the seasons—from a crow spied on New Year's Day, its resourcefulness and sense of community setting a theme for the year—what develops is a portrait of joy and grief. Joy at the ongoing pleasures of the natural world: "Until the very last cricket falls silent, the beauty-besotted will always find a reason to love the world." And grief at a shifting climate, at winters that end too soon, at songbirds growing fewer and fewer.

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editor's note

Dear friends and fellow readers,

Welcome to the 2nd Quarter Edition of our 14th Volume! It is an absolute delight to share this space with you again. As the seasons shift—from the environmental reflection of Earth Day to the vibrant celebrations of Cinco de Mayo and the radiant warmth of the Summer Solstice—our own spirits feel perfectly aligned with our theme: The Unseen Worlds: Exploring Fantasy & Sci-Fi's New Horizons.

This issue invites you to escape the ordinary. We journey through the masterful world-building of visionaries like Tolkien, Herbert, Le Guin, Jemisin, and Sanderson. We then pivot to subversive brilliance, showcasing authors like Watts, Miéville, Chiang, Butler, Leckie, and Egan, who fearlessly dismantle tired genre tropes to offer us fresh, complex perspectives. Finally, we explore the "what-if" frameworks of trailblazers such as Asimov, Gibson, Dick, Atwood, Stephenson, and Robinson, whose works challenge us to confront real-world anxieties surrounding technology, ethics, and our collective future.

These pages are more than just stories; they are gateways to understanding the unseen facets of our own world through the lens of the fantastic. We hope these narratives spark your imagination as much as they have stirred ours. Thank you for letting us be a part of your literary journey.

Whether you are curling up for a quiet afternoon or seeking adventure under the summer sun, we hope you find comfort and inspiration in these pages.
Take care and happy reading,

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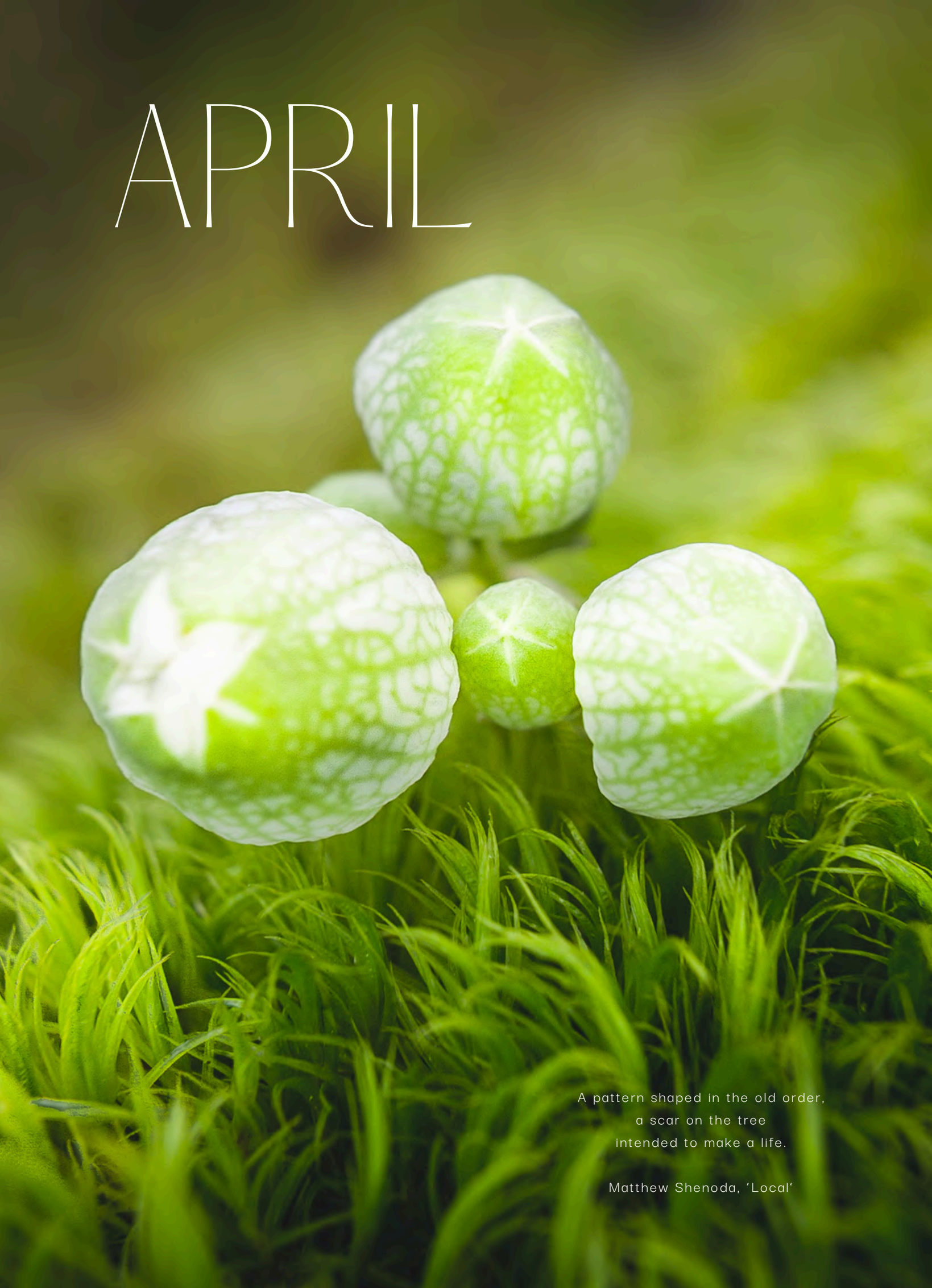

A pattern shaped in the old order,
a scar on the tree
intended to make a life.

Matthew Shenoda, ‘Local‘

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REBEKAH CRANE

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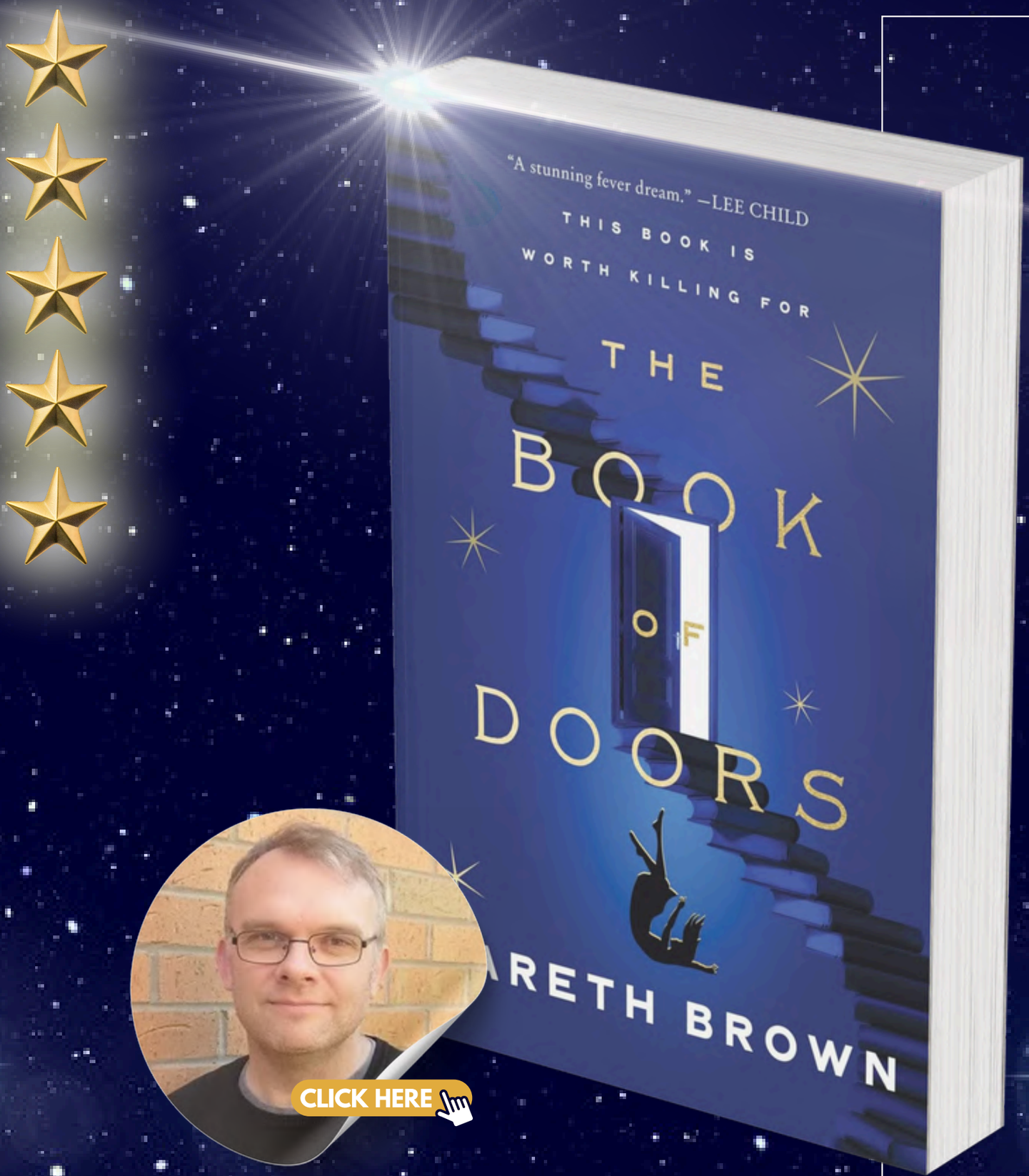
Rebekah Crane is the author of The Odds of Loving Grover Cleveland and other young-adult novels. She found a passion for this genre while studying secondary English education at Ohio University. She is a former high school English teacher, a yoga instructor, and the mother of two girls. After living and teaching in six different cities, Rebekah finally settled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains to write novels and work on screenplays.

She now spends her days tucked behind a laptop at seventy-five hundred feet, where the altitude only enhances the writing experience.



When unassuming New York bookseller Cassie Andrews is gifted the Book of Doors, she discovers its extraordinary power: any door she opens can lead to absolutely anywhere. Swept away from their quiet lives, Cassie and her best friend Izzy eagerly explore the endless possibilities of instant travel.

However, their wonder turns to peril upon learning other magical books exist—wielded by ruthless individuals hunting Cassie's prize. To survive the looming violence, they must ally with Drummond Fox, a man harboring a secret library of books and fleeing his own demons. Together, they must confront a nameless evil, realizing too late that some doors should never be opened.

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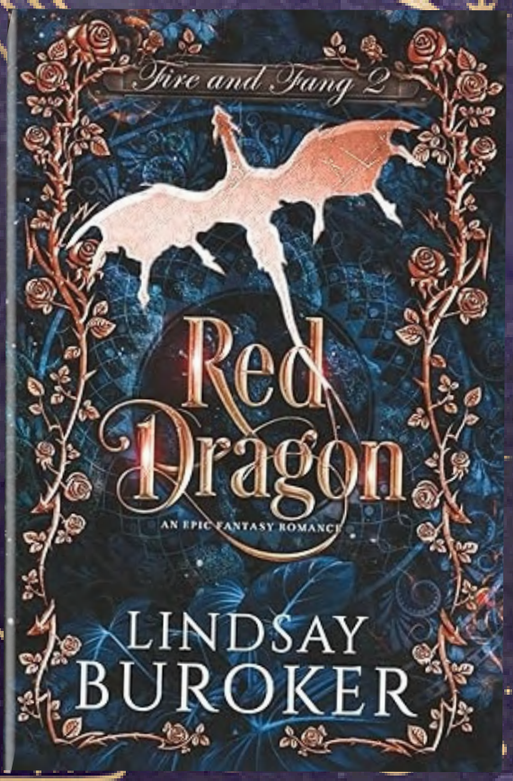
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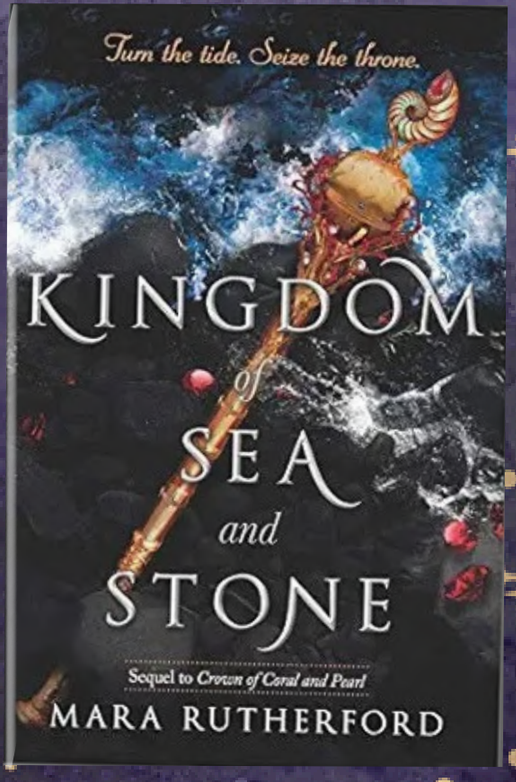
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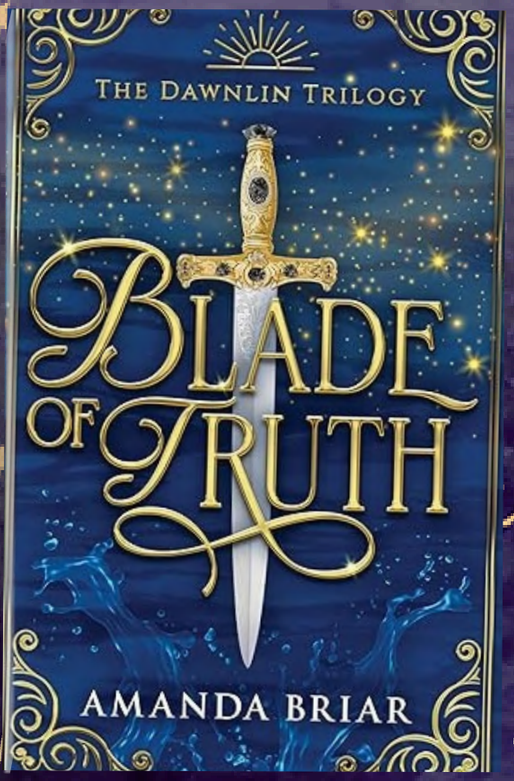
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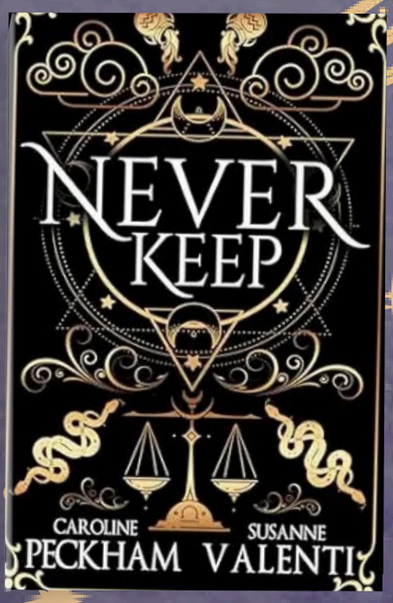
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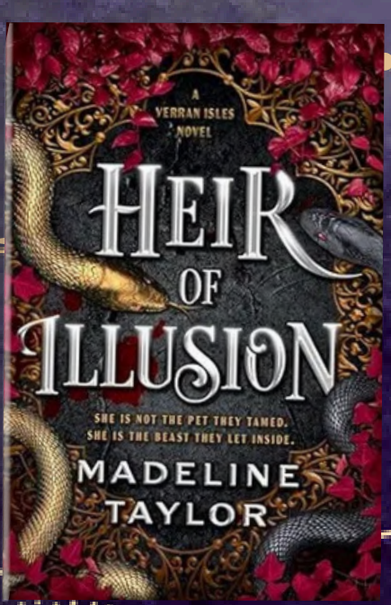
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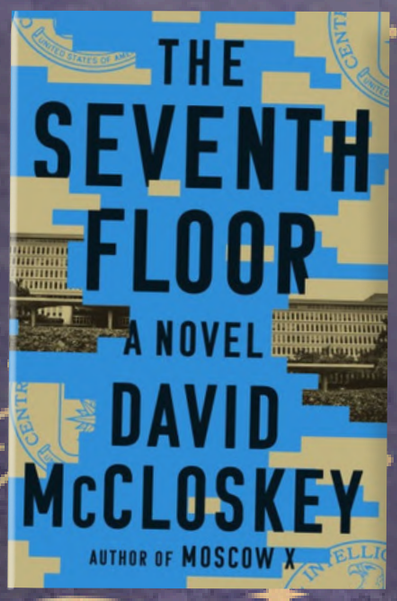
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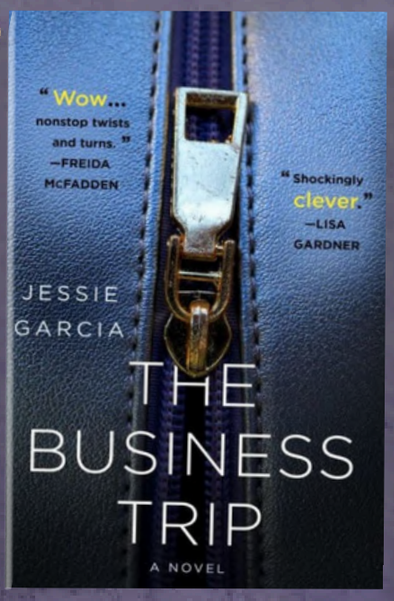
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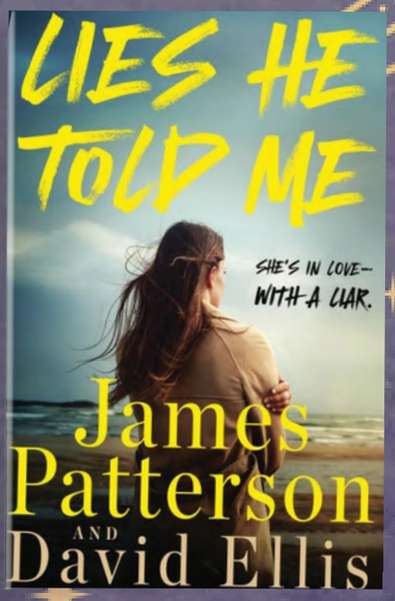
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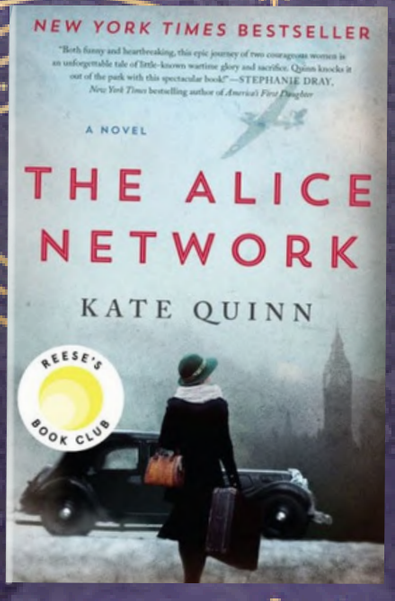
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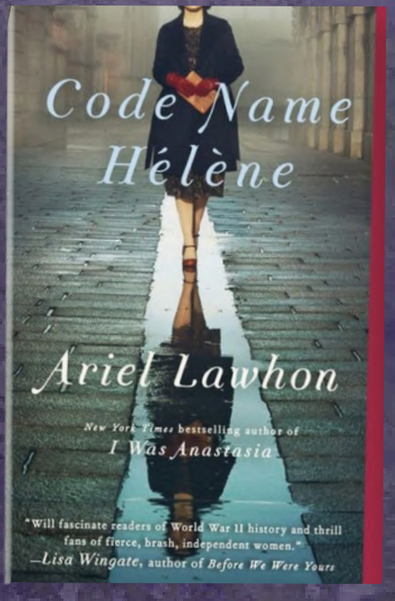
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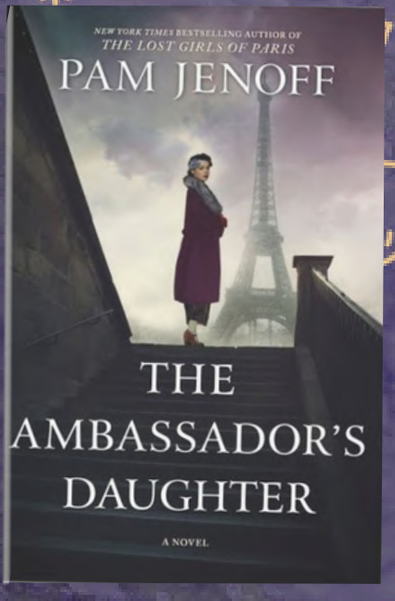
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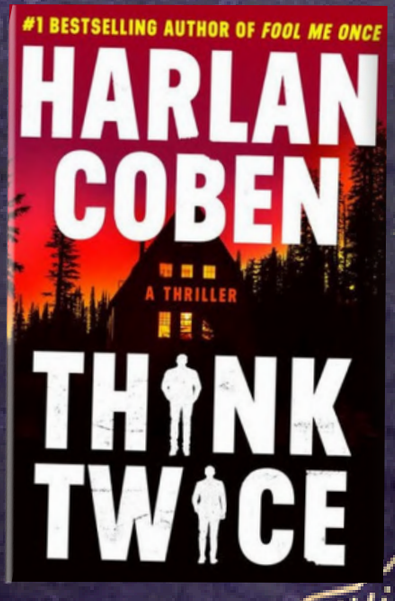
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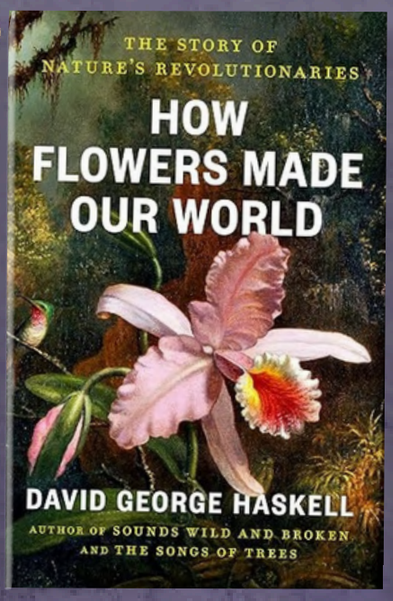
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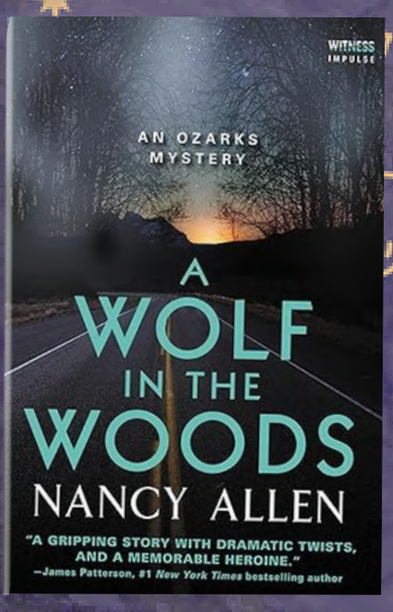
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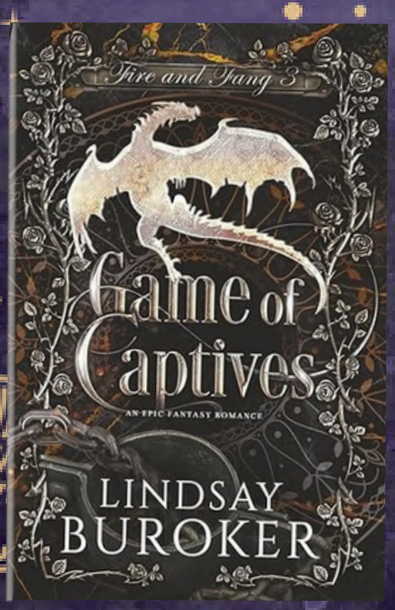
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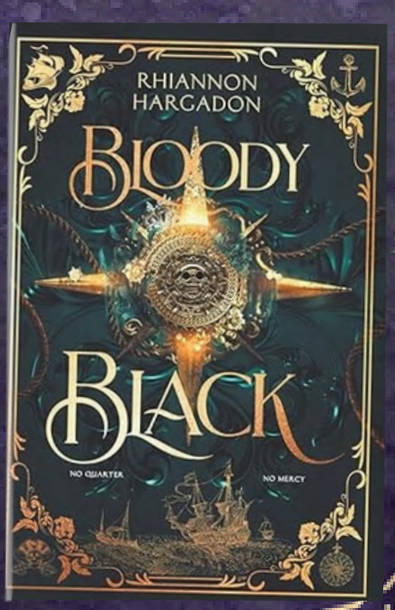
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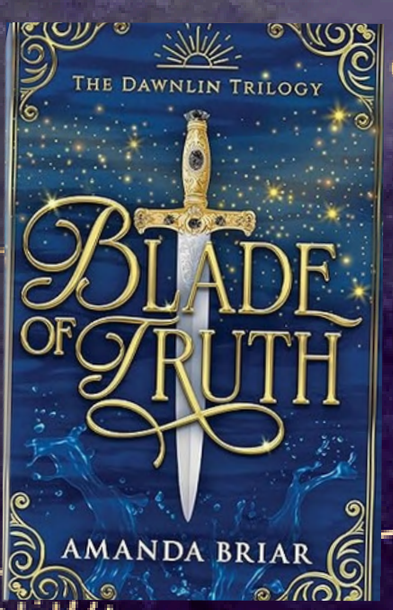
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Who Am I Without You: A Journey Through Loss, Grief, and Love chronicles a deeply personal reckoning with grief after the sudden loss of seven loved ones in just three years. Told in the third person, the book explores how repeated loss fractures identity and forces a painful reexamination of self, memory, and meaning. As the author confronts the question Who am I without you?, love emerges not as something erased by death, but as a lasting presence that continues to shape the heart. Honest and reflective, this book offers companionship to readers navigating loss, reminding them they are not alone in the search for healing and self-understanding.

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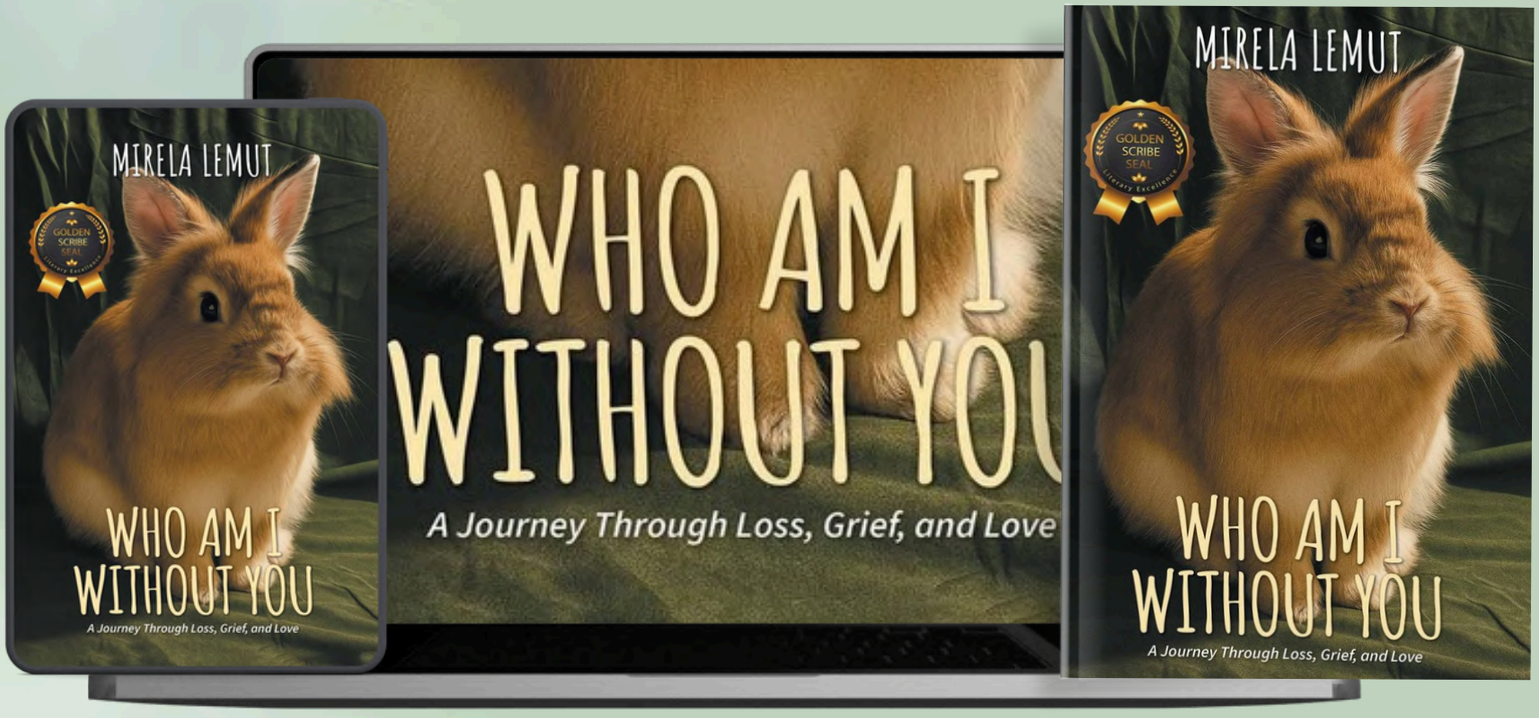

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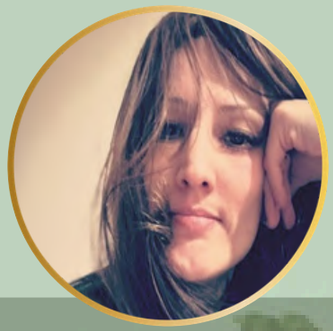

About the Author

Author Mirela Lemut is a single mother and nonprofit founder who turns personal loss into purposeful action. Following the sudden passing of her parents and sister, she established USAGI Seiiki, a rabbit rescue rooted in compassion and care. Devoted to raising her daughter, Melinda, Mirela brings lived experience, empathy, and resilience to her writing, offering readers an authentic voice shaped by grief, love, and perseverance.

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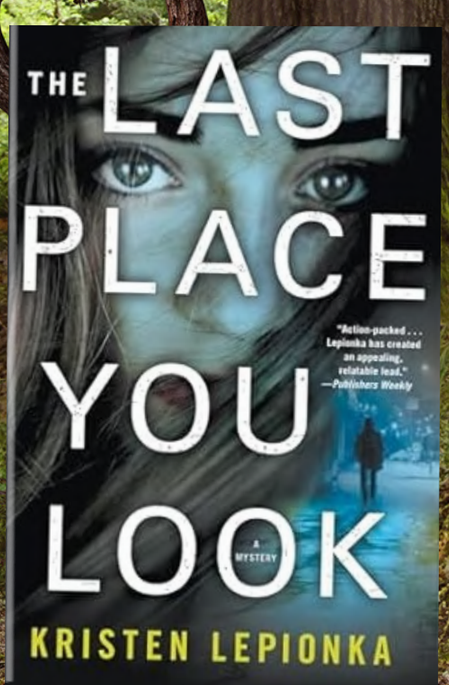
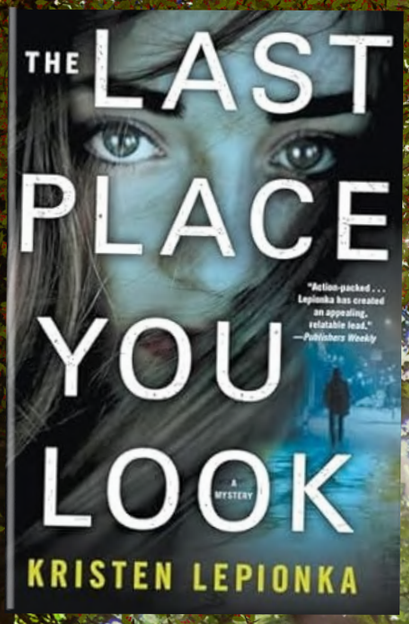
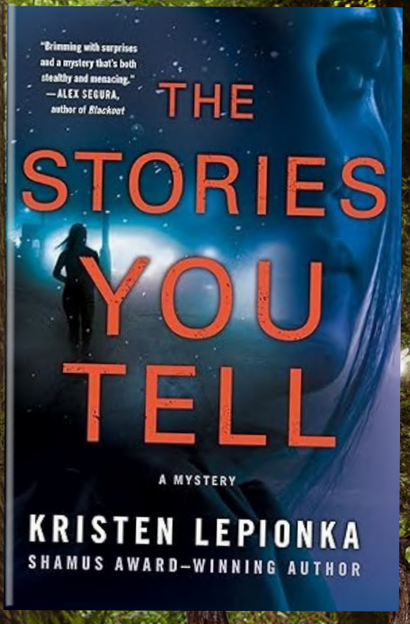






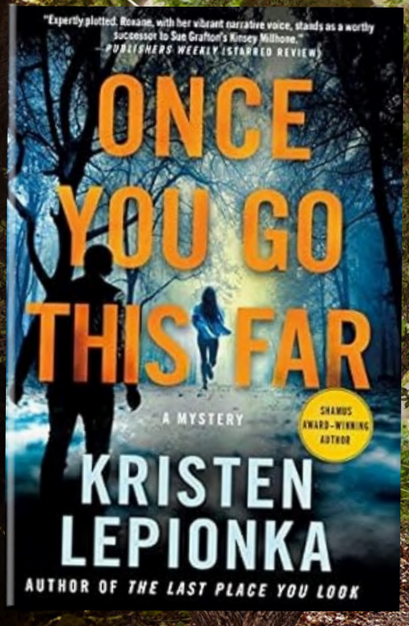
Nobody knows what happened to Sarah Cook. The beautiful blonde teenager disappeared fifteen years ago, the same night her parents were brutally murdered in their suburban Ohio home. Her boyfriend Brad Stockton—black and from the wrong side of the tracks—was convicted of the murders and is now on death row.

Though he's maintained his innocence all along, the clock is running out. His execution is only weeks away when his sister insists she spied Sarah at an area gas station. Willing to try anything, she hires PI Roxane Weary to look into the case.



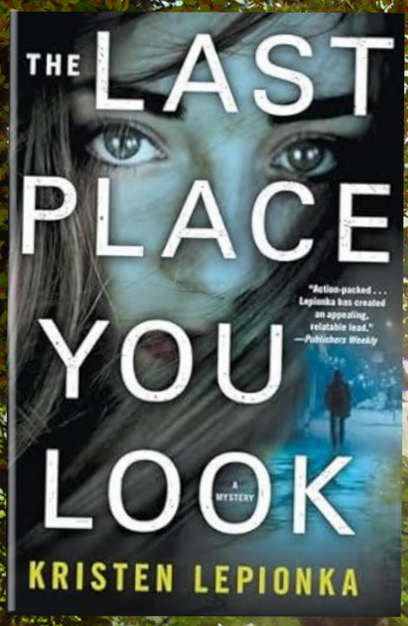
A late-night phone call is never good news, especially when you're Roxane Weary. This one is from her brother Andrew, whose evening was interrupted by an urgent visit from Addison, a hip young DJ and one-time fling, who turns up at his apartment scared and begging to use his phone.

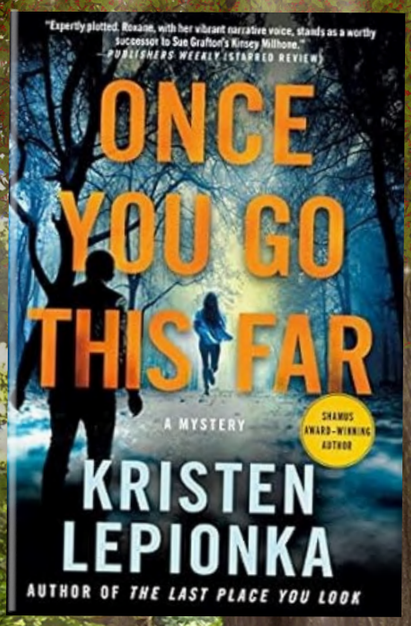
She leaves as quickly as she appeared, but now Andrew is worried—especially when Addison never makes it home and her friends and family demand to know where she is.



Junior-high school nurse Rebecca Newsome was an experienced hiker—until she plummeted to her death at the bottom of a ravine in a Columbus metro park. Her daughter, Maggie, doesn't believe it was an accident, and Rebecca's ex-husband is her prime suspect.

But he's a well-connected ex-cop and Maggie is certain that's the reason no one will listen to her. PI Roxane Weary quickly uncovers that the dead woman's ex is definitely a jerk, but is he a murderer?







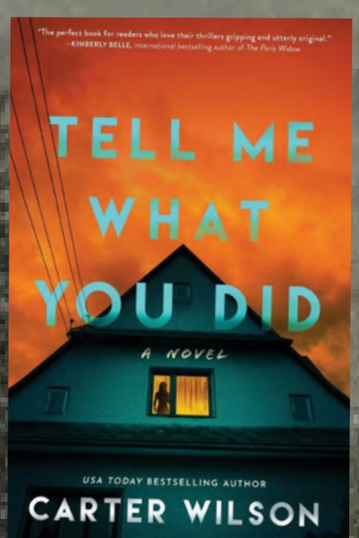
Mastering the Art of Storytelling

KRISTEN LEPIONKA

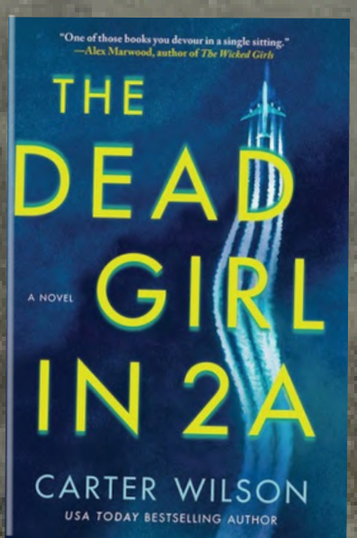
Kristen Lepionka is the Shamus Award–winning author of the Roxane Weary mystery series. She grew up mostly in a public library and could often be found in the adult mystery section well before she was out of middle school.

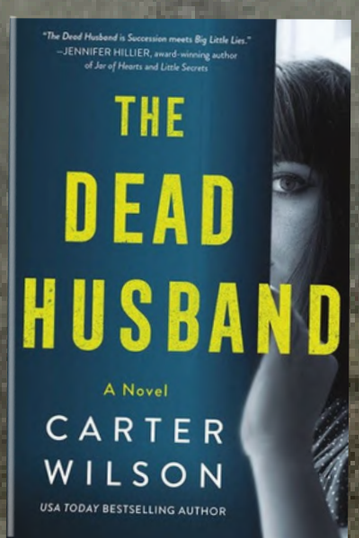
Kristen cohosts the podcast Unlikeable Female Characters, in which feminist thriller writers have conversations about women who don't give a damn if you like them. She lives in Columbus, Ohio, with her partner and two cats--Spenser, named for the Robert B. Parker character, and Snapple, named for the delicious bottled iced tea.

