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Kristina has been a bookworm for as long as she can remember and has a decade of experience in publishing as both an author and an agent. She was born and raised in the Big Apple by an Argentine dad and a Norwegian mom, speaking three languages at home. Her multicultural upbringing instilled her with a profound desire to experience the world and she has now lived in nine countries on three continents. She has held positions at the National University of Singapore and the University of Hong Kong.

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The son of a mining engineer and a poet, Jack naturally ended up with a doctorate in quantum physics and a love of Science Fiction, each using, as they do, a little of the extraordinary to understand the everyday. He has spent more than fifteen years in the world of international finance, heading market risk and quantitative teams. At PLE, he oversees day-to-day business operations, contracts and royalties, and liaises with the agency's chartered accountants. When not squinting at a spreadsheet, Jack can be found with his nose in a book or graphic novel.

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Pérez Literary & Entertainment is passionate about selling foreign rights for our clients into as many languages as possible. With a multilingual and multicultural team, we at PLE want our authors' stories to reach the widest possible audience. We believe in the power of words to build bridges between people and foster mutual understanding. Having spent time living across the globe and with fluency in several languages, the PLE team has a wide reach with publishers throughout the world.

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The Bone Dragon

PUBLISHER: FABER | WE AUDIO: TANTOR | GENRE: YA | MATERIAL: FINISHED COPIES | RIGHTS: PLE



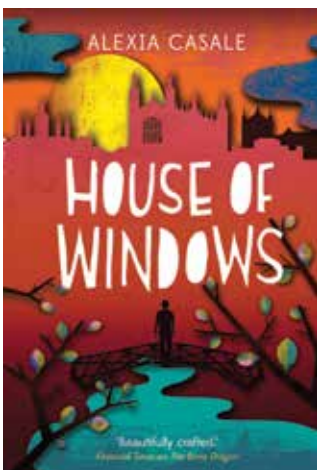
A blend of psychological thriller and fairytale, *The Bone Dragon* explores the fragile boundaries between real life and fantasy. It was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2014 and was named a Book of the Year 2013 in the *Independent* and the *Financial Times*.

Evie's shattered ribs have been a secret for the last four years. Now she has found the strength to tell her adoptive parents, and the physical traces of her past are fixed—the only remaining sign is a scar on her side and a fragment of bone taken home from the hospital, which her uncle Ben helps her to carve into a dragon as a sign of her strength.

Soon this ivory talisman begins to come to life at night, offering wisdom and encouragement in roaming dreams of smoke and moonlight that come to feel ever more real. As Evie grows stronger there remains one problem her new parents can't fix for her: a revenge that must be taken. And it seems that the Dragon is the one to take it.

House of Windows

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House of Windows is a coming of age novel about chosen families and being brave enough to create the future that is right for you. It is recommended reading as part of the National Health Service's "books on prescription" for young people dealing with mental health issues.

Nick hates it when people call him a genius. Sure, he's going to Cambridge University at age 15, but he says that's just because he works hard. And, secretly, he only works hard to get some kind of attention from his workaholic father. Not that his strategy is working. When he arrives at Cambridge, he finds the work hard and socialising even harder. Until, that is, he starts to cox for the college rowing crew and all hell breaks loose...

Shauna Clinning

Shauna Clinning is a librarian by trade who lives in Canada. Before writing, she managed a public library and was the 2006 recipient of the Ontario Library Association's Excellence in Youth Services Award. Her work has been published in The Globe and Mail, among others. Most recently, she was shortlisted for the 2022 Guernica Editions Prize for Literary Fiction and was a semi-finalist in the 2018 John Kenneth Galbraith Literary Award competition. Like the characters in her story, she enjoys discovering the umami in food, wine, and life.



Tasting Stars

GENRE: UPMARKET, WOMEN'S FICTION, BOOK CLUB, HISTORICAL
MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

A sweeping upmarket historical debut for fans of Kristin Hannah and Kate Quinn.

Peace may have been declared in Europe but to Hungarian ballerina Kate Novak, who grew up on a vineyard, it feels like the end of days. In the chaos of WWII's end, Soviet thugs murder her insurrectionist husband and threaten her with the Gulag. Pregnant, alone, her only option is to escape to America with her controlling brother-in-law.

Posing as man and wife, they raise her daughter in Oregon. But Kate is disappointed with the woman she's become: trapped and unfulfilled. Seeking freedom, she takes a job at a fledgling winery. The work reconnects her to the land and through it she meets grief-stricken Japanese immigrant, Mo Tanabe. There's a strange mystique to Mo, and Kate feels drawn to him.

Somehow, miraculously, he's survived the bombings of Japan. He's now obsessed with creating umami—that indefinable flavour he once relished in his late wife's cooking—to keep his memories alive. By providing Mo with the wooden barrels he needs to brew a mouth-watering sauce, Kate hopes to learn something about his passions and his magical umami. Together, Mo and Kate embark on a journey that rekindles forgotten hungers. Until a ghost from the past makes a shocking appearance, catapulting them backward in time to buried secrets and betrayals, threatening the new lives they've built.

Katharine & Elizabeth Corr

Katharine and Elizabeth Corr are sisters and best friends. They are authors of **The Witch's Kiss Trilogy** (originally published by HarperCollins UK) and **A Throne Of Swans** (Hot Key Books), which topped the Amazon chart as the bestseller in fantasy romance. Their new **House of Shadows Duology** was published by Hot Key Books in 2022 and 2023.



The Witch's Kiss

GENRE: UPPER YA/ADULT CROSSOVER, ROMANTASY, HISTORICAL FANTASY | MATERIAL: FINISHED COPIES | RIGHTS: PLE



In this sweeping and lush **Romantasy** trilogy *Outlander* meets *A Discovery of Witches*.

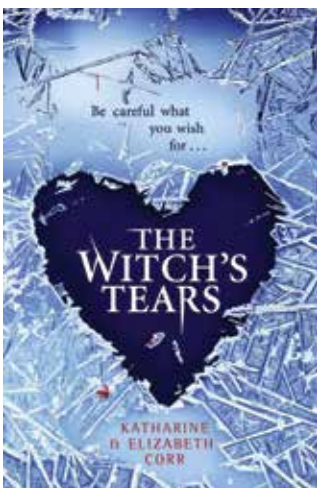
A male sleeping beauty, an Anglo-Saxon curse and an oath, handed down from generation to generation, to an unsuspecting – and unprepared – 21st century teenager...

16-year-old Merry is fed up with her feuding family – not to mention her emerging witch powers that she's struggling to control and doing her best to deny. Then sweet, sensitive Jack comes into her life and she can't help falling under his spell. The only problem? He's possessed by a destructive centuries-old curse that Merry's meant to overthrow.

She has lost her heart; will she also lose her life? Or in true fairytale tradition, can true love's kiss save the day?

The Witch's Tears (The Witch's Kiss #2)

GENRE: UPPER YA/ADULT CROSSOVER, ROMANTASY, HISTORICAL FANTASY | MATERIAL: FINISHED COPIES | RIGHTS: PLE



Can true love's kiss break your heart?

It's not easy being a teenage witch. Just ask Merry. She's drowning in textbooks and rules set by the coven, drowning in heartbreak after the loss of Jack. But Merry is not the only one whose fairytale is over.

Big brother Leo is falling apart. Everything Merry does seems to push him further to the brink. And everything that happens to Leo makes her ache for revenge. So, when strangers offering friendship show them a different path, they'd be mad not to take it...