Carter Wilson









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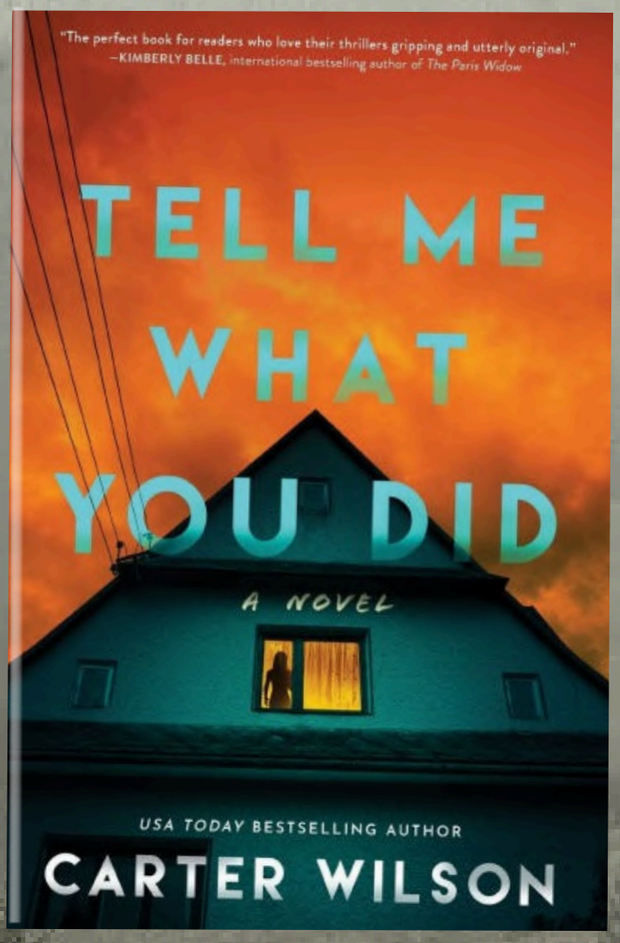
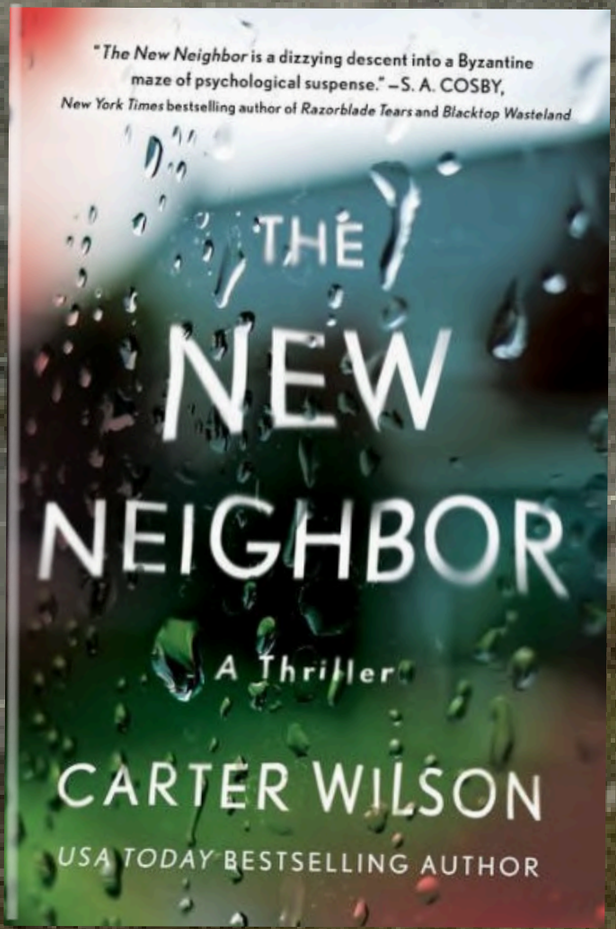


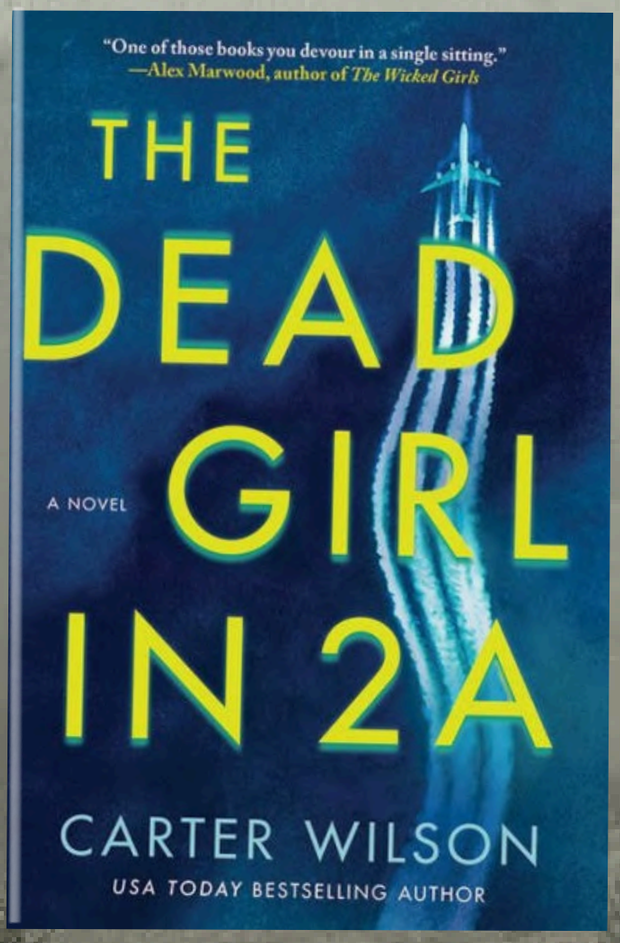
Poe Webb, host of a popular true crime podcast, invites people to anonymously confess crimes they've committed to her audience. She can't guarantee the police won't come after her "guests," but her show grants simultaneous anonymity and instant fame—a potent combination that's proven difficult to resist. After an episode recording, Poe usually erases both criminal and crime from her mind.

But when a strange and oddly familiar man appears on her show, Poe is forced to take a second look. Not only because he claims to be her mother's murderer from years ago, but because Poe knows something no one else does. Her mother's murderer is dead.

Aidan Marlowe is the superstitious type—he's been playing the same lottery numbers for fifteen years, never hitting the jackpot. Until now. On the day of his wife's funeral.

Aidan struggles to cope with these two sudden extremes: instant wealth beyond his imagination, and the loss of the only woman he's ever loved, the mother of his twin children. But the money gives him and his kids options they didn't have before. They can leave everything behind. They can start a new life in a new town. So they do.





Jack Buchannan knows the woman sitting next to him on his business flight to Denver—he just can't figure out how he knows her. Clara Stowe isn't in Jake's line of work and didn't go to college with him. They have nearly nothing in common apart from a deep and shared certainty that they've met before.

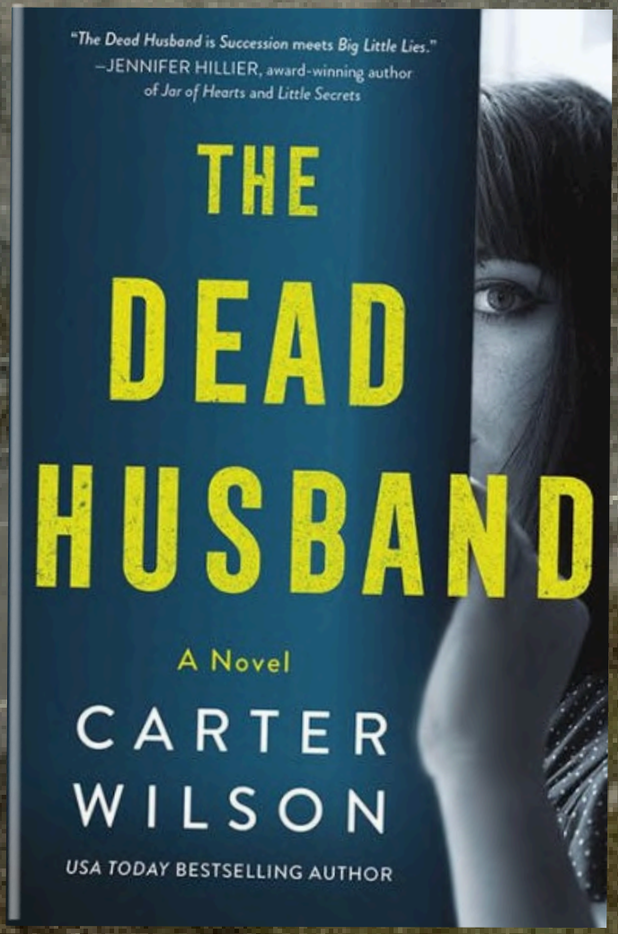
As their airplane conversation deepens, both struggle to figure out what circumstances could have possibly brought them together. Then, in a revelation that sends Jake reeling, Clara admits she's traveling to the Colorado mountains to kill herself, and she disappears into the crowded airport immediately after landing. Though Clara is gone, Jake is determined to track the girl in the city and figure out their connection.

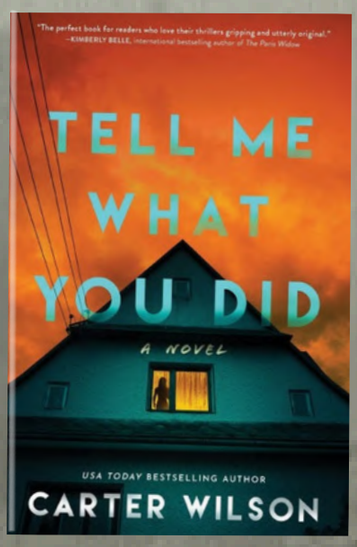
A murderer, a victim, and a witness... but no one in this house is innocent

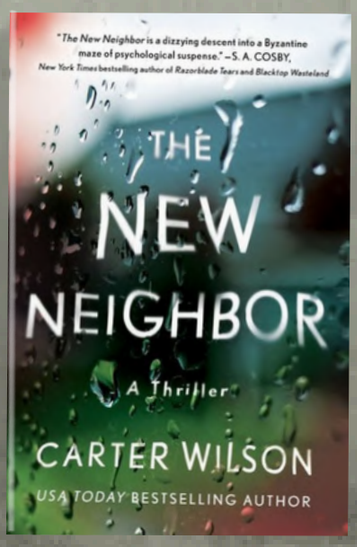
Twenty years ago an unspeakable tragedy rocked Rose Yates's small, affluent hometown... and only Rose and her family know the truth about what happened.

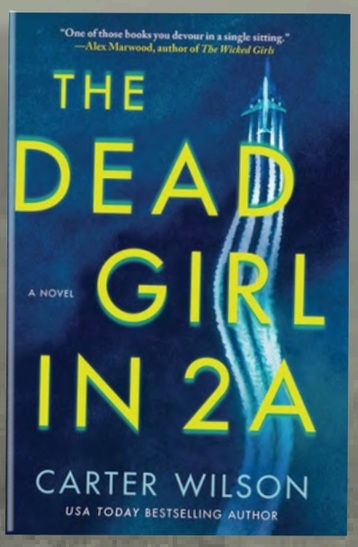
Haunted by guilt, Rose escaped into a new life. Now she seems to have it all: a marriage, a son, a career. And then her husband is found dead.

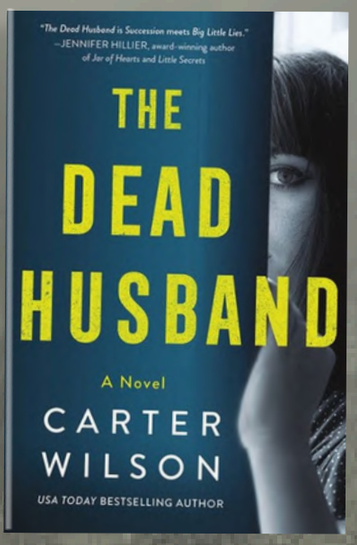
As far as Detective Colin Pearson is concerned, Rose is guilty. Her marriage wasn't as happy as she'd led everyone to believe, and worse, she's connected to a twenty-year-old cold case. She can play the part of the victim, but he won't let her or her family escape justice this time around.













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Carter is also the host of the Making It Up podcast and founder of the Unbound Writer company, which provides coaching services, writing retreats, and online classes. He lives in Erie, Colorado. Visit him at carterwilson com and unboundwriter com.

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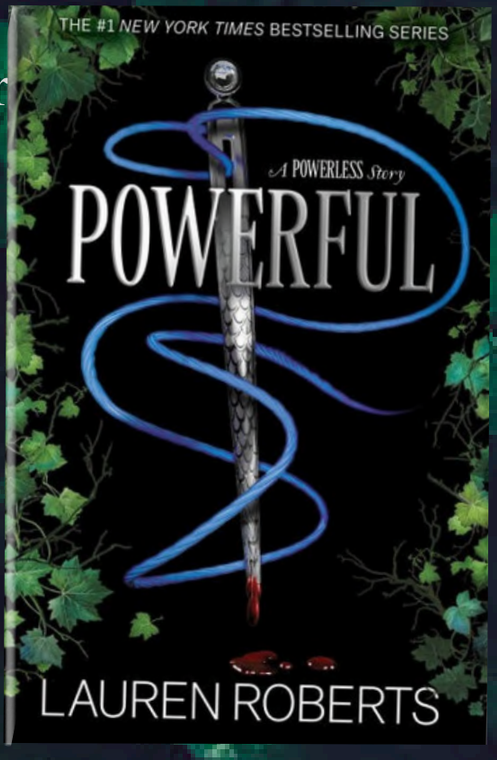




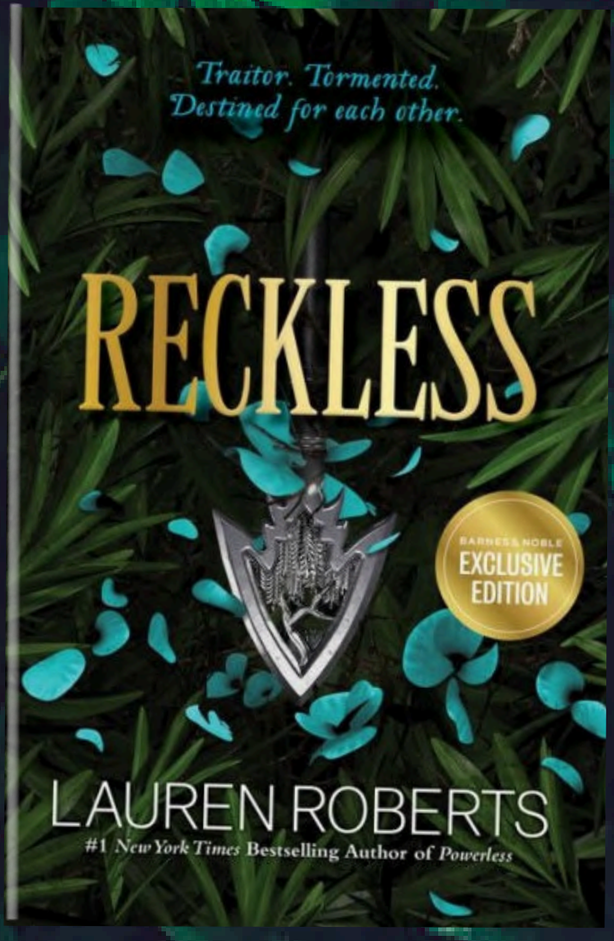
Paedyn and Kai are reunited but face a terrible decision in this thrilling conclusion to the New York Times bestselling romantic fantasy trilogy perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and The Red Queen.

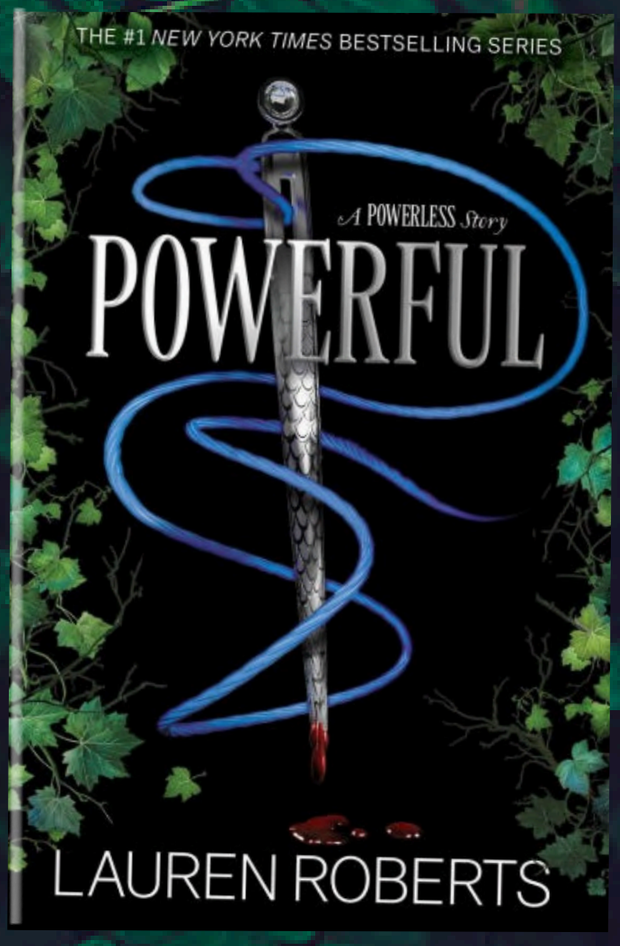
Paedyn Gray and Kai Azer return to the Kingdom of Ilya...
And Paedyn has a life-altering choice to make. Whatever she decides will determine her fate—and the fate of those around her—forever.
In the ultimate battle of love and loyalty, who wins?

After surviving the Purging Trials, Ordinary-born Paedyn Gray has killed the King and kickstarted a Resistance throughout the land. Now she's running from the one person she had wanted to run to.

Kai Azer is now Ilya's Enforcer, loyal to his brother Kitt, the new King. He has vowed to find Paedyn and bring her to justice.

Across the deadly Scorches, and deep into the hostile city of Dor, Kai pursues the one person he wishes he didn't have to. But in a city without Elites, the balance between the hunter and hunted shifts—and the battle between duty and desire is deadly.





Adena and Paedyn have always been inseparable. Fate brought them together when they were young, but friendship ensured they would always protect each other and the home they built in the slums of Loot. But now Paedyn—an Ordinary—has been selected for the Purging Trials, which means almost certain death.

Now alone in Loot, Adena must fend for herself. After attempting to steal, she's rescued by a mysterious man from the market. Mak's shadowy past and secretive power set him apart from the other low-level Elites of Loot. And as the pair team up to see their loved ones before the Trials, the quest tests their loyalty, their love, and their lives.

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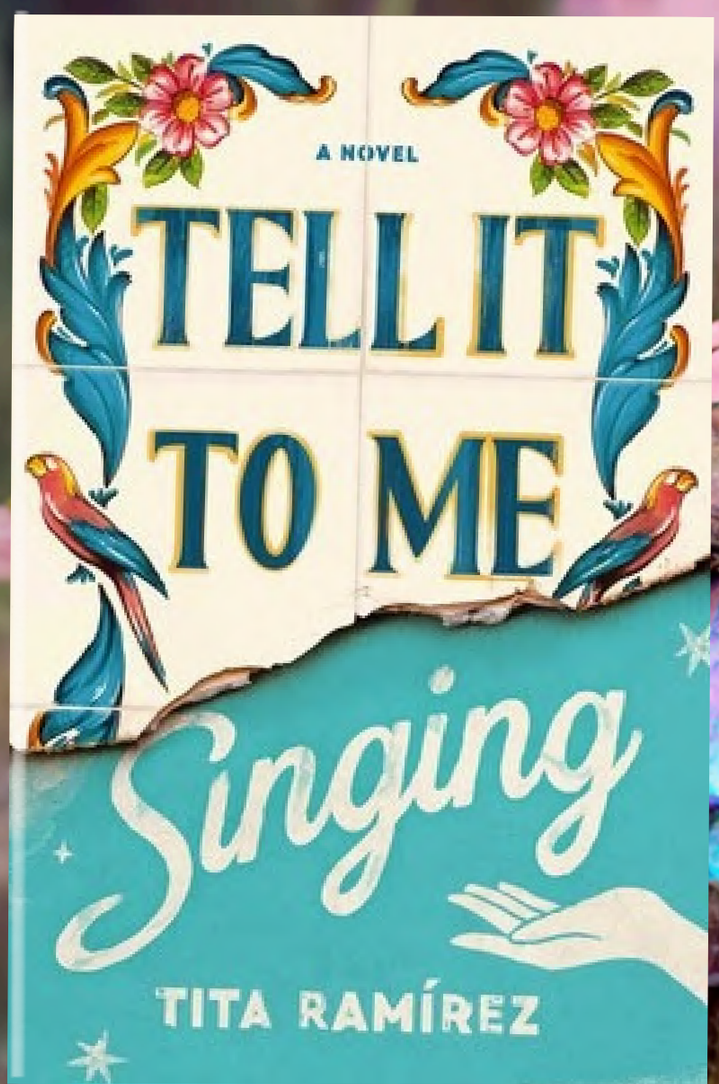

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A Cuban American family is sent into a tailspin when the ailing matriarch confesses the first of several shocking secrets to her daughter before undergoing heart surgery in this tender and twisty debut novel.

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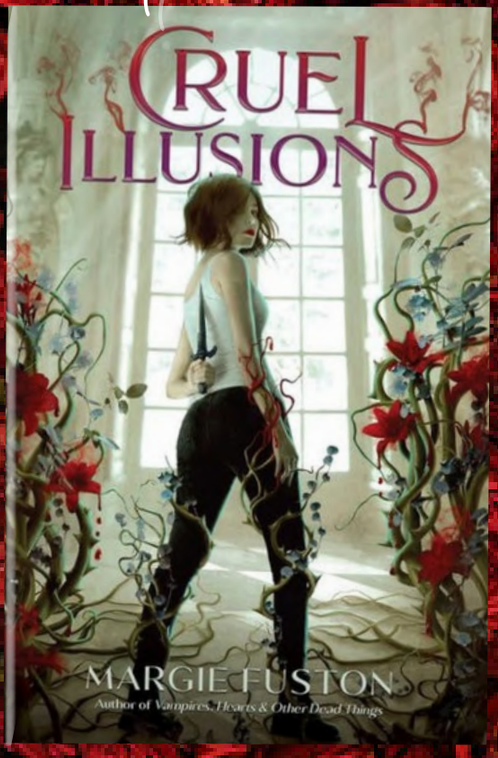

THE REVENANT GAMES

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Blood is survival for seventeen-year-old Bly, who lives in the poverty-stricken human villages caught between enemy vampire and witch kingdoms. Most of the time, vampires and witches live in uneasy truce, buying human blood for their food and spells. But for two weeks a year, the ceasefire dissolves, and they hold the Revenant Games.

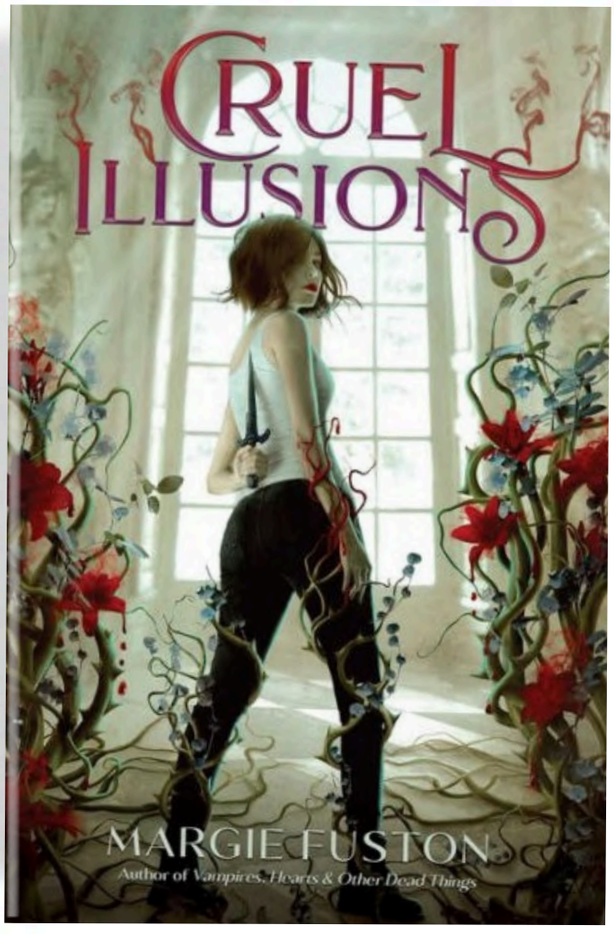
Any human can play in the games for either the witches or the vampires. Alongside life-changing riches, the witches will raise one person from the dead for whoever captures the highest-ranking vampire. In turn, the vampires offer immortality to whoever captures the most powerful witch. For most humans, the games are a ticket out of poverty. For Bly, it's a chance to get back her dead sister, Elise, and save the life of her dying best friend, Emerson.

Bly has nothing left to lose in her quest to save her sister in this thrilling sequel to The Revenant Games that's perfect for fans of All of Us Villains meets Kingdom of the Wicked.

Bly won the Revenant Games, but she lost everything else.

In her desperation to resurrect her sister, Bly betrayed Kerrigan, the vampire who she'd planned to sacrifice to the witches before she fell in love with him—only to find out that Elise was never dead. With nothing left, Bly will do whatever it takes to locate her sister.





Ever since a vampire murdered her mother, Ava has been determined to get revenge. This all-encompassing drive has given her the fuel she needed to survive foster home after foster home.

But it's been ten years since anyone's seen a vampire, and Ava has lost hope that she'll ever find one...until she stumbles across a hidden magic show where she witnesses impossible illusions. The magicians may not be the bloodsuckers she's hunting, but Ava is convinced something supernatural is at play, so she sneaks backstage and catches them in acts they can't explain.

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MARGIE FUSTON

Margie Fuston grew up in the woods of California where she made up fantasy worlds that always involved unicorns. In college, she earned undergraduate degrees in business and literature and a master's in creative writing. Now she's back in the woods and spends all her time wrangling a herd of cats and helping her nephews hunt ghosts, pond monsters, and mermaids.





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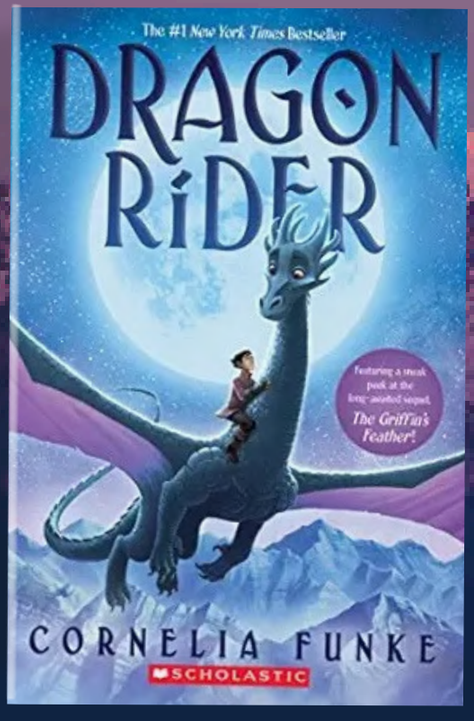
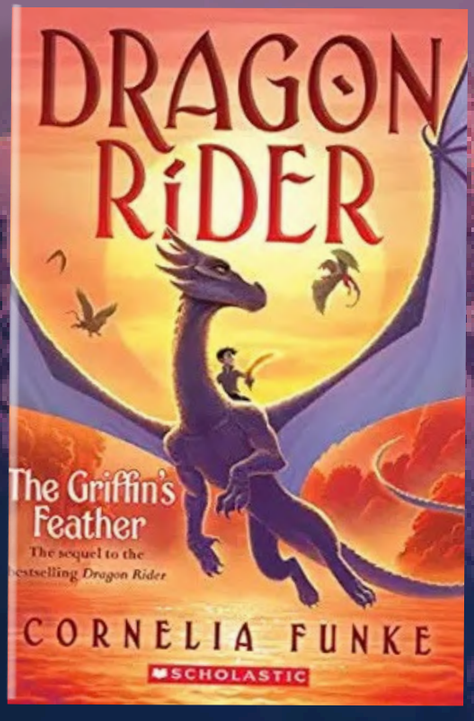
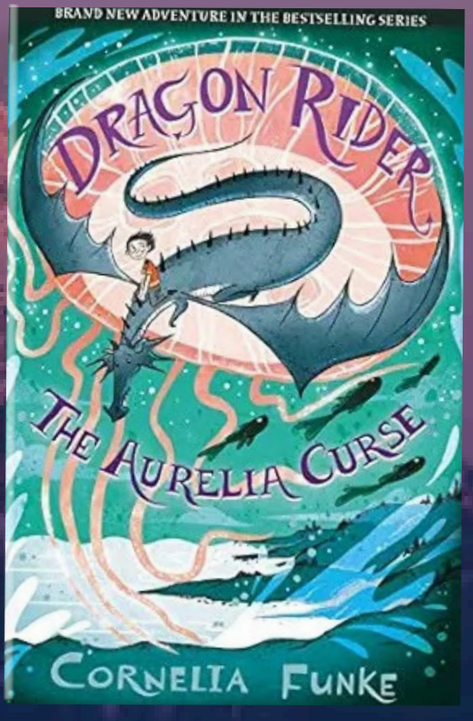
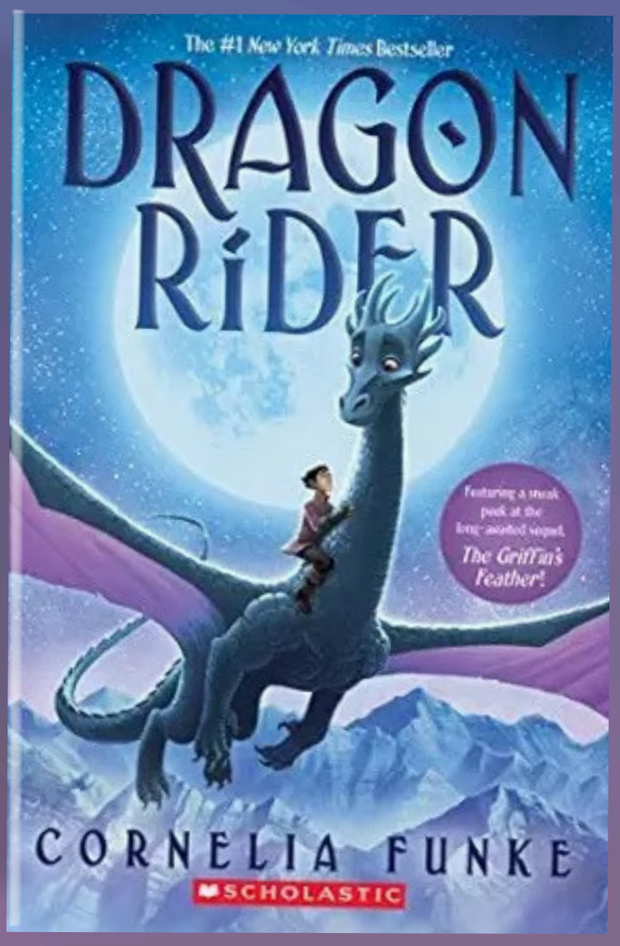


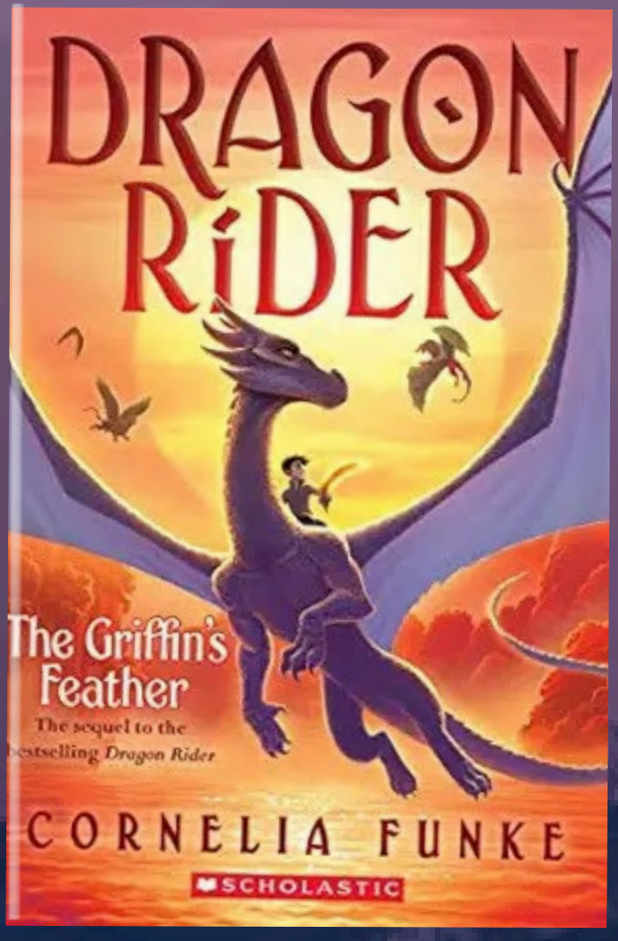


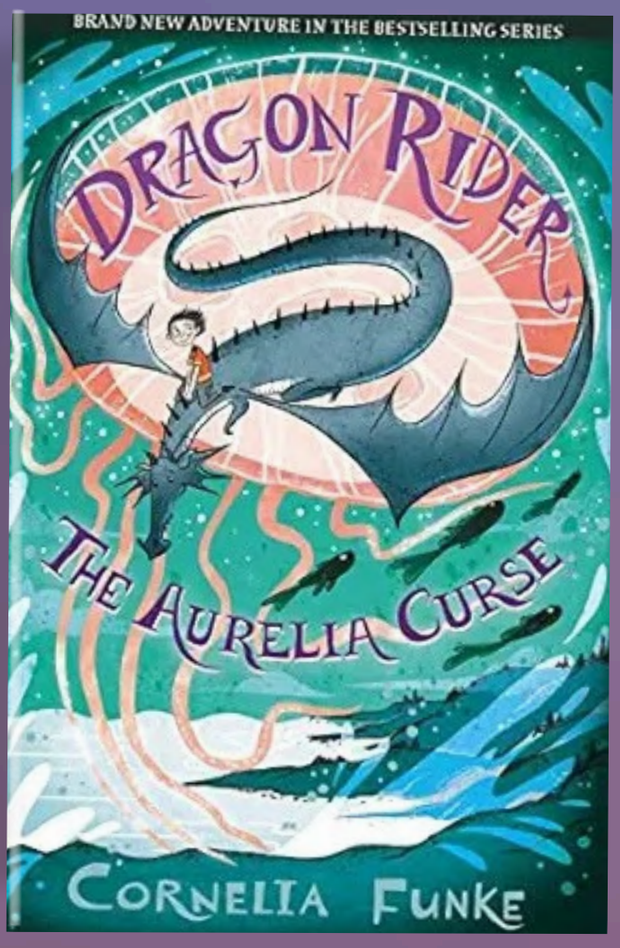




A lonely boy named Ben on board, the brave young dragon Firedrake sets out on a magical journey to find the mythical place where silver dragons can live in peace forever. Flying over moonlit lands and sparkling seas, they encounter fantastic creatures, summon up surprising courage -- and cross the path of a ruthless villain with an ancient grudge who's determined to end their quest. Only a secret destiny can save the dragons in this enchanting adventure about the true meaning of home.

It's now been two years since Ben and Firedrake defeated Nettlebrand and rescued the silver dragons. Both boy and dragon have finally found homes, but they must live hundreds of miles apart and can only see each other every once in a while.During one such visit, news reaches Ben, the Greenblooms, and their friends that the last Pegasus in the world has been discovered. The legendary horse has three unhatched eggs with him, but the only way they'll ever hatch -- and continue the survival of this incredible magical species -- is to place them under a griffin's feather. But griffins are the most dangerous creatures in the world, and their mortal enemies are dragons...Ben has vowed not to tell Firedrake about his quest, to protect him. But as he and the Greenbloom team set off for a remote island where the terrible griffins are rumored to live, he may just need the help of his best friend and dragon





Ben and the Greenblooms must protect a mythical new creature rising from the ocean that can bring light or darkness to whoever it first meets - a vast, mythical Aurelia.

It's a race against time to protect it, for if the Aurelia is hurt, all fabulous creatures will vanish from Earth. In the end though, it may take the arrival of the original silver dragon, Firedrake, to help save them all

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MARGIE FUSTON

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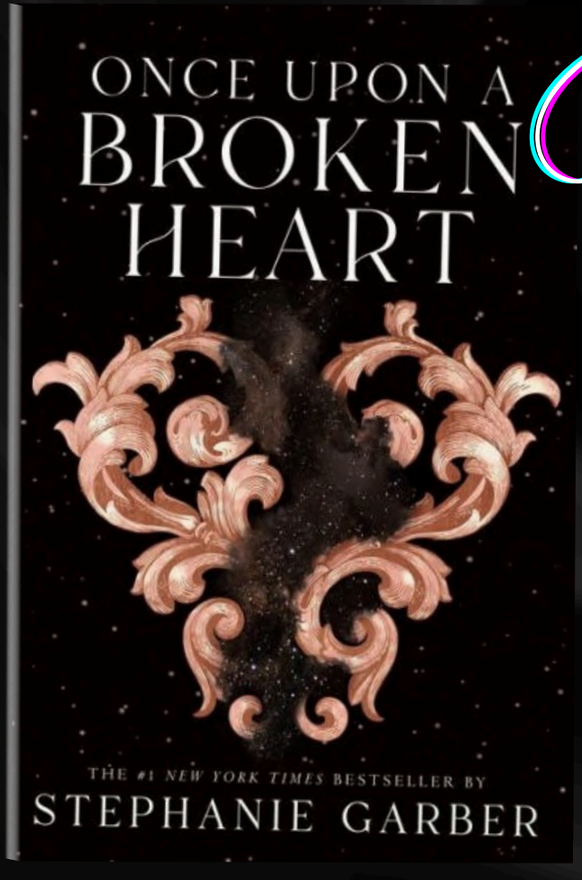
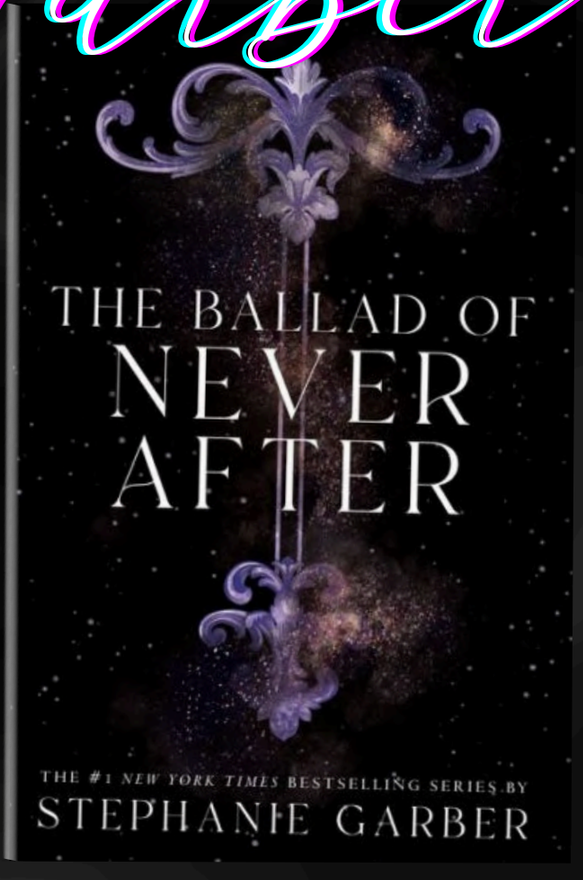
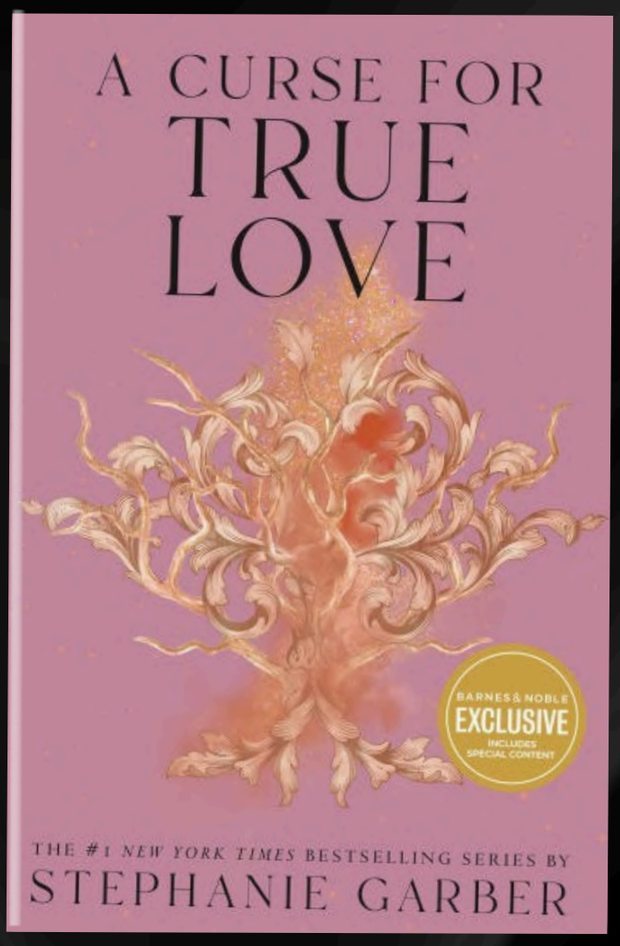




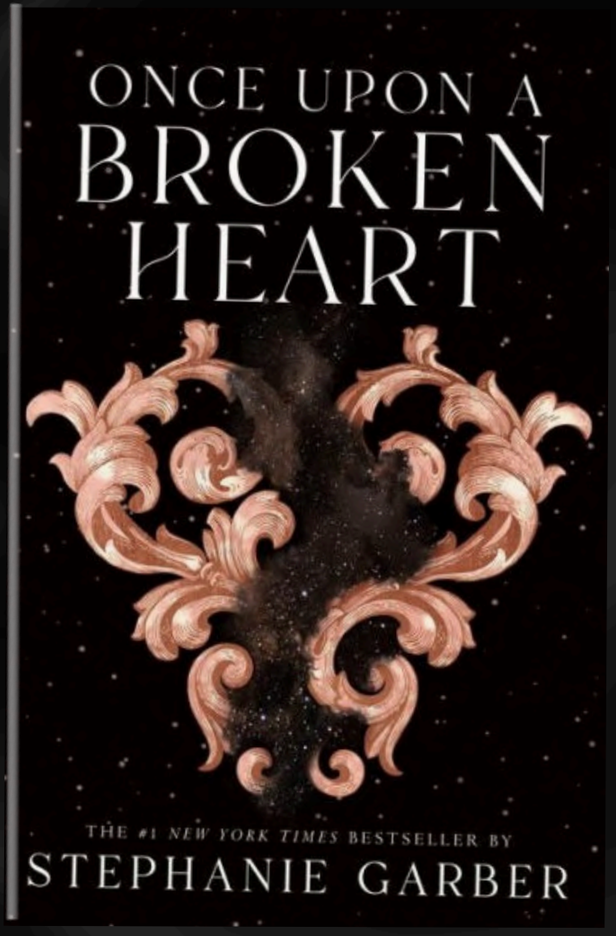


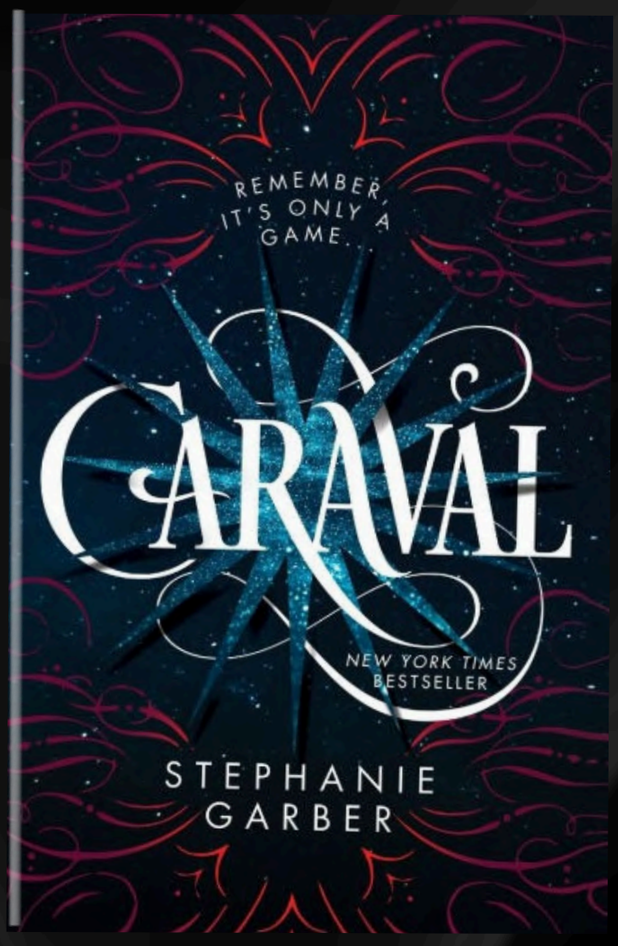
Two villains, one girl, and a deadly battle for happily ever after.

Evangeline Fox ventured to the Magnificent North in search of her happy ending, and it seems as if she has it. She's married to a handsome prince and lives in a legendary castle. But Evangeline has no idea of the devastating price she's paid for this fairytale. She doesn't know what she has lost, and her husband is determined to make sure she never finds out...but first he must kill Jacks, the Prince of Hearts.

For as long as she can remember, Evangeline Fox has believed in true love and happy endings . . . until she learns that the love of her life will marry another.

Desperate to stop the wedding and to heal her wounded heart, Evangeline strikes a deal with the charismatic, but wicked, Prince of Hearts. In exchange for his help, he asks for three kisses, to be given at the time and place of his choosing. But after Evangeline's first promised kiss, she learns that bargaining with an immortal is a dangerous game — and that the Prince of Hearts wants far more from her than she'd pledged. He has plans for Evangeline, plans that will either end in the greatest happily ever after, or the most exquisite tragedy.



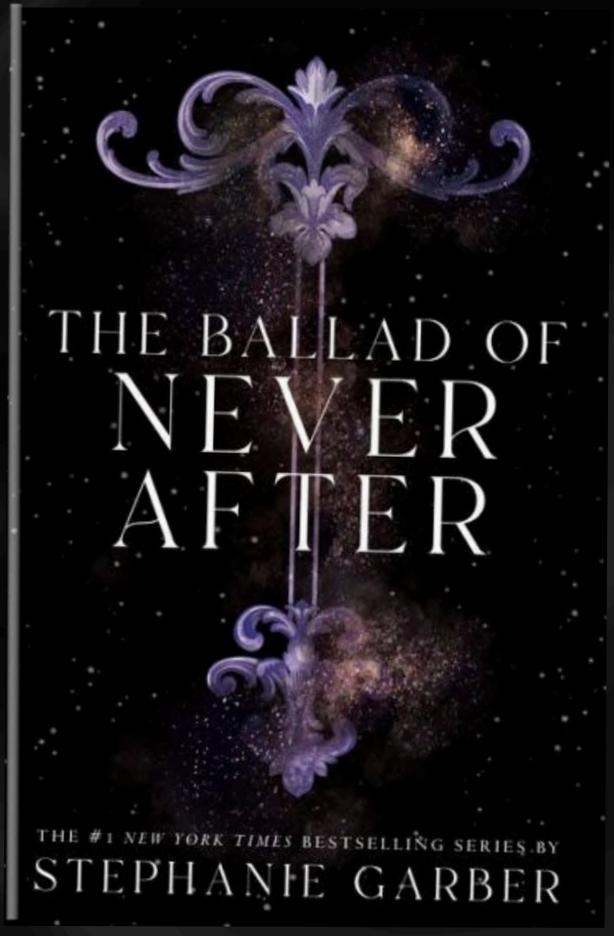


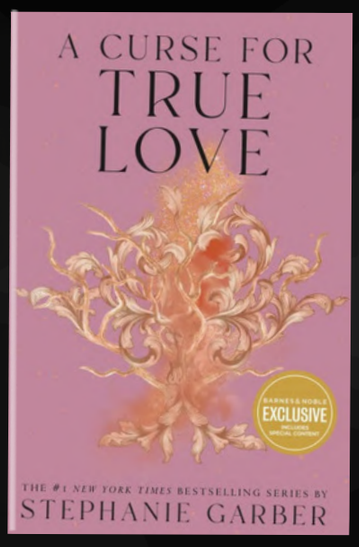
Scarlett has never left the tiny island where she and her beloved sister, Tella, live with their powerful and cruel father. Now Scarlett's father has arranged a marriage for her, and Scarlett thinks her dreams of seeing Caraval, the far-away, once-a-year performance where the audience participates in the show, are over. But this year, Scarlett's long-dreamt-of invitation finally arrives. With the help of a mysterious sailor, Tella whisks Scarlett away to attend. Only, as soon as they arrive, Tella is kidnapped by Caraval's mastermind organizer, Legend. It turns out that this season's Caraval revolves around Tella, and whoever finds her first is the winner.

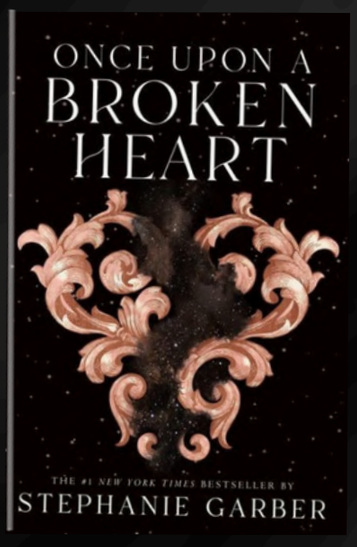
Scarlett has been told that everything that happens during Caraval is only an elaborate performance. But whether Caraval is real or not, she must find Tella before the five nights of the game are over, and her sister disappears forever.

After Jacks, the Prince of Hearts, betrays her, Evangeline Fox swears she'll never trust him again. Now that she's discovered her own magic, Evangeline believes she can use it to restore the chance at happily ever after that Jacks stole away.

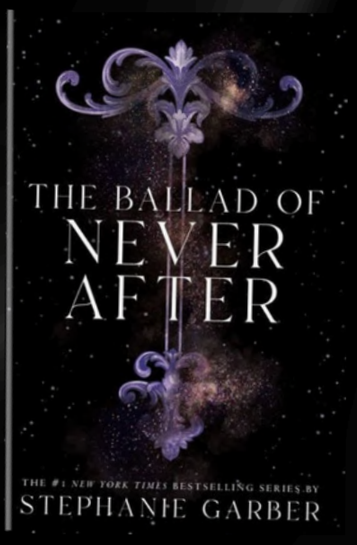
But when a new terrifying curse is revealed, Evangeline finds herself entering into a tenuous partnership with the Prince of Hearts again. Only this time, the rules have changed. Jacks isn't the only force Evangeline needs to be wary of. In fact, he might be the only one she can trust, despite her desire to despise him.











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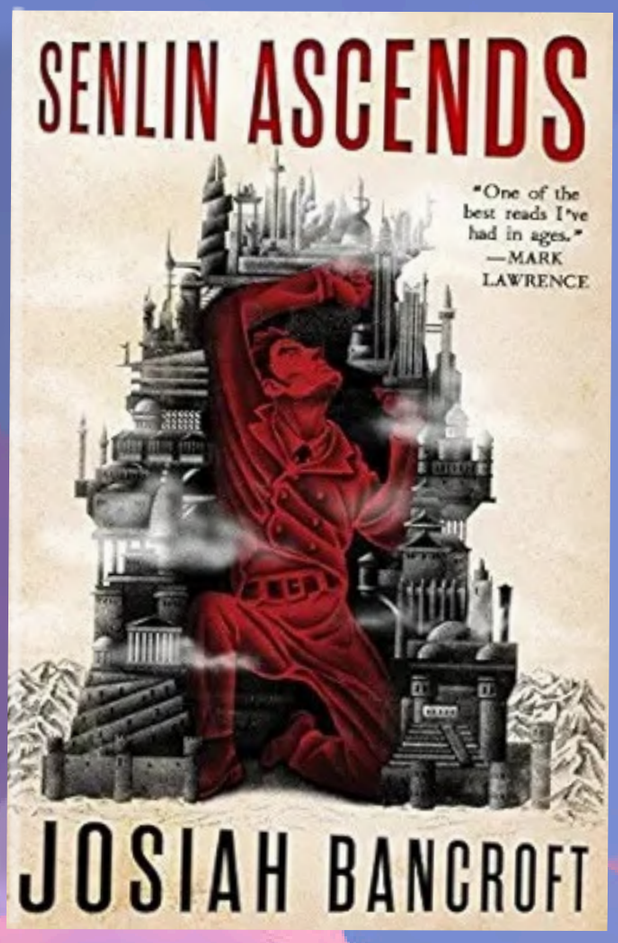

The Tower of Babel is the greatest marvel in the world. Immense as a mountain, the ancient Tower holds unnumbered ringdoms, warring and peaceful, stacked one on the other like the layers of a cake. It is a world of geniuses and tyrants, of luxury and menace, of unusual animals and mysterious machines.

Soon after arriving for his honeymoon at the Tower, the mild-mannered headmaster of a small village school, Thomas Senlin, gets separated from his wife, Marya, in the overwhelming swarm of tourists, residents, and miscreants.

Senlin is determined to find Marya, but to do so he'll have to navigate madhouses, ballrooms, and burlesque theaters. He must survive betrayal, assassins, and the illusions of the Tower. But if he hopes to find his wife, he will have to do more than just endure.

This quiet man of letters must become a man of action.

The Tower of Babel is proving to be as difficult to reenter as it was to break out of. Forced into a life of piracy, Senlin and his eclectic crew are struggling to survive aboard their stolen airship as the hunt to rescue Senlin's lost wife continues.

Hopeless and desolate, they turn to a legend of the Tower, the mysterious Sphinx. But help from the Sphinx never comes cheaply, and as Senlin knows, debts aren't always what they seem in the Tower of Babel.

Time is running out, and now Senlin must choose between his friends, his freedom, and his wife.

Does anyone truly escape the Tower?





Fearing an uprising, the Sphinx sends Senlin to investigate a plot that has taken hold in the ringdom of Pelphia. Alone in the city, Senlin infiltrates a bloody arena where hods battle for the public's entertainment. But his investigation is quickly derailed by a gruesome crime and an unexpected reunion.

Posing as a noble lady and her handmaid, Voleta and Iren attempt to reach Marya, who is isolated by her fame. While navigating the court, Voleta attracts the unwanted attention of a powerful prince whose pursuit of her threatens their plan.



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Josiah Bancroft started writing novels when he was twelve and by the time he finished his first, he was an addict. Eventually, the writing of Senlin Ascends began, a fantasy adventure, not so unlike the stories that got him addicted to words in the first place. He wanted to do for others what his favourite writers had done for him: namely to pick them up and carry them to a wonderful and perilous world that is spinning very fast. If he's done that with this book, then he's happy.

Josiah lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Sharon, and their two rabbits, Mabel and Chaplin.



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I once saw a Mexican man stretched across
an upturned sidewalk
near Chicago's 18th and Bishop one fifth of May day.
He brought up a near-empty bottle
to the withering sky and yelled out a grito
with the words: ¡Que viva Cinco de Mayo!

Luis J. Rodríguez, 'Cinco de Mayo'



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Meredith Bond's books straddle that beautiful line between historical romance and fantasy. An award-winning author, she writes fun, traditional Regency romances, medieval Arthurian romances, and Regency romances with a touch of magic. Known for her characters “who slip readily into one’s heart,” Meredith loves to take her readers on a journey they won't soon forget. She is currently living in Europe enjoying the Bohemian life.

In 2002, Merry was one of the three winners of the Royal Ascot Writing Contest and was offered a two book contract with Kensington Publishers, and then a second to publish all four books of the Merry Men Quartet.

Merry has her own book coaching and book formatting company called Anessa Books (named for her mother, Nessa, who had a passion for language and books which she passed on to her daughter).







True Grit* meets *Twin Peaks in this genre-bending debut novel by Chase Dearinger. *This New Dark* explores the haunted, broken hills of Eastern Oklahoma, where over the course of just two cold days in November, the residents of Seven Suns will each face their own kind of weird. There' s Wyatt, a dope-growing Muscogee whose obsession with a black cougar that shouldn' t exist begins to uproot his life. The teenager who lives with him— Randy— is outraged at the world, confused about his sexuality, and haunted by the bones of his mother. And there' s Esther— a dutiful, God-fearing court bailiff who finds herself thrust into the position of county sheriff, forced to find the missing girl whose disappearance sets everything in motion. Inexorably bringing them all together is a nameless cowboy junky who may or may not be some ancient shape-shifting evil. All of them must overcome this new dark while dealing with the violent undercurrents of family, religion, addiction, and death.

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Global Scholar, Public Servant, Polymath

Filipe Dom Masquil, M.D., Ph.D., is a board-certified physician whose extraordinary journey spans continents and cultures. Rising from humble beginnings in Buzi, Mozambique, he built a distinguished medical career defined by intellect and service. His academic excellence began at Columbia University and continued at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Institute for Cancer Research.

A prestigious international scholarship led him to Albert-Ludwigs University in Germany, where he earned his medical degree and a Ph.D. dissertation with the distinction of Magna Cum Laude.

Dr. Masquil's professional milestones include leading the emergency department at McGehee Hospital, founding a thriving clinic, and serving on the medical executive committee at Duplin General Hospital.

He ultimately dedicated his expertise to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, caring for those who served the Nation. Fluent in six languages, Dr. Masquil embodies a global perspective, balancing his medical legacy with intellectual pursuits like stock trading and a lifelong appreciation for Jeopardy!.



"The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



By Filipe Dom Masquil, M.D., Ph.D.

Doctor-Patient Relationship in Africa is a landmark work by Filipe Dom Masquil, M.D., Ph.D. — a physician born in Mozambique, raised between two worlds, and trained at one of Europe's most prestigious medical schools. Originally written as a doctoral dissertation awarded Magna Cum Laude at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg in 1983, this book has lost none of its urgency.

At its heart is a deceptively simple question: what does a doctor need to understand about a patient's inner world in order to truly heal them? Not only in Africa but worldwide. In the African context, that question opens into a rich and largely unexplored territory — one shaped by traditional healers, ancestral belief, colonial legacy, and the psychological dimensions of illness that Western medicine has long underestimated and still tries to better understand..

Drawing on his own childhood in Mozambique, his clinical training in Europe and America,, and a wide range of cross-cultural research, Dr. Masquil builds a compelling case: that the failures of many health programs in Africa are not rooted in the "backwardness" of patients, but in the inability of doctors to listen across cultural difference. He finds a surprising bridge in Carl Rogers' client-centered therapy, whose principles mirror the ancient communicative wisdom of the traditional African healer.

This is a book for physicians, medical students, global health professionals, and anyone who believes that medicine, at its best, is a deeply human encounter.

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By Filipe Dom Masquil, M.D., Ph.D.

My Father's Conversations With Me is a literary memoir that reaches beyond the boundaries of personal storytelling to explore how identity, purpose, and resilience are shaped through the quiet power of a father's voice. Rather than unfolding as a traditional chronological narrative, the book is built around the pivotal conversations—some tender, some challenging, all unforgettable—that became the compass guiding a young man toward adulthood, integrity, and self-belief.

Each chapter opens a window into a moment where wisdom was passed down not through lectures, but through lived example: the unexpected lessons tucked inside ordinary days, the subtle guidance offered in moments of doubt, and the profound clarity that emerges when a father chooses to teach through presence rather than perfection. These conversations become a map of generational inheritance—values carried forward, wounds confronted, and strength rediscovered.

Blending memoir with motivational reflection, the book invites readers to examine their own defining relationships and the unseen forces that shape who they become. It speaks to anyone who has ever searched for meaning in their upbringing, longed for guidance, or wondered how the echoes of childhood continue to influence adult choices.

Intimate yet universal, deeply personal yet widely relatable, ***My Father's Conversations With Me*** offers more than a story—it offers a mirror. Readers will turn the pages not only to understand the author's journey, but to uncover something about their own.

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BOOK REVIEWS



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A rigorous, compassionate, and essential bridge between Western clinical practice and African healing traditions.

Masquil (M.D., Ph.D., Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg) breathes new life into his 1983 Magna Cum Laude dissertation, offering a sophisticated critique of cross-cultural medicine. The author skillfully argues that medical failure in Africa often stems from a "listening gap" rather than a lack of technology. By identifying an unexpected synergy between Carl Rogers' humanistic psychology and the ancestral wisdom of traditional healers, Masquil provides a blueprint for a more empathetic, effective global health model.

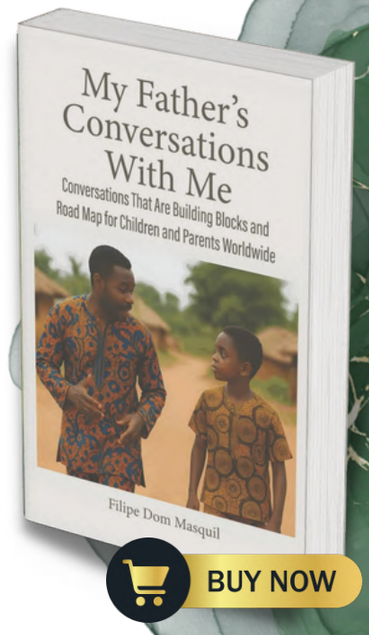
A seminal work that remains startlingly relevant; Masquil's blend of personal history and clinical depth is a masterclass in the "human encounter" of healing.

★★★★★

A luminous and deeply affecting meditation on paternal legacy, wisdom, and the architecture of the human spirit.

Abandoning the rigid constraints of a traditional memoir, Masquil (author of Doctor-Patient Relationship in Africa) constructs a poignant mosaic of "pivotal conversations" that served as his moral compass. The narrative shines in its subtlety; Masquil avoids the trap of hagiography, instead presenting a father who teaches through presence and lived example rather than perfection. By exploring the quiet transmission of values—integrity, resilience, and self-belief—the book transcends the personal to offer a universal map of generational inheritance.

Lyrical, introspective, and profoundly relatable; a masterfully crafted "mirror" that challenges readers to examine the echoes of their own upbringing.



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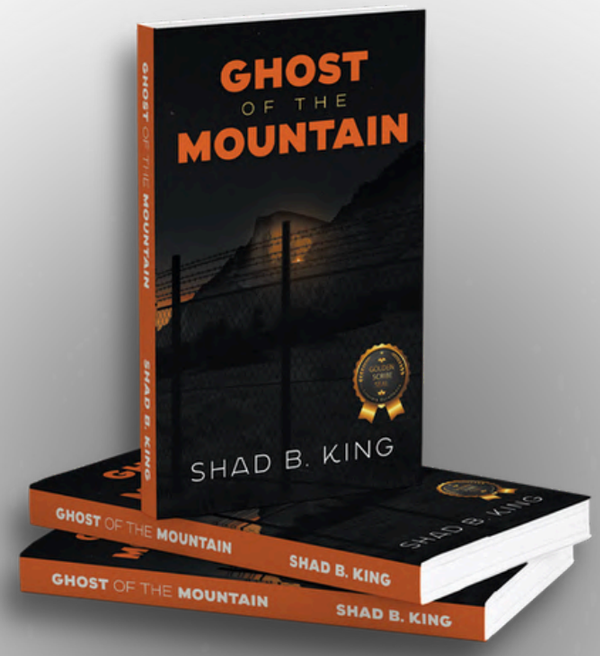

Author Shad B. King is a writer driven by vivid imagination and emotional truth. His debut novel, *Ghost of the Mountain*, began as a quiet idea during college and grew into a powerful story shaped by personal hardship. When his father suffered a stroke, Shad turned to writing as both escape and purpose. His stories explore grief, courage, and the mysterious spaces between reality and what lies beyond.

BOOK REVIEW

A chilling, atmospheric blend of psychological suspense and supernatural dread that proves some secrets refuse to stay buried.

King masterfully sets the stage in Heartlake, a city where the palpable tension of chain-linked fences is outmatched only by the "wolf-faced ghost" haunting its borders. Protagonist Bella Tomson is a compelling anchor; her journey from a nurse fleeing trauma to a woman confronting a predatory darkness is both visceral and propulsive. The narrative thrives on its ominous pacing, effectively blurring the lines between a haunting and a hunt. King's prose is lean and evocative, ensuring the "rising darkness" feels like a character in its own right.

Taut, eerie, and impossible to put down; a standout thriller that transforms a classic mystery into a high-stakes battle for survival.



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Ghost of the Mountain—Bella Tomson, a young nurse fleeing her past, arrives in the mysterious city of Heartlake where chain-linked fences can't keep out what lurks beyond. As rumors of a wolf-faced ghost grow, Bella is drawn into a haunting mystery. Faced with vanishing lives and a rising darkness, she must choose whether to heal, to fight, or to become something more. Some ghosts don't haunt—they hunt.

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About the Book

To Move Beyond Words in the Wind: To Become Dreams in the End invites readers into a surreal and emotionally charged journey through the eyes of Aaron Wasowicz. Set in a town that may or may not exist, the story unfolds in real time, blending haunting memories with chilling lore. As Aaron questions what is real, readers are pulled into a world full of mystery, suspense, and poetic reflection. With vivid, mentally illustrated scenes and voice that lingers, this immersive debut challenges perception and meaning. Prepare to question everything—until the very last word. What is the truth? You decide.

About the Author

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NO SOUVENIRS

BRIAN FORDE

About the Book

No Souvenirs is a candid, darkly funny travel memoir about walking away from routine and discovering what the road is really like when nothing is curated. Featuring a rich collection of photographs taken around the world, the book moves between close calls with wildlife and punishing hikes, overheated deserts, broken plans, and unexpected human kindness. Brian Forde captures the chaos and beauty of long-term travel with sharp wit and emotional honesty, exploring marriage, endurance, vulnerability, and the small moments that leave the deepest marks. This is not a story about collecting trinkets or perfect photos—it's about the memories that follow you home, whether you want them to or not.

About the Author

Brian Forde is a writer and photographer who traded routine for the road in 2024, travelling more than 11,000 miles across the United States before heading overseas with little more than a backpack and a camera, a decision that led him to visit all seven continents and 35 countries. Known for his candid, humorous voice, he writes about travel without filters, focusing on mishaps, endurance, and human connection. No Souvenirs is his first book.





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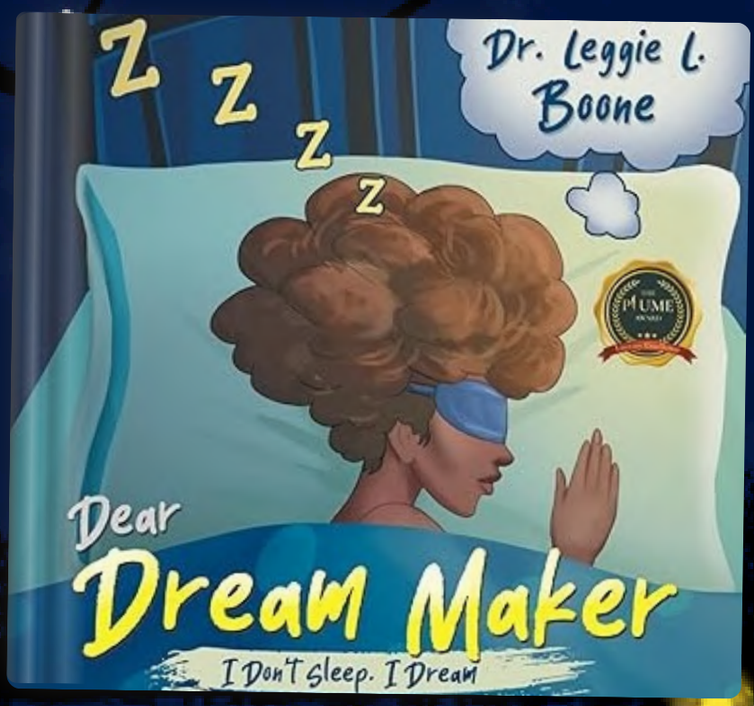
DEAR DREAM MAKER: I DON'T SLEEP. I DREAM

DR. LEGGIE L. BOONE

About the Book

Dear Dream Maker: I Don't Sleep. I Dream is a window into the author's restless nights and boundless imagination. Drawn from dream journals spanning 1997 to 2006, this collection captures stories born in sleep—sometimes funny, sometimes unsettling, always deeply human. Each dream blurs the line between memory and fantasy, offering a glimpse into the subconscious at play. Interwoven diary notes add moments of reflection and connection to waking life. With prompts for personal exploration, this book invites readers to journey through their own dreams, uncover hidden meanings, and embrace the beauty and mystery found in the landscapes of the mind.



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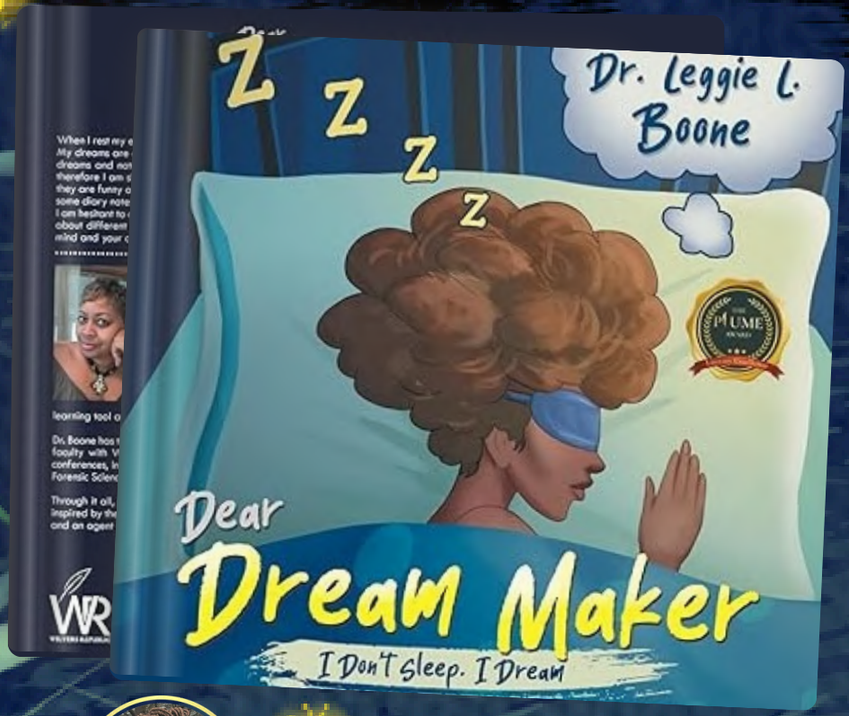

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About the Author

Dr. Leggie Boone is a veteran forensic analyst and educator with more than three decades in the field of forensic science. Her experiences as a crime scene investigator and researcher of vicarious trauma and implicit bias have shaped both her career and creativity. Through writing, poetry, and dream journaling, she channels her experiences into the Dear Dream Maker series—transforming her vivid dreams into stories of reflection and renewal.

DEADLY TASKS

GK MONÉT

About the Book

When a late-night crash nearly kills a pedestrian, Alex Dorson wakes injured and drowning in guilt. But the accident is only the beginning. A strange, icy voice begins speaking inside his head—steady, relentless, and impossible to ignore. As Alex searches for answers, he discovers the same presence once haunted a man the world knows as Jack the Ripper.

Now the voice has chosen him. With each whispered command, Alex feels his control slipping and his relationships collapsing. To stop the growing darkness, he must confront the entity before it turns him into its next instrument of violence.

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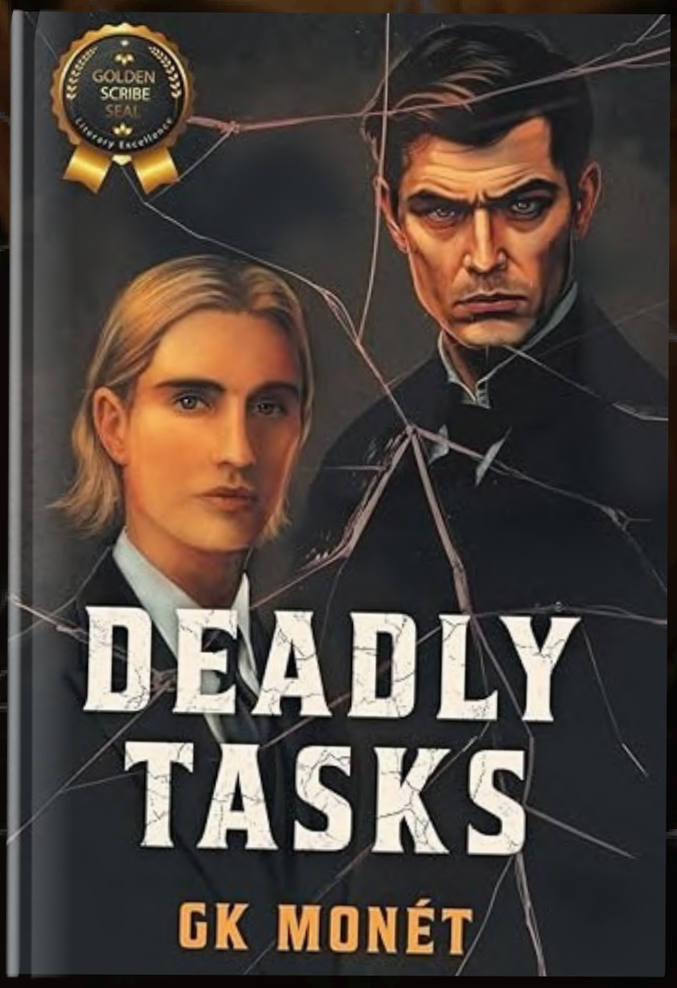

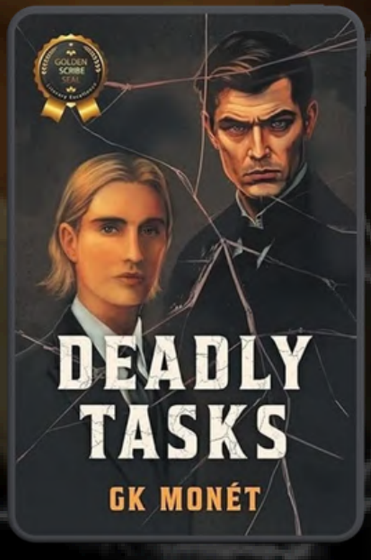

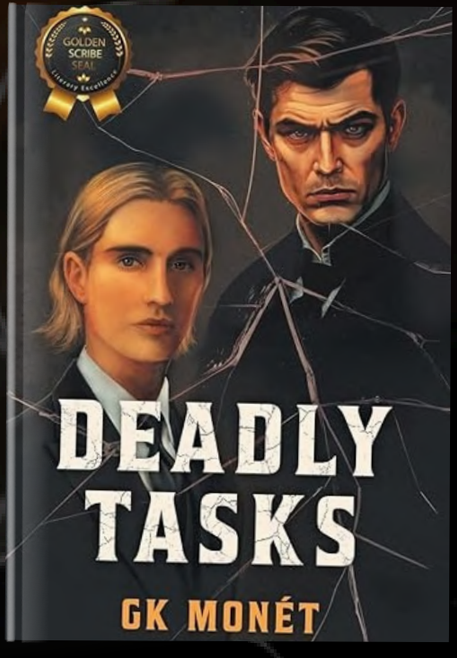

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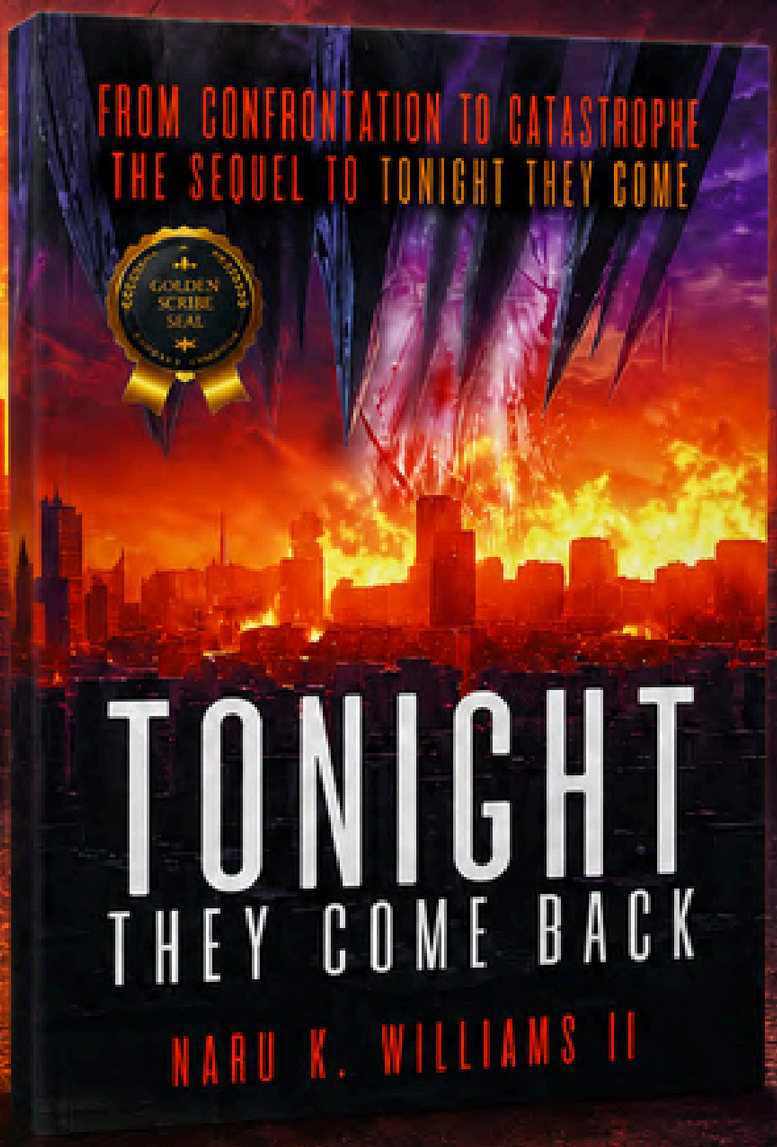
About the Author

Author GK Monét is a first-time author who is largely drawn to suspense, horror, and the dark corners of human imagination. Deadly Tasks is their first novel, exploring the thin line between fear and obsession. Based in the Midwest, GK enjoys time with family, reading, watching films, and wandering outdoors—always attentive to the subtle whispers, shadows, and mysteries that spark the chilling stories they love to tell.

TONIGHT THEY COME BACK

NARU K. WILLIAMS II



ABOUT THE BOOK

Tonight They Come Back: Countdown to Catastrophe — former police officer Kate Barrow struggles to rebuild her life after a traumatic abduction by vigilantes Stan and Francine Solomon. As she unravels the horrors of that night in therapy, a cosmic terror stalks her every step. Meanwhile, Gateway City descends into chaos, with detectives Julie Benz and Frank Drake fighting a losing battle to restore order. But a deadlier force is coming — the Black Wolves, a private military group with hidden motives and ruthless tactics. As tensions rise and enemies multiply, the city races toward catastrophe in this gripping chapter of *The Tonight Saga*.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Author Naru K. Williams II, a Navy veteran and storyteller, draws inspiration from a life rich in experience. Born in Texas, raised in North Carolina, and now living in San Diego, he's worked in journalism, design, and government service. A member of the Wounded Warrior Project, Naru channels his journey into writing the *Tonight They Come* series—stories shaped by childhood wonder, real-life challenges, and a passion for thrilling, meaningful fiction.

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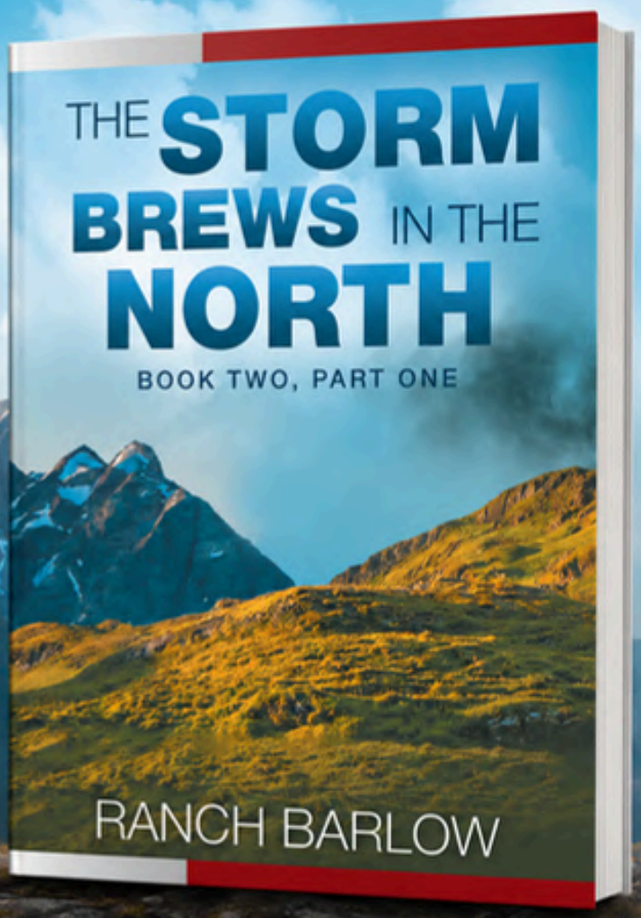

THE STORM BREWS IN THE NORTH

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Nearly seven centuries after the world last stood united, war sweeps from the southern deserts to the northern frost as the Emporian Empire expands without mercy. Princes, a princess, an imprisoned warrior, a calculating countess, and other unlikely figures are drawn together, each facing choices that could decide the fate of a world on the brink. The storm is coming, and no one will remain untouched.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ranch Israel Barlow's vivid imagination and love of storytelling first took root through *Codex Alera*. Since publishing his first book, he has continued crafting immersive worlds filled with complex characters, bold adventure, and high-stakes conflict.

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WHO AM I WITHOUT YOU

A Journey Through Loss, Grief, and Love

MIRELA LEMUT

ABOUT THE BOOK

Who Am I Without You: A Journey Through Loss, Grief, and Love follows one woman through the sudden loss of seven loved ones in three years, revealing how grief reshapes identity and survival. Through honest reflections and quiet moments of truth, the book explores silence, sorrow, and the small mercies that define life after loss. Tender and deeply human, it offers companionship for anyone seeking hope after heartbreak.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mirela Lemut is a single mother whose life has been shaped by courage, compassion, and reinvention. After losing her parents and sister, she transformed grief into purpose by creating USAGI Selin, a nonprofit rabbit rescue, and writes with honesty and heart to support others navigating loss and healing.

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Never One Without the Other

SERGIO VILLANUEVA



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Never One Without the Other is a heartfelt and symbolic tale set in a mystical forest in the sky, where an immortal blind black deer offers wisdom and guidance to all who seek it. His quiet life changes when he meets a fragile white rose, once beautiful but now wilting after experiencing neglect and abandonment. Through patience and kindness, the deer helps the rose heal, while the rose restores the deer's ability to see and feel life again. Together, they form an unbreakable bond, becoming a timeless legend that teaches the power of trust, healing, and companionship—showing that some souls are never meant to stand alone.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Author *Sergio Villanueva* is a quiet and thoughtful storyteller who enjoys spending his time playing games and talking with his girlfriend. *Never One Without the Other* began as a personal gift inspired by their shared experiences and journey through love and healing. Encouraged to publish the story, Sergio hopes to create more tales about the black deer and white rose, sharing meaningful messages about trust, compassion, and connection with readers.