Some rules were made to be broken, right?

Katharine & Elizabeth Corr

The Witch's Blood (*The Witch's Kiss* #3)

GENRE: UPPER YA/ADULT CROSSOVER, ROMANTASY, HISTORICAL FANTASY | MATERIAL: FINISHED COPIES | RIGHTS: PLE



Teenage witch Merry is used to breaking the rules. So when the coven forbids her to rescue her big brother, Leo, she ignores them – with terrifying consequences. As Merry is forced to confront evil from her past and present, loyalties are challenged and friendships pushed to breaking point. And all the time her power is growing...

How much is Merry really willing to give up to save the people she loves?

Kelly deVos

Kelly deVos is from Gilbert, Arizona, where she lives with her family and superhero dog, Cocoa. She holds a B.A. in Creative Writing from Arizona State University. Her work on body positivity has been featured in the New York Times as well as on Vulture, Salon, Bustle and SheKnows.



Mirrorland

GENRE: ADULT CONTEMPORARY FANTASY, HORROR FANTASY | **MATERIAL:** FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

Barbie meets The Final Girl Support Group.

Enchanted Isle is America's most beloved theme park where visitors can meet their favorite "princesses" and consume lethal amounts of sugar. When a bona fide evil sorceress turns up, five actresses who work as princess characters are sucked into an alternate dimension where they have to compete Survivor-style to "win" the heart of a disinterested prince.

Ladies and gentleman, meet...

- Janice: the chain-smoking Sleeping Beauty.
- Emma: the Snow White with a law degree.
- Kate: the Alice in Wonderland who is also pre-med.
- María: the Beauty from Miami.
- And, finally, Anahita: the Scheherazade with a PhD in astrophysics!

Now, they must fool the prince into thinking their theme-park identities are their only identities—since fakers hang from the walking willow trees in the town square. Think The Bachelor meets The Hunger Games in a world where fairytales are real and they aren't just Grimm, they're pitch black.

To make matters worse, the evil sorceress doesn't quite get the rules of reality TV. When a princess is eliminated each week, she is sent "home" to her character's magical land. Instead of returning to Enchanted Isle, the girls find themselves running from fantastical beasts and hunted by their evil stepmothers.

Stuck in a game where even if you win you lose, the girls must survive, battle their way out of their fairytale realms and band together to rescue each other and get back to reality.

Fat Girl on a Plane *[backlist]*

PUBLISHER: INKYARD PRESS/HARPER COLLINS (WORLD ENGLISH) | **WE AUDIO:** TANTOR

GENRE: YA CONTEMPORARY | **MATERIAL:** FINISHED COPIES | **RIGHTS:** PLE

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Named one of the "50 Best Summer Reads of All Time" by Reader's Digest

"This touching and funny novel alternates between Cookie's perspectives as both 'fat' and 'skinny' as she figures out how to accept herself in a world set on tearing women down with impossible expectations. Kelly deVos' stellar debut is a relatable and moving story about following your dreams and learning to love yourself along the way."
—Reader's Digest

Kelly deVos [backlist]

The Day Zero Duology: DAY ZERO & DAY ONE

PUBLISHER: INKYARD PRESS/HARPER COLLINS (WORLD ENGLISH) | **WE AUDIO:** TANTOR

GENRE: YA THRILLER, POLITICAL THRILLER, DYSTOPIAN | **MATERIAL:** FINISHED COPIES | **RIGHTS:** PLE



“A compelling, action-packed story about family ties, politics, and revolution..”
—Kirkus Reviews

“In this gripping tale of heart and adventure, deVos propels her characters into a breathless quest edged by thoughtful commentary on the nature of humanity. Day Zero is a book placed in a dystopian future, with true relevance to today.”
—Laura Taylor Namey, NYT Bestselling author of *A Cuban Girl's Guide to Tea and Tomorrow*

“Kelly deVos’ second novel proves she is a genre-jumping rock star. From her debut contemporary novel, *Fat Girl on a Plane* to...an end of the world apocalyptic novel? She makes the jump and sticks the landing with an absolutely thrilling story of family and survival.”
—Paste Magazine

Day Zero is a 2020 TASHYA Reading List book.

Select YA Horror Titles

PUBLISHER: RAZORBILL/PENGUIN TEEN (WORLD ENGLISH) | **WE AUDIO:** PENGUIN | **GENRE:** YA HORROR

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“deVos superbly blends humor and horror in this sharp-witted, high-stakes adventure that unpicks genre conventions and wades fearlessly into the dialogue surrounding fatphobia. A gory, no-holds-barred zombie story that manages to both celebrate and terrify.”
—Booklist, Starred review for *Eat Your Heart Out*

“*Eat Your Heart Out* is a very humorous and satirical look at body positivity and diet culture...This is a book I would’ve loved to have when I was a teen...To have an entire book filled with large characters who use the positives of their bodies to their advantage, instead of being bullied and ridiculed is a welcomed breath of fresh air. Representation matters!”
—Britney Young, actress from the hit show *GLOW*

“Crisp writing builds tension and keeps the pages flying as the atmospheric and moody story becomes increasingly gruesome and twisty. A fast-paced thrill ride.”
—Kirkus Reviews, Review for *Go Hunt Me*

A.E. Green

Born and raised in Suffolk, England, Abigail went on to achieve her BA degree in Film and Media Studies. When she isn't writing Abigail works within the theatre industry as a costume designer, dresser, and hair stylist. She can usually be found watching a musical, reading a book or drinking tea. Abigail's love for film and theatre is the main source of inspiration for her writing. Abigail's love of classic literature and film inspired her passion for writing dark academia.



The Melody Of Water

GENRE: UPPER YA/ADULT CROSSOVER, DARK ACADEMIA, PSYCHOLOGICAL HORROR

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

*A dark and haunting tale where **If We Were Villains** meets **The Secret History**.*

There is something devastating in the lake. Alex should know, he helped put it there.

Alex, Digby, and Chloe are three friends attending Hearn University, a prestigious arts school. With a love of literature and cinema running through his veins, Alex knows he belongs, and that one day, his portrait will grace the walls of Hearn, immortalizing his poetic genius. But Alex will soon learn that terrible choices have terrible consequences, and that the life he dreams of is under threat.

Nathan Brewer knows what happened the night Professor Miller was killed. He saw Alex and his friends dragging the body into the lake...and he's going to tell. Facing real-world threats, Alex can no longer find refuge in his poetic imagining. The rotting darkness of his mind is clawing at him, and there might be no escaping it.

Jennifer Wolf Kam

Jennifer Wolf Kam's debut YA novel, Devin Rhodes Is Dead was nominated for VOYA Magazine's Top Shelf for Middle School Fiction and her debut picture book Until the Blueberries Grow was published by PJ Publishing. She earned her MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from the Vermont College of Fine Arts.



All Souls Realty

GENRE: MIDDLE GRADE, FANTASY

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

Beetlejuice for kids!

Ever since the accidental death of her mother, ten-year-old Minnow Mayberry lives with her Aunt Elaine, owner of All Souls Realty, and purveyor of allegedly haunted homes. Aunt Elaine doesn't believe in ghosts, but since the accident, Minnow sees ghosts everywhere—all of them, except for her mother's.

When they arrive in the town of Pickling Forks at the behest of an ambitious councilman with dreams of transforming it into a luxury destination, Minnow is amazed to find the town overrun with ghosts. The local spirits explain that they have their reasons for being "Earthbound," and Aunt Elaine selling their homes might endanger their celestial plans. Minnow makes the ghosts an offer they can't refuse—she will help them if they search for her mother.

Will the ghosts be able to keep their end of the bargain and find her mother? Or are they all running out of time?

Emma MacDonald

Emma MacDonald was born and raised outside of Washington, DC, where she received a B.A in International Relations from American University. When she's not writing, she can be found gardening, brewing potions, or chasing after her small menagerie of pets. Emma loves to write fantasy with a big splash of magic and romance.



Whispers Most Foul

GENRE: YA/ADULT CROSSOVER, ROMANTASY, MAGICAL ACADEMIA

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

Harry Potter meets A Lesson in Vengeance.

Rose is a student at the prestigious and cutthroat institution of magical learning, Dunhollow Academy. The only problem is that she can't cast a single spell, something her chancellor mother and pretentious peers won't let her forget. Worst among them is Sylvie, the school's top caster, and Rose's academic rival.

At the start of her third year, Rose must deal with not only the Academy's expectations of her, but the presence of a vicious ghost, Aveline—a first year student whose sudden and mysterious disappearance was covered up last term.

Rose is the only person who can see Aveline's ghost, a secret she is keeping from everyone, even her best friend, Fen. When Sylvie's ghost appears, Rose realises that death is following the students at Dunhollow.

Forced to team up with the ghost of her academic rival, Rose and Sylvie find themselves tangled up in a web of old, dark magic and a dangerous secret Order. The deeper Rose and Sylvie search for answers, the darker the lies become. The clock is ticking, and Rose and Sylvie need to act fast before another student is claimed.

S.K. Meekings

S. K. Meekings is a British poet and novelist. He grew up on the South Coast and spent the last ten years living and working in China and the Middle East. Writing as Sam Meekings, he has published several works of historical fiction including Under Fishbone Clouds. His work-in-progress received an award from the Society of Authors, and his writing has been featured on the BBC website, in The Independent, on Arena on Radio 1, and in the National Geographic. As a lecturer and single parent of two kids, he squeezes writing into the hours between bedtime and daybreak, fuelled by copious cups of tea.



The Rectory

GENRE: LITERARY HORROR, PSYCHOLOGICAL HORROR, BOOK CLUB

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

The Others meets Stuart Turton.

Mick and Stefan have been friends since university, but now twenty years later they both find their lives suddenly and irrevocably changed. Can their friendship survive the tragedies and secrets that have come between them? Looking to help his friend deal with his grief, Mick travels down to stay with Stefan in the Rectory, the old house in the Sussex countryside where Stefan and his partner spent their final days together. However, Mick is still nursing old wounds of his own, and the two friends soon find themselves locked in an increasingly frightening cycle of the weird and hauntingly familiar.

There is something strange about the Rectory: it is a house with a past, a house that holds many unanswered questions, where time seems to work differently and events occur out of order. Told from Mick's point of view as he navigates the Rectory, the novel is an unsettling psychological mystery that investigates the survival choices we make in the face of loss and heartbreak, and the ripples these choices cast through our own lives and beyond.

Kim Mykura

Kim Mykura splits his time between the UK and Thailand where he runs his own business. A former backpacking junkie, he traveled extensively across India and South East Asia before realizing that his wanderlust was incompatible with the parenting demands of his Westie, Coconut.



The Strangeness of Ordinary Things

GENRE: UPMARKET, WOMEN'S FICTION, BOOK CLUB, HISTORICAL, SOUTHERN GOTHIC

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

Where the Crawdads Sing meets Alice Hoffman in this lyrical coming-of-age tale.

Ten-year-old Maisie's life is falling apart. Her father is on another tour of duty in Vietnam, and weevils have just ripped through her parents' farm, pushing the family close to bankruptcy. Maisie's emotionally distant mother is struggling to cope, and descending into alcoholism. So, when Maisie finds a rare half-dollar in the creek near her home, it seems serendipitous—for a local numismatist informs her the coin is virtually priceless.

If sold at auction, the proceeds would be enough to save the family farm, and possibly her mother's failing health. Yet, soon after the half-dollar comes into her possession, her father is taken prisoner in Vietnam and a liver condition hospitalizes her mother. Struggling to cope with her trauma, Maisie begins to believe the coin is cursed. Increasingly convinced the only way to save her family and bring her father home is to break the purported hex, she starts to frantically delve into the coin's origins.

Maisie's quest will lead her to dusty attics, creaking libraries, and an enigmatic apothecary who makes a startling revelation. However, Maisie soon discovers there is someone fiercely determined to ensure the history of the coin is never revealed—her very own mother.

Jessica Sparrow

Jessica Sparrow's experiences reflect a deep commitment to storytelling and public policy. She earned her MFA from Roosevelt University and has, at times, been a newspaper reporter, museum exhibit developer, and legislative aide. She also directed communications for a gubernatorial campaign, where her favorite hours were spent writing speeches. She currently serves in elected office.



Trout Lily

GENRE: UPMARKET, WOMEN'S FICTION, BOOK CLUB, LITERARY

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

The Paper Palace meets Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe in this searing debut novel.

Emmeline Kyte has always done what she was told. Raised working on the Wisconsin resort her family has owned for generations, she has learned to be terrifically quiet and accommodating.

But in the early morning hours on the day of her high school graduation, Emm sneaks away from home and leaves town on a bus bound for Chicago, where she can obtain an illegal abortion. When the bus breaks down at a rural crossroads, she meets June, a farmer looking for an excuse to hit the road. June volunteers to drive Emm the rest of the way and their encounters over the next twenty-four hours will change Emmeline forever.

Sixty years later and nearing the end of her life, Emmeline befriends her new neighbor, Maddie, a young woman trying to escape her troubled past. As their unexpected friendship grows, and Emmeline reflects on her own life, it becomes clear she has one more impossible choice to make.

Troy Tassier

Troy Tassier Ph.D., is Professor of Economics at Fordham University with additional affiliations in the Urban Studies Program and the International Political Economy and Development Program. A world expert in the fields of economic epidemiology and social networks, he is frequently quoted on the COVID-19 pandemic by major media outlets including Associated Press, Reuters, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Washington Post and ABC News, among others.



The Rich Flee and the Poor Take the Bus

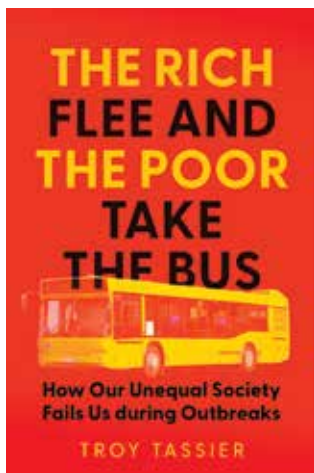
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GENRE: NON-FICTION, ECONOMICS, PUBLIC HEALTH, HISTORY

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE



How our unequal society fails us during outbreaks.

Professor Troy Tassier explodes the myth that epidemics are a 'great leveller' and exposes how pandemics deepen societal divides throughout history.

In 2020, the poor and marginalized across the world were thrust onto the front lines of the war with COVID-19. Minority populations in both the US and UK were struck down by the virus at rates greatly exceeding their representation in the population. These same groups faced increased economic hardships as well.

From the Black Death to the great influenza in 1918, epidemics systematically intensify and inflate the inequality present in society. The reasons for this disparity are hidden in plain sight. Unequal access to healthcare and overcrowding in cities are only part of the story. Looking at the historical context of previous epidemics together with insights gleaned from the fields of economics, epidemiology, and social network analysis, Professor Tassier uses a light touch to explain the origins of this inequity and how it is more deeply rooted in our societies than ever previously understood or reported in the media.