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The Daughter of a Pedophile

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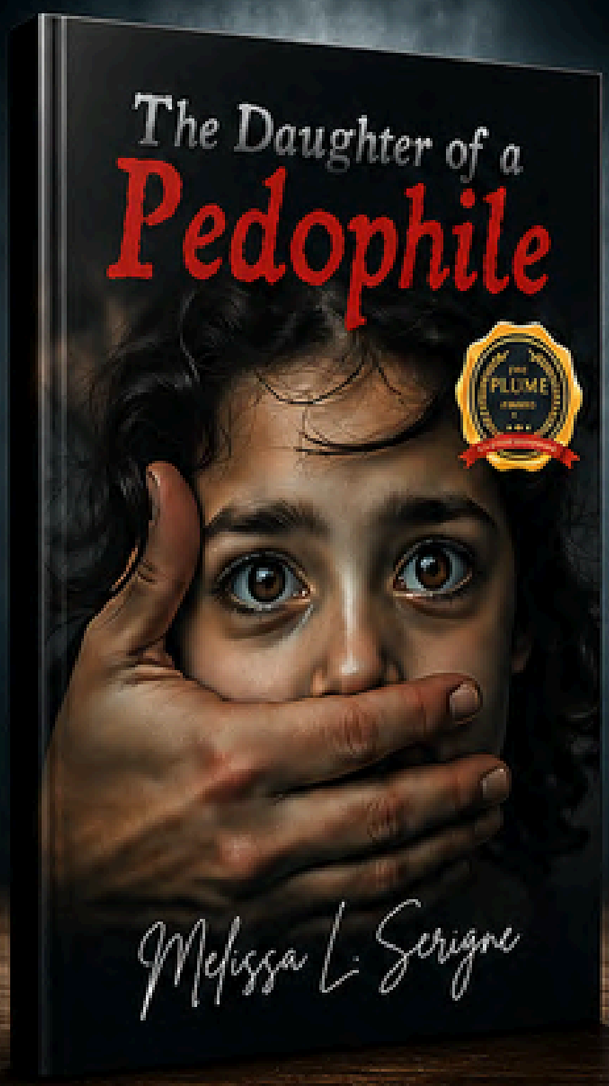

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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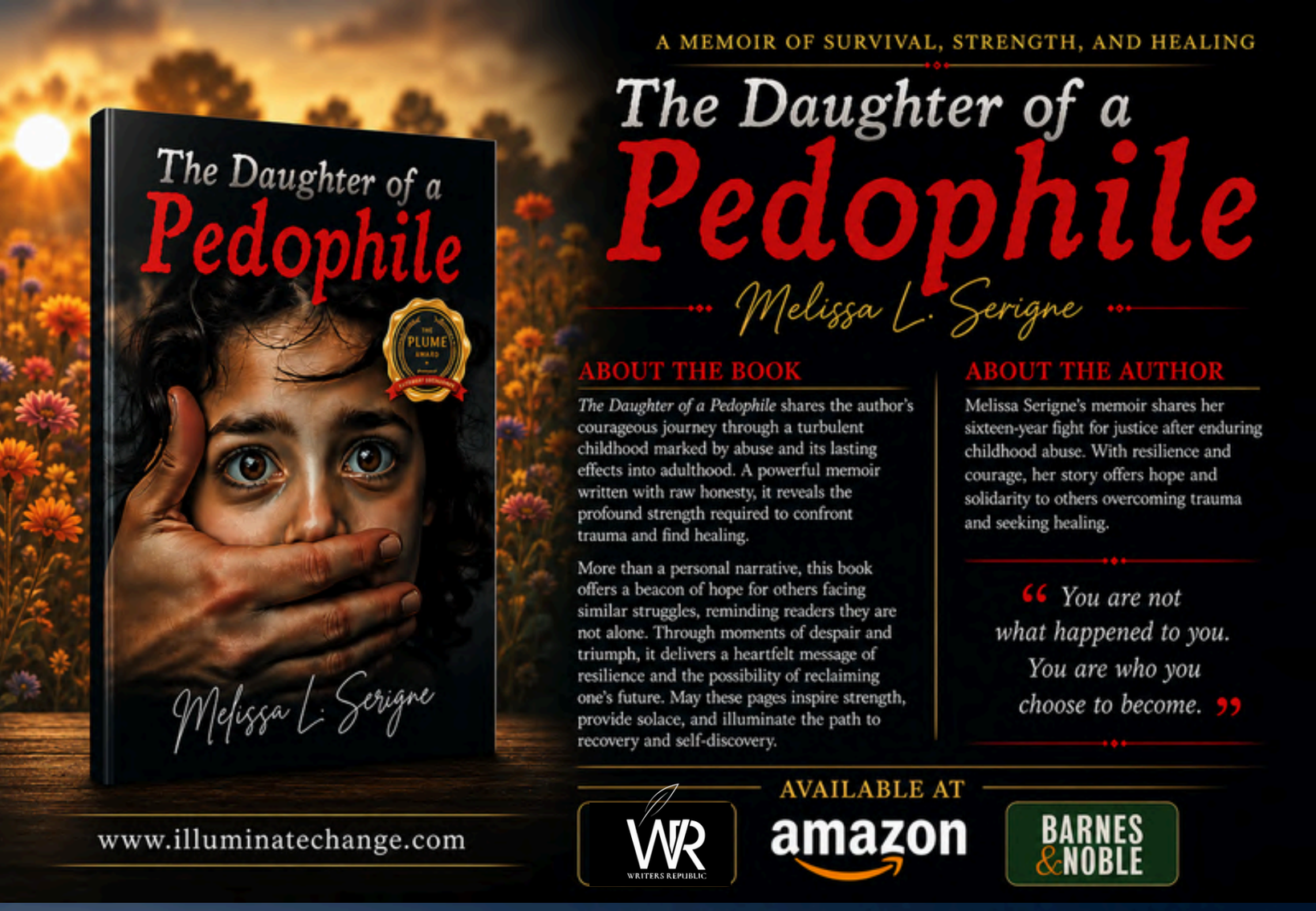
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A TRUE STORY. A FATHER'S FIGHT. A TRUTH THEY TRIED TO BURY.
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ABOUT THE BOOK
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The girls' father, David Rucki, worked tirelessly with law enforcement to search day and night for his two missing daughters, following every lead while raising three remaining children at home. Their mother, Sandra Grazzini-Rucki, used her newfound freedom to vacation around the world, abandoning her children. And as the investigation intensified, catching the attention of the media, Sandra also disappeared.
The Girls Are Gone is the true story of two sisters who went missing, the father who kept searching, and the adults who conspired to keep the truth hidden.
ABOUT THE AUTHORS
Michael Brodkorb's reporting on the Samantha and Gianna Rucki case began with the Star Tribune in 2015. He is currently a columnist with MinnPost. A lifelong resident of Minnesota, Michael is also an experienced communication, public affairs, and research consultant.
Allison Mann is a paralegal and has worked on the Samantha and Gianna Rucki case since 2012.
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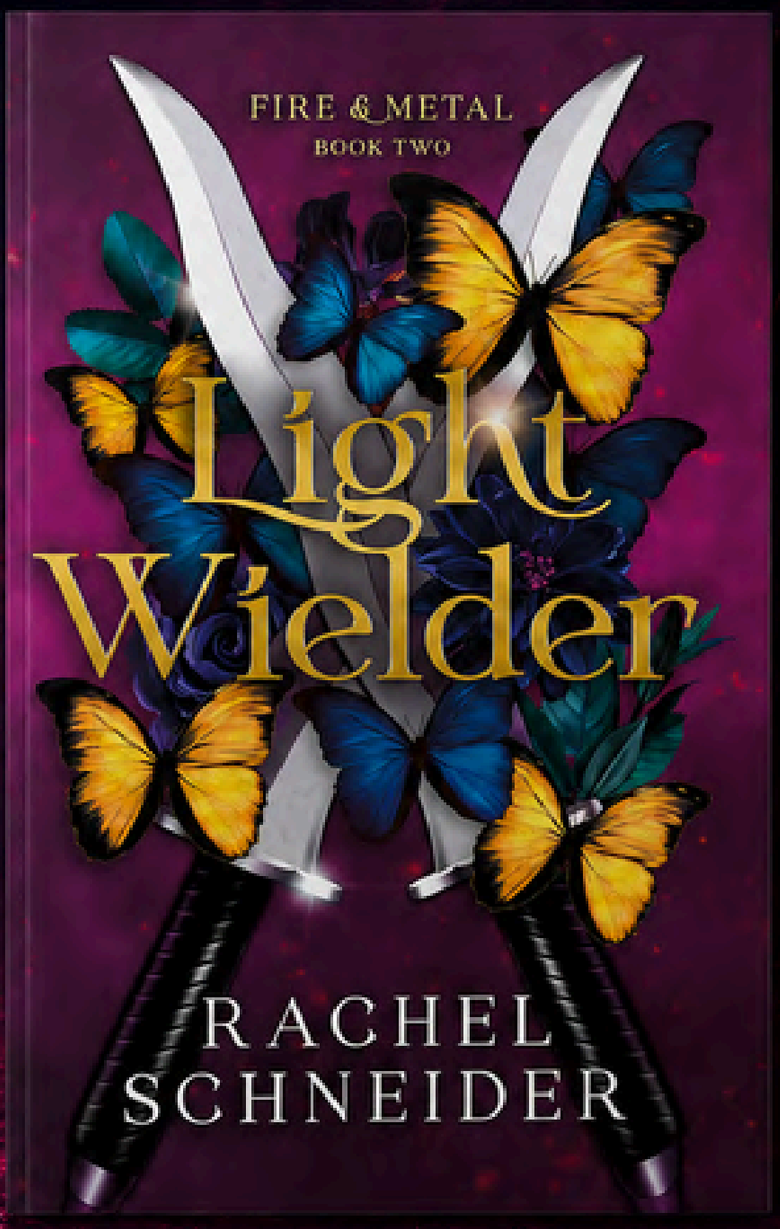

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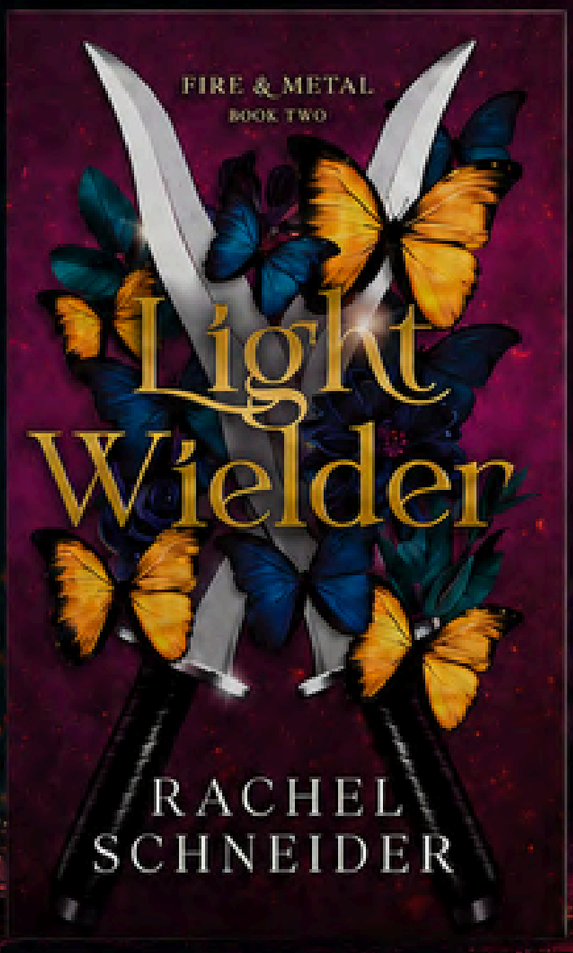

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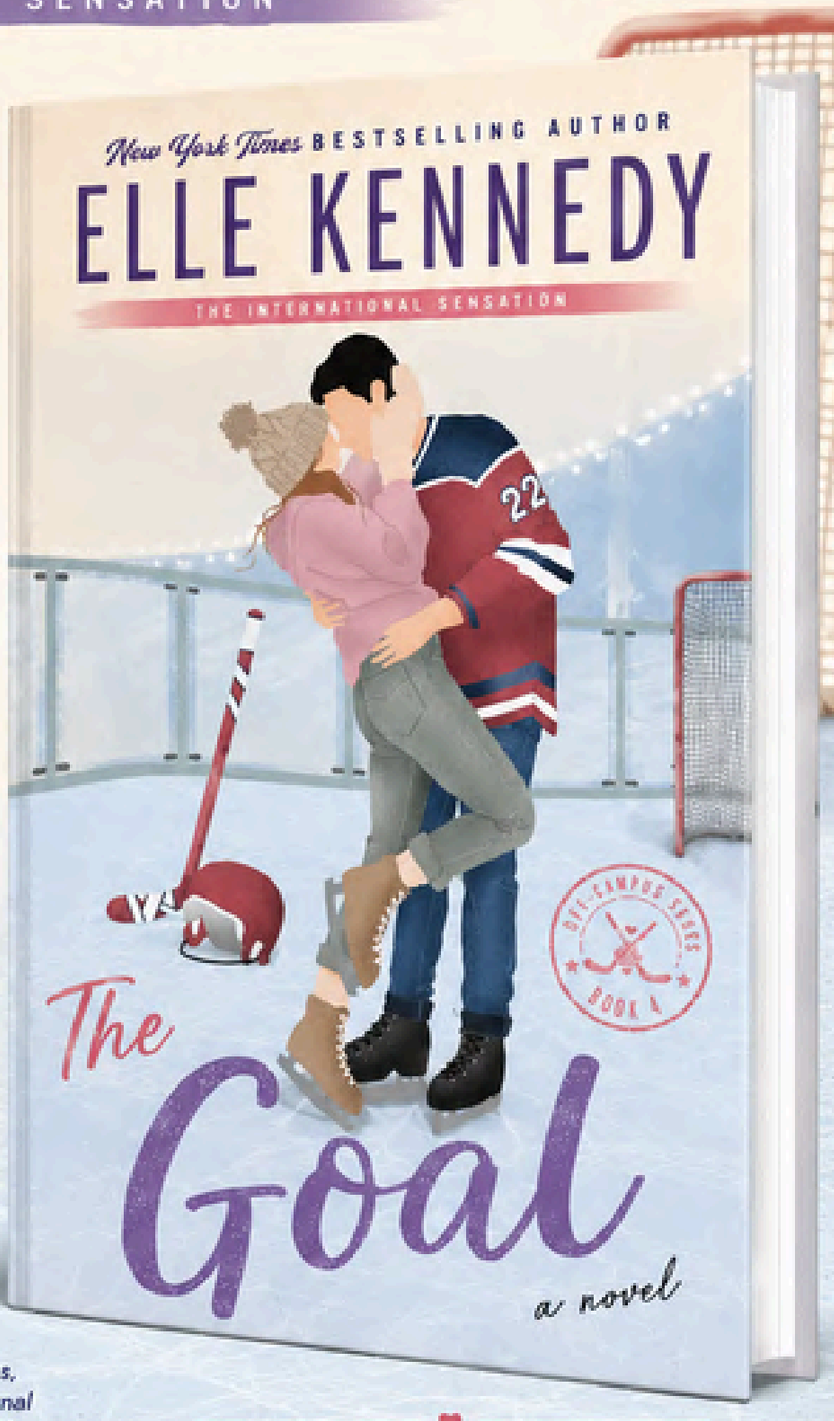
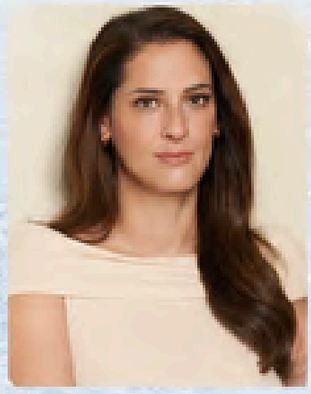
SHE'S GOOD AT ACHIEVING HER GOALS...

College senior Sabrina James has her future planned out—law school, a high-powered career, and zero distractions. Falling for a hockey player is definitely not part of the plan. But one night with John Tucker changes everything.

Now that they're expecting a baby, Tucker is determined to be a dad—and to win Sabrina's heart. He'll have to prove that some goals can only be made with an assist.

Some goals are for winning. Others are worth fighting for.





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Elle Kennedy is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of more than fifty contemporary romance novels. Raised in the suburbs of Toronto and a graduate of York University, she is the creator of the globally beloved Off-Campus series.

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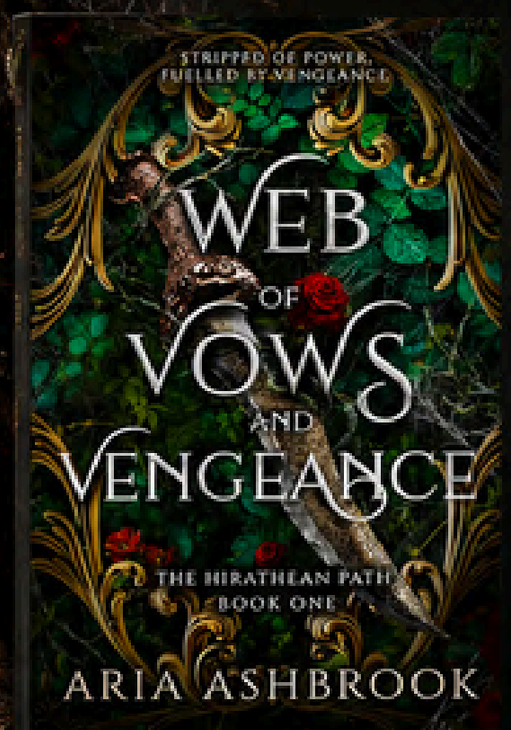

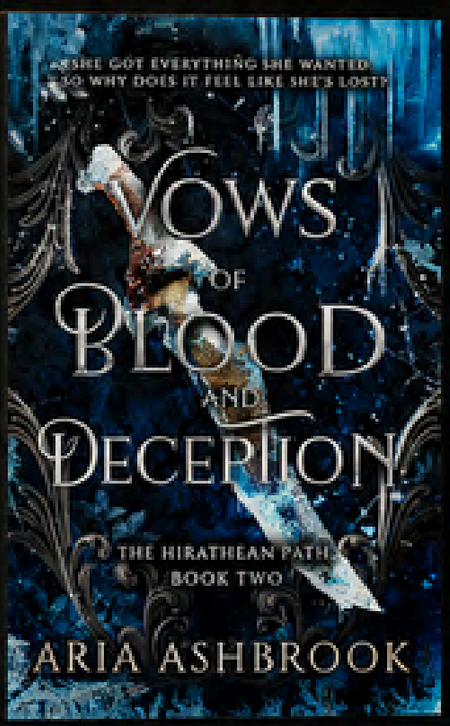

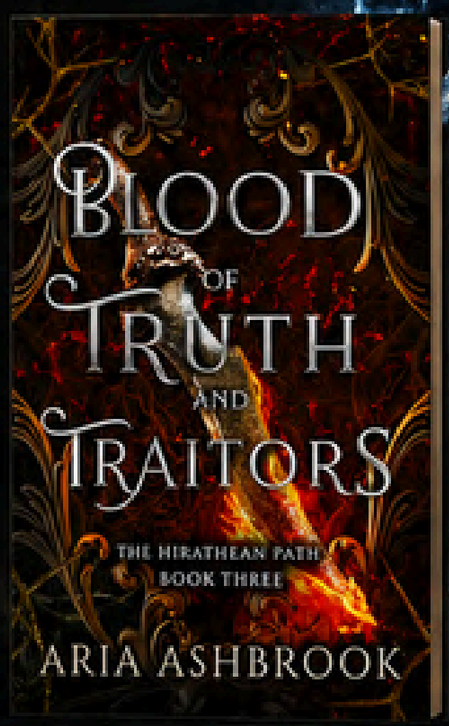

WEB OF VOWS AND VENGEANCE
BOOK ONE

VOWS OF BLOOD AND DECEPTION
BOOK TWO

BLOOD OF TRUTH AND TRAITORS
BOOK THREE

ABOUT THE SERIES

In a world where power is stolen, loyalty is tested, and gods make monsters of mortals, one young woman will fight for her sister, her people, and her future. The Hirathean Path is a dark romantasy trilogy of vengeance, forbidden magic, political intrigue, and a slow-burn romance with the one man she swore to hate.

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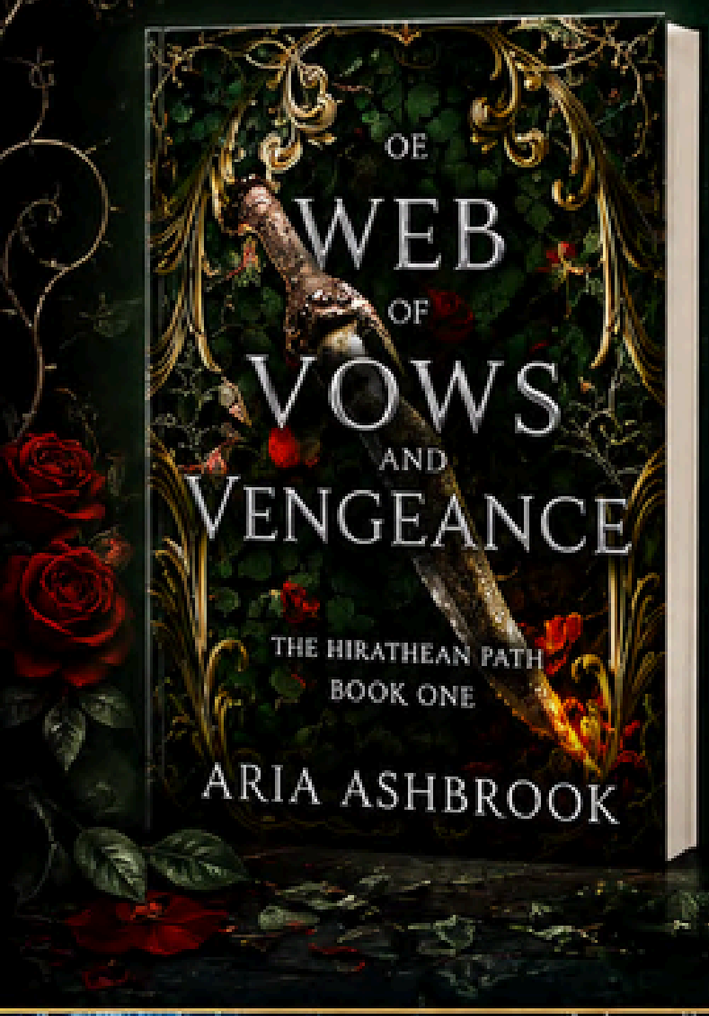

BOOK ONE

Web of Vows and Vengeance

STRIPPED OF POWER. FUELLED BY VENGEANCE.

When Prince Kyor twisted the truth about his mother's death, Rose paid the price. Her family was stripped of their magic, cast into the slums, and abandoned by the kingdom they once served. Now her parents are gone, and her younger sister's future hangs in the balance.

Rose's only hope is the Tournament of the Gifting, a brutal competition held once a century, where the victor earns a blessing from the Goddess of Life. The catch? Every other contender wields the very power she was robbed of—and Prince Kyor is among them.

Thrown into a world of magic, monsters, and merciless trials, Rose must fight not only for survival but for the chance to reclaim her future—and the heart of the one man she swore to hate.

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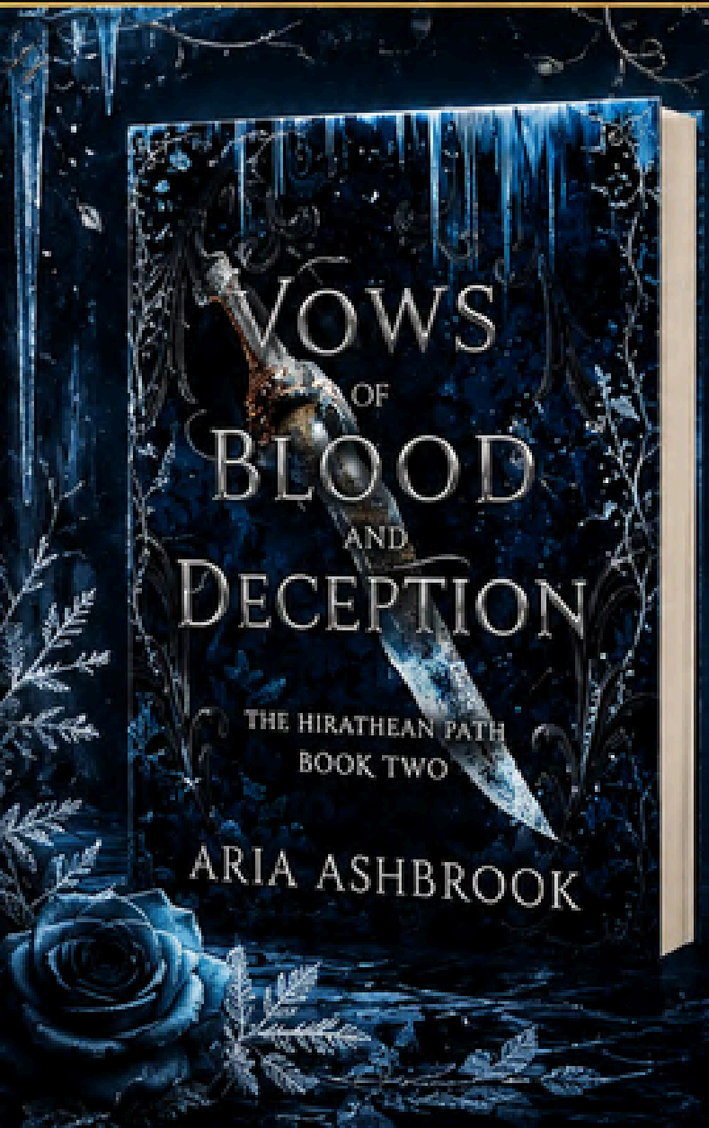


BOOK TWO

Vows of Blood and Deception

**SHE GOT EVERYTHING SHE ASKED FOR.
SO WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE SHE'S LOST IT ALL?**

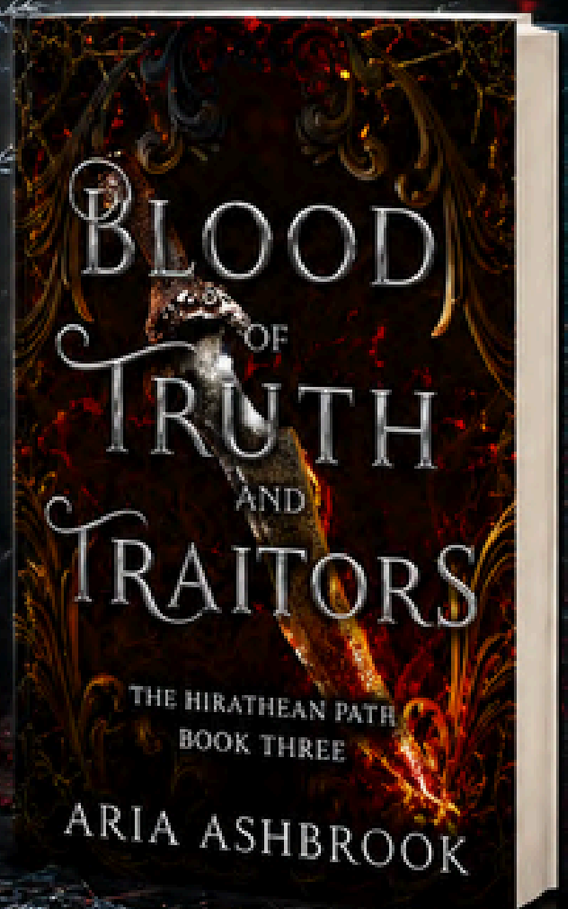
Rose Kultavaris survived the Retterheld. She reclaimed her magic. Her title. Her place at court. But victory can be a hollow thing.

Her sister's decisions have left her life in turmoil and the crown which Prince Kyor chose over her remains firmly on his arrogant head, while the tension between them is enough to rip the sky apart.

The palace celebrates her as the gifted, yet behind gilded doors alliances shift, secrets surface, and the past refuses to stay buried.

Old betrayals cut deeper than any blade, while new truths shatter everything she thought she knew. Rose is more alone than ever, and her power, now reclaimed, proves far more dangerous than anything else she has faced.

In a court built on lies and ambition, Rose must decide what she truly wants: vengeance, love, or something far more dangerous … freedom.



BOOK THREE

Blood of Truth and Traitors

POWER IS NOT A BLESSING. IT IS A CURSE.

Rose Kultavaris has always believed that power was the answer. Power to protect. Power to avenge. Power to choose her own fate.

But she was wrong.

Now she stands in a hidden city of ice and knowledge, where nothing is as savage as she was taught to believe, and everything she thought she knew about loyalty, heritage, and destiny begins to unravel.

As enemies circle closer and prophecies rise, Rose must train harder than ever to master the magic once ripped from her, even if Kyor despises the man tasked with teaching her.

Tension coils between them as Kyor remains bound by a vow that is strangling them both, torn between crown and conscience, duty and the woman he would burn the world to protect.

When war breaches even the safest borders and blood stains sacred ground, Rose is forced to confront a truth that could unmake her entirely.

Because destiny has not just chosen her.
It made her.
And it can unmake her just as easily.

Praise for the Series

> This book consumed me in a two-day, incapable-of-doing-anything-else binge. It made me laugh, it broke my heart, and it took me to heights of dizzy passion and heart-racing thrills. Move over, Fourth Wing and ACOTAR, 2026 is the year of *Web of Vows and Vengeance!*
>
> — Deborah Wilde, bestselling author of the *Unlikeable Demon Hunter* series.

> This fantasy romance debut hooks you from the beginning and pulls you along for the ride. Deadly trials, and deadlier secrets, along with a tension-filled romance that kept me glued to the page!
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> — Silas Reames, author of the Shifter Vengeance series.

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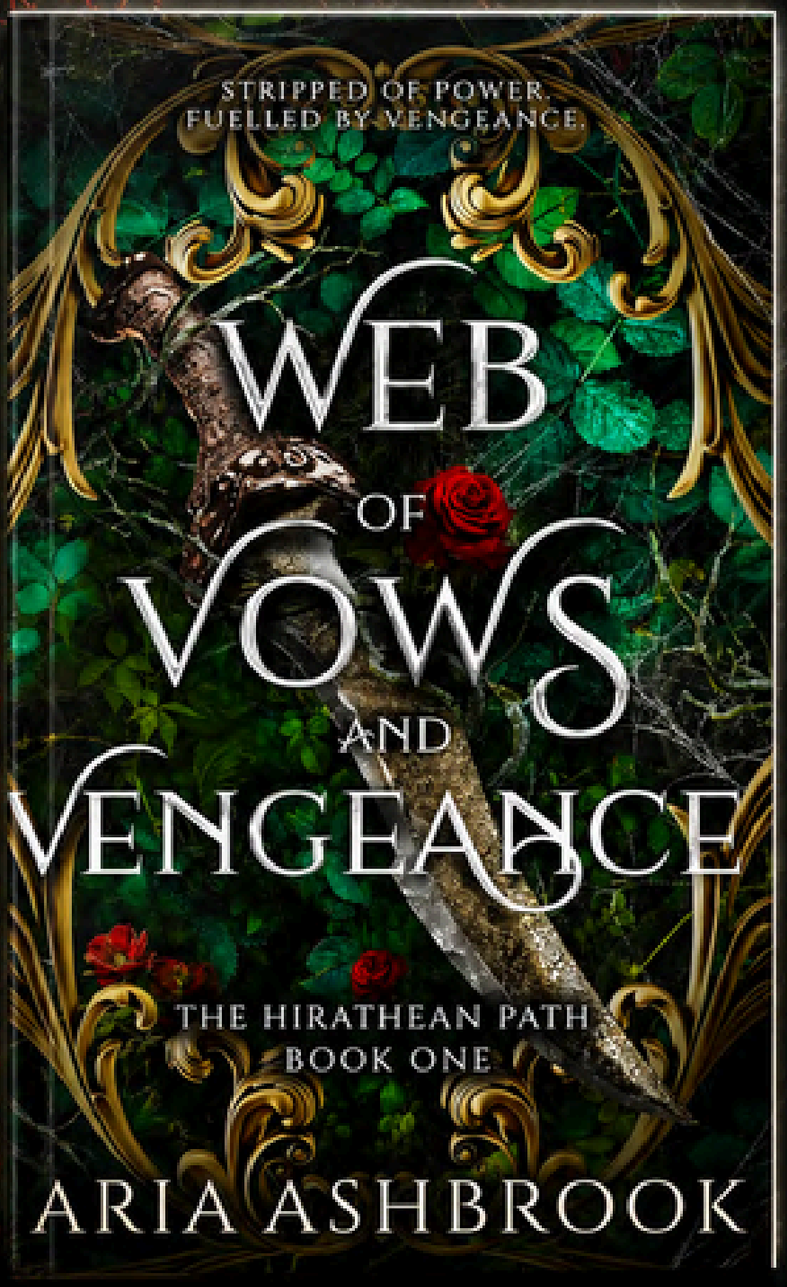

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About the Author

Aria Ashbrook writes enthralling dark romantasy filled with dangerous trials, sisterhood, and an enemies-to-lovers romance.

Aria Ashbrook is the shared pen name of award-winning authors Heather G. Harris and Hannah Lynn.

Together they craft cruel romantasy worlds where danger lurks, destiny calls, and love eventually conquers all.

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A SWEET, FLIRTY ROMANTIC COMEDY

He clicked "yes" on a dare. She bought a failing candy shop.

Renley Gossage has one shot to prove she's more than Cape Meril's favorite cautionary tale: restore her favorite candy shop before the town writes her off like they did her father.

Theo Williams never planned on ending up in Cape Meril. A drunken game turned into a botched online engagement, and now he's escaping his father's control with nothing but designer shoes and misplaced confidence.

She's practical, stubborn, and covered in paint. He's posh, persistent, and willing to use a sander if it means earning her trust.

Between collapsing drywall, gossiping neighbors, and the chaotic schemes of Renley's aunt, their forced proximity turns into something dangerously close to real.

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Scottie's new job is a sausage fest. So when she mentions her nonexistent husband in a meeting, her boss has a solution—marriage counseling with his own husband.

With no way out of her lie, Scottie recruits her best friend's brother, Wilder Wells, improv-obsessed millionaire, to play along. One rule: always say yes.

Now they're off to eight days of marriage camp with her coworkers… sharing a cabin, sharing secrets, and maybe sharing more than pretend.

Fake vows. Real sparks. One unforgettable summer.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

When I was in high school I occasionally read books but was consumed by other teenage things. It wasn't until I received a Kindle for Christmas one year that my world completely flipped upside down.

You can either find my head buried in my Kindle, listening to inspiring heart ripping music, or typing away on the computer twisting the lives of my characters.

I currently reside in beautiful Colorado Springs with the love of my life and my five, four-legged children.

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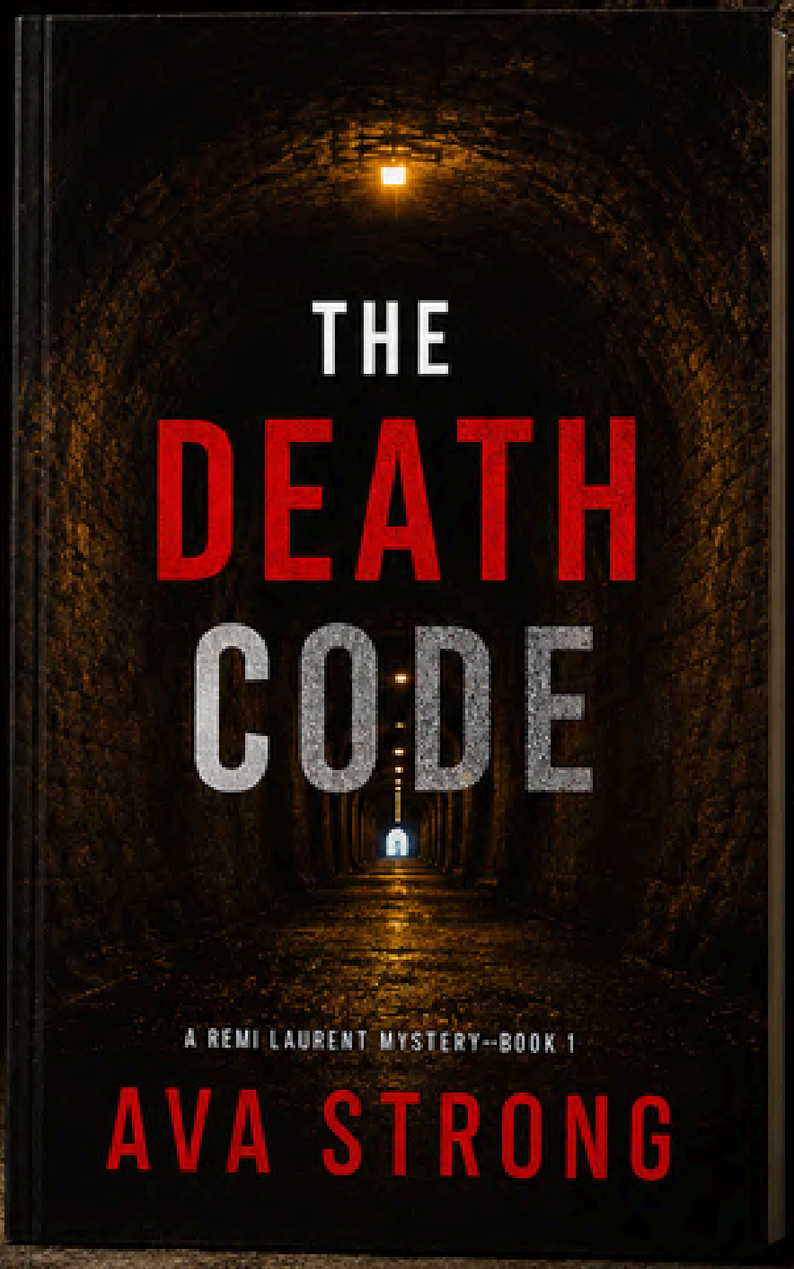

A serial killer is turning history into a weapon.

Obscure landmarks. Forgotten tragedies. Carefully chosen victims. FBI Special Agent Daniel Walker teams up with historian Remi Laurent to decode the killer's twisted clues—before the next death is etched into the past forever.

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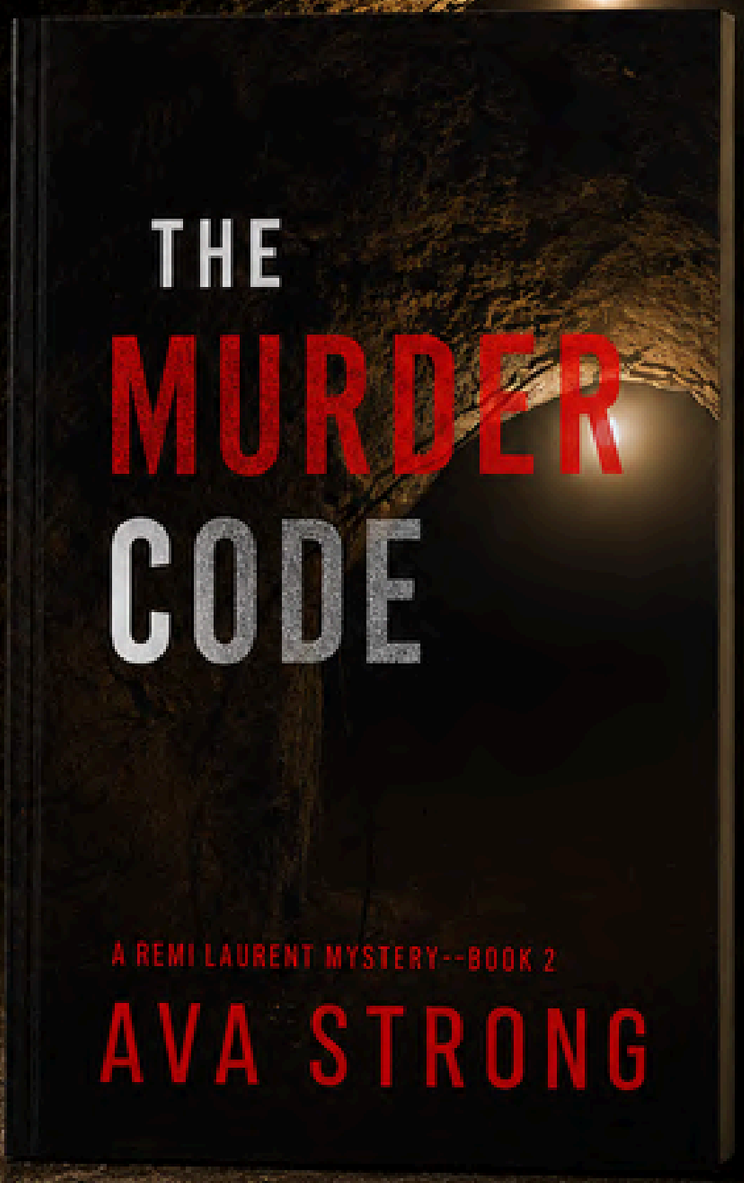

A priceless historic painting is stolen from a museum in Washington, D.C., and a dead body is found with it.

The trail leads to Paris and the Louvre.

Agent Walker must again seek historian Remi Laurent's help.

Together, they decode clues and race to stop a diabolical killer before another masterpiece—and another life—are lost.

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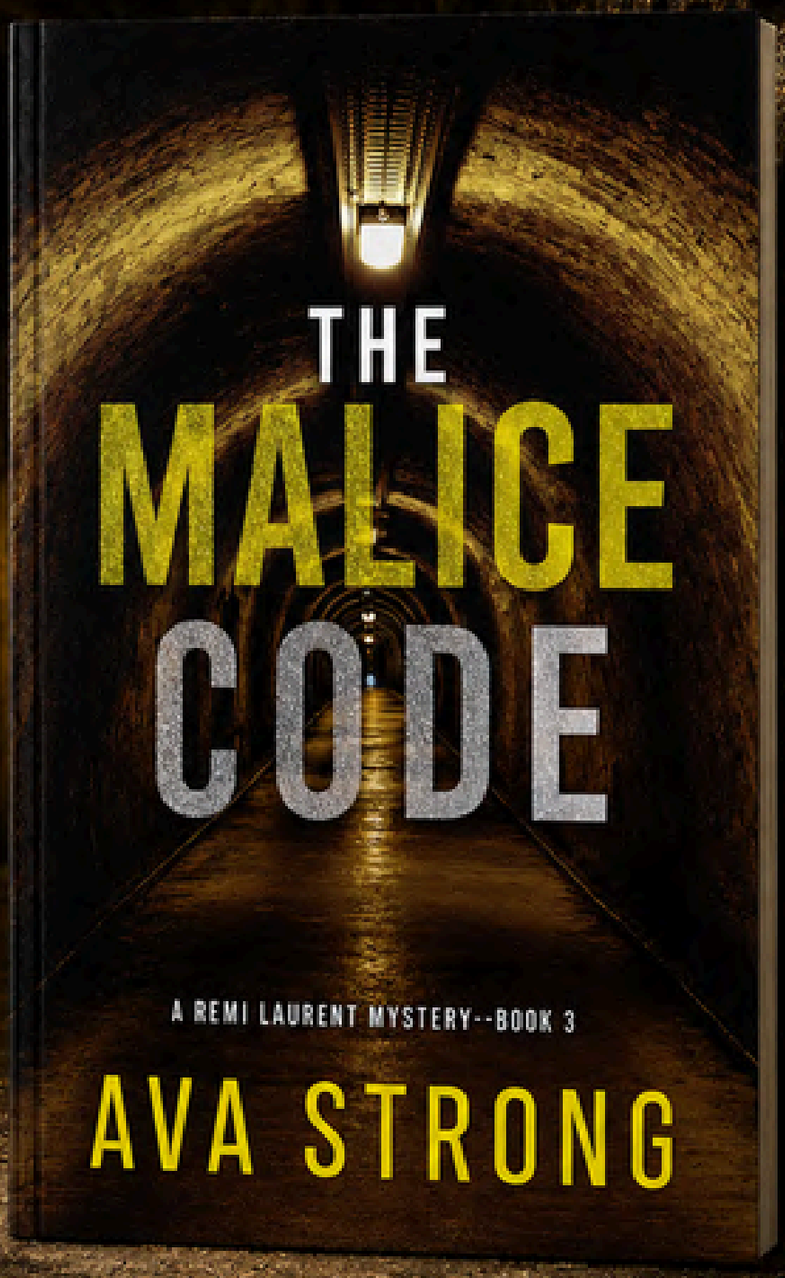
An American is found murdered in Italy, and the killer leaves behind a chilling message—his obsession with ancient church relics.