Vincent Tirado

Vincent Tirado is a non-binary Afro-Latine Bronx native. They ventured out to Pennsylvania and Ohio to get their bachelor's degree in Biology and Master's degree in Bioethics. They have had short stories published in Desert Rose Lit Mag and InQluded. Their debut novel **Burn Down, Rise Up** is a Bram Stoker Award Finalist, a Lambda Literary Award Finalist and a Pura Belpré Award Winner.



The Neighbor

PUBLISHER: WILLIAM MORROW/HARPERCOLLINS US (WORLD ENGLISH)

PUBLICATION: SUMMER 2024

GENRE: ADULT HORROR, SOCIAL HORROR, PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

The Other Black Girl meets *Midsommar* in this adult horror debut from a Bram Stoker Award Finalist.

Sol Reyes has had a rough year. After a series of workplace incidents at her university lab culminates in a plagiarism accusation, Sol is put on probation pending an academic hearing. Duty visits to her homophobic father aren't helping her mental health, and she finds her nightly glass of wine becoming more of an all-day event.

Her wife, Alice Song, is much more optimistic. After all, the two finally managed to buy a house in the beautiful gated community of Maneless Grove. The neighbors are a little too friendly in Sol's opinion. She has no interest in the pushy Homeowners Association, their bizarrely detailed contract, or their microaggressions. But Alice simply attributes their enthusiasm to the community motto: "Invest in a neighborly spirit."

Alone at home, Sol witnesses a number of strange occurrences, such as doors and stairs suddenly disappearing, and roots growing inside the house. Sol soon becomes convinced they aren't alone while her wife worries about her drinking and increasing paranoia.

When Sol finds a journal buried in her backyard from a woman who inadvertently joined a cult in the same location over a hundred years ago, she realizes why they were able to buy the house so easily.

In Maneless Grove, either you become a good neighbor—or you die.

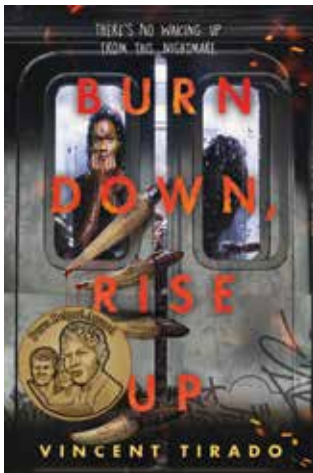
Vincent Tirado

Burn Down, Rise Up [backlist]

PUBLISHER: SOURCEBOOKS (WORLD ENGLISH) | WE AUDIO: TANTOR

GENRE: YA/ADULT CROSSOVER, COSMIC HORROR

MATERIAL: FINISHED COPIES | RIGHTS: PLE



Stranger Things meets Jordan Peele in this thrilling and page-turning debut!

“With wonderful characters, nighttime chills, and a terrifying adventure at the heart of it all, *Burn Up, Rise Down* is a breathtaking, read-it-in-one-sitting thrill of a novel.”

—Marieke Nijkamp, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *This Is Where It Ends*

“A queer, heart-pounding thrill ride. Fans of *Attack the Block* and *Vampires vs. the Bronx*: prepare for your newest obsession.”

—Ryan Douglass, *NYT* bestselling author of *The Taking of Jake Livingston*

We Don't Swim Here [backlist]

PUBLISHER: SOURCEBOOKS (WORLD ENGLISH) | WE AUDIO: TANTOR

GENRE: YA/ADULT CROSSOVER, COSMIC HORROR, SOUTHERN GOTHIC

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Candyman meets *Lovecraft Country*, a tale of revenge in a town haunted by its racist past.

Bronwyn is only supposed to be in rural Hillwoods for a year. Her grandmother is in hospice, and her father needs to get her affairs in order. And they're all meant to make some final memories together.

Except Bronwyn is miserable. Her grandmother is dying, everyone is standoffish, and she can't even go swimming. All she hears are warnings about going in the water, despite a gorgeous lake. And a pool at the abandoned rec center. And another in the high school basement.

Anais tries her hardest to protect Bronwyn from the shadows of Hillwoods. She follows her own rituals to avoid any unnecessary attention—and if she can just get Bronwyn to stop asking questions, she can protect her too. The less Bronwyn pays attention to Hillwoods, the less Hillwoods will pay attention to Bronwyn. She doesn't get that the lore is, well, truth. History. Pain. The living aren't the only ones who seek retribution when they're wronged. But when Bronwyn does more exploring than she should, they are both in for danger they couldn't expect.

Amy True

Amy True grew up in Southern California only ten minutes from Disneyland which sparked an early interest in storytelling. Writing as Amy Trueblood, her YA debut *Nothing But Sky* was a Spring 2018 Junior Library Guild selection. Her second novel, *Across a Broken Shore*, also a JLG selection, was named a 2020 Best Feminist Book in Children's Literature by the American Library Association. It also won the Gold Medal for Historical Fiction in both the Independent Publisher Book Awards and Moonbeam Children's Awards.



The Ivy Falls Series

A Flip Of The Heart (Ivy Falls #1)

PUBLISHER: HERA BOOKS/CANELO (WORLD ENGLISH) | **PUBLICATION:** SUMMER 2024

AUDIO RIGHTS: TANTOR (NA); WF HOWES (UKBC) | **GENRE:** ADULT CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

Sometimes it's not just your home that needs a makeover. It's your heart...

Torran Wright needs to catch a break. Her contracting business is crumbling and her chance at getting her own home renovation show is gone after a freak accident on set turned her into the latest viral video. To salvage her reputation she sets her sights on restoring the historic home that once belonged to her high school sweetheart. But just as she's about to win the auction, her old flame shows up out of the blue and bids the house out from under her.

Beck Townsend doesn't know why he returned to Ivy Falls and impulsively bid on his childhood home. Seeing the only woman he's ever loved at the auction certainly had nothing to do with it. Beck's no Mr. Fix-It but he's all Southern charm and convinces Torran to help him renovate his house for the good of the town. What starts as a partnership turns into something more as long-buried feelings and secrets resurface. But when a hideous act threatens to destroy everything they've worked for, they realize it'll take more than a coat of paint to fix a past that changed both their lives forever.

Amy True

A Turn Of The Page (Ivy Falls #2)

PUBLISHER: HERA BOOKS/CANELO (WORLD ENGLISH) | **PUBLICATION:** FALL 2024
AUDIO RIGHTS: TANTOR (NA); WF HOWES (UKBC) | **GENRE:** ADULT CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE
MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

Torran's sister Tessa is struggling to run her mother's beloved book shop and the business is failing. At least she has her dear friend (and accidental heart throb) Manny, to support her. As single parents, they understand each other and the friendship is too important for Tessa to give in to the chemistry between them. But when Tessa's ex-husband comes back on the scene, she must make a decision: should she follow her heart, or does she owe it to her girls to fix their family? After appearing on TV with his business partner, Torran, Manny is appalled to find himself a sudden heart throb. His own heart belongs to Tessa and he helps her to refurbish the bookshop, but what can he do when he sees her being drawn in again by her ex?

A Bend In The Road (Ivy Falls #3)

PUBLISHER: HERA BOOKS/CANELO (WORLD ENGLISH) | **PUBLICATION:** SPRING 2025
AUDIO RIGHTS: TANTOR (NA); WF HOWES (UKBC) | **GENRE:** ADULT CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE
MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

Beck's sister Piper is working hard to build her new life in Ivy Falls but fears she will never escape her past reputation and her struggle with drugs. Clean and healthy, she is determined to build herself a bright new future. When Dr Landon Frost breezes into town they recognise each other from Piper's past treatment. He can't get her out of his head but Piper is more guarded and doesn't want anything to come in the way of her new life. When a dark figure from her past turns up, their fragile romance is threatened. Can Landon find his way into Piper's heart and is she ready to take a chance on love?

Johanna van Veen

Johanna grew up in the Netherlands and received an MA in English Literature as well as an MA Book and Digital Media from Leiden University. My Darling Dreadful Thing is her debut novel, a Gothic psychological thriller about revenge, desire, and the boundaries of self.



My Darling Dreadful Thing

PUBLISHER: SOURCEBOOKS (WORLD ENGLISH) | **AUDIO:** TANTOR (NA); WF HOWES (UKBC)

GENRE: UPMARKET, PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER, GOTHIC, SPECULATIVE, HISTORICAL

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

PUBLICATION SEASON: SPRING 2024

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Behind Her Eyes meets *Sarah Waters* in the Post-War Netherlands.

For as long as she can remember, Roos Beckman has had a spirit companion only she can see. Ruth – strange, corpse-like, and dead for centuries – is the only good thing in Roos' life, which is filled with sordid backroom séances organised by her mother. That is, until wealthy young widow Agnes Knoop attends one of these séances. The attraction between the women is immediate and undeniable, enraging Roos' spirit companion, and Agnes soon turns up dead.

The police suspect Roos murdered Agnes and is now spinning lies so that she cannot be held accountable for what she did. Doctor Montague, a psychologist tasked with finding out whether Roos can be considered mentally fit to stand trial, suspects her traumatised mind has created an elaborate fantasy to protect her from what really happened. Roos herself maintains that everything she says is the truth.

But can we trust Roos?

Johanna van Veen

Sweet Sister Comfort Me

PUBLISHER: SOURCEBOOKS (WORLD ENGLISH) | **PUBLICATION:** SPRING 2025

AUDIO RIGHTS: TANTOR (NA); WF HOWES (UKBC)

GENRE: UPMARKET, PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER, GOTHIC, SPECULATIVE, HISTORICAL

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

Mexican Gothic meets The Thing in this spine-tingling Gothic horror.

When her beloved twin sister becomes deathly ill and keeps raving about a recently-found bog body, Lucy initially believes the doctor's diagnosis of temporary insanity caused by a fever of the brain. After all, Sarah has suffered from periods of mental instability in the past. But Lucy knows her sister better than she knows herself, and this is no mere madness. As Sarah becomes ever sicker and her behaviour ever more disturbing, Lucy is forced to consider the idea that something else is causing these changes in her sister: something old and intelligent and intent on staying. As evidence mounts that something is possessing her sister, Lucy must decide what is worse: having a parasitic entity that is also part Sarah for a sister, or no sister at all.

Hagstone Hill

GENRE: MIDDLE GRADE HORROR, FAIRYTALE RETELLING, GOTHIC

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

The Graveyard Book meets the Sinister Summer series in this creepy and magical Middle Grade debut.

With her sisters dying of typhoid, Nell is desperate. Although she, Annet, and Hannah were born only minutes apart, Nell is the eldest, which means it's her job to protect them. She will do whatever it takes to save them, even going to Hagstone Hill and making a deal with the evil witch who lives inside of it: the beldam.

Beldams eat souls and are known to cheat to get what they want, but what choice does Nell have? A deal is struck: the beldam will save Nell's sisters in return for something precious. When it's time to pay, the beldam, true to her nature, cheats. She doesn't take something precious, but someone: Nell's Aunt Lena!

Nell and her sisters must go on a perilous journey full of ghosts, goblins, and other dangers to save their aunt from becoming the beldam's next meal.

Stephen Vines

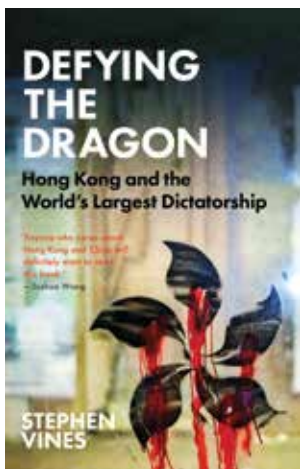
Stephen Vines covered Hong Kong and China from 1987 to 2021. In his long career, he has been South East Asia Correspondent for The Observer, Hong Kong Correspondent for The Guardian, Foreign Correspondent for The Independent, Chief Editor of the Eastern Express, and a regular contributor to Fortune, Wall Street Journal Asia, The Daily Telegraph, ABC (Australia), Deutsche Welle and Radio Vaticana. He has won Human Rights Press awards several times including receiving a Certificate of Special Merit for commentary in 2021. He now makes his home in St. Albans.



Defying the Dragon: Hong Kong and the World's Largest Dictatorship

PUBLISHER: HURST (US/UK) | **WE AUDIO:** TANTOR | **GENRE:** NON-FICTION, CURRENT AFFAIRS, POLITICS
MATERIAL: FINISHED COPIES | **RIGHTS:** PLE

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A vivid account of the Hong Kong uprising and its global repercussions.

“A detailed chronicle of Hong Kong’s fight in the face of repression. Anyone who cares about Hong Kong and China will definitely want to read this book.”

— Joshua Wong, Hong Kong’s most famous democracy advocate

“A superb book about Beijing’s ruthless and depressing efforts to stamp out Hong Kong’s freedoms, erode its rule of law and attack its identity as an open society. Vines, a brave and distinguished journalist, sets this sad story of a great international city within the brutal politics of the Chinese regime.”

— Lord Chris Patten, last British governor of Hong Kong

“One of the most important stories of our times of the fight against authoritarian regimes. The best way to understand China is through the lens of Hong Kong’s struggles.”

— Nathan Law, leading democracy activist

Defying the Dragon tells a story of audacity of how Hong Kong challenged the PRC’s authority. Is Xi’s China as unshakeable as it seems? Why is Beijing’s control waning? What lies ahead?

Stephen Vines has lived in Hong Kong for over three decades. His book shrewdly unpacks the Hong Kong–China relationship and its wider significance—concluding with Covid-19 and the 2020–21 crackdown.

Vines vividly explains how and why the uprising unfolded, and its global repercussions. Now, the international community is reassessing relations with Beijing after Hong Kong’s rebellion and China’s handling of the pandemic have exposed the regime’s weakness.

Julie Vohland

Julie Vohland is a disabled and chronically ill author living with her spouse in Northwest Ohio. She writes all flavors of fantasy and is passionate about portraying marginalized characters as heroes, heroines, royalty, and complex villains. When she isn't reading or writing, you can find her snuggling her corgi and multiple rescue cats, binge-watching her favorite shows, or playing RPGs and farming sims. Julie's focus is fantasy with a lot of heart and bravery.



The Day My House Stopped Breathing

GENRE: MG FANTASY

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

Embark on a fantastic adventure where *Wilderlore* meets the trials of *Coraline*.

Ava hasn't been the same since losing her mom, but her magical house has taken care of her and her dad in the years since. One day, without warning, the house, usually alive and full of personality, grows still and quiet. Worried, Ava seeks out her dad for answers, only to discover that he's gone missing!