The FBI Antiquities unit is called in.

Special Agent Walker needs Remi Laurent's expertise.

From the Vatican's hidden archives to forgotten churches in Tuscany, they must follow the clues and solve the riddle before the killer strikes again.



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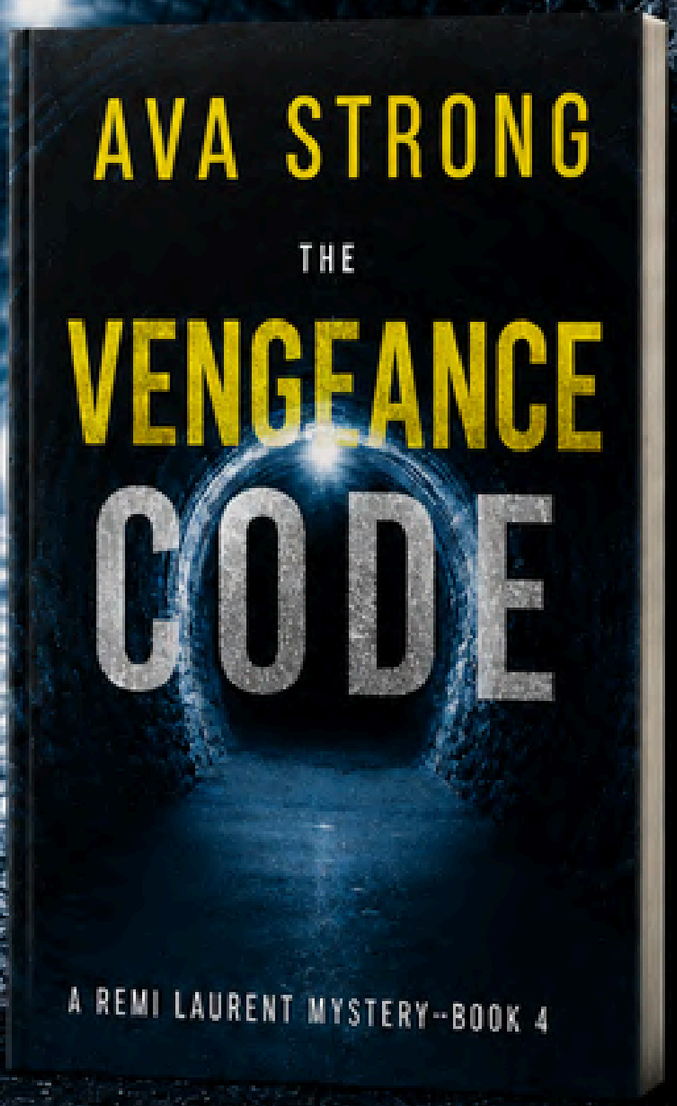

A man is found murdered in Istanbul. His only possession: a cryptic map that points to something ancient and inconceivable—**the Holy Ark.**

From the deserts of Jordan to the ruins of Ethiopia, Special Agent Remi Laurent and her team follow a trail of blood, secrets, and deception. A ruthless hunter is always one step ahead, and the Ark's power could **reshape the world.**

To stop a war, Remi must outwit a killer, uncover the truth, and claim the relic before it falls into the wrong hands. The past is waking up. **The final reckoning has begun.**

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ava Strong writes high-stakes mysteries where history hides deadly secrets and ordinary people become extraordinary heroes. Her Remi Laurent Mystery series blends global adventure, ancient enigmas, and relentless suspense.

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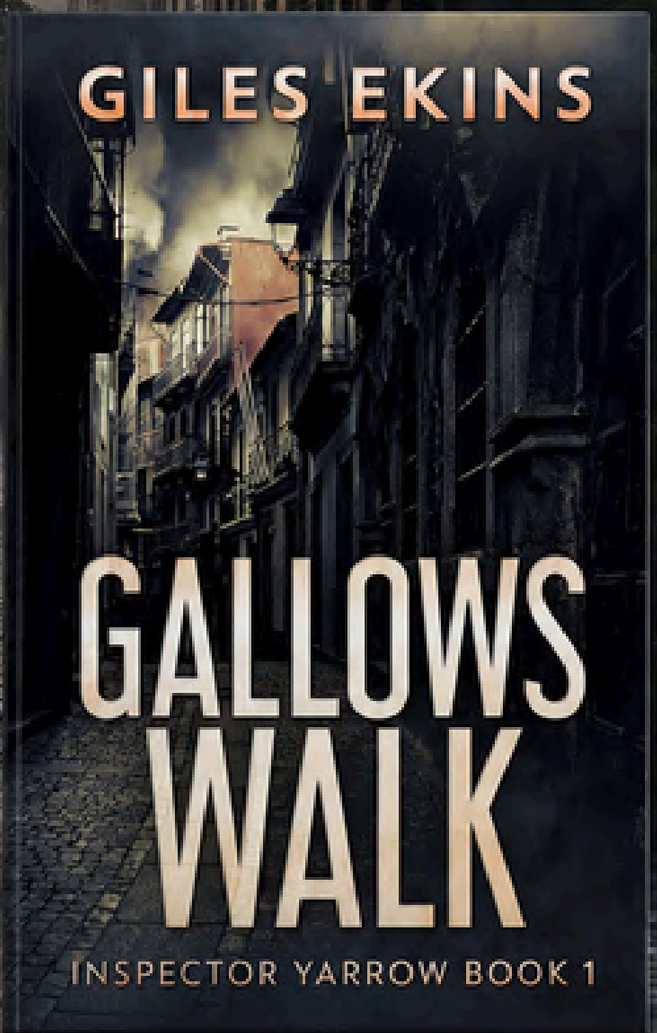

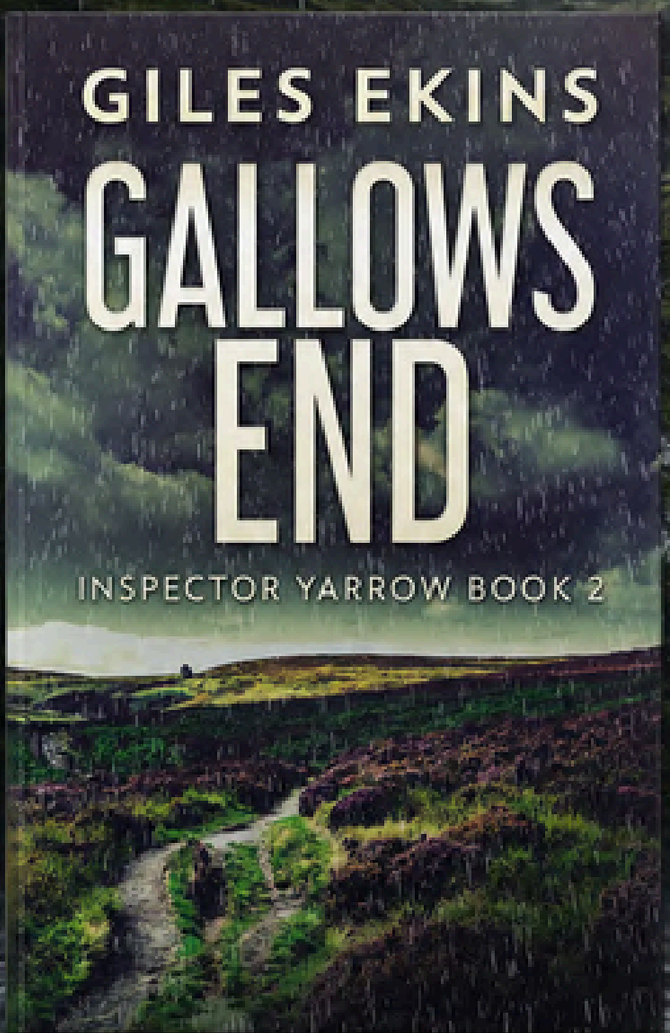

Two atmospheric historical crime novels set in 1950s Britain, following D.I. Christopher Yarrow through deadly investigations, buried secrets, and cases where every clue carries consequence.

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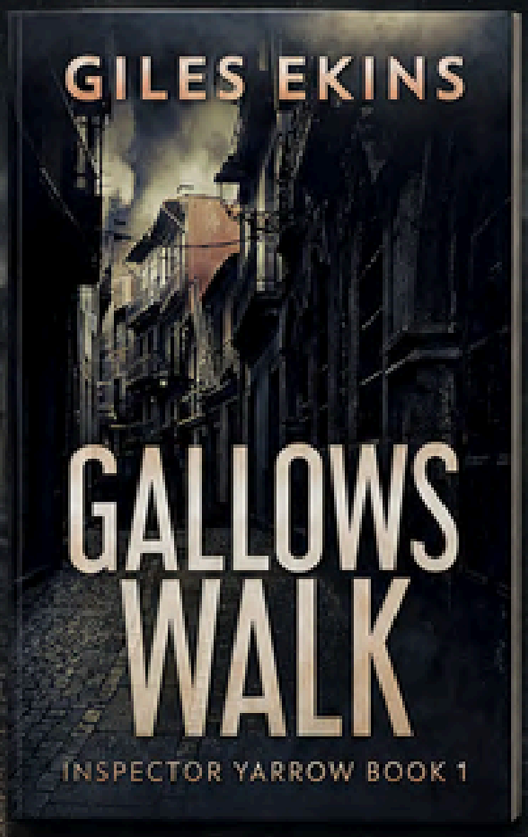
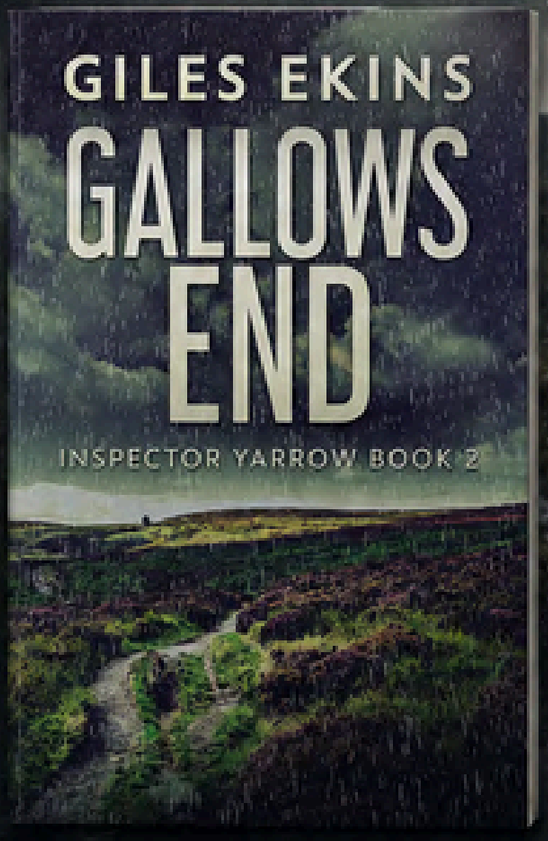


GALLOWS WALK

In 1950s United Kingdom, West Garside is a small, rather uneventful town—until a bungled bank robbery leaves two people dead. Former Battle of Britain pilot and detective D.I. Christopher Yarrow leads the manhunt, but the killer seems to stay one step ahead of every clue.



GALLOWS END

1950s Yorkshire. D.I. Yarrow faces three seemingly unconnected murders: a long-dead body on the moors, a wife and mother beaten to death, and a body found on a local golf course. As the cases deepen, one tragic encounter changes everything.

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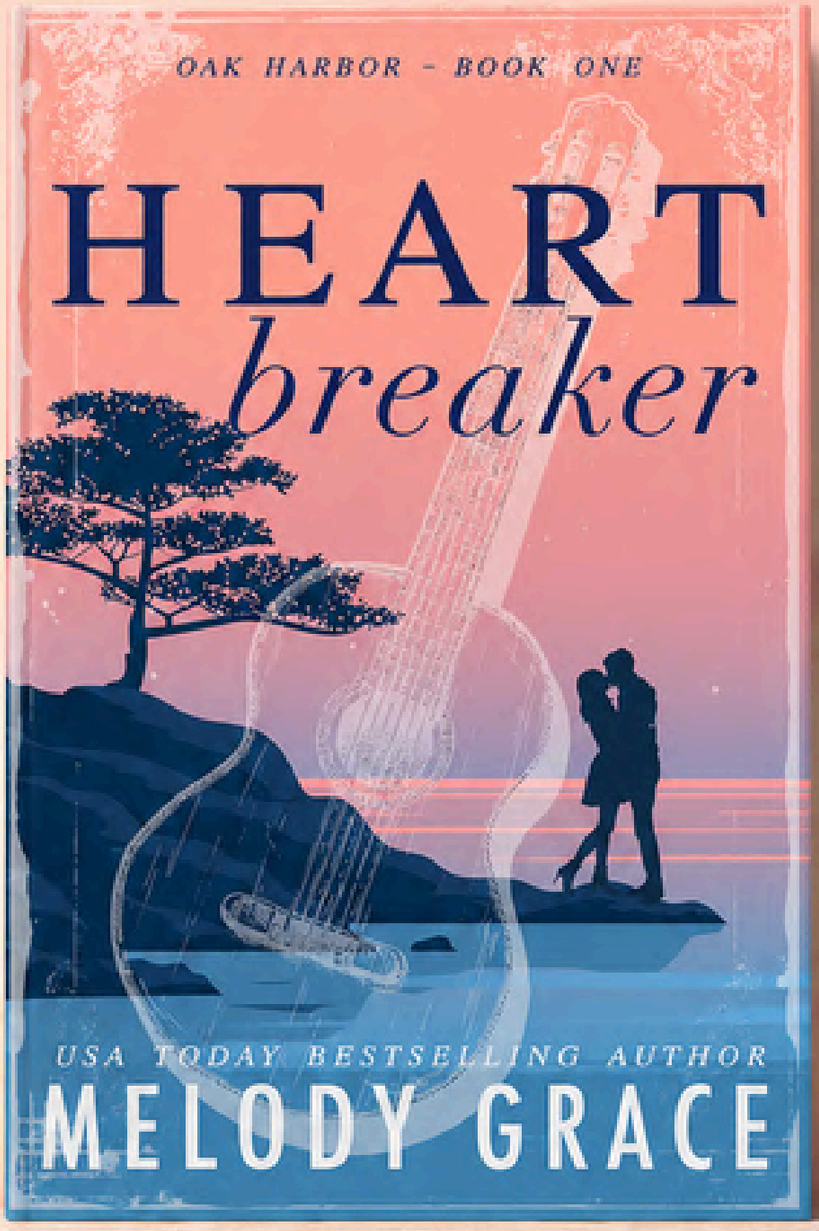

They say time heals a broken heart, but moving on is impossible when your ex is the most famous man on the planet.

Eva can't escape Finn McKay's face—or the memories of the boy she first loved.

Now the sexy rock star is back in town, determined to win her over again.

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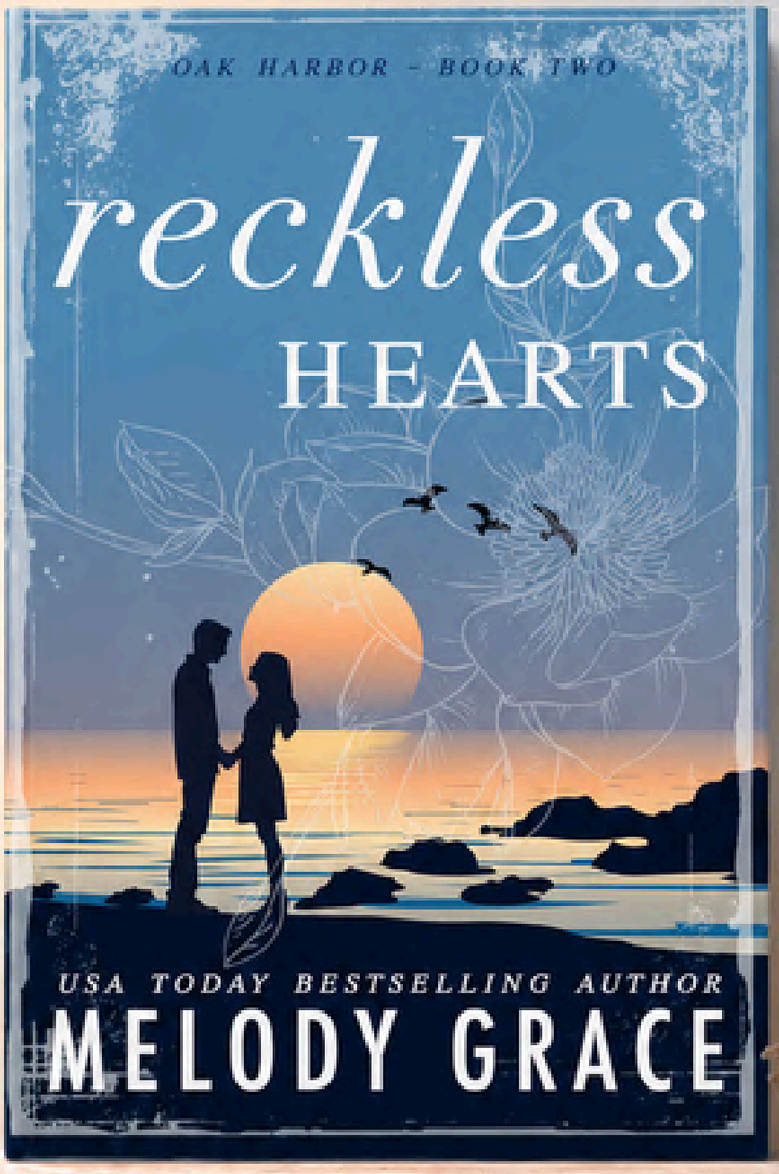

Delilah Morgan doesn't believe in relationships, but hot craftsman Will Montgomery is determined to prove her wrong.

He was supposed to be just one impulsive kiss with a sexy stranger, but now he's arrived in Oak Harbor, ready to stay —and ready to show Delilah he's worth a chance.

She's been hurt before, and love has always ended in tears, but Will seems different.

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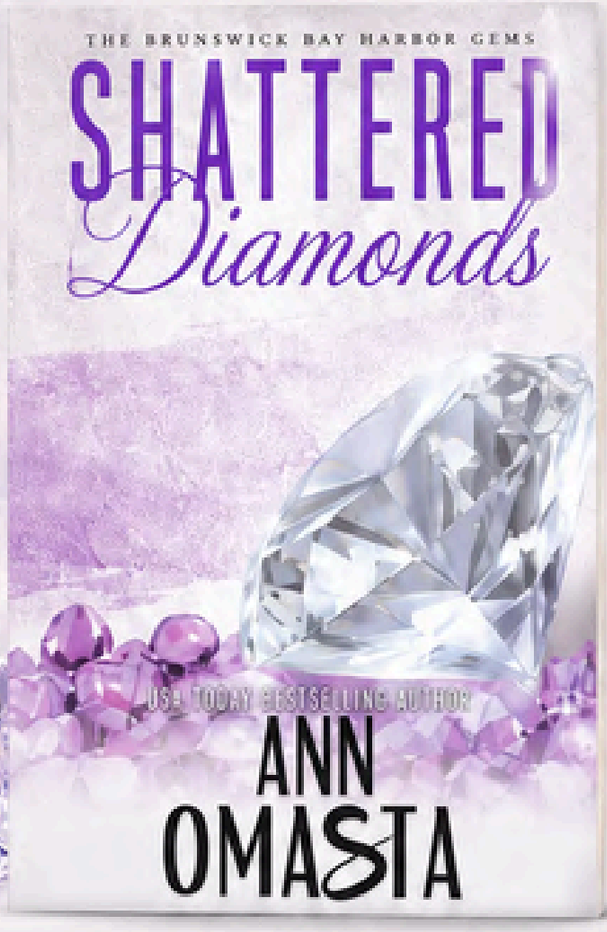

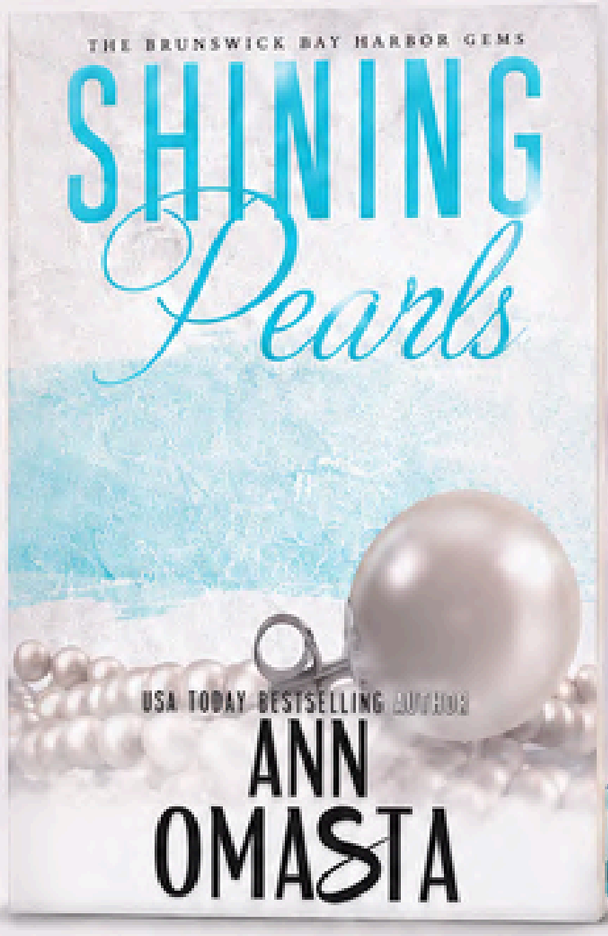

SHATTERED DIAMONDS

When Alex's wife disappears,
he becomes the prime suspect.
Newly single and fighting to protect
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unexpected hope—and love—with
Josie, the only one who believes in him.

SHINING PEARLS

Alex and Josie are finally building
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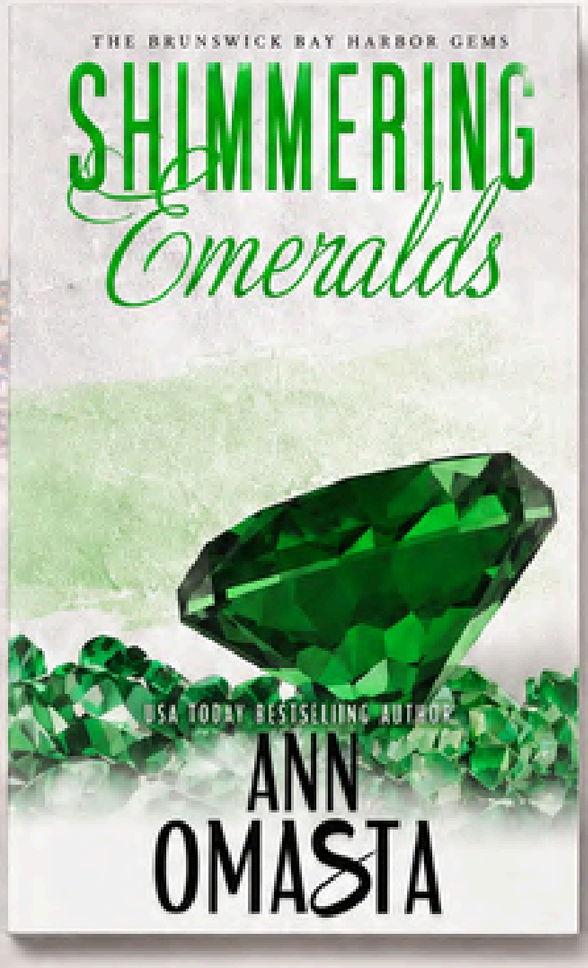

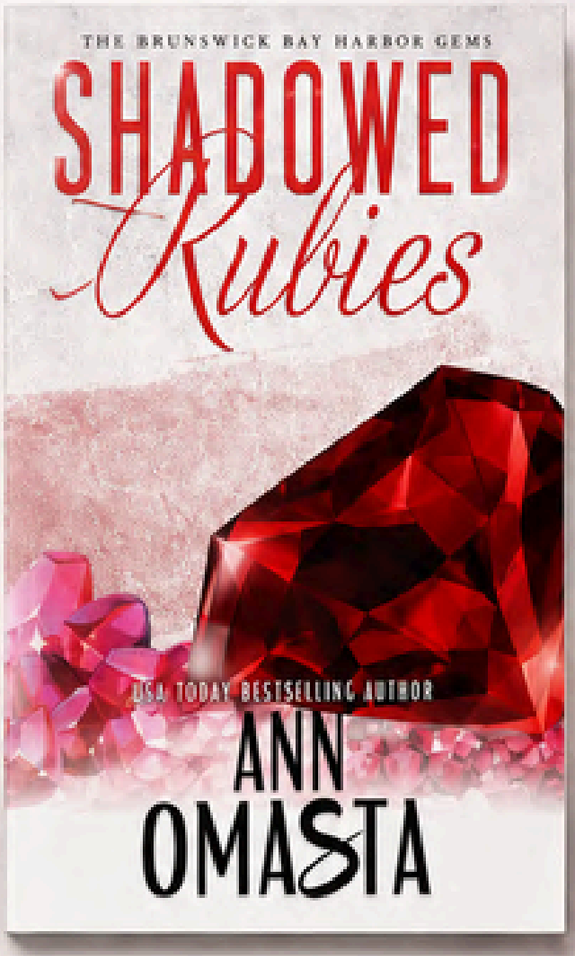

SHIMMERING EMERALDS

An emotional opposites-attract, second-chance romance. Independent single mom Meg Stark reconnects with country singer Levi Ryan, but a tragic school bus accident forces buried secrets and old wounds back to the surface.

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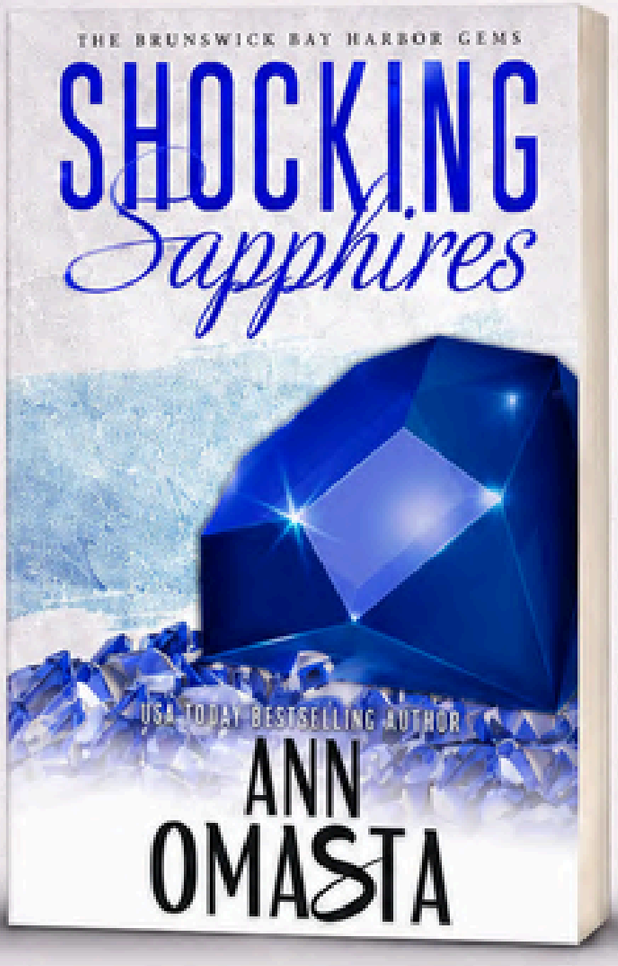

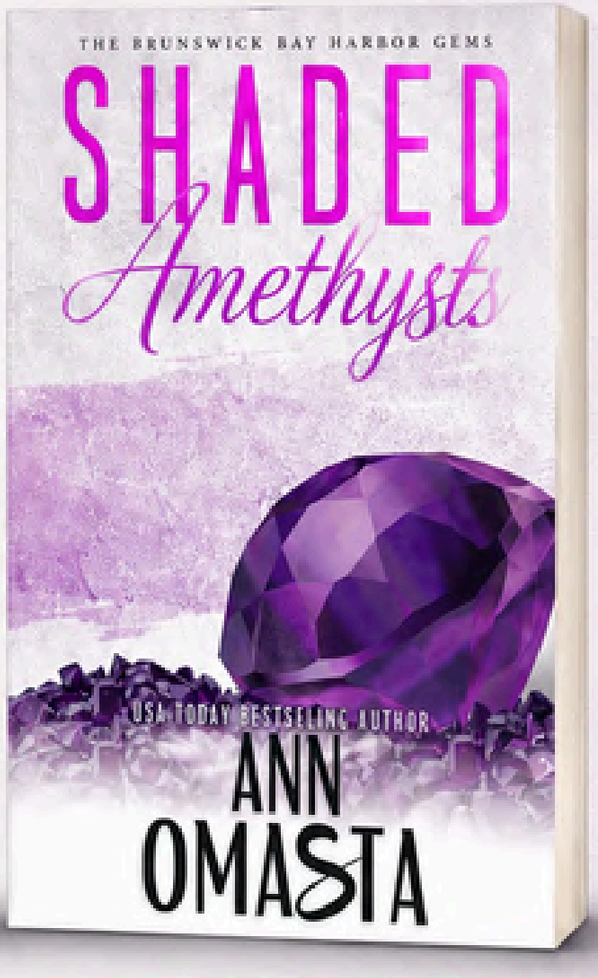

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A heartwarming opposites-attract romance where a single mom caring for an abandoned baby is swept into a life-changing connection with the baby's famous father.

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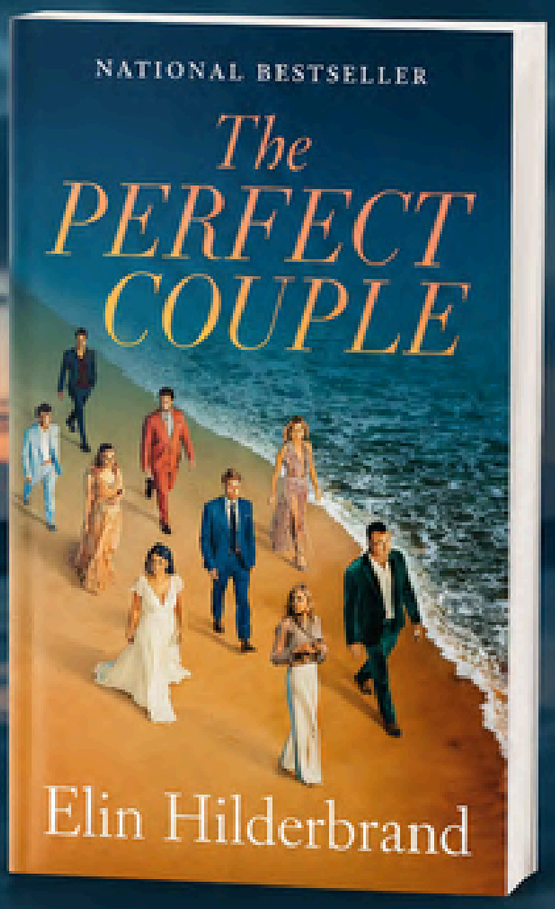

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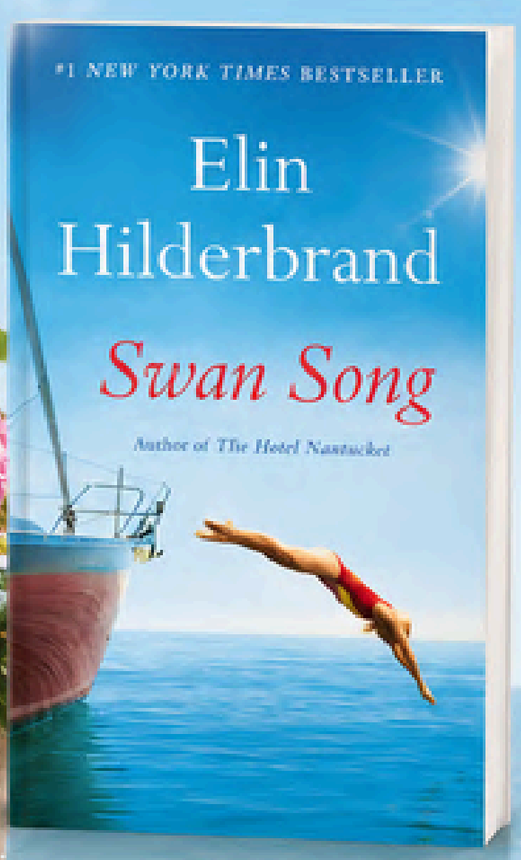

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A Summer Affair

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The perfect wife and mother finds the perfect temptation in this "perfect summer cocktail of sex, sun, and scandal" (*Kirkus Reviews*).

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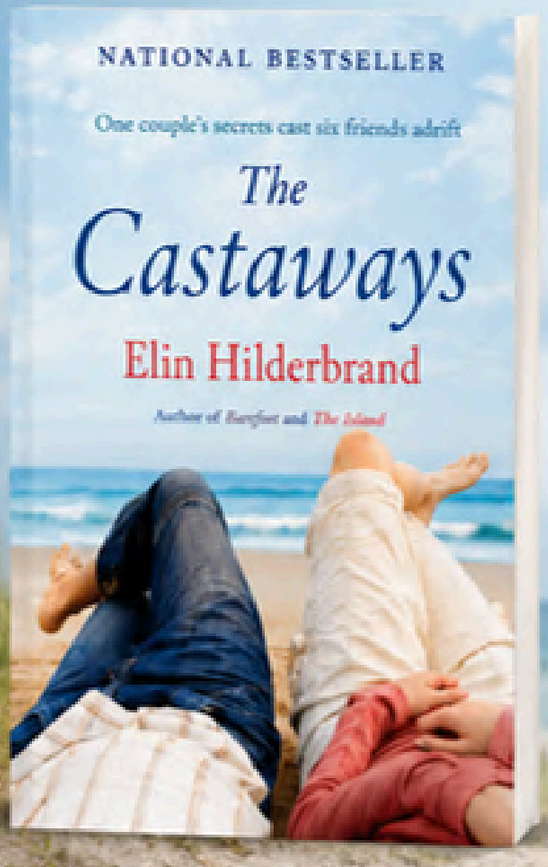

The Castaways

ELIN HILDERBRAND

"The perfect summer read" (*Booklist*) from *New York Times* bestselling author Elin Hilderbrand: an intense tale of love and loyalty set against the backdrop of endless summer island life.

After a mysterious anniversary sailing tragedy off Nantucket, six close friends are forced to confront grief, betrayal, and long-buried secrets.

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JUNE

Suddenly,
there's nothing to do
and too much—
the lawn, paths, woods
were never so green
white blossoms of every
size and shape—hydrangea,
Chinese dogwood, mock orange
spill their glistening—

Rose Styron, 'Summer Solstice'



RYAN CAHILL

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Ryan Cahill is an epic Fantasy author from Dublin, Ireland.

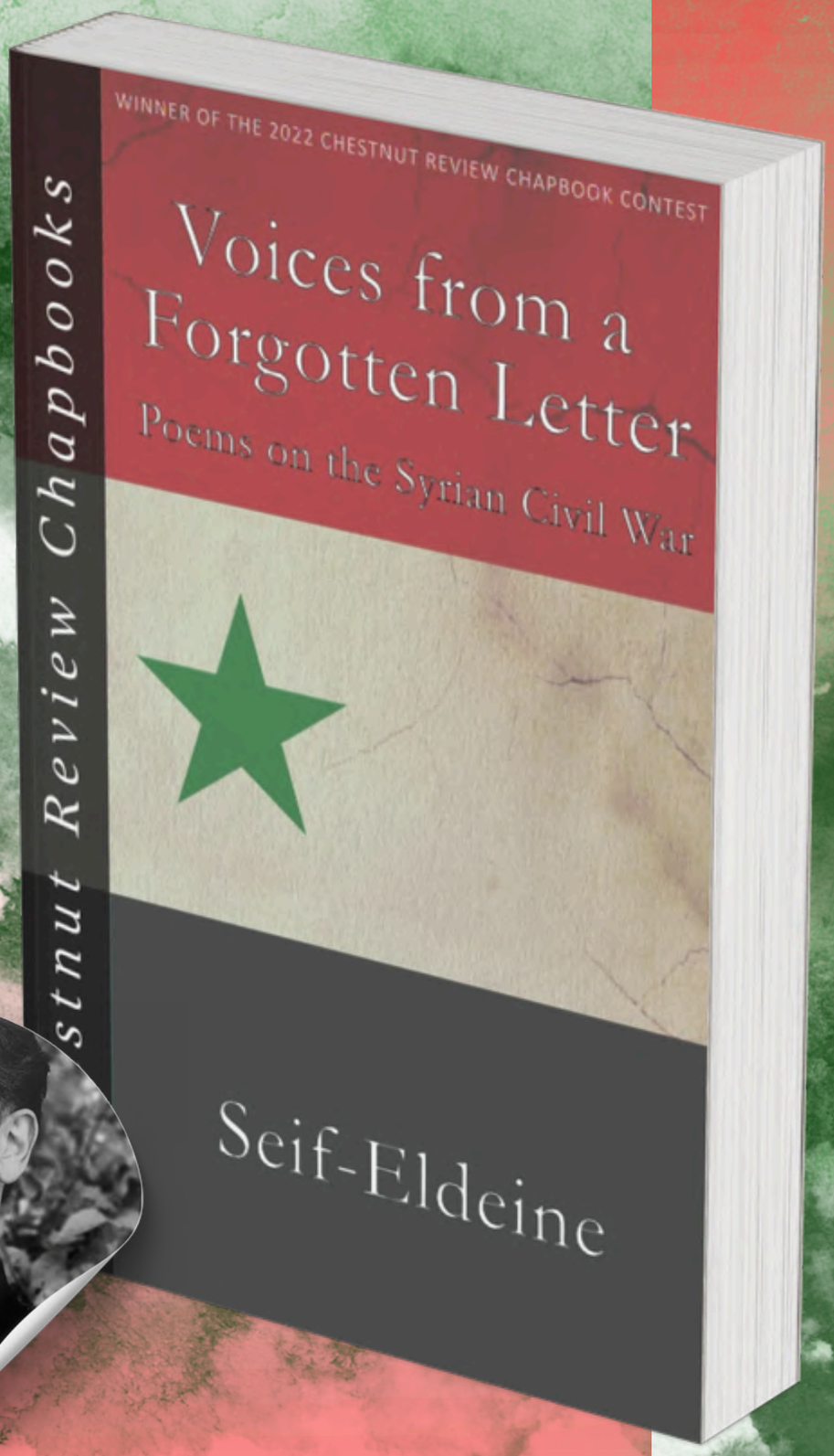
Raised by parents who cherished books and adored stories, he has always been fascinated with the art of storytelling.

Growing up with authors such as J.K.Rowling, Terry Prachett and J.R.R. Tolkien – before discovering the worlds of George R.R.Martin, Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson – Ryan was always immersed in the art of worldbuilding.

In the creation of a world that could transport you to a place in your mind where nothing else could ever reach you.

There are three things Ryan has always told himself about writing. Write the books you want to read. Write the books that your younger self would be proud of you for reading. Make sure they have dragons.





Voices from a Forgotten Letter: Poems on the Syrian Civil War explores the Syrian Civil War from the perspectives of civilians, Unique in the war canon because of its focus on civilians, this book will give you a perspective of war you have never seen before. The civilians range from the young to the old, from the educated to the working class, from refugees to the wives of soldiers. Each civilian has a deep psyche brought about by the author's ties to the region, undergraduate degree, travel in the region before the war, and extensive research."

"A record of a country and people in crisis rendered in fearless, anguishing detail." Kirkus Reviews (Starred Review)

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Cookie's Sweetest Day: Where Friendship Leads the Way is a charming children's story that invites young readers into the sugary wonderland of Dessertville, a place where kindness is as abundant as frosting and every corner holds a delightful surprise. In this cheerful world of cupcake houses, rainbow lollipop bushes, and jellybean paths, Cookie is about to discover that the best days aren't measured by treats alone—but by the friends who share them.

As Cookie sets out on what she hopes will be the sweetest day ever, she's joined by her loyal companions, Sprinklehop, a bouncy friend bursting with excitement, and Honeywhiskers, whose gentle wisdom keeps the group on track. Together, they explore Dessertville, face small but meaningful challenges, and learn how cooperation, creativity, and empathy can turn ordinary moments into unforgettable adventures.

Along the way, the trio discovers delicious surprises, playful mishaps, and heartfelt lessons that show how working together makes even the trickiest situations easier—and far more fun. With every step, Cookie learns that true sweetness comes from helping others, listening to friends, and celebrating what makes each of them special.

Perfect for read-aloud time or independent reading, *Cookie's Sweetest Day* blends colorful imagination with a warm message about friendship and teamwork. Filled with joy, gentle humor, and heartfelt moments, this sprinkle-filled tale reminds children and grown-ups alike that when friendship leads the way, every day can be truly magical.

This book is available online and can be purchased at online bookstores.