With the sky turning purple, and voices from the forest beckoning Ava inside, she knows something is very, very wrong. And she isn't the only one to notice. Ava, now joined by her new friends, must venture into the mysterious woods to rescue her dad, and save the magical house.

But the forest is no friend to Ava. Inside, she comes face to face with monsters she's only seen in her video games. Ava not only battles mermaids, mazes, and danger at every turn, but also grapples with her chronic illness, and telling her new friends the truth about it. They must use their wits and courage to solve riddles that will lead them to Ava's dad, and the secret to restoring the house's magic.

Cristin Williams

Cristin Williams was born to Russian-English translators working for the US military. She now lives in Belgium with her Flemish husband and four daughters. In 2010, she won the Paul Gillette Award for historical fiction.



The Whisper of Stars

PUBLISHER: ORION/HACHETTE (WORLD ENGLISH) | **PUBLICATION DATE:** EARLY 2025

GENRE: FANTASY, ALTERNATIVE HISTORY, ROMANTASY, UPPER YA/ADULT CROSSOVER

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

Leigh Bardugo meets Alias in 1920s Russia.

Anarchist poet Katya Efremova nearly assassinated the entire Bolshevik regime in a single night of epic magic, but a betrayal led to her failure and eventual imprisonment. When she's transferred to Solovetsky Island in 1923, she learns her father visited the monastery before it became a prison. Two weeks later, he was murdered. He'd been researching Stenka Razin, a legendary folk hero rumored to possess a powerful scroll—one Katya might use to destroy the Bolsheviks.

Dima Danilov, an aristocrat who can sketch visions of the future, has been sentenced to hard labor but he knows he'll never leave the island alive. When Dima finds a 250-year-old diary written by his ancestor—a first-person account of Stenka Razin's rebellion—he and Katya reluctantly work together to uncover the secret behind the rebellion, a secret woven into the mysterious labyrinths of the Solovetsky Archipelago.

But they're not the only ones searching for the island's legendary power.

Mary Kate Williams

Mary Kate Williams was raised in Philadelphia, PA but now calls the sunny west coast of Florida home. After completing her B.S. in Economics at Drexel University, she explored different careers in insurance and higher education before landing in sports marketing. She has a thriving YouTube channel detailing her author journey with over 10,000 subscribers and growing daily. When not reading or writing, she enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter.



Heifer

GENRE: SPECULATIVE, GROUNDED SF, DYSTOPIAN, CLIFI

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS:** PLE

Thank You for Smoking meets The Handmaid's Tale in this adult speculative fiction debut.

In the late twenty-first century, climate change has decimated the world's livestock industry and made milk more valuable than gold.

Mina Hodge is an executive at femme-powered My Lactation Membership (MLM) and one of the top-producing Heifers in the human milk industry who supports Heifers around the country in their quest to pump and sell more milk.

As LactCon, their annual conference approaches, Mina's mentor announces that she will be stepping down as CEO of the company and the corporate in-fighting begins to replace her—a fight that Mina intends to win. But her career isn't all that's at stake when a Heifer is accused of poisoning their breast milk—now a capital offense amidst the famine—which threatens MLM's entire operation.

At the same time, Mina is plagued by anonymous, hateful text messages that ratchet up to stalking, making her fear for her life. Could the messages be from the Incel Army who hate the Heifers or is the danger closer to home? While Mina investigates the mounting threats against LactCon and her fellow Heifers, she uncovers a sinister plot to reverse the impact of the global famine.

Mina will need to decide what she values more: her career or her autonomy, and her choice will affect women everywhere.

Josh Winning

Josh Winning is a senior film writer at the Radio Times. He is contributing editor at Total Film magazine, writer at SFX and Den of Geek, and the co-host of movie podcast Torn Stubs. His sophomore novel, **Burn the Negative** was published by Putnam/Penguin US in 2023.



The Shadow Glass

PUBLISHER: TITAN (US/UK) | **AUDIO:** RECORDED (US AUDIO), W.F. HOWES (UK AUDIO)

GENRE: ADULT HORROR, FANTASY | **MATERIAL:** FINISHED COPIES | **RIGHTS:** PLE

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The Times' SF Book of the Month April 2022 and Waterstones Paperback of the Year 2022.

“Wonderful. A bold and heartfelt adventure from another world, another time—and our own.”

— Max Gladstone, Hugo and Nebula award-winning author of *This Is How You Lose the Time War*

“There’s a stirring sense of adventure, excitement, and terror running throughout ... this is a treat for fans of the movies that inspired it.”

— *Publisher’s Weekly*

“Suspenseful, funny, imaginative, and often as creepy as a Skeksis banquet, **The Shadow Glass** is a must read for any fan of Henson or ‘80s fantasy in general who ever dreamed of what it might be like if the Creature Shop actually came to life.”

— *HensonBlog*

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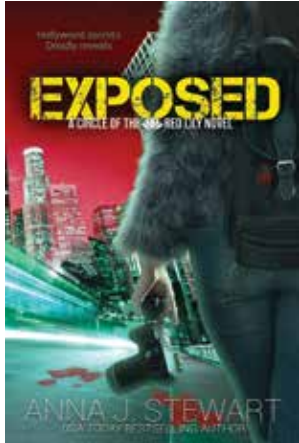


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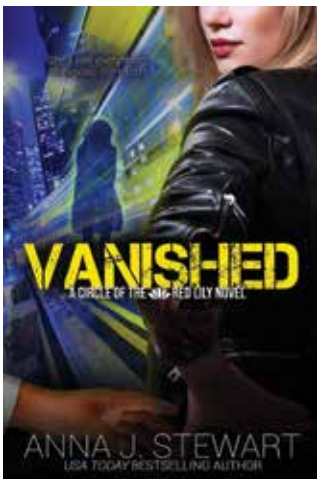
Some secrets should stay buried...

Working as a Hollywood photographer means Riley Temple has seen it all, but that theory is put to the test when she finds herself staring at the chilling image of a dead woman. When her questions about the film's origin results in an assault, a murder, and an attack on Riley herself, she finds herself reluctantly turning to the only person who assures her he can help: Detective Quinn Burton.

Her history with the LAPD is complicated, but to protect those closest to her, she's willing to do anything. Even trust a cop.

Vanished

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PUBLICATION DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2023



She'll risk everything to expose the truth.

Since her twin sister Sylvie's disappearance seven years ago, single mother Mabel Reynolds has become a strong voice for victims of violence and abuse. When new revelations might explain what happened to Sylvie and dozens of other women, Mabel's hope for answers is reignited. But the new, oh-so-charming DA seems to value a speedy resolution over an accurate one. Despite her lack of faith in the system, Mabel isn't about to stay quiet. She's willing to go up against anyone—even the smug, irritating, attractive DA—to get the answers she, and the other families, deserve.

Open and shut.

That's how this house-of-horrors case was presented to Assistant DA Paul Flynn. With a high-profile conviction and his professional future at stake, Paul can't afford to make a wrong move. But Mabel Reynolds has his attention. All of it. Attraction aside, she knows far more than what's in the official files. But using Mabel as an asset means exposing her and her young daughter to even more danger. When even darker forces appear and threaten their lives, Paul is faced with losing not only his entire career, but his heart.