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Cookie's Sweetest Day

Where Friendship Leads the Way!

by SONIA GT



Book Reviews

"*What I loved most is that it was an easy read that kept their attention from beginning to end. They were engaged with the story, enjoyed the characters, and looked forward to seeing what would happen next. As someone who loves giving books that are both entertaining and meaningful, this one was a great choice.*"

A sweet book that kept the little peoples attention
R.A. ★★★★★

"*Sonia GT has created an incredibly vivid, imaginative world in Dessertville—the cupcake houses and rainbow lollipop bushes completely captured my children's imaginations! Beyond the wonderful, colorful setting, what I love most is the message. Watching Cookie, Sprinklehop, and Honeywhiskers use teamwork and kindness to navigate their adventure is a gentle, perfect reminder for young kids about what true friendship looks like. Highly recommend for any young reader's bookshelf!*"

Childhood Friendship and What is it look like!
SPatel ★★★★★

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"*The book keep the kids attention throughout and resulted in a lot of good, inquiring questions. The pictures in the book are simply gorgeous, bright and kept the kids mesmerized. The author really took time to connect with her audience and I love that!*"

Fun, Bright and Engaging Read
L.Starr ★★★★★

About the Author

Sonia GT is a storyteller, animal lover, and devoted believer in everyday magic. From a young age, she knew she was destined to become an author, finding inspiration in kindness, imagination, and the power of true friendship. Cookie's Sweetest Day was written with genuine love and inspired by the meaningful friendships that shaped her life, as well as the remarkable people who believed in her dreams. Through her writing, Sonia brings her sweetest ideas to life, creating heartwarming stories that spark smiles, encourage compassion, and celebrate the simple magic found in every day.



PREVIEW

THE WOLF & THE DOE

by Rebecca Maureen



Still haunted by a violent shooting, Melanie hopes moving to a new city will bring peace. Instead, she crosses paths with Griffin, whose charm masks a possessive, unsettling darkness. As she uncovers troubling hints about his past and the women who vanished after knowing him, Melanie realizes she has become his next target. To survive, she must break free from his twisted control and turn the hunter into the hunted.

About the Author

Author Rebecca Maureen, originally from Missouri, moved to Indiana seeking a fresh start and a chance to grow beyond past hardships. She embraces life's small joys, finding strength in reflection and everyday gratitude. When she's not working, she spends her time painting with her daughter or exploring nature with her boyfriend. These moments of connection and creativity inspire her, shaping both her outlook and the stories she hopes to tell.

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Between Sessions

A Secret Between Us

by Annalise

Annalise moves to a remote town seeking a fresh start. Her carefully planned life is disrupted when an unexpected connection with a client challenges her values, professional boundaries, and understanding of love. As emotions intensify and secrets emerge, she must face the consequences of her choices and the impact they have on everyone involved. Between Sessions: A Secret Between Us is a moving story of passion, betrayal, forgiveness, and the difficult journey toward self-discovery and redemption.

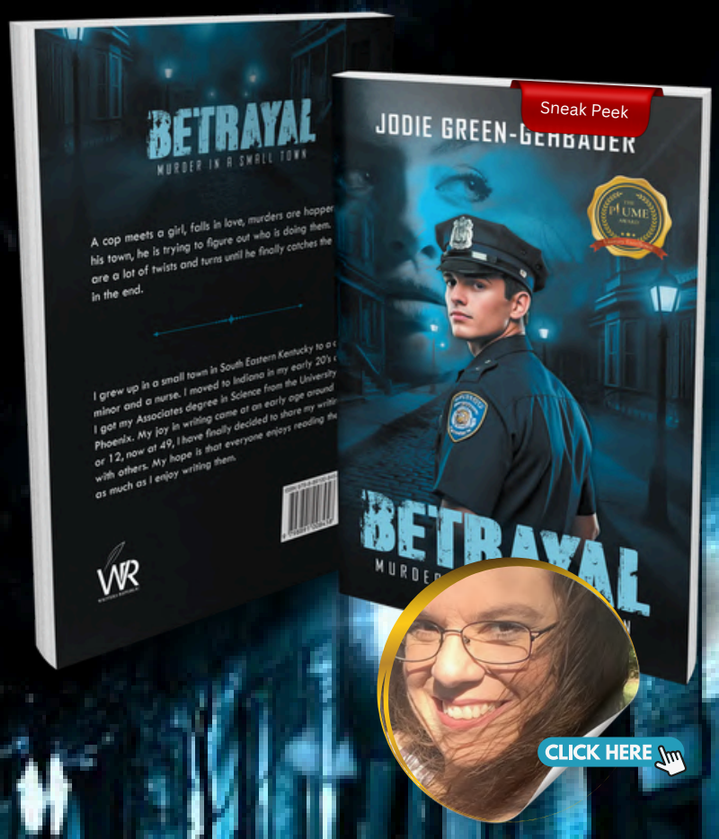
About the Author

Annalise is a social worker and debut author with a lifelong passion for understanding people and the relationships that shape their lives. Raised in a small hometown, she was known for following the rules and striving to help others. After earning her bachelor's degree in social work, she gained valuable insight into the complexities of love, trust, and personal growth. Writing anonymously, Annalise shares her deeply personal story with honesty and courage, hoping to offer comfort and understanding to readers facing their own struggles. Through her work, she encourages compassion, healing, forgiveness, and self-acceptance.

BETRAYAL

MURDER IN A SMALL TOWN

By Jodie Green-Gehbauer



Daniel Bennett, a thirty-two-year-old cop, had long resigned himself to the idea that his life would never mirror the classic love story. No grand romance, no fairy-tale ending—just the gritty reality of serving and protecting. His days were filled with traffic stops, paperwork, and the occasional high-stakes chase. But everything changed one rainy afternoon when he pulled up to a woman standing alone on the side of the road in a sketchy neighborhood.

What starts as a simple act of kindness soon blossoms into an unexpected romance, as Daniel learns that sometimes, love doesn't follow a plan—it finds you when you least expect it. Amid the backdrop of danger and duty, will their connection survive, or will their love story be lost in the storm? Follow Daniel's story in *Betrayal: Murder in a Small Town*.

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About the Author

Author Jodie Green-Gehbauer, a Kentucky native now living in Indiana, grew up with a coal miner father and nurse mother. She earned her associate's degree in science from the University of Phoenix. Jodie's passion for writing began early, around eleven. Now at fifty, she is sharing her work with the world, hoping her stories resonate with readers and bring them the same joy writing has brought her throughout her life.



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WHAT'S THE WORSE THAT CAN HAPPEN?

By Jimena L. Greyson



Each friend has their own unique traits, different from everyone else, even the twins. But one thing is for sure, they are bonded by their friendship and are each respected for their own quirkiness, and when they are all together, it's always a happy event. The book *What's the Worse that Can Happen?* tells the adventures of the friends in their joyride. Find out if the challenges this road trip bring the end to their friendship or make them closer than ever before.

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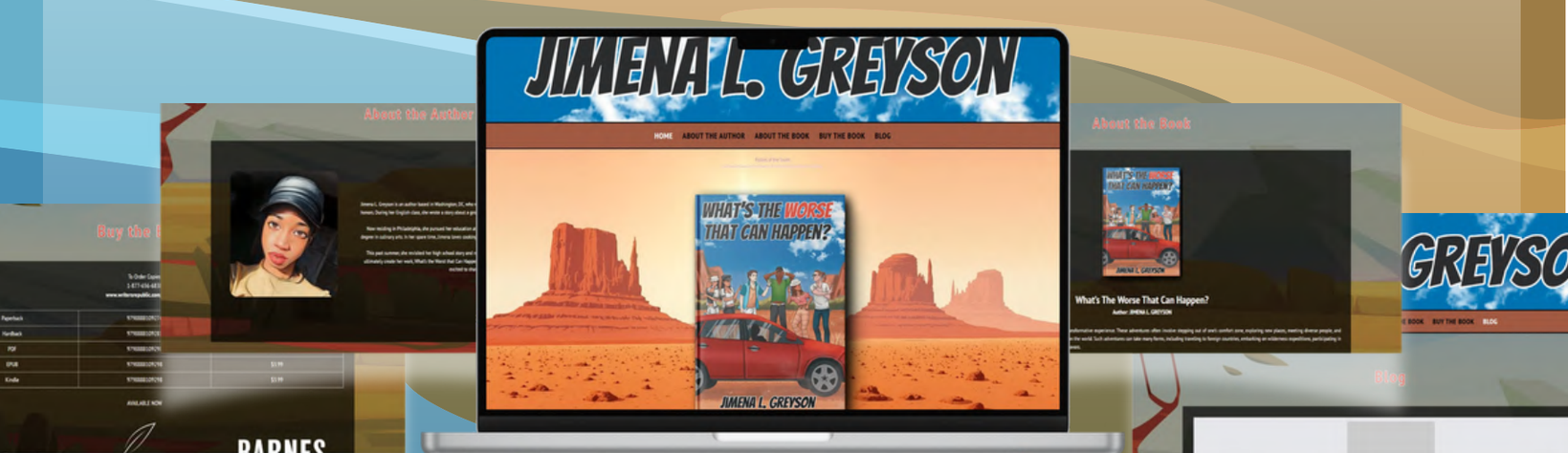
About the Author

Jimena L. Greyson is a gifted author whose literary journey began in the vibrant city of Washington, DC, where she was born. However, her childhood took a turning point when her family moved to the culturally rich backdrop of Philadelphia, PA. Growing up amidst the city's historical charm and diverse communities deeply shaped her storytelling.

From a young age, Jimena was homeschooled through high school, allowing her to explore her interests creatively. A pivotal moment came during an English assignment when she wrote a captivating story about friends on a road trip. This inspired her to turn the assignment into her debut published book, launching her writing career.

Jimena calls Philadelphia home, where she earned an Associate's degree from the Community College of Philadelphia, blending her academic goals with her love for writing. In her free time, she bakes, travels to explore new cultures, and cherishes moments with loved ones, always seeking inspiration for her storytelling.

This book is just the beginning of many exciting projects on the horizon. Jimena hopes that every reader who picks it up will find joy in the pages, just as she has found joy in the process of writing. She eagerly anticipates sharing more tales that resonate with the heart and uplift the spirit.



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JONATHAN MILLER

Chronicler, Storyteller, and Public Servant

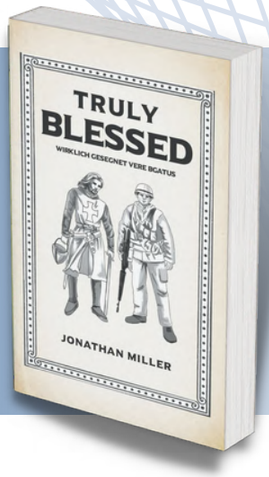


Author Jonathan Miller, born in historic Easton, Pennsylvania, grew up cherishing faith, family, and community. After training as an auto mechanic, he devoted 38 years to public service in Florida. A lifelong Lutheran, Jonathan draws on his experiences and beliefs to craft stories of perseverance, faith, and redemption. Through his writing, he inspires readers to recognize life's blessings and the guiding hand of God in even the most challenging moments.

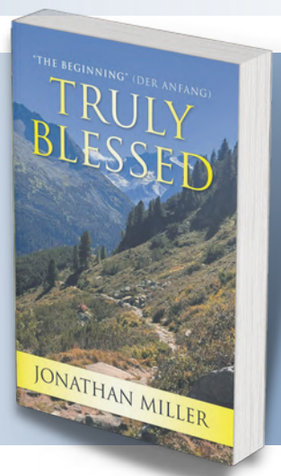
Book Trailer - Truly Blessed

Radio Interview with Steve Richards

Radio Interview with Viviana Dragani



Can a Person Be Truly Blessed?, author Jonathan Miller tells the story of a young man's transformation through God's teachings. As he overcomes challenges, he learns the importance of wisdom, humility, and charity. The book explores good versus evil, showing how God's guidance leads him to become a warrior of faith and love. Amid violence and hardship, he discovers unconditional love. This inspiring journey invites readers to question what it truly means to be blessed, even when faced with adversity.



The story takes place in Austria on a bitter winter in 1895. *Truly Blessed: "The Beginning" (Der Anfang)* illustrates the life of Christian Bez, a devoted deacon whose life is destroyed by a false accusation of theft. Heavily brutalized by corrupt authorities and abandoned by his community, Christian refuses to surrender his faith. A divine encounter in the mountains reveals a new path, leading him on a dangerous journey to America in search of hope and renewal. From the villages of Graz to immigrant-filled Philadelphia, he faces hardship, prejudice, and the haunting echoes of his past. Rich in historical detail and spiritual depth, Truly Blessed is a powerful tale of injustice, perseverance, and the quiet miracles born from unwavering faith.

THE ATLANTIAN CHRONICLES

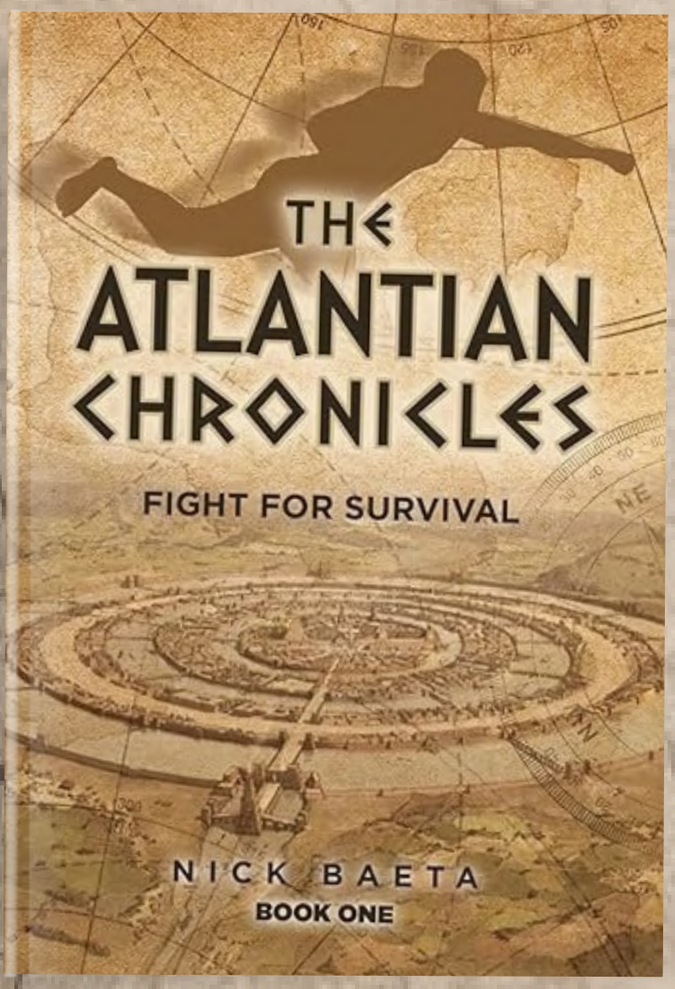
FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL

NICK BAETA

About the Book

Bryce Hillcrest, a typical teenager from Broadway Hills, Texas, whose life got flipped upside down after a violent encounter with a bully. Now on the run from a shadowy group known only as Unity. To survive, Bryce must rely on skills taught by his ex-Special Forces father and a mysterious power linked to his past.

As he faces relentless threats, Bryce discovers he holds a dangerous gift that Unity wants to control. On the run, he forges unexpected alliances and confronts formidable enemies. In The Atlantian Chronicles: Fight for Survival, Bryce embarks on a heart-pounding journey of self-discovery, survival, and justice.



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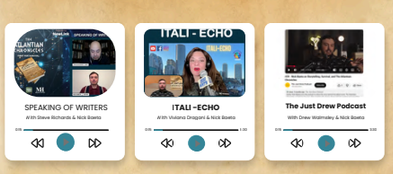

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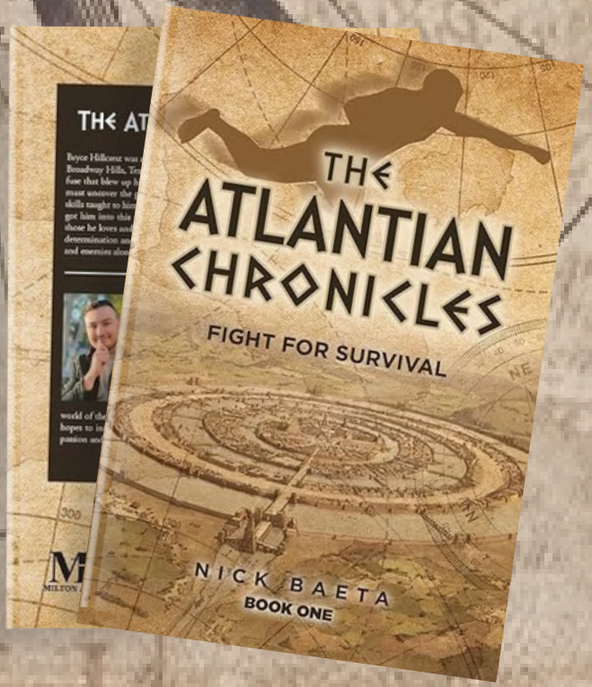



About the Author

Nick Baeta, a Canadian author from Ontario, has been crafting stories since his youth. Passionate about world-building, he draws on a wide range of genres, personal experiences, and martial arts training. Inspired by literary greats like Jack Carr, Rick Riordan, Ace Atkins, Lee Child, and J.K. Rowling, Nick created The Atlantian Chronicles: Fight for Survival to captivate readers of all ages and inspire aspiring writers to follow their creative passions.

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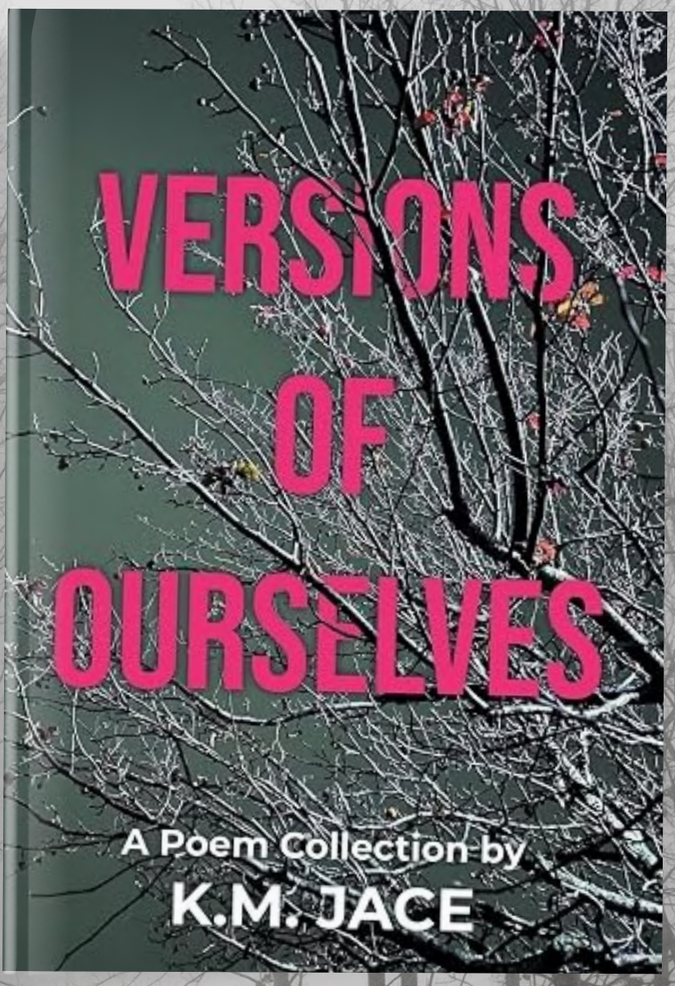
VERSIONS OF OURSELVES

K.M. JACE

About the Book

Versions of Ourselves: A Poem Collection is a heartfelt exploration of identity, memory, happiness, pain, and healing. Through intimate and reflective verses, the poet captures the many versions of self that form through time, trauma, and transformation. Some memories fade, and then others shine brightly—but all contribute to the person we are becoming. With a tone that is both tender and courageous, these poems invite readers to look inward and rediscover the parts of themselves they may have forgotten or hidden. This collection reminds us that even in our most broken moments, there is beauty, growth, and light. Versions of Ourselves is a journey of self-recognition and grace, even forgiveness—an invitation to finally meet yourself, wholly and honestly.



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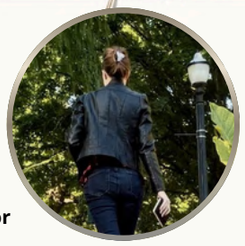


About the Author

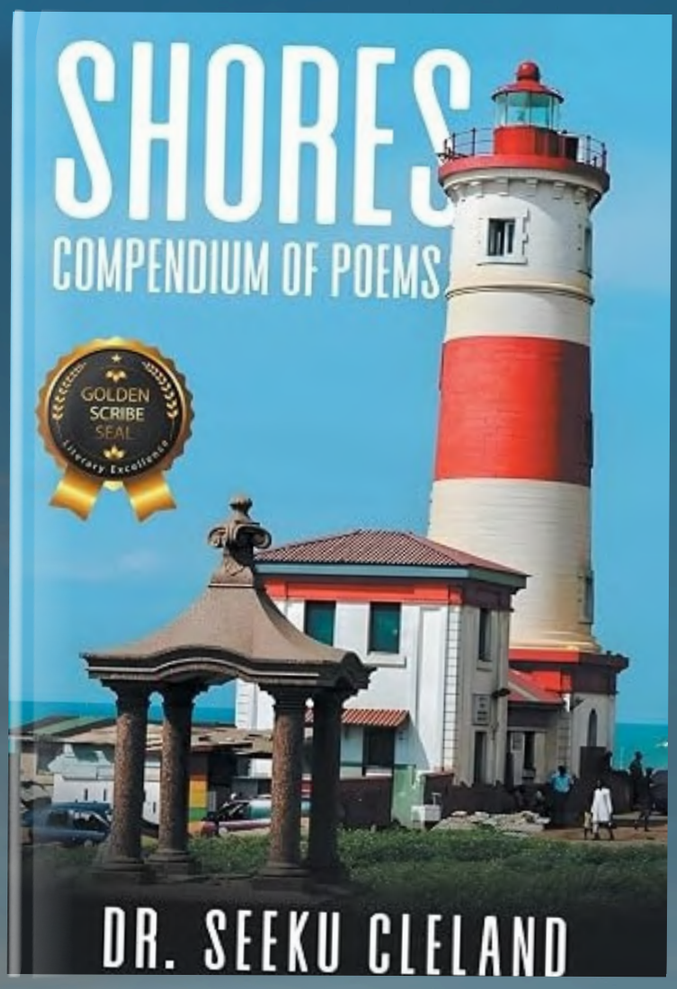
Author K.M. Jace, a Midwest native, has turned to writing for comfort, clarity, and creative expression since she was young. Deeply moved by the connection between emotion and language, she found her voice in poetry and her peace in nature. Merging these passions, she began pairing her reflective writing with nature photography. Versions of Ourselves marks her debut poetry collection, inviting readers into a journey of healing, identity, and self-discovery.

SHORES: COMPENDIUM OF POEMS

DR. SEEKU CLELAND

About the Book

Shores: Compendium of Poems is a stirring collection that explores the depths of life, love, identity, and mortality through the lens of activism and empathy. The author is a passionate advocate for the poor and disenfranchised, and he weaves pressing social issues—such as cancel culture and climate change—into poetry that challenges, heals, and inspires a person, and eventually a society. Each piece offers fresh perspective on the human condition, blending personal insight with universal themes. With lyrical grace and unflinching honesty, Shores speaks to anyone seeking meaning in a complex world. This collection is both a refuge and a rallying cry—a poetic journey that invites readers to reflect, connect, and reimagine the world with compassion and courage.



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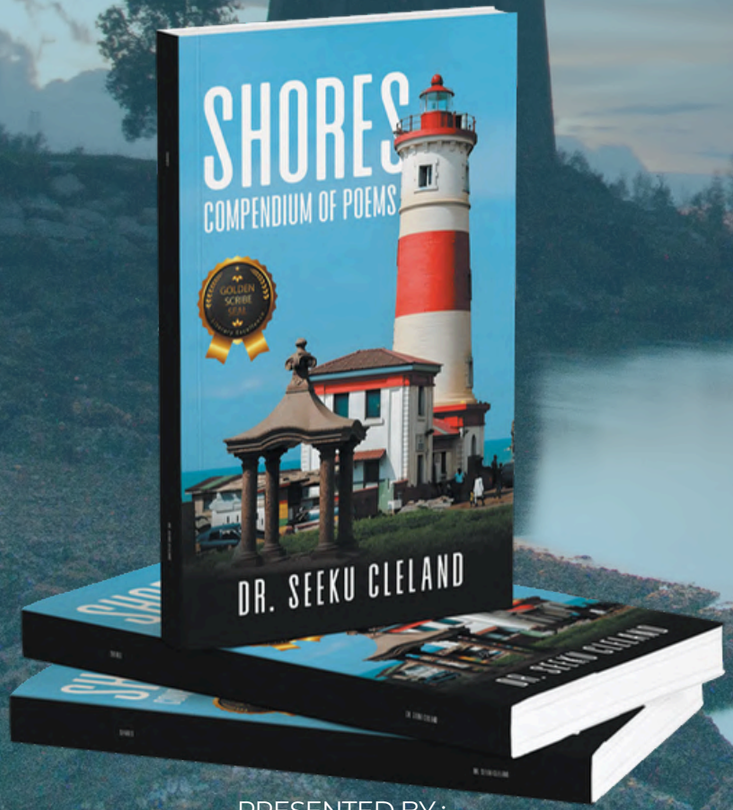



GOLDEN SCRIBE SEAL
Literary Excellence

About the Author

Author Dr. Seeku Cleland is originally from Ghana and lives in Maryland with his family. Dr. Cleland is a chemistry co-teacher and mentor at Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). Dr. Cleland is proud of his Ghanaian heritage and blends cultural themes and critical global issues in his poems. Dr. Cleland's work continues the legacy of his late Father, Ambassador Joseph Quao Cleland, a bona fide short story writer himself, and of his surviving mother, Naadu Sarah Cleland, who continues to instill in him the core values of respect, equality, and compassion for people of all races, religions, genders, and cultural backgrounds.

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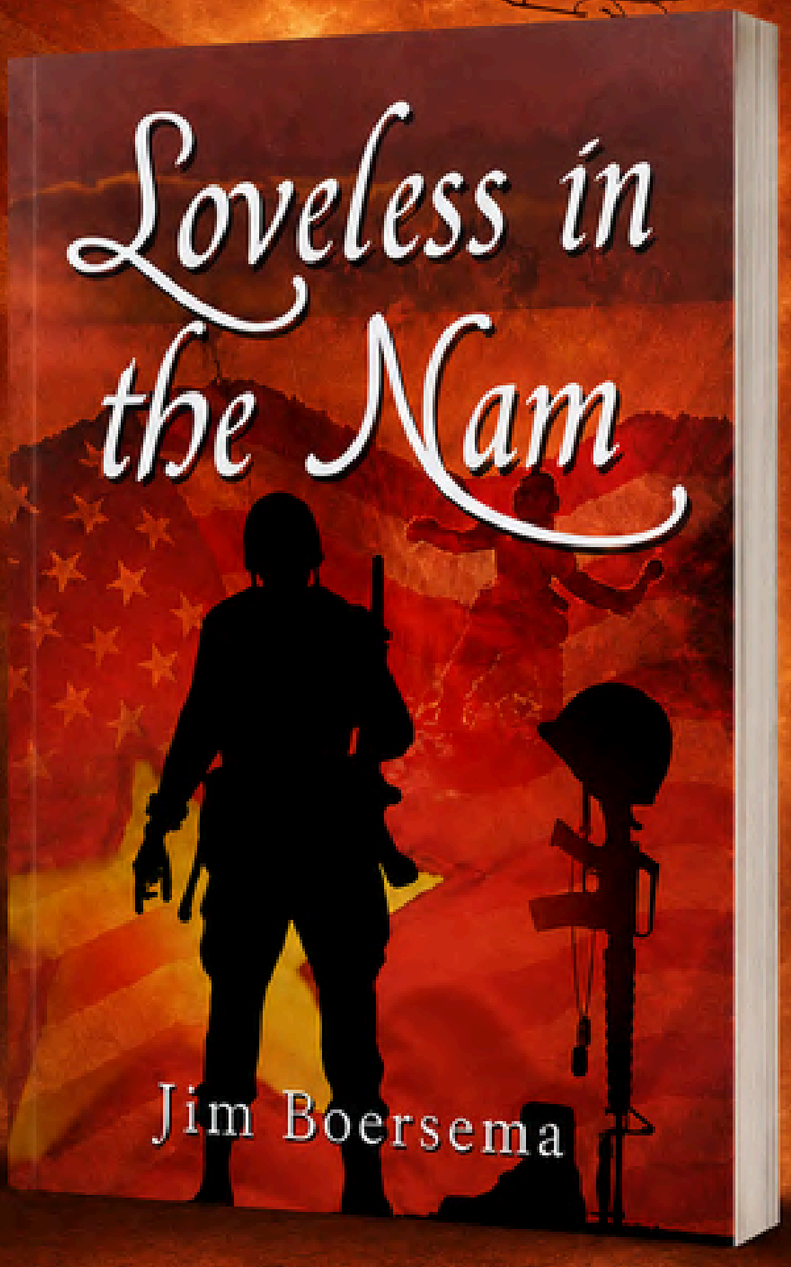
Loveless in the Nam

Jim Boersema



ABOUT THE BOOK

Loveless in the Nam is a fast-paced, darkly comic war tale about Second Lieutenant Frank J. Loveless, a man whose greatest enemy is often himself. One reckless affair destroys his comfortable assignment and lands him in a combat unit he's utterly unprepared to lead. Yet every disaster he causes somehow turns into an unearned triumph, earning him medals, praise, and a reputation built on misunderstanding and sheer luck. From chaotic firefights to scandalous escapades, Loveless stumbles through Vietnam with equal parts fear and charm—until a helicopter crash leaves him in enemy hands and forces a reckoning he can no longer avoid. At once gritty, absurd, and compelling, this is the untold story of a reluctant "hero" in a war he never meant to fight.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Author Jim Boersema is a retired US Army full colonel whose global upbringing and decades of military service shaped his deep interest in history and storytelling. A holder of four university degrees, he served in Vietnam and across Asia and the United States before settling in Hawaii, where he has lived for forty years. Highly decorated in public relations and knighted by the Royal Order of Constantine the Great and Saint Helen, he continues to serve on several nonprofit boards and write with passion.

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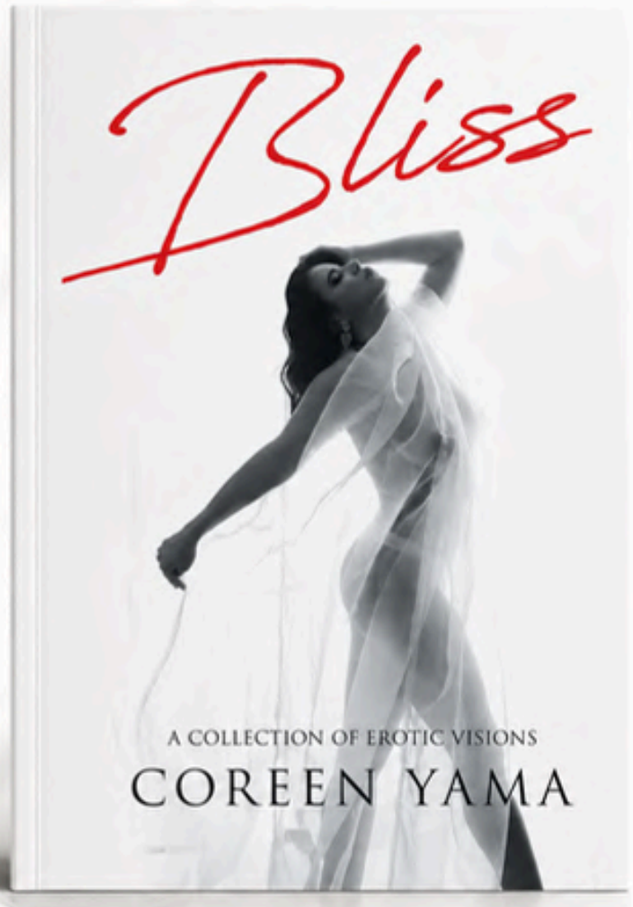

BLISS:

A COLLECTION OF EROTIC VISIONS

COREEN YAMA

ABOUT THE BOOK

Bliss: A Collection of Erotic Visions is a seductive collection of sensual fantasies written from a female perspective, exploring passion, desire, and intimate connection. Each story draws readers into temptation, forbidden longing, and emotional surrender, inviting readers to place themselves within each encounter. *Bliss* celebrates feminine desire, sensual discovery, and the beauty of pleasure through elegant, provocative storytelling—an unforgettable journey into fantasy, intimacy, and emotional fulfillment.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Coreen Yama is a Toronto-born writer, caregiver, wife, and mother of two who has been writing since her teenage years. Inspired by her love of fantasy and fiction, she creates stories that spark imagination and emotional connection. Her work brings themes of passion, love, and human connection to life with warmth, honesty, and creativity.

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Eye Candy

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

TAWNA FENSKE

ABOUT THE BOOK

People stare at him and he keeps his distance, hiding behind the scar that marks him and the reputation that follows him. Then a sexy new neighbor moves in next door and turns stolen glances into a dangerously tempting game across their shared fence line. What begins as wordless, sinful teasing erupts when they meet in person and discover a chemistry even hotter than either imagined. Lyla's first words to him become an indecent proposal no man could refuse.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tawna Fenske is a USA Today bestselling author and RITA Award finalist known for humorous fiction, risqué romance, and heartwarming love stories with a quirky twist. With a background in English literature and a lifelong love of romance novels, she writes stories filled with wit, heat, and emotional charm.

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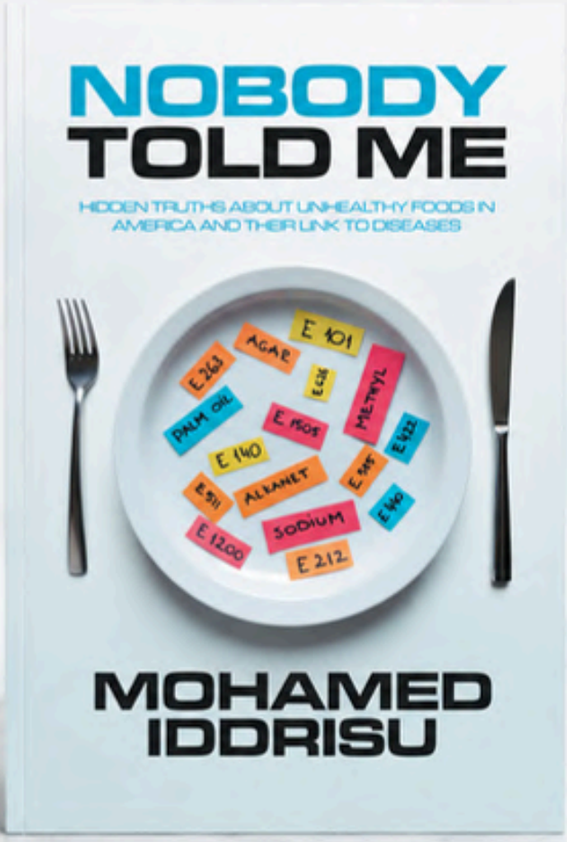

NOBODY TOLD ME

ABOUT THE BOOK

Nobody Told Me reveals the hidden truths behind the modern food industry. Through powerful storytelling and solid research, it uncovers the dangers of processed foods, deceptive marketing, and food inequality. More than just exposing problems, it offers practical tools for making healthier, informed choices. This book is a wake-up call for anyone ready to challenge what they've been told and take control of their health—one bite at a time.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mohamed Iddrisu, a District-75 science teacher and anti-trafficking consultant in NYC, is originally from Ghana and a proud member of the Dagomba tribe. Despite early financial hardships, he earned multiple degrees in communication, business, and education. Now pursuing advanced studies, Mohamed's passionate about health advocacy and community empowerment. He urges stakeholders to help combat unhealthy eating and build a healthier, more informed society.
He lives in Staten Island, New York.

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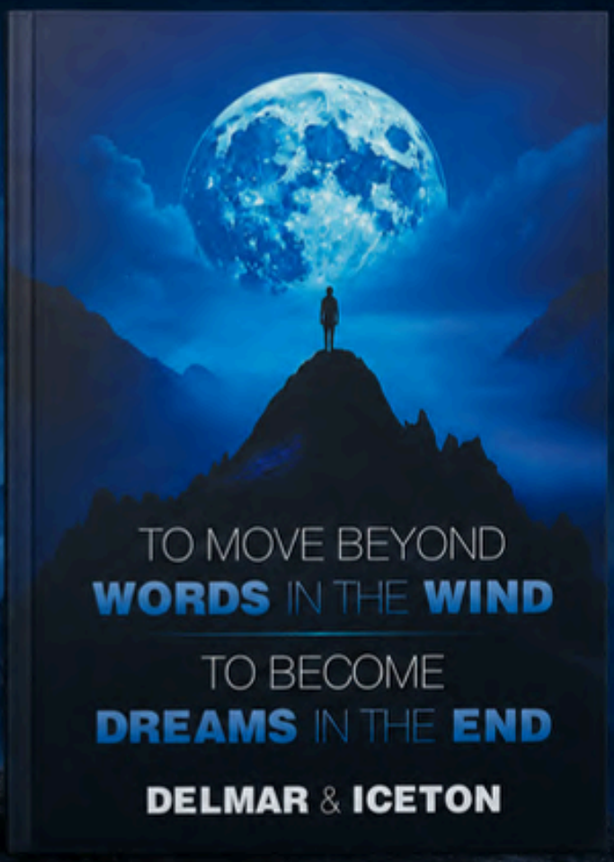

TO MOVE BEYOND WORDS IN THE WIND

TO BECOME DREAMS IN THE END

ABOUT THE BOOK

To Move Beyond Words in the Wind follows Aaron Wasowicz through a mysterious town where memory and fiction blur. Each vivid tale grips with suspense and haunting intrigue, drawing readers into a dreamlike journey. Truth hides in shadows—leaving only questions, whispers, and wind to guide you to the end.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Authors ICETON and DELMAR bring together decades of experience—one with global insight, the other with practical wisdom. Their debut work blends perspective, imagination, and purpose. From different generations, they share a unified voice that invites readers on a powerful journey. Is it the end—or just the vivid beginning?

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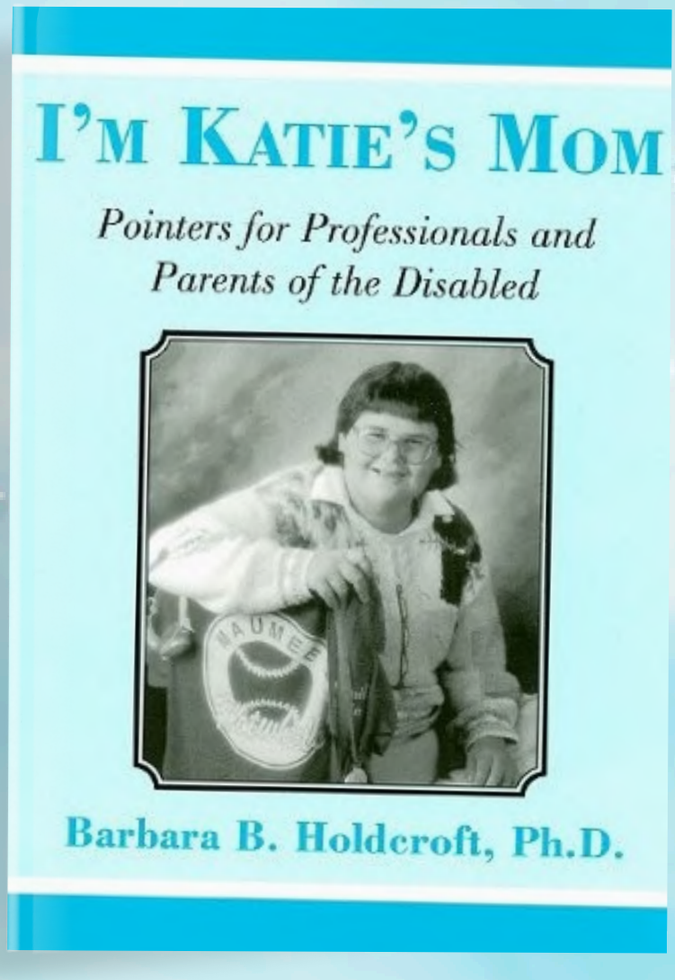
I'M KATIE'S MOM

Pointers for Professionals and Parents of the Disabled

Barbara B. Holdcroft, Ph.D.

About the Book

I'm Katie's Mom: Pointers for Professionals and Parents of the Disabled is a compassionate and insightful guide for parents, educators, caregivers, and professionals who support individuals with special needs. Drawing from her personal experiences raising her nonverbal daughter, Katie, who has special needs, author Barbara Holdcroft shares practical advice, valuable resources, and strategies for navigating everyday challenges while planning for the future. The book highlights the importance of patience, advocacy, and informed decision-making, helping readers find support that can often be difficult to access. Adding warmth and humor, Katie's charming stories appear throughout the chapters, offering a unique perspective on the topics discussed. Filled with encouragement and real-life wisdom, this inspiring book celebrates perseverance, love, and the meaningful victories that make every journey worthwhile.



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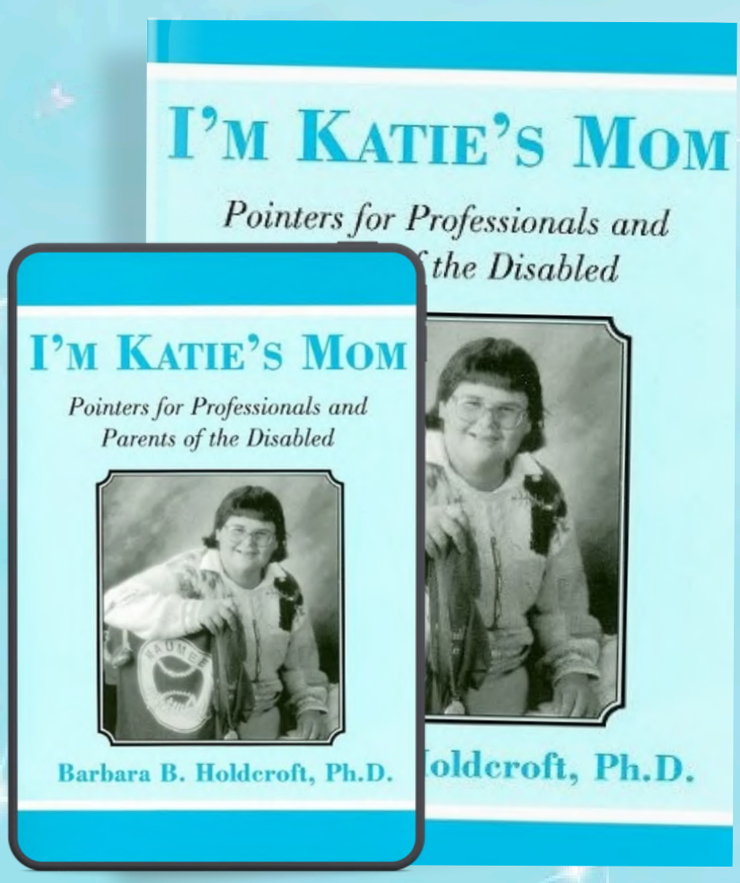

About the Author

Barbara B. Holdcroft is a parent of two children: a son, and a daughter with special needs. She earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Education, Theology, and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology. Her teaching background ranges from elementary school, high school, college, and adult education courses. For many years, they lived in Northwest Ohio, which is the location for the book. They now reside in Northwest North Carolina, where she has been involved in adjunct teaching at a number of local colleges. She enjoys hiking, skiing, boating, reading, and tennis.

Benedict Patrick

BookNest Fantasy Awards Nominee

Author of the “Yarnsworld Pentalogy”

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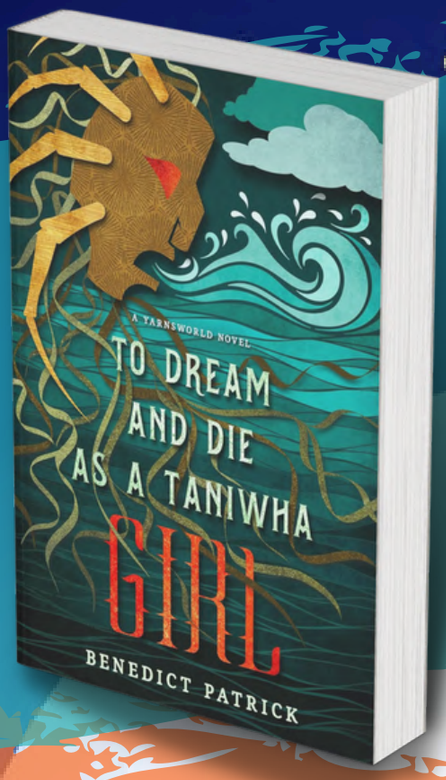
He has been writing for most of his life, and has been reading for pretty much all of it (with help from mum and dad at the beginning). Benedict's life changed when a substitute primary school teacher read his class part of The Hobbit and later loaned him the book – he fell in love with the fantasy genre and never looked back.







Becoming a legend comes with a price. Having defied the gods, Kaimana won the freedom to wander her tropical island home. But as islanders spread tales of the "Taniwha Girl" who befriends monsters—some even praying to her—she draws dangerous attention. The gods are displeased, and an ancient demon and a spider-faced figure now stalk her borders. To protect the Crescent Atoll, Kaimana faces a choice: preserve her hard-won quiet life, or sacrifice everything she holds dear to live up to the legend of the Taniwha Girl.

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As a captive of the Owl Queen's Court, Nascha's life is forever in peril. Threatened over the color of her hair, she flees through the dreaded Magpie King's forest. Hunted by sharp-witted foxfolk and reviled as a witch, her doom seems certain until she allies with a mysterious young man, just as her own unpredictable magic awakens. Yet, with insurmountable forces closing in, Nascha realizes her freedom may destroy the forest itself. Facing total darkness, she must decide the ultimate cost: how dearly is she willing to sell her life?

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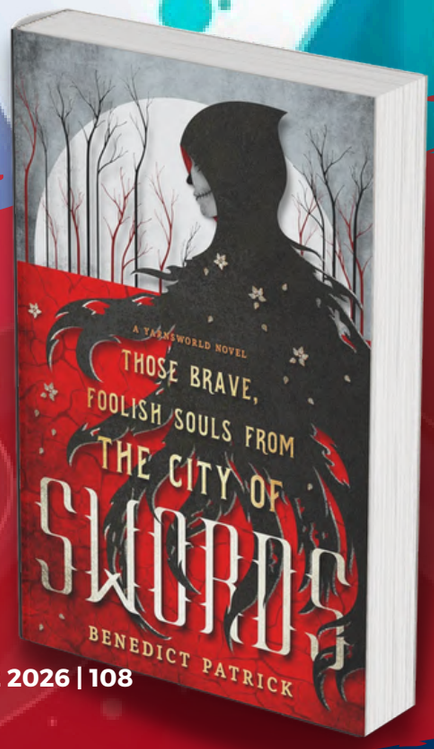

Filled with idealistic fervor, young Arturo travels to the fabled City of Swords to join the Bravadori, only to discover these masked vigilantes are brutal thugs rather than noble monster slayers. Disillusioned but stubborn, he refuses to abandon his dream. When impending bandits threaten a distant village and no others heed the call, Arturo partners with a worthless outcast and a walking legend. Together, they must traverse a demon-haunted wilderness to save the innocent, proving that even among broken heroes, true hope can rise.

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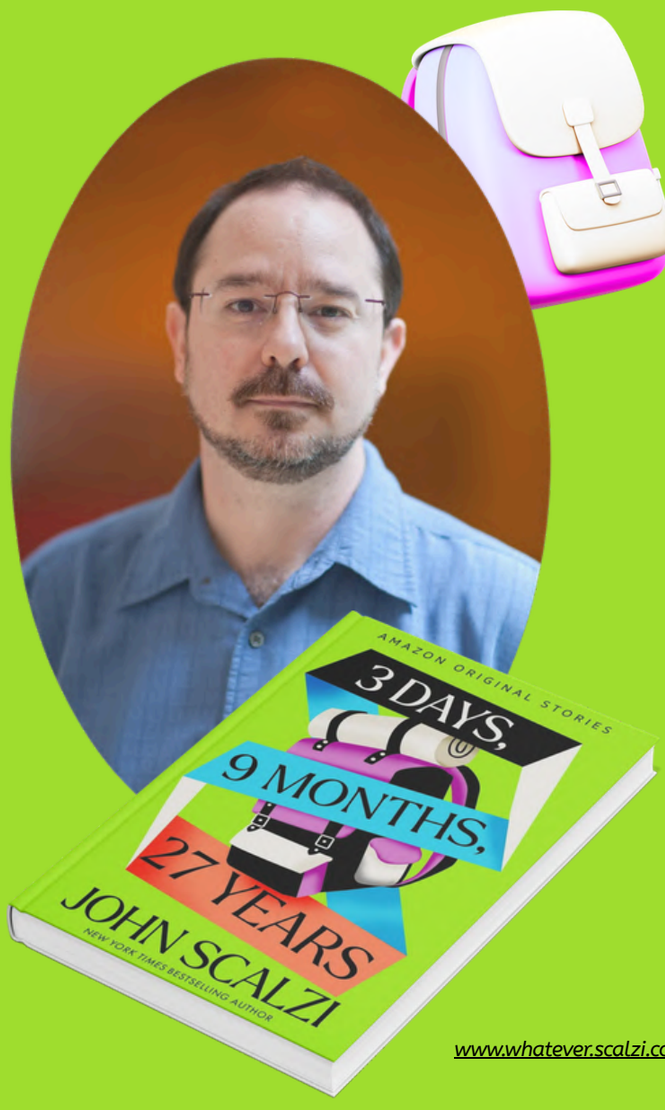

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A SONG OF SUGAR SPARROWS

by Seanan McGuire

Born to be invisible and destined for quiet obedience, immigrant second child Onishi Sumiko seemed bound to a path chosen for her. But a chance encounter with an impossible door tumbles her into a world of peppermint dreams and sugary nightmares, trapping her in a candy-coated heart of darkness.

Forced to adapt to Confection's nonsensical, unpredictable rules, Sumiko faces a choice: remain a meek, logical victim of her fate, or stand up to become the illogical, impossible hero she was always meant to be. As Sumi discovers, not all sweet dreams are safe.



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THE SWORD OF KAIGEN

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Better to die sharp in war than rust in peace. On the frozen heights of the Kusanagi Peninsula, the legendary warriors of the Sword of Kaigen wield blades of ice. Fourteen-year-old Mamoru has trained to defend the Empire, but a newcomer reveals their peace is built on lies. Meanwhile, his mother, Misaki, struggles to suppress her deadly past as a foreign fighter to play the dutiful housewife. But with an impending invasion and her son asking questions, Misaki's inner warrior claws free. Will this family survive, or tear themselves apart?





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My books include Blood Over Bright Haven, The Sword of Kaigen, and The Volta Academy Chronicles (published under Maya Lin Wang).

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by Michael J. Sullivan

The New Empire intends to mark its victory over the Nationalists with a bloody celebration. On the high holiday of Wintertide, the Witch of Melengar will be burned and the Heir of Novron executed. On that same day the Empress faces a forced marriage, with a fatal accident soon follow. The New Empire is confident in the totality of its triumph but there's just one problem-Royce and Hadrian have finally found the true Heir of Novron -- -and they have their own holiday plans.

When author Michael J. Sullivan self-published the first books of his Riyria Revelations series online, they rapidly became ebook bestsellers. Now, Orbit is pleased to present the complete series for the first time in bookstores everywhere.

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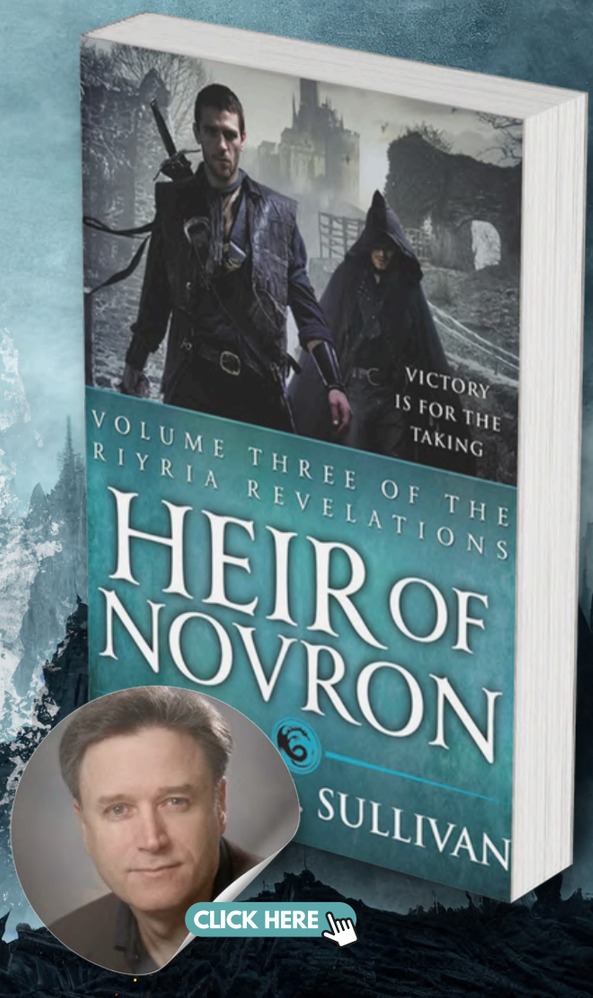

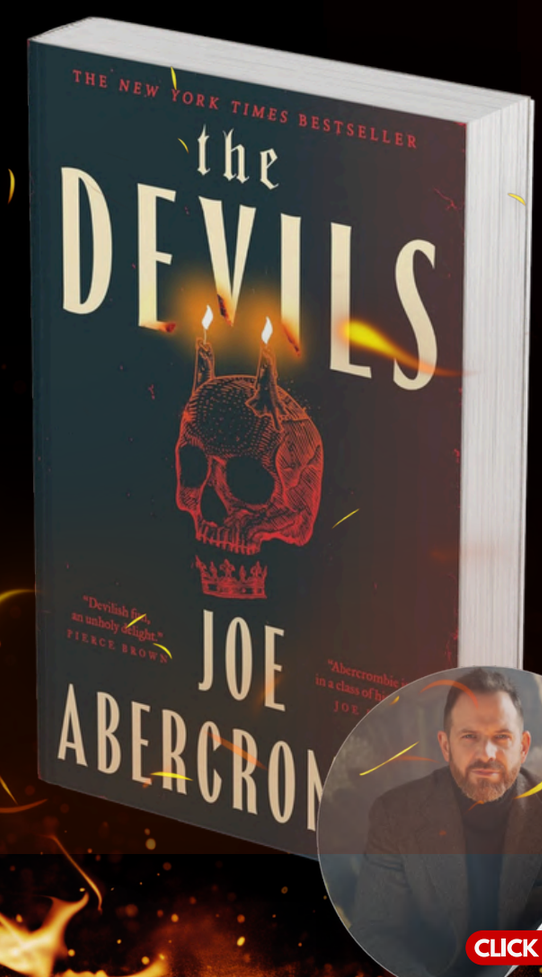

the DEVILS

Joe Abercrombie

Holy work sometimes requires unholy deeds.

Brother Diaz has been summoned to the Holy City, where he is certain a commendation and grand holy assignment awaits him. But his new flock is made up of unrepentant murderers, practitioners of ghastly magic, and outright monsters. The mission he is tasked with will require bloody measures from them all in order to achieve its righteous ends.

Elves lurk at our borders and hunger for our flesh, while greedy princes care for nothing but their own ambitions and comfort. With a hellish journey before him, it's a good thing Brother Diaz has the devils on his side.

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When librarian Sylvia Ashe discovers a diary hinting at her magical heritage, her path collides with Gabe, a scarred war hero investigating a stolen enchanted painting. Working together in a legendary magical library, they must unravel her past and find the artwork before powerful, dangerous forces stop them.



K.X. Song

K. X. Song *is a diaspora writer with roots in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Raised between cultures and languages, she enjoys telling stories that explore collective memory, translation, and the shifting nature of history.*

Her debut young adult novel, An Echo in the City, won the Freeman Book Award and was named a Best Book of 2023 by the Financial Times, Kirkus Reviews, and the Chinese American Librarians Association.

Her debut fantasy series, The Night Ends With Fire, was an Indie Next Pick and an instant New York Times, USA Today, and a #1 Sunday Times bestseller.

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THE NIGHT ENDS WITH FIRE



To escape being sold into marriage by her addicted father, Meilin disguises herself as a boy to enlist in the imperial army. Her relentless dedication earns her swift recognition and a deep bond with Sky, a prince turned ally. But as war threatens to destroy the Three Kingdoms, Meilin receives visions of a sea dragon spirit offering true power at a deadly price.

Caught between her loyalty to Sky, the dragon's murky agenda, and an enemy prince, she must decide whom to trust to save her kingdom and her heart.

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THE DRAGON WAKES WITH THUNDER

Despite winning the war for Anlai, Hai Meilin is imprisoned for her crime: wielding a sword as a woman. While the palace treats her as an outcast, her legend grows. A rebel leader wants her to helm a revolution, a captured enemy prince seeks her aid to restore global balance, and her first love, Liu Sky, needs her support to claim the throne.

Wary of being used, Meilin vows to trust no one—except the sea dragon Qinglong dwelling within her. Having used his power to survive, the ravenous spirit now demands his blood dues.

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I’m K. M. Shea, but please call me Kitty. I’m an enthusiastic fan of the fantasy genre, so I write everything from urban fantasy to epic fantasy, to fairy tales! I’ve published over 50 books, which is more than I dreamed I’d ever write, so thank you to my readers who have stuck with me!

I’ve got a not-so-secret-identity of A. M. Sohma, which is the penname I use to publish my LitRPG series, Second Age of Retha.





Tired of killing, I leave my family's vampire-slaying business to join the Magiford supernatural task force, hoping to protect lives instead of taking them. Unfortunately, my coworkers fear me, and my absolute lack of charisma alienates my neighbors.

My only bright spot is Connor, the charming vampire next door who actually wants to be my friend. But chaos looms: someone is unleashing deadly magical beasts, and a powerful, mysterious vampire has claimed downtown. To survive, I must face an enemy who finds me endlessly entertaining.

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My weak shifting magic makes me a supernatural outcast, making me perfect prey for the local fae. During one of their cruel hunts, I shift into a cat and get "adopted" as a pet by Noctus, a terrifyingly powerful stranger. To my horror, Noctus is an elven king—a supposedly extinct ruling race—harboring dangerous secrets. He takes his new "kitty" everywhere, from break-ins to tracking criminals. If he realizes I'm actually a human shifter, I'm dead. Escaping is priority number one, but how hard can it be? (Very.)

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Surviving among brutal, competitive werewolves is hard enough, but their relentless alpha, Greyson, is the worst. Despite ruling the region's largest pack and dealing with an incomplete mate bond, he makes it his personal hobby to constantly torment me.

But everything changes when neighboring wolves turn feral and attack innocent humans in Timber Ridge. Someone is targeting our pack, and a full outbreak is brewing. As a lone hunter, I cannot stop this deadly threat alone. Can Greyson and I put aside our differences to save the pack in time?

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THE MIRROR OF TOMORROW:

TECHNOLOGY AND ETHICS IN MODERN FICTION

Science fiction is no longer just about ray guns and space travel; it is becoming a vital laboratory for examining the ethical implications of our current technological trajectory.

This section explores how writers are using speculative settings to address real-world anxieties—such as AI integration, genetic modification, and digital privacy—providing a "what-if" framework to help readers process the rapid changes of the 21st century.

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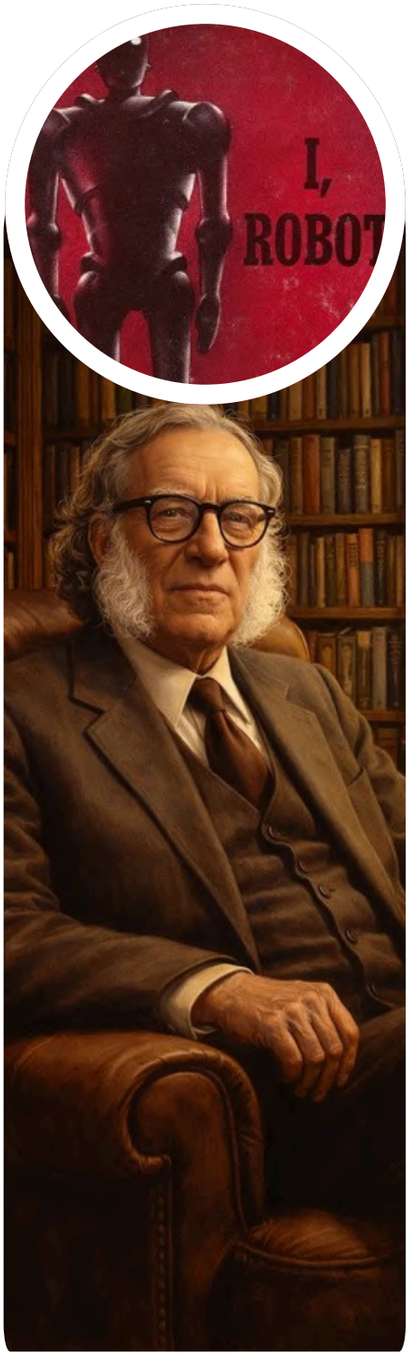


Isaac Asimov: The Ethics of AI Integration

Trailblazer Masterpiece: Isaac Asimov's I, Robot (1950) established the "Three Laws of Robotics," creating a vital framework for AI ethics.

The Impact: Asimov transformed AI from a "monstrous" archetype into a logical, manageable tool. His foundational principles continue to guide contemporary AI safety researchers and have influenced generations of writers and filmmakers.

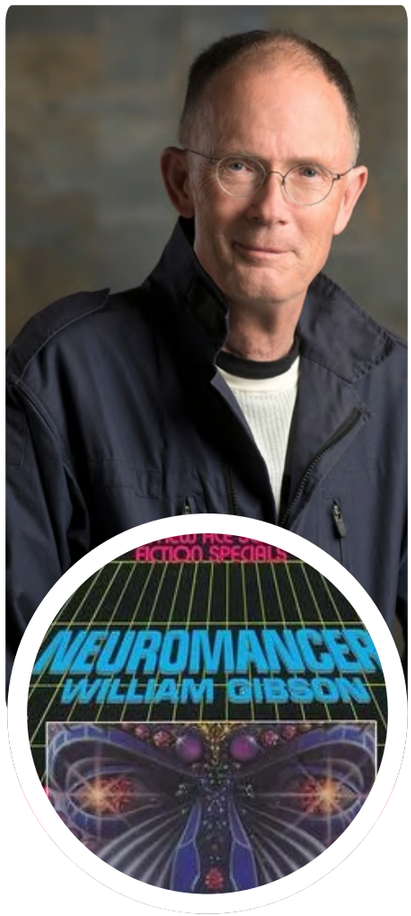
The Solution: Asimov advocated for "ethical hardcoding." He argued that technology is not inherently malicious; by embedding rational, moral constraints directly into the design of intelligent systems, humanity can effectively mitigate risks and safely harness machine logic to significantly augment and protect human potential.

William Gibson: The Crisis of Digital Privacy

Trailblazer Masterpiece: Neuromancer (1984) pioneered cyberpunk and coined "cyberspace."

The Impact: Gibson accurately predicted the Information Age, setting the blueprint for narratives concerning corporate surveillance and digital identity.

The Solution: Gibson advocates for tech-savvy resistance. He suggests that in a world of total surveillance, true personal autonomy is found by navigating the fluid, decentralized spaces existing outside of corporate control.



Philip K. Dick: The Illusion of Reality

Trailblazer Masterpiece: Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? (1968) examines reality's instability and the essence of human empathy.

The Impact: Dick defined "paranoid fiction," forcing readers to question identity and perceived truths in technological societies.

The Solution: He posits that empathy and subjective truth are vital anchors. Challenging corporate-manufactured realities through genuine human connection remains the ultimate defiance against a deceptive, illusory world.



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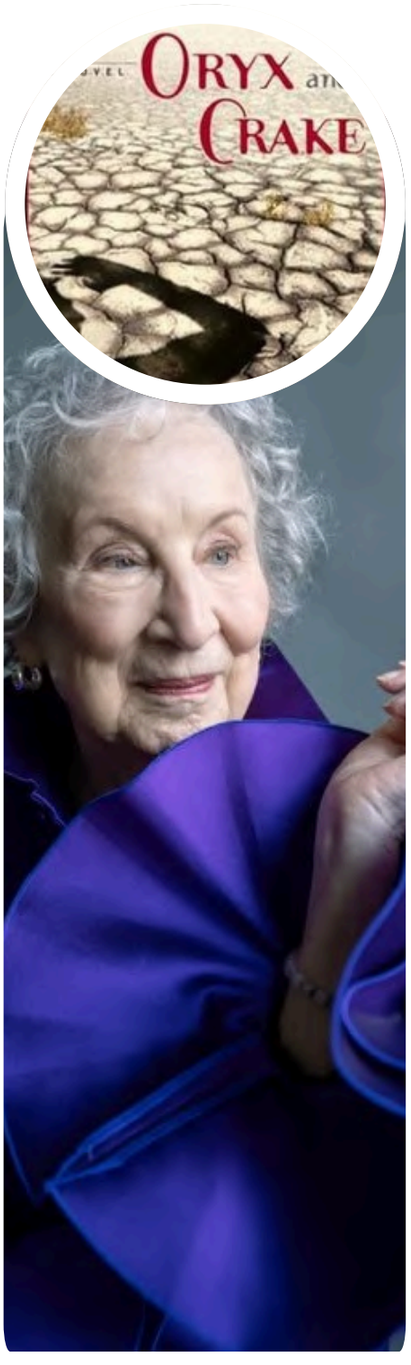


Margaret Atwood: The Reality of Biopolitics

Trailblazer Masterpiece: Margaret Atwood's Oryx and Crake (2003) depicts a near-future world ravaged by reckless genetic engineering and corporate-controlled biopolitics.

The Impact: Atwood popularized "speculative fiction" as a grounded, plausible warning system, moving away from distant space fantasies. Her work pioneered the "cli-fi" genre, influencing writers like Emily St. John Mandel to explore the fragility of civilization.

The Solution: Atwood frames genetic anxiety as a byproduct of unchecked capitalist ego. She argues that the only solution lies in rigorous institutional oversight and a renewed moral commitment to prioritizing the sanctity of nature over profit-driven bio-commodification.

Neal Stephenson: The Infrastructure of the Digital Age

Trailblazer Masterpiece: Snow Crash (1992) introduced the corporate-controlled "Metaverse."

The Impact: Stephenson provided the blueprint for virtual commerce and digital reality, influencing modern tech pioneers and authors alike.

The Solution: He promotes decentralized technological literacy. By framing digital architecture as a political space, he advocates for open-source systems and individual sovereignty to reclaim freedom from encroaching corporate-coded reality.



Kim Stanley Robinson: The Practicality of Climate Resilience

Trailblazer Masterpiece: Kim Stanley Robinson's The Ministry for the Future (2020) provides a granular, policy-driven roadmap for surviving and reversing global climate catastrophe.

The Impact: Robinson shifted science fiction from dystopian nihilism to "hopeful realism," establishing a model for fiction as a practical tool for addressing environmental crises and influencing diverse political and speculative writers.

The Solution: He replaces the "individual hero" myth with global systemic action, such as central banking and international treaties. Robinson argues that survival is possible through political will, framing climate change as a manageable policy challenge rather than an inevitable apocalypse.

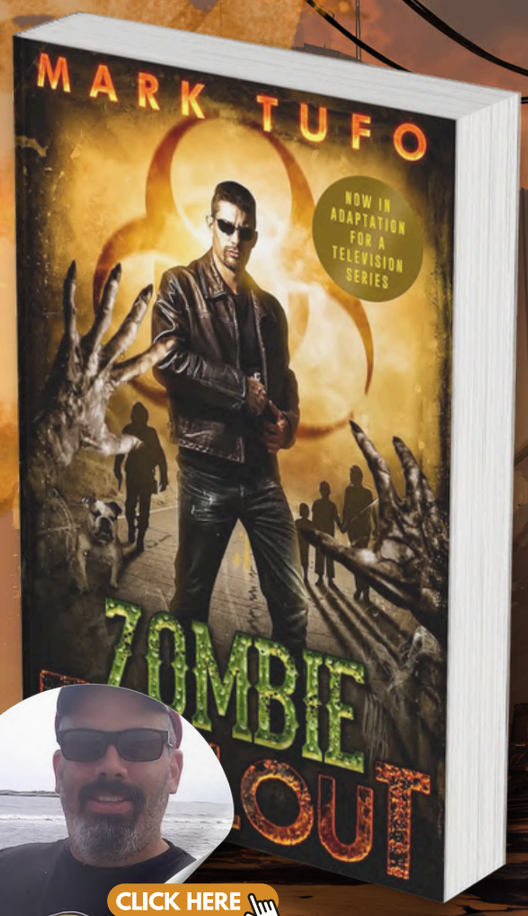


ZOMBIE FALLOUT

by Mark Tufo

When a rushed H1N1 vaccine triggers a widespread outbreak, the cure proves deadlier than the disease. Victims die, rise, and hunt the living, reducing America to a blood-soaked wasteland. Former Marine and sarcastic survivalist Michael Talbot never expected his doomsday prepping to become reality, but now he must fight to keep his family alive.

Yet these undead are evolving, guided by a mysterious boy and a terrifying zombie queen building an army. In the fortress of Little Turtle, Mike and humanity's remnants prepare for a desperate, final stand.



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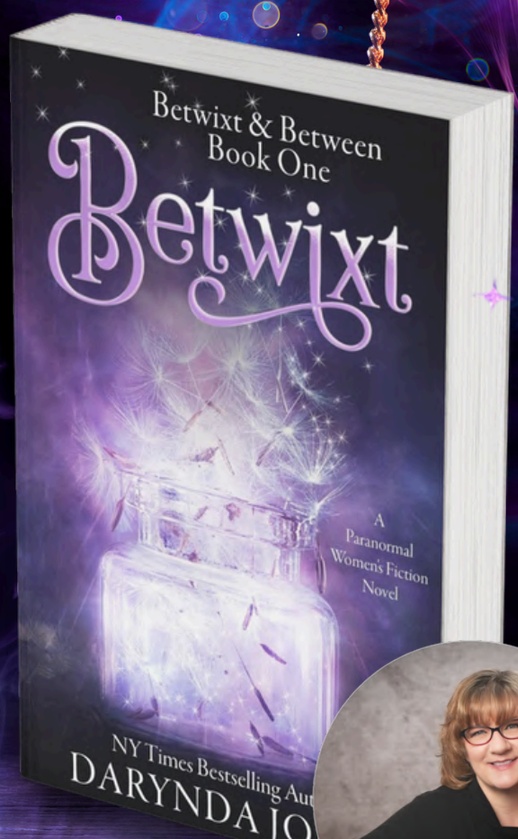
Betwixt

by Darynda Jones



Divorced, desperate, and destitute, former restaurateur Defiance Dayne is bequeathed a house in Salem, Massachusetts, by a complete stranger. Arriving to investigate the fading, castle-like home, she finds the property lawyer terrified of the place. It also comes with baggage: a hostile neighbor, a jerk of a cat, and an incredibly handsome, tattooed handyman.

Planning to stay just three days, Dephne suddenly finds locals knocking on her door, begging her to find lost objects. They think she's a witch—and after a few mysterious mishaps, she's starting to agree.



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Everyone in my family has killed someone. Some of us, the high achievers, have killed more than once. I'm not trying to be dramatic, but it is the truth. Some of us are good, others are bad, and some just unfortunate.

I'm Ernest Cunningham. Call me Ern or Ernie. I wish I'd killed whoever decided our family reunion should be at a ski resort, but it's a little more complicated than that.

Have I killed someone? Yes. I have.
Who was it?
Let's get started.
EVERYONE IN MY FAMILY HAS KILLED SOMEONE

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Subverting Tropes, Redefining The Human Experience



To find science fiction that transcends traditional tropes, we look to authors who prioritize philosophical complexity and structural innovation over standard archetypes. These writers often dismantle the "hero's journey" or "alien invasion" tropes to explore the darker, more intricate corners of the human condition.





Peter Watts – Blindsight

Unique Plot: In this "first contact" story, the aliens don't want to conquer us—they don't even have consciousness. The protagonist is a transhuman "synthesist" leading a crew to meet an entity that challenges the very necessity of intelligence.

Why it's a "First": It turns the "**alien invader**" trope on its head by presenting an extraterrestrial intelligence that is completely devoid of self-awareness, suggesting that consciousness might be an evolutionary disadvantage.

Influence: It has become a cornerstone of "**hard**" philosophical sci-fi and has been cited as a primary influence by numerous writers exploring the nature of consciousness and AI.



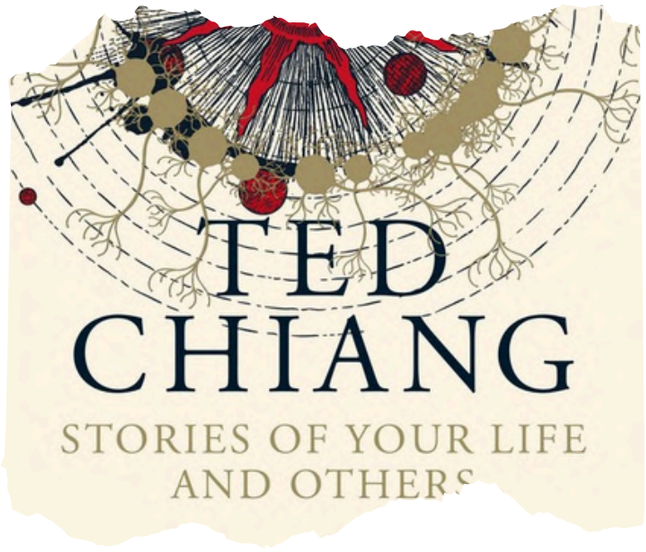


China Miéville – Perdido Street Station

Unique Plot: Miéville creates a "weird fiction" world that rejects traditional fantasy/sci-fi maps. The plot focuses on a scientist in a sprawling, grotesque metropolis who accidentally releases a psychic parasite.

Why it's a "First": It eschews the "chosen one" or **"saving the world**" quest for a visceral, morally ambiguous survival story. It helped ignite the "**New Weird**" movement, which focuses on surreal, urban environments over medieval-inspired kingdoms.

Influence: His work has inspired a generation of authors like Jeff VanderMeer and has pushed the boundaries of how cities and ecosystems are constructed in fiction.





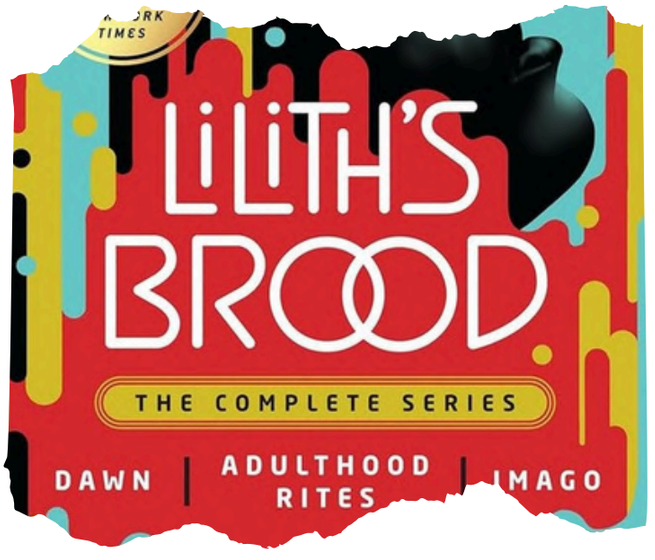
Ted Chiang – Stories of Your Life and Others (Collection)

Unique Plot: In the title story, Chiang explores first contact not through battle, but through the medium of linguistics. The protagonist must learn a non-linear alien language that literally rewrites her perception of time.

Why it's a "First": It avoids all "**alien invasion**" tropes in favor of a quiet, deeply emotional, and mathematically rigorous exploration of determinism versus free will.

Influence: Chiang's focus on "**ideas-first**" storytelling has influenced contemporary literary sci-fi, and his work was the basis for the film Arrival.



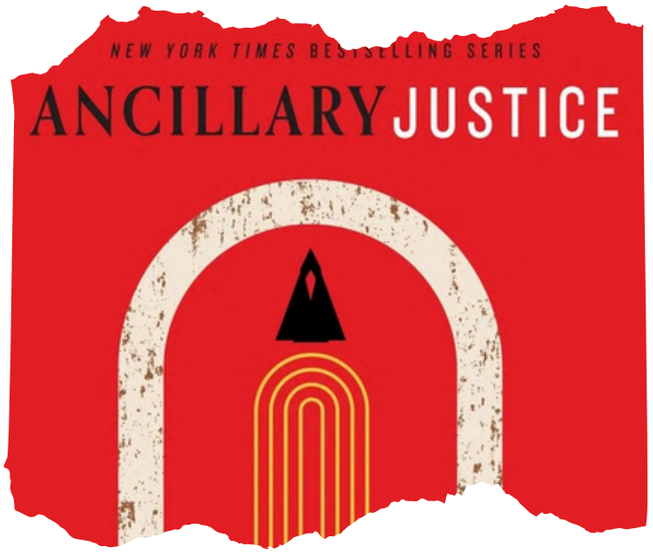


Octavia E. Butler – Lilith's Brood (Trilogy)

Unique Plot: Instead of the typical "humans vs. aliens" narrative, the aliens who save humanity from nuclear annihilation require human DNA to survive. The "**aliens**" are complex, tripartite beings who essentially force humanity to "evolve" or go extinct.

Why it's a "First": It subverts the savior narrative by making the "**invaders**" both the saviors and the destroyers of humanity's autonomy, focusing on the painful necessity of change.

Influence: Butler's work has fundamentally changed how sci-fi approaches themes of consent, intersectionality, and genetic identity.





Ann Leckie – Ancillary Justice

Unique Plot: The protagonist is a sentient starship trapped in a single human body, seeking revenge against the galactic empire that betrayed it.

Why it's a "First": The book systematically strips away the "**standard**" protagonist perspective. The main character's culture does not distinguish gender, and the author uses linguistic choices to force the reader to let go of their own gendered biases.

Influence: It has redefined modern space opera, proving that you can have epic-scale galactic conflicts without relying on the classic "**chosen one**" archetypes.





Greg Egan – Permutation City

Unique Plot: In a near-future where human consciousness can be uploaded to servers, the story explores the lives of "**Copies**"—digital simulations of real people. It abandons traditional space-faring or technological-uprising tropes to focus on the ontological nightmare of what happens when a simulated reality begins to diverge from the "**real**" world.

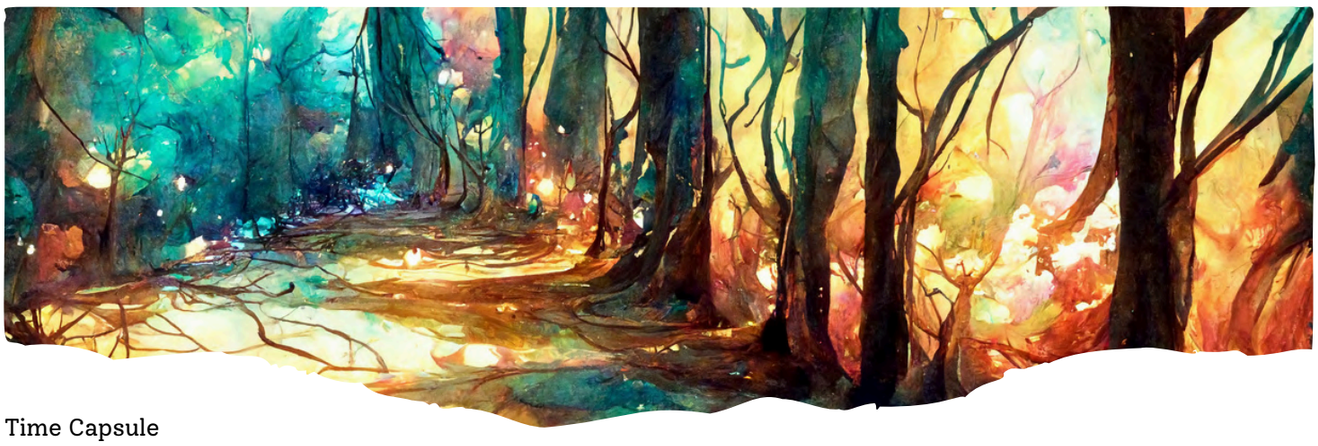
Why it's a "First": He doesn't just ask "**What if we uploaded our minds?**" but digs into the rigorous mathematical and philosophical implications of identity, existence, and the stability of a digital universe, entirely stripping away the "savior" narrative common in virtual reality stories.

Influence: Egan has significantly influenced the "post-humanist" subgenre of science fiction. His work is frequently referenced by writers exploring simulated realities, such as Cory Doctorow and various authors within the "Transhumanist" speculative fiction community.



ECOLOGICAL BRILLIANCE

World-building is a cornerstone of science fiction and fantasy, transforming simple stories into immersive, living universes. Here are six masters of the craft who have redefined how readers experience imagined realms.



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CRAFTING IMMERSIVE REALMS

The Architecture of Escape: World-Building for a New Generation

World-building is the heartbeat of speculative fiction, the invisible architecture that transforms mere ink on a page into breathtaking, living realities.

Beyond simple storytelling, it is an act of creation that invites readers to step entirely out of their own lives and into wonders defined by intricate mythologies and profound philosophies.

From the linguistic masterpieces of J.R.R. Tolkien to the ecological brilliance of Frank Herbert and the groundbreaking narrative innovation of N.K. Jemisin, these six masters have redefined what it means to craft a universe.

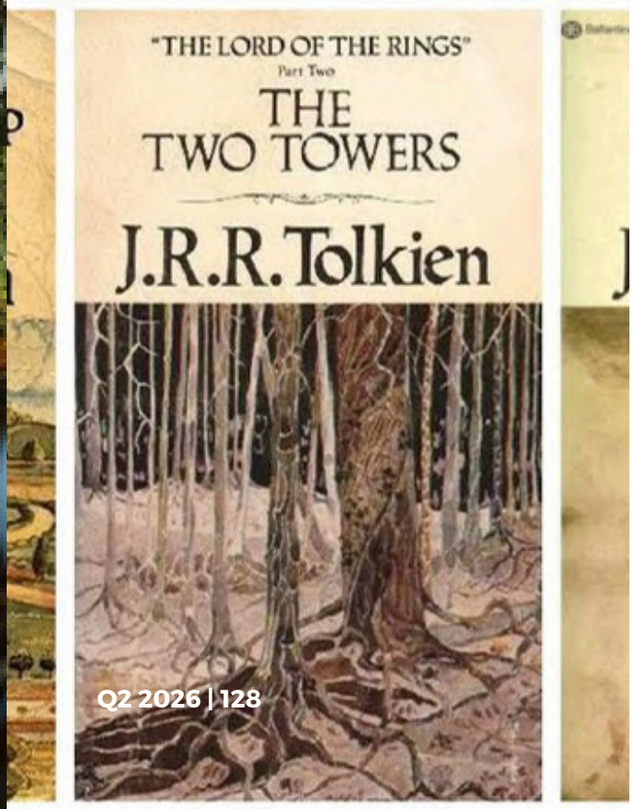
Whether through the lens of Taoist wisdom, rigorous scientific logic, or sheer visionary power, these authors prove that the most memorable stories are those that feel as tangible as our own.

Embark on a journey behind the scenes to discover the inspirations, languages, and limitless creativity that forged the greatest legends ever told.









J.R.R. Tolkien

Famous Work: The Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Grandest Achievement

Often considered the "father" of modern fantasy, his work established the template for high fantasy that almost every subsequent author in the genre follows.