About Anna J. Stewart

USA Today and national bestselling author Anna J. Stewart writes sweet to sexy romance for Harlequin's Heartwarming and Romantic Suspense lines as well as ARC Manor. A former Golden Heart nominee, Anna's books have finaled in the Daphne DuMaurier and National Reader's Choice awards. Her sweet romance **Recipe For Redemption** was recently turned into a holiday movie for UPtv (**A Christmas Recipe For Romance**) which aired during the 2019 holiday season. Since her first novella with Harlequin in 2014, Anna has written and published more than forty romances in multiple sub-genres.

Welcome to Sea Glass Bay

A new series of interconnected Romances from USA Today bestselling authors

About the Authors:

USA Today and national bestselling author **Anna J. Stewart** has always had a book in her hand or a story in her heart. Since her first novella with Harlequin in 2014, Anna has written and published more than forty romances and swears she's just getting started.

Born in Jamaica but raised in Canada, **Kayla Perrin** is a USA Today and Essence bestselling author with over forty books, for major publishing houses including St. Martin's Press, HarperCollins Publishers, Kensington Books and Harlequin.

In addition to her Sunshine Valley series from Grand Central Forever, award-winning USA Today bestseller **Melinda Curtis** is published independently and with Harlequin Heartwarming, including her book Dandelion Wishes, which is an upcoming TV movie starring Amber Marshall.

USA Today bestselling author **Cari Lynn Webb** lives in South Carolina with her husband, daughters and assorted four-legged family members. She's been blessed to see the power of true love in her grandparents' 70-year marriage and her parents' marriage of over 50 years.

The Hollister Brothers' Homecoming

AUTHORS: ANNA J. STEWART, KAYLA PERRIN, MELINDA CURTIS, CARI LYNN WEBB

GENRE: ADULT CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE ANTHOLOGY

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS AVAILABLE:** FOREIGN, AUDIO

PUBLICATION DATE: MAY 2023



Four brothers, four chances at love...

For the four Hollister brothers, Sea Glass Bay means home, family, and, most recently, heartbreak.

Taken in as foster kids by Clay and Leda Hollister, their rocky starts in life were turned around thanks to stability and unconditional love. Despite their successes as adults, Leda's death two years ago shook the brothers to their core, but not nearly as hard as Clay's recent announcement he's getting married again—to his late wife's best friend! It's not something the brothers want to hear, nor easily accept, but family is family no matter what.

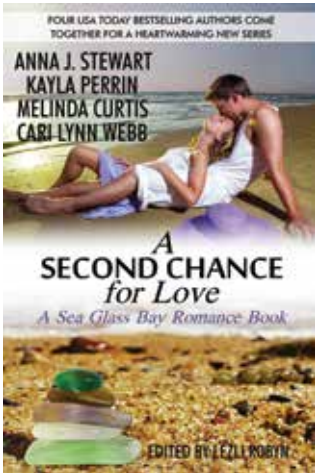
It's time for the Hollister brothers to unite in Sea Glass Bay and heal those family wounds once and for all. What none of the brothers expect is to find love themselves along the picturesque beaches known for their ocean-tumbled glass pebbles.

A Second Chance For Love

AUTHORS: ANNA J. STEWART, KAYLA PERRIN, MELINDA CURTIS, CARI LYNN WEBB

GENRE: ADULT CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE ANTHOLOGY

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS AVAILABLE:** FOREIGN, AUDIO



With Mother's Day approaching, four women finally find their happily-ever-afters.

MOM WANTED

Claire Bishop's life as an art teacher in Sea Glass Bay is full and rewarding, but her heart longs for a family she'll never have. She agrees to help out widower, Sully Vaughn, by taking care of his daughter after school. Sully is recovering from the heartache that nearly destroyed him, but he hasn't taken into account his passion for this dynamic woman.

FATHER WANTED

Jazzy Dunbar is enjoying life as a single mom, proving that you don't have to have a man to have it all. Jeremiah Caldwell, a good friend, made the perfect sperm donor. He's happy with their "no strings attached" relationship ... or is he?

HERO WANTED

Single mom Leah Martin needs to find a wedding date for her ex-husband's wedding. Their son, Owen, is going to be the ringbearer and her attendance is required. But this florist has no time to date around the busy Mother's Day holiday, which is why she agrees to let her friends set her up for a blind date.

FAMILY WANTED

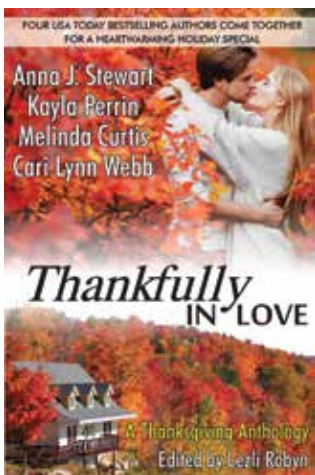
After a corporate restructuring at her accounting firm, Paige Duffy moved north to Sea Glass Bay and opened a handmade candle booth at the coastal town's popular local craft market. Now her severance is running out and Paige discovers she's pregnant from a one night stand.

Thankfully In Love

AUTHORS: ANNA J. STEWART, KAYLA PERRIN, MELINDA CURTIS, CARI LYNN WEBB

GENRE: ADULT CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE ANTHOLOGY

MATERIAL: FINISHED MANUSCRIPT | **RIGHTS AVAILABLE:** FOREIGN, AUDIO



There's no place like home, especially during Thanksgiving.

USA Today bestselling romance authors come together for Thanksgiving to tell the stories of four women who have nothing to be thankful for in their past dating lives.

With the help of family and loved ones this holiday season, can they learn to open their hearts one more time?

If they can dare to make the leap, they could find themselves finally, thankfully in love...



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In 2013 Arc Manor created *Galaxy's Edge* magazine in collaboration with five-time Hugo winner Mike Resnick who edited the magazine until his death in 2020. The magazine is currently edited by Lezli Robyn and sponsors (in partnership with Dragon Con) an annual short fiction award based on Mike Resnick's legacy.

CAEZIK is the newest imprint created by Arc Manor to bring the finest in new science fiction and fantasy, as well as select classic titles to fans around the world. Notable titles published by CAEZIK include *The Pursuit of the Pankera* (the last book from legendary author Robert A. Heinlein, based on a rediscovered manuscript), *Power Challenges* (the last book written by six-time Hugo winner, Ben Bova) and *Reboots: Undead Can Dance*, the latest from Mercedes Lackey who was recently named as the latest Grand Master by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America (SFWA).

The Year's Best African Speculative Fiction, Vols. 1 & 2

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"You are bound to be wonderstruck."—*Lightspeed Magazine*

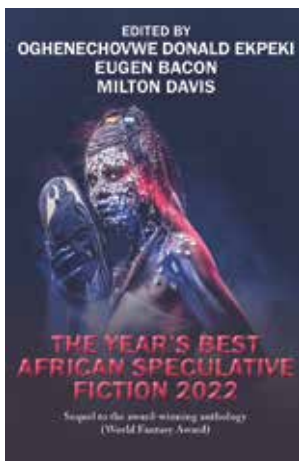
"A must-read."—*Locus Magazine*

"Highly recommended."—The British Fantasy Society

The world's first ever "year's best" anthology of African speculative fiction.

Edited by Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki, volume 1 of *The Year's Best African Speculative Fiction* collects twenty-nine stories by twenty-five writers, which the press describes as "some of the most exciting voices, old and new, from Africa and the diaspora" published in 2020. In Volume 2, Ekpeki is joining forces with two new editors: Eugen Bacon, a 2022 World Fantasy Award finalist, and Milton Davis, an award-winning Black Speculative fiction author.

The anthologies includes stories from Somto O. Ihezue, Pemi Aguda, Russell Nichols, Tamara Jerée, Tlotlo Tsamaase, Sheree Renée Thomas, Tobias S. Buckell, Inegbenoise O. Osagie, Tobi Ogundiran, Chinelo Onwualu, Moustapha Mbacké Diop, Marian Denise Moore, Michelle Mellon, C.L. Clark, Eugen Bacon, Craig Laurence Gidney, Makena Onjerika, T.L. Huchu, Yvette Lisa Ndlovu, Derek Lubangakene, Suyi Davies Okungbowa, Shingai Njeri Kagunda, WC Dunlap, ZZ Claybourne, and Dilman Dila.



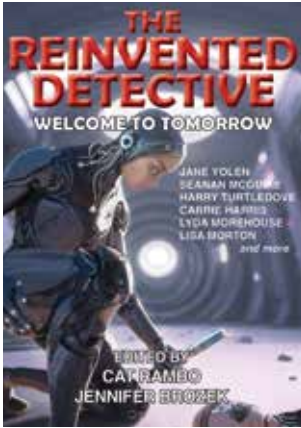
About Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki [editor]

Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki is the author of *"The Witching Hour,"* which won a 2019 Nommo award, and the co-editor of two other forthcoming anthologies: the nonfiction collection *Bridging Worlds: Global Conversations on Creating Pan-African Speculative Literature in a Pandemic* (with Zelda Knight) and the speculative fiction collection, *Africa Risen* (with Zelda Knight and Sheree Renée Thomas). Ekpeki's novelette "oz Arena" won the Nebula award, and is a Hugo award finalist, making him the first African to be a Nebula best novelette winner and Hugo best novelette finalist. The thought-provoking piece was also a finalist for British Science Fiction, British Fantasy and Nommo awards.

The Reinvented Detective

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What if Nancy Drew were a cyborg?

With every aspect of our lives changing with the rapid development of new technologies – augmented bodies, deep-thinking AI, quantum-reasoning, self-aware robots—it is important to consider how these innovations will change the human experience.

This unique anthology explores the impact of evolving technologies on how we solve mysteries and conceptualize the 'detective'. As we move forward into the age of information, what happens to our ideas of detection and crime? How do you handle it when your smart car blackmails you or you murder the downloaded personality of your enemy? What enforces societal norms and catches those violating them in the future? Will our definitions of crime—or punishment—change, and what new forms of either might appear?

The Reinvented Detective presents a fascinating and thrilling look at our own future and how technology will help shape the future sleuth.

The Reinvented Heart

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Does a virtual rose by any other name smell just as sweet?

Science fiction often focuses on future technology and science without considering the ways social structures will change as tech changes — or not. What will relationships look like in a complicated future of clones, uploaded intelligences, artificial brains, or body augmentation? What stories emerge when we acknowledge possibilities of new genders and ways of thinking about them?

The Reinvented Heart presents stories that complicate sex and gender by showing how shifting technology may affect social attitudes and practices, stories that include relationships with communities and social groups, stories that reinvent traditional romance tropes and recast them for the 21st century, and above all, stories that experiment, astonish, and entertain.

About Cat Rambo and Jennifer Brozek [editors]

Jennifer Brozek is a multi-talented, award-winning author, editor, and media tie-in writer. She is the author of the *Never Let Me Sleep*, and *The Last Days of Salton Academy*, both of which were nominated for the Bram Stoker Award and her editing work has earned her nominations for the British Fantasy Award, the Bram Stoker Award, and the Hugo Award.

Cat Rambo has published over 250 fiction pieces, including Nebula Award winning novelette, *Carpe Glitter*, and nonfiction works that include *Ad Astra: The SFWA 50th Anniversary Cookbook* (co-edited with Fran Wilde) and writing book, *Moving From Idea to Finished Draft*. Their 2021 works include fantasy novel *Exiles of Tabat* (Wordfire Press) and space opera *You Sexy Thing* (Tor/Macmillan). Rambo has been short-listed for the World Fantasy Award, the Compton Crook Award, and the Nebula Short Story Award.

The Kuiper Belt Job

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A thrilling space adventure from a Hugo Award Winner!

In a Solar System well inhabited by humanity but far from settled, a gang of grifters and thieves—the scattered survivors of a big job gone very wrong—must finally reunite to break the gang’s erstwhile leader out of captivity. But after ten years, no one is who they were...and some are not what they seem.

The Kuiper Belt Job is a space opera caper novel: a mash-up of *Firefly*, *Leverage*, and *The Expanse*. Its ragtag ensemble of characters is rife with complex relationships and tested by a twisty, compelling plot. But beneath its entertaining surface, *The Kuiper Belt Job* raises deep questions about identity and personhood. In a world where minds can be copied, what does it mean to be “me”?

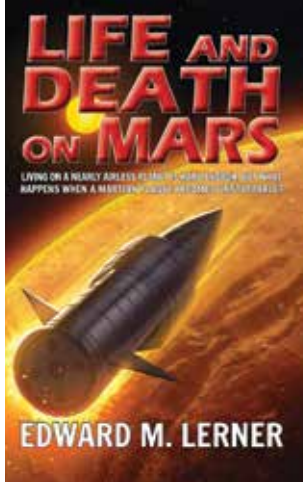
About David D. Levine

David D. Levine is the award-winning author of the *Adventures of Arabella Ashby* trilogy, a regency interplanetary airship adventure that won the Andre Norton Award for YA Science Fiction and Fantasy in 2017. While the first of this series was his debut novel, David has written more than fifty science fiction and fantasy stories including a contribution to George R. R. Martin’s best-selling shared-world series *Wild Cards*. His story, “TkTkTk” won the 2006 Hugo Award for Best Short Story and his stories have appeared in numerous anthologies and websites, including multiple *Year’s Best* collections.

Life and Death on Mars

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PUBLICATION DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2023



Alt-history space race from this Hugo-nominated master of Hard SF.

The Space Race of the 1960s had been a nail-biting addition to the cold war until the Soviet Union suddenly forfeited.

Seventy years later during the Second Cold War, China and the United States are locked in a race to Mars. Both are determined to win—but so is a wildcard: a secret cabal of the worlds' multi-billionaires. Between the three of them, the scrambling to launch deep-space missions makes the 1960s contest appear lackadaisical.

Tensions are high, and as the Red Planet is approaching it becomes clear that competition will only continue in the new frontier. Within each expedition group, rivalries, resentments and distrust simmer just beneath the surface. These challenges and more have somehow fallen into the lap of NASA engineer—and reluctant astronaut—Xander Hopkins.

Amid drama and politics, the stakes keep growing. They must learn how to survive on this arid, radiation-drenched, and all-but-airless planet. But the thorniest problem of all? The plague that seems poised to devastate all life on Mars and on another world...Earth.

About Edward M. Lerner

Edward M. Lerner's novels range from near-future technothrillers, like *Small Miracles* and *Energized*, to futuristic mysteries, like *The Company Man*, to such traditional SF-adventure fare as *Dark Secret* and his *InterstellarNet* series. Collaborating with Larry Niven, Lerner also wrote the space-opera epic *Fleet of Worlds* series of *Ringworld* companion novels. His 2015 novel, *InterstellarNet: Enigma*, won the inaugural *Canopus Award* "honoring excellence in interstellar writing." His fiction has also been nominated for *Locus*, *Prometheus*, and *Hugo* awards.