Language Creation

He was a professional philologist and famously created entire language families, most notably ***Quenya*** and ***Sindarin*** (Elvish), complete with their own grammars and scripts.

Inspiration

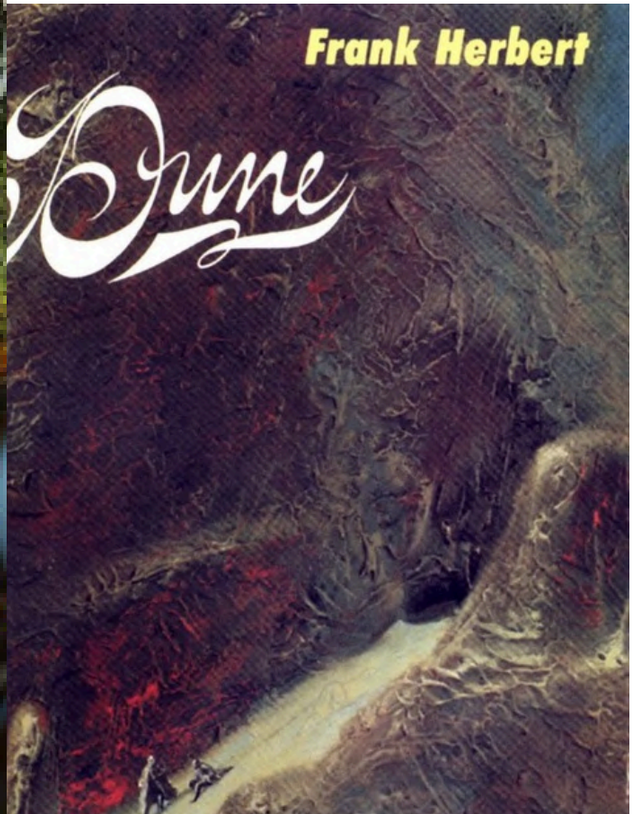
His passion for "glossopoeia" (language invention) and ancient Germanic/Nordic mythologies drove him to build Middle-earth as a setting to house his languages.

MIDDLE-EARTH MAP









Frank Herbert

Famous Work: Dune series.

Grandest Achievement

Widely regarded as the best and most sophisticated science fiction series ever written, it won the inaugural Nebula Award and the Hugo Award.

Language Creation

He created the basis for the ***Chakobsa*** language, inspired by the Caucasian "hunting language" of the same name and heavily influenced by Arabic terminology.

Inspiration

He was inspired by his research into desert ecology, Islamic philosophy, and the real-world history of the Caucasus region.

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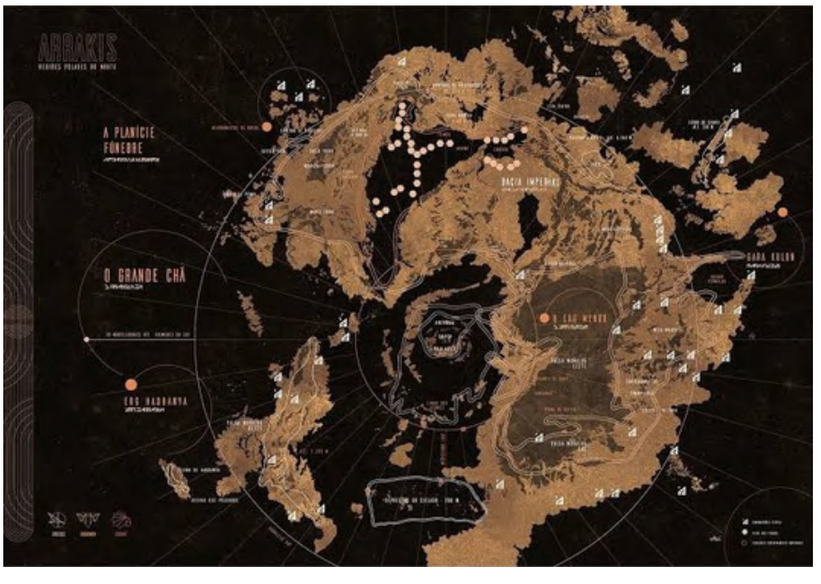
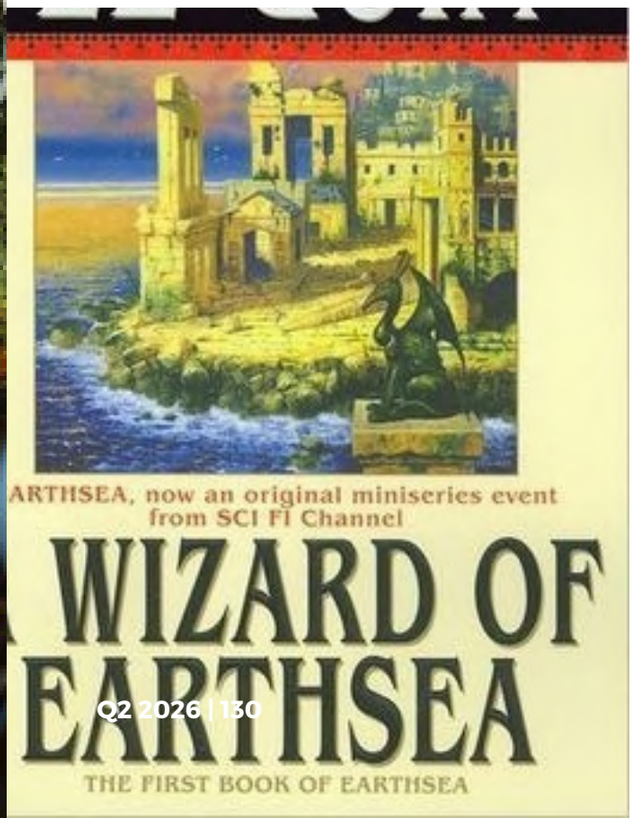








Ursula K. Le Guin

Famous Work: Earthsea cycle (starting with A Wizard of Earthsea).

Grandest Achievement

She was the first woman to win both the Hugo and Nebula awards for best novel, and she is celebrated for infusing her worlds with deep sociological and Taoist philosophy.

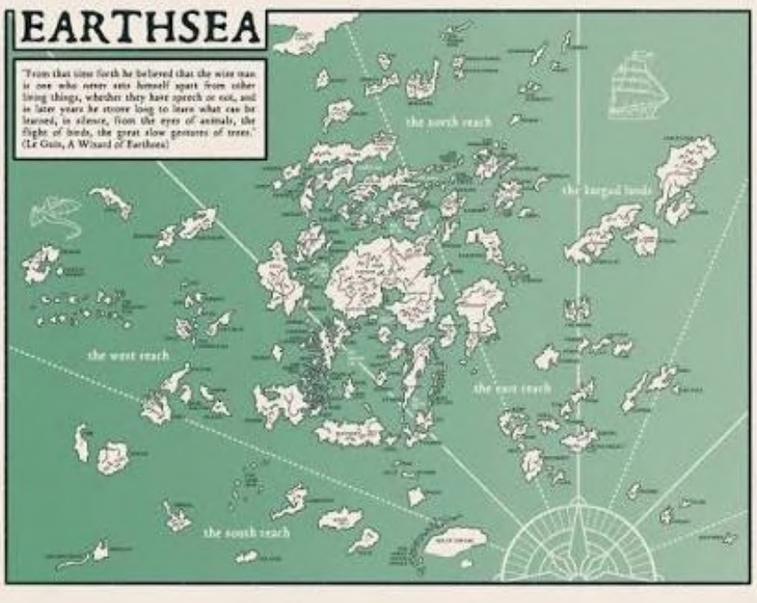
Language Creation

Rather than constructing full linguistic systems, she used the "***Old Speech***"—a language of power where knowing a thing's true name grants magic over it.

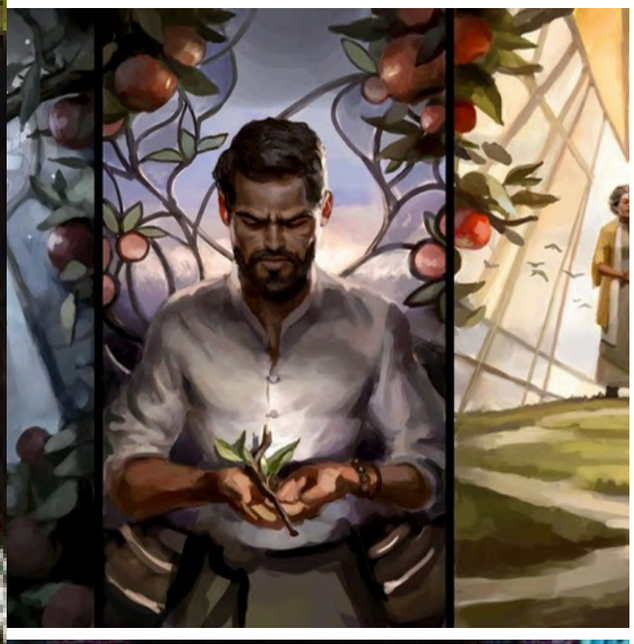
Inspiration

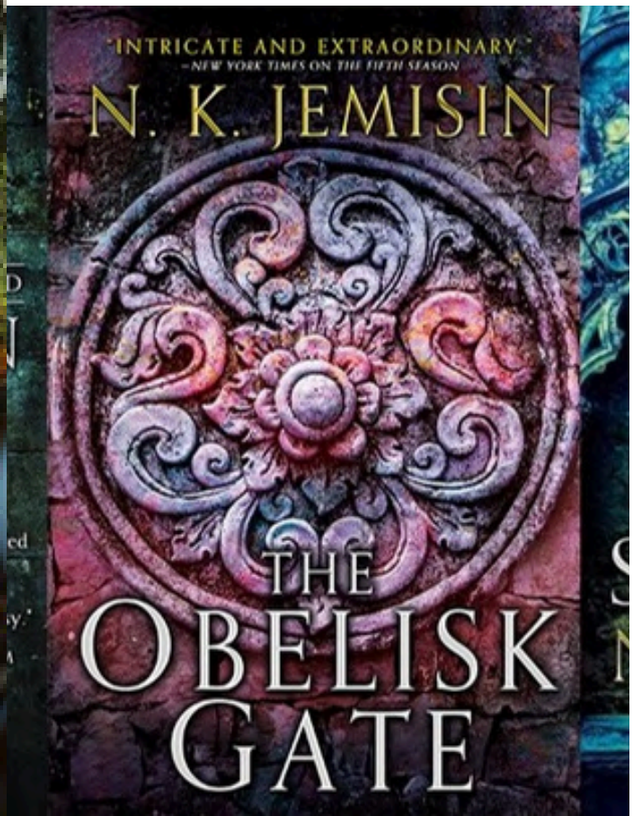
Her worldview was deeply informed by Taoist principles, her upbringing in an anthropological household, and Native American folklore.

EARTHSEA MAP









N.K. Jemisin

Famous Work: The Broken Earth trilogy (starting with The Fifth Season).

Grandest Achievement

She made history by winning the Hugo Award for Best Novel for three consecutive years for each book in The Broken Earth trilogy.

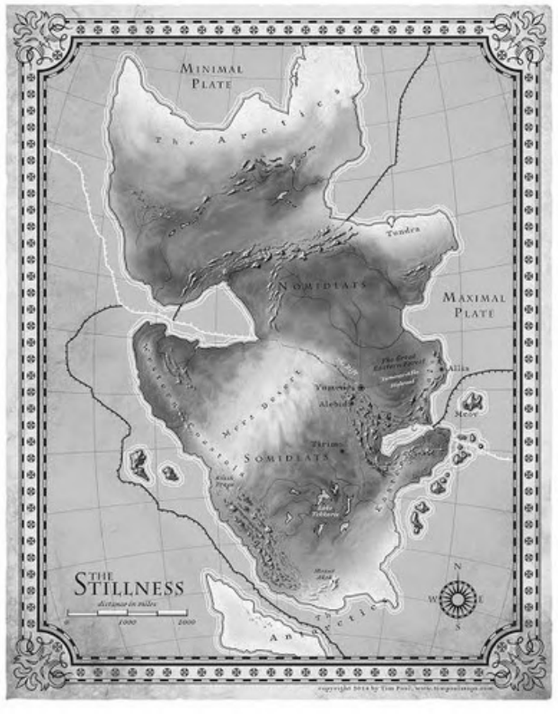
Language Creation

She focuses more on cultural and terminological world-building rather than full constructed languages, using distinctive dialects and specialized vocabulary to define her cultures.

Inspiration

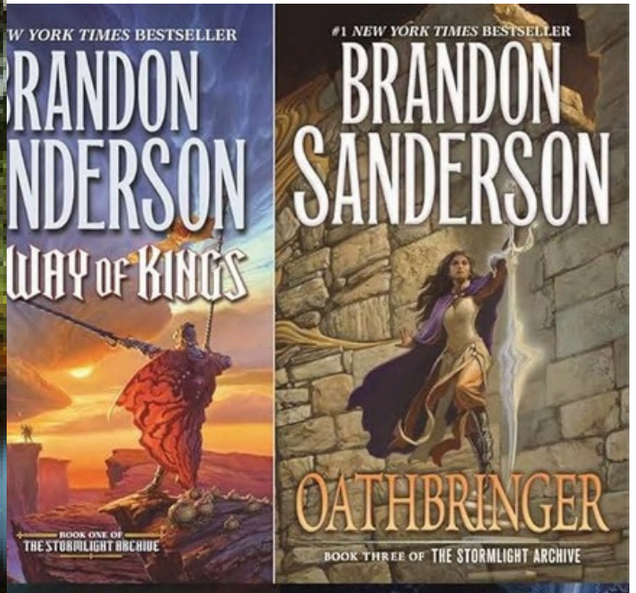
The series was sparked by a dream of a woman so angry she could move mountains, combined with a desire to explore environmental disaster and systemic oppression.

THE STILLNESS MAP











Brandon Sanderson

Famous Work: The Stormlight Archive

Grandest Achievement

He is recognized as a modern titan of the genre, known for his "hard magic" systems and arguably the most prolific output in contemporary fantasy.

Language Creation

While he does not always build full grammars like Tolkien, he constructs vital linguistic structures and sounds to differentiate his cultures (such as in Elantris and The Stormlight Archive), using language as a literal source of power.

Inspiration

His worlds are often inspired by his interest in theology, physics, and the desire to create "logical" magic systems that function like scientific laws.

ROSHAR MAP





T.A. WHITE

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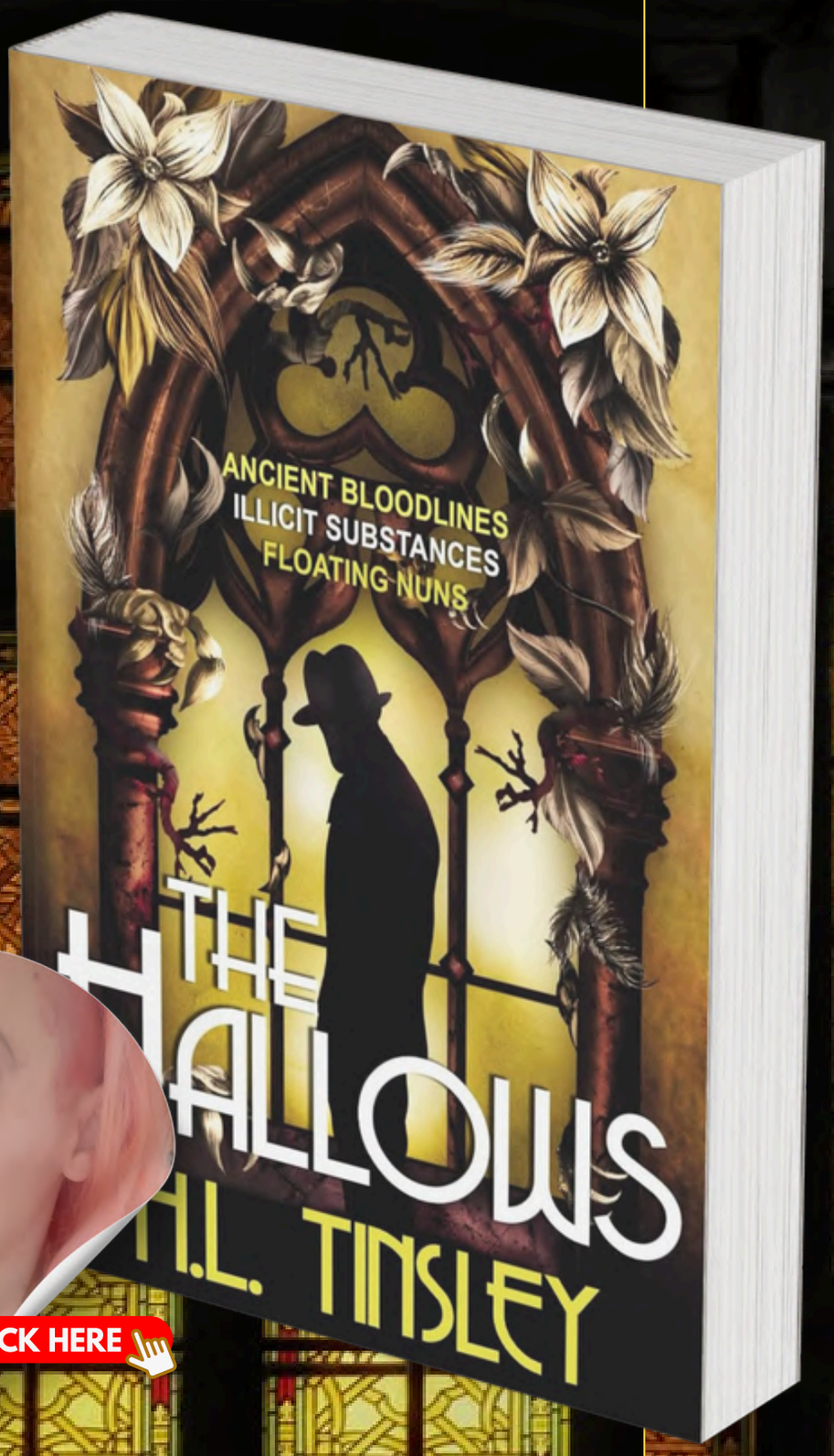
T.A. White is the pseudonym for Tobey White. She is a *USA Today* Bestselling author who writes Science Fiction/Fantasy novels that contain a hint of romance. She was born in Tacoma, WA and spent her development years traveling the world due to her dad being in the Marine Corps. It was in this phase of her life where she tried to co-author several books with friends which always ended in failure. Her first writing partnership came to a tragic end a day after it began due to an incident that will forever be known as the cookie fiasco.

Today, she lives in Delaware, OH with her husband and their two cats, Loki and Odin, who view themselves as her overlords. They are harsh taskmasters as long as they aren't distracted by long naps on Tobey's keyboard or the yummy, yummy treats disguised as the writer's plants.







The Hallow serum was once sacred to the Auld Bloods. Used to gain access to their lost ancestral powers, now it is regulated and administered by the powerful Providence Company. Evolved from the echelons of the Auld Church, the company exists to maintain the balance between faith, science and politics.

But keeping the peace between humans and Auld Bloods isn't easy. Taking Hallow comes at a price. Providence Company Assessor Cam must deal with backstreet bootleggers, burnt-out addicts and floating nuns that won't stay on the ground.

When a string of Auld Blood deaths appear to have been caused by a corrupted batch of Hallow, Cam begins to suspect all may not be as it seems. ***Bodies are piling up. Someone is hiding something, and the consequences are becoming monstrous.***

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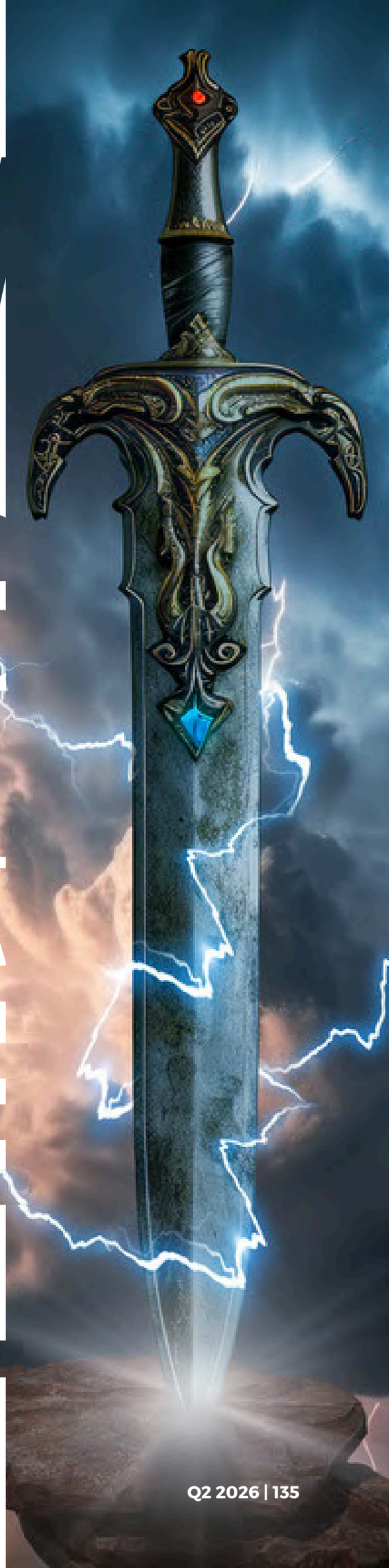
Hailing from Scotland's wet and wild west coast, Michael enjoys writing stories as sweeping in scope as the ancient landscapes he grew up in. His writing is known for rich character arcs, tight pacing, and layered magic systems, creating an epic tale all ages can enjoy.

A scene from his first book was included in the London Academy of Music & Dramatic Arts Exam Anthology for Performance in 2019.

Michael is also 'that guy' who enjoys - well, enjoyed... - discussing the mad fan theories of Game of Thrones even more than the books or show, and knows more about World of Warcraft than is probably healthy.







Arrogant and full of pride, Darnuir, Prince of Dragons, threatens the fragile alliance against the Shadow—until a mortal wound forces him into a dangerous rebirthing spell, leaving him a helpless human babe.

Twenty years later, demonic forces threaten to sweep the land as the alliance of humans, dragons, and fairies fractures. To survive, Darnuir must uncover his past, seek redemption, and unite the disparate races. As the last of the royal bloodline, only he can wield the Dragon's Blade. His second chance is the world's last hope.

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Rectar's demonic invasion is gaining relentless momentum, threatening to sweep past the undermanned Splintering Isles to conquer the human kingdom of Brevia and all of Tenalp. Meanwhile, the traitorous wizard Castallan has sparked a rebellion, declaring himself King of Humans within his impenetrable Bastion fortress. Darnuir, now King of Dragons, vows to break those walls at all costs. But to survive these deadly threats, the fractured Three Races must truly unite. As old prejudices undermine his efforts, Darnuir must turn to unlikely allies to save their world from total ruin.

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With Darnuir recovering and Blaine reclusive, Lira must manage explosive tensions between humans and zealous dragons. In Brevia, King Arkus unveils devastating new weapons, prompting a fearful Cassandra to vow to curb her father's unchecked power. Beneath Kar'drun, Dukoona's suffering hope lies in the crippled spectre Sonrid, who drags his broken body back to play his final, painful part. Meanwhile, a weakened Darnuir awakes to an alliance on the brink. He must finally become the leader dragons need to save them from Rectar—and their own historic mistakes.

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Guided by premonitions and a fateful car ride, a burned-out retail worker stumbles into the grand exit from womanhood.

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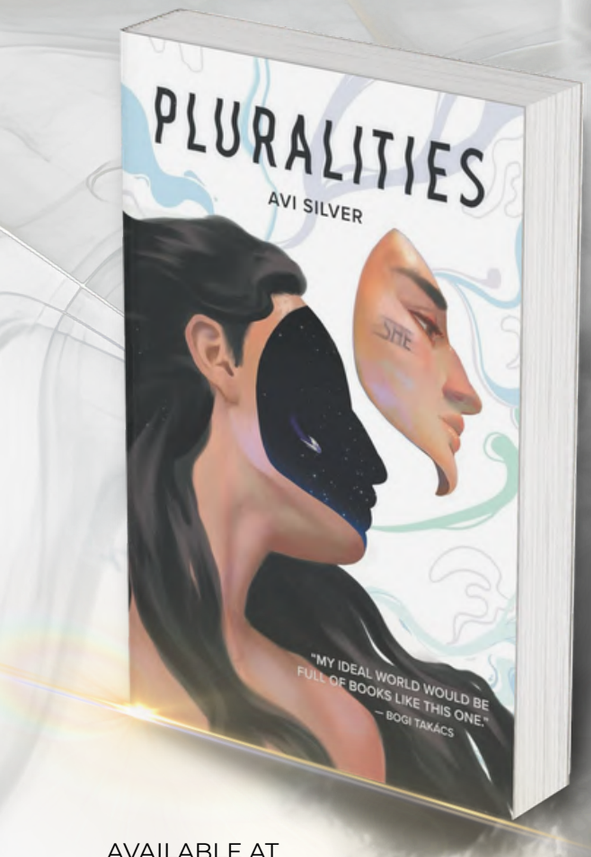

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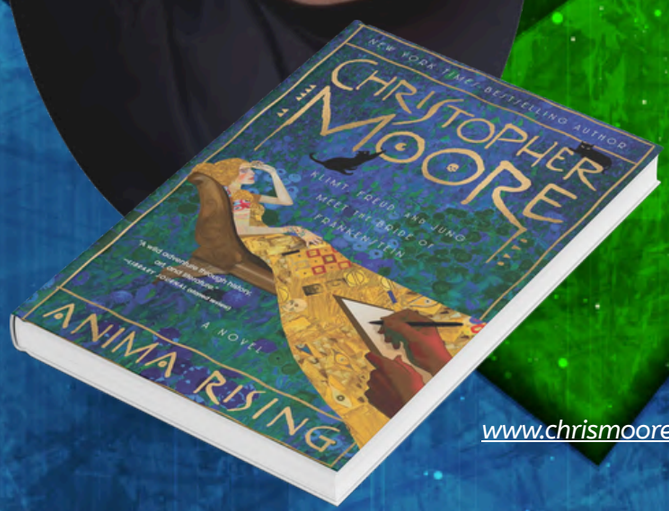
ANIMA RISING

by Christopher Moore

In 1911 Vienna, famous painter Gustav Klimt spots a nude woman in the Danube canal. Stopping to sketch her first, he discovers she is alive. At his studio, Klimt and his muse, Wally, nurse the feral, amnesiac girl, naming her Judith.

With help from Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung, Judith recovers bizarre memories: being locked in a crate by Victor Frankenstein in the arctic a century ago and visiting the Underworld.

But how did she get here? And why is everyone chasing her—including Geoff, a giant, croissant-eating devil dog?



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When strange men attack a local hospital, Fiona Patterson and Zeke Prisco rescue a catatonic old man named Peter, only to find themselves fleeing from unimaginable monsters. Seeking refuge with Fiona's enigmatic Uncle Edgar, they discover a shocking truth: nothing is what it seems—not Peter, not Edgar, perhaps not even themselves.

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She exists in her own fantasy in New Zealand where she works to regenerate the land, grow marvelous things, and create magical memories for her family.

Books are her fated mate, and she is immortally grateful to exist in this world of words where fresh opportunities hook her at every new chapter.

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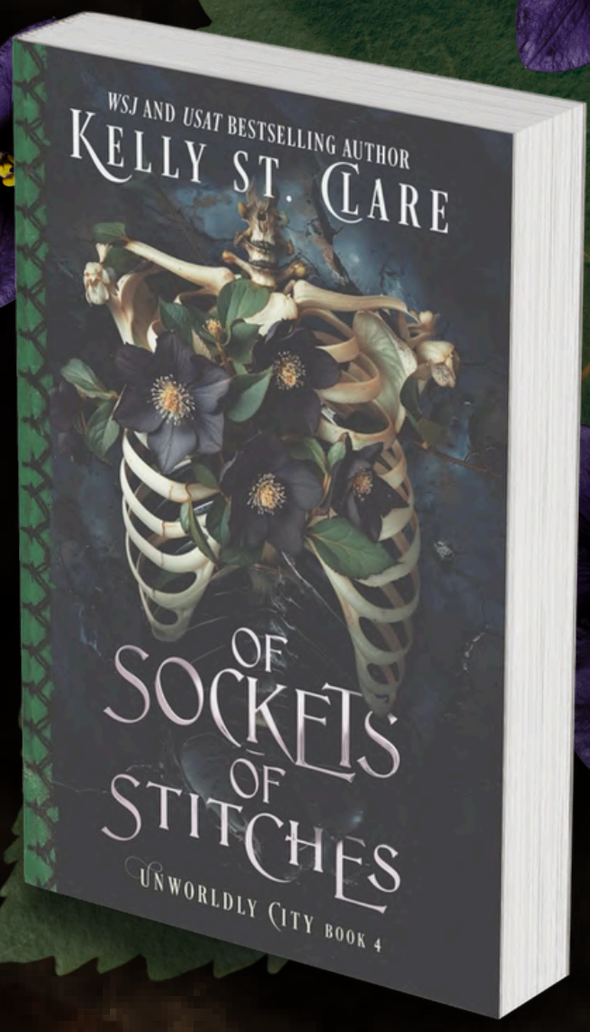

Fifty mothers knew kings could not conquer ruin, so the fiftieth daughter walked into the beast's yawn—first as a human, then a monster, a queen, and finally a queen who dared to love. Yet a king's cruel words and betrayal shattered her dreams, leaving her broken-hearted in a numb, misty haze.

As the world hurtles toward the real end, this frayed, golden fate cannot mend. Her queendom must crumble, but monsters still lurk within her heart. Ultimately, only one answer remains: a queen must go on for her monsters.

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If princes are pawns and princesses are champions, a queen must ponder the fate of five kings. With a deathly chant sounding, time runs short to stitch fifty mothers or demand war lessons from King See. Though immortal, she is poor in minutes, even as the world's ruin hangs in the balance.

Driven to obsession by the ancients, she must rip at the burdens of kings. She will be as mad and obsessed as designed, as powerful as allowed. That is the only truth left for a monster like her.

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AudioFile Earphones Award

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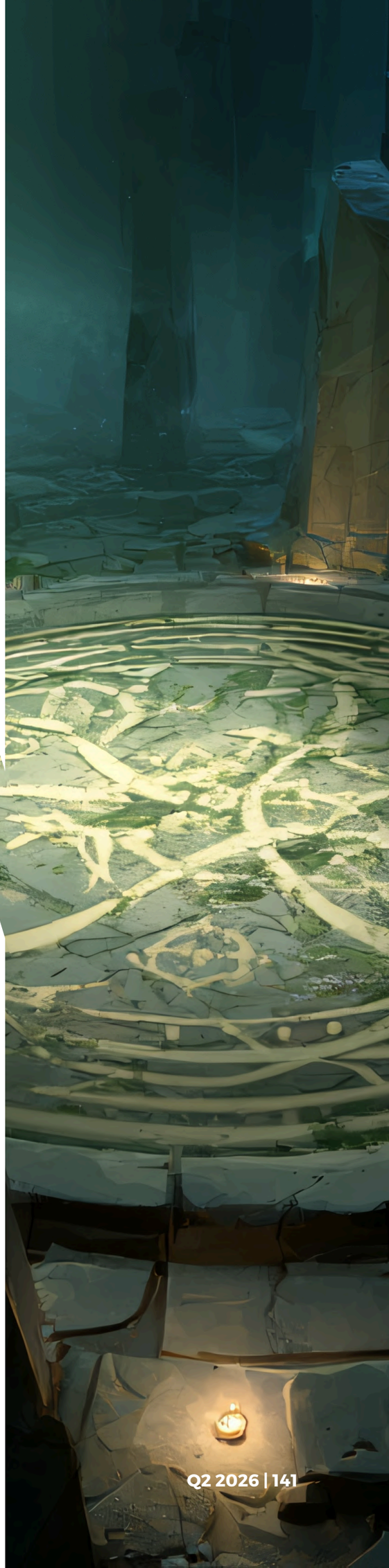
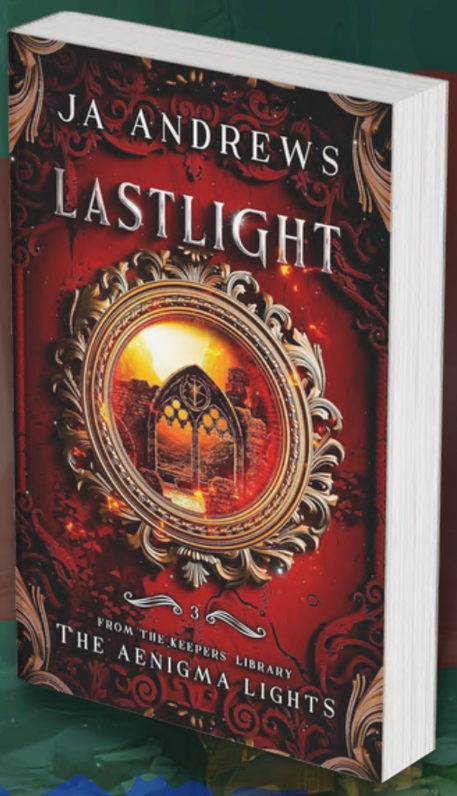
She began writing stories and creating coloring books because these sorts of things need an outlet. And now good markers are a deductible business expense.

She spends an inordinate amount of time at home, with her family, who she adores, and lives deep in the Rocky Mountains of Montana, where she can see more stars than she ever imagined.







Every step of their journey has brought Kate and Venn to new mysteries. Every answer led to new questions. Every victory to a new troubling problems.

In *Lastlight*, they have one more chance to figure out the truth behind the events of the White Wood, solve the riddle of Renault's cursed ravine, and finally open the aenigma box,

Half treasure hunt and half rescue mission, this epic fantasy adventure is a tale of puzzles, mysteries, and the kinds of friendships—both old and new—that shape the soul.

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Now, faced with the losses and scars from her failed search, she and Venn must tackle a new obstacle: the elven White Wood and its ruthless king.
In a desperate attempt to find her brother, Kate finds herself entangled in a deadly quest to find the Warden of the Wood—a search that will lead to Kate's own death if she doesn't complete it in time.
Through a cursed ravine, a hidden ancient library, and centuries-old secrets, Kate and Venn struggle to sort out truth from legend and find the Warden before time runs out—for Venn and Kate and the entire human land.

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For twenty years, Kate—a magic-wielding Keeper—and her brother Bo searched for the stolen puzzle box that shattered their lives. When a surly elf named Venn arrives carrying that very aenigma box with news of Bo's disappearance, a grudging alliance is born.

Their dangerous quest through dwarven tunnels and ancient relics slowly turns mutual distrust into friendship. Yet, as they unlock the box's secrets, they uncover a centuries-old plot threatening entire empires. Together, they must face inexplicable forces that may be too powerful to stop.

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Klöss wants nothing more than to pass the trials and join the Bjornmen raiders. But in the Barren Isles, coastal plunder is giving way to outright conquest as war looms. Meanwhile, Devin, an abandoned forest orphan, lives a simple life until foreign invaders transform his sleepy village. As the first battles rage, whispered rumors speak of moonlit Fae—shadowy figures with eyes of amber flame.

Only one man knows the truth, but can Devin and Klöss convince anyone before these two worlds collide in bloody, political ruin?

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From the moment settlers struck a lode of shine, the magical oil transformed the world. For Arlen Esco, a mogul's kidnapped son, a routine expedition becomes a life-altering ordeal, exposing the dark truths his father hid and forcing a choice that will shape the territory's fate.

Meanwhile, Cassandra, the daughter of an infamous outlaw, guards her own dangerous secrets and holds the power to shatter the region's balance of power. Together, they must find their own truths in a garden of lies.

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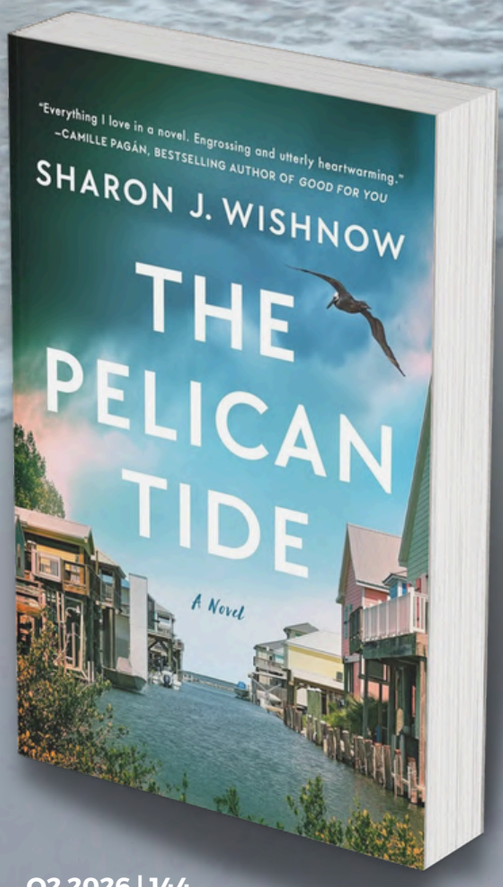
Just as the first tourists arrive, an explosion at the oil rig where Brian works changes everything, for both the family and the island community. The near loss of her children's father upends Josie's fragile new plans, and she's left wondering what it would be like to go forward alone—and whether that's what she really wants.

As the disaster endangers the restaurant's menu, clientele, and even its mascot, Gumbo—a brown pelican dear to Minnow's heart—Josie realizes her family needs more than financial recovery. Only honesty and intense effort can clean up the guilt and hurt pooling under the surface. And maybe, with enough heart, and some extra hot chilis, this family can find renewal.



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In addition to writing upmarket fiction with environmental themes, Sharon writes non-fiction in the science, technology, and business categories with a passion for research, seashells, birds, and the ocean. She has been a member of the Boston Malacological Club since she was ten years old. She credits growing up by the ocean and family camping trips for her love and respect for all that is outside her door.

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Cognicrossis is a deadly illness feared across the Conclavian Wastelands, known to claim every life it touches. Sorin Richter should have been no exception. Found as a child near a ruined town on the edge of the Endless Expanse, he grows up carrying the sickness—and surviving it.

Across Pangaea, shadowed corporations hide forbidden truths from the Republic, while rumors spread of children with unnatural abilities. As Sorin's condition begins to change rather than destroy him, questions about his origins rise to the surface.

Forced beyond the fragile safety of his world, Sorin must confront what he is becoming. In a land shaped by ruin and deception, the truth will redefine his life—and the fate of the wastelands forever.



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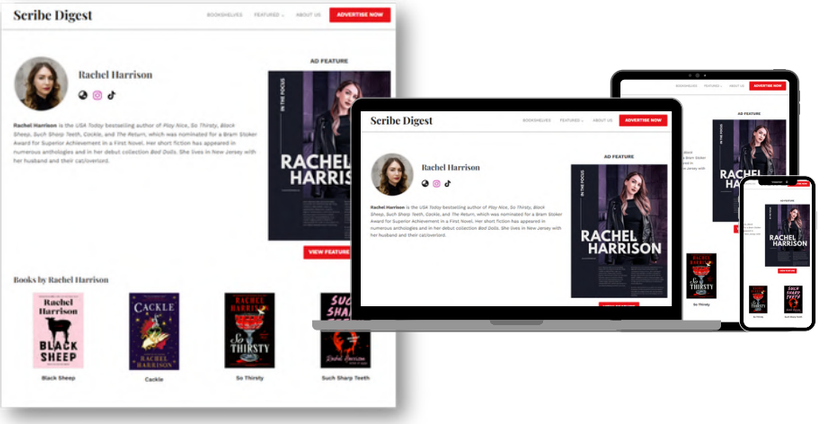

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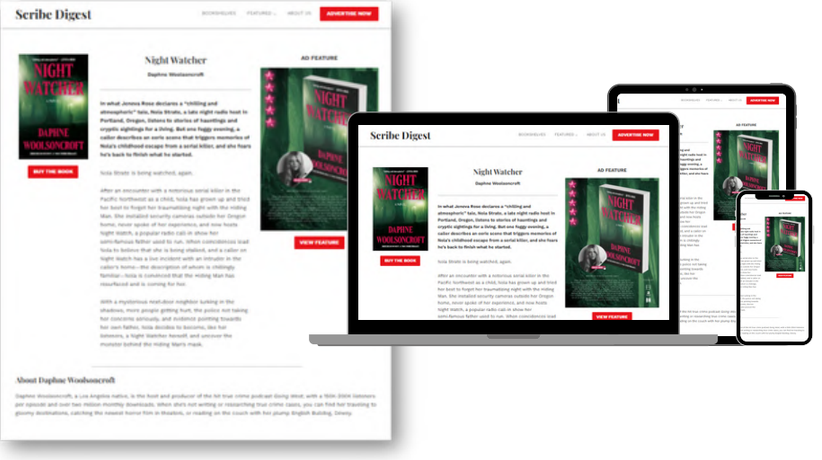

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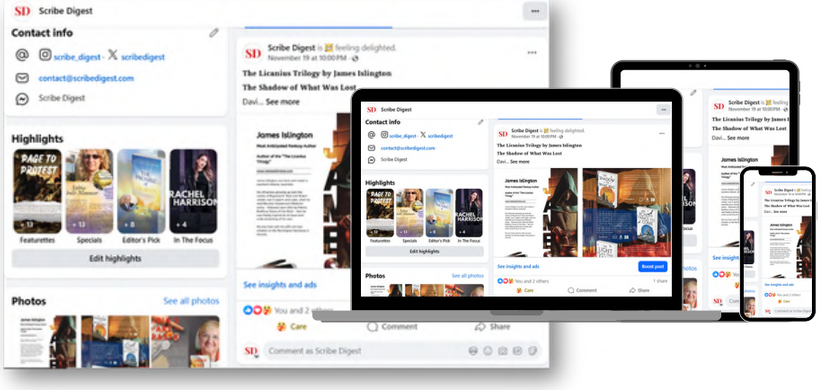

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