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FICTION



Askaripour, Mateo
PURE OX: A Novel

Fiction | **Dutton Hardcover** | January 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**
Agent: PJ Mark @ Janklow & Nesbit | **Editor: Pilar Garcia-Brown**
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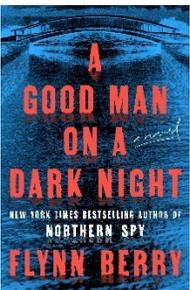


Ox is a proud sanitation worker in New York City. He wakes before sunrise and works long hours loading El Elefante Elegante, the ten-ton collection truck he and his shift partner and good friend, La Reina, drive along the streets of Brooklyn. He loves his job, but his biggest dream has always been to be a writer. When Ox discovers that a high-powered literary agent has moved into a building along his pick-up route, La Reina convinces him to leave a copy of his manuscript at her door. Soon, Ox is meeting with publishers and being offered dizzying amounts of money. But when sanitation workers go on strike, everything comes to a head, forcing Ox to contend with the steep price of success and whether he can bridge the gap between the world he comes from and the elite new world into which he's gained entry. Riotous, searing, and bursting with heart, *PURE OX* is a satire of the publishing industry and an unforgettable story about our unending pursuits of love, friendship, and purpose.

New York Times bestselling author [Mateo Askaripour](#) wants people to feel seen. His first novel, *Black Buck* (Mariner Books, 2021), takes on racism in corporate America with humor and wit. Askaripour was chosen as one of *Entertainment Weekly's* "10 Rising Stars to Make Waves," and *Black Buck* was a Read with Jenna *TODAY* Show Book Club pick. He's also a recipient of the National Book Foundation's "5 Under 35" prize. He lives in Brooklyn. Follow him on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) at @AskMateo.

Publishers of *This Great Hemisphere* (Dutton, 2024):

French – Editions Buchet Chastel



Berry, Flynn
A GOOD MAN ON A DARK NIGHT: A Novel

Suspense/Thriller | **Viking Hardcover** | January 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**
Agent: Emily Forland @ Brandt & Hochman | **Editor: Lindsey Schwoeri**
Status: manuscript available



As a private nurse, Eleanor has unusual access to the homes of the rich and powerful. On an ordinary spring morning in Washington, D.C., a man from a shadowy security agency, the G.S.D., approaches her along the riverbank. The agent instructs her to spy on one of her patients, a state department researcher named Anna. He isn't asking. Almost immediately, Eleanor finds she cannot carry out the task she's been assigned. Though she can't be certain of Anna's loyalties, she also can't help liking her—and suspecting the motives of a government everyone knows is sliding into totalitarianism. Soon, Eleanor and Anna uncover a list of names: four civilians, including Eleanor's ex-boyfriend, Sam. Are these people traitors—or pawns? Can Eleanor, Anna, and their allies uncover the G.S.D.'s plans before the people on the list start disappearing?

[Flynn Berry](#) is the author of *Under the Harrow* (Penguin Books, 2016), winner of the 2017 Edgar Award for Best First Novel; *A Double Life* (Viking, 2018), a *New York Times Book Review* Editors' Choice; *Northern Spy* (Viking, 2021), a Reese's Book Club Pick and *New York Times* bestseller, and *Trust Her* (Viking, 2025). The recipient of a Yaddo fellowship, Berry is a graduate of the Michener Center for Writers and Brown University.



Cannon, Jess

FINNEGAN'S NOT AWAKE: A Novel

Cozy Mystery | **Dutton Hardcover** | May 2027 | **UK Rights**

Agent: Mackenzie Brady Watson @ Stuart Krichevsky | **Editor: Grace Layer**

Status: manuscript available July 2026



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Leo Holloway has only been back in her small Texas hometown for a few months, and she's already witnessed a dead body, solved a murder, kissed her high school ex-boyfriend, and learned that her mom has been hiding her double life as a CIA agent. It's been a lot to handle in therapy. Leo's looking forward to a more relaxing fall. But when a controversial Irish stepdance coach is poisoned with snake venom in front of her eyes, her dreams are dashed. Immersed in a highly competitive world of tiaras, hair spray, accordions, and intense jealousy, Leo is thrust back into a murder investigation with the attractive and aloof local cop Jake. But does she trust herself—and him—enough to solve the case?

[Jessica Goudeau, writing as Jess Cannon](#), is the author of *A Zoom with a View* (Dutton, 2026), her debut novel, featuring Leo Holloway. She is also a journalist and the author of *After the Last Border* (Viking, 2020), which won the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize, a Christopher Award, and was named a *New York Times* Editors' Choice book. She has been a columnist for *Catapult* and written for *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, and *Washington Post*, among many other places.



Capizzi, Devon

RUGGERS: A Novel

Fiction | **Dutton Hardcover** | June 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Ayla Zuraw-Friedland @ Francis Goldin Literary Agency | **Editor: Pilar Garcia-Brown**

Status: manuscript available June 2026



DUTTON

RUGGERS is a novel that follows a women's college rugby team in New England through the eyes of a single player who is facing a crossroads as a battered shoulder threatens to keep her out for the season and pushes her to begin searching for a life off the field; a portrait of a brutal sport that explores queer friendship, desire, social identity, community, and athleticism.

[Devon Capizzi \(they/them\)](#) is the author of the short story collection, *My Share of the Body* (Split/Lip Press, 2021). Their creative work has been supported by the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and the Tin House Winter Workshop. Devon lives in Chicago with their wife.



Davis, Fiona

THE JEWEL OF SUGAR HILL: A Novel

Fiction | **Dutton Hardcover** | January 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Stefanie Lieberman @ Janklow & Nesbit | **Editor: Maya Ziv**

Status: manuscript available April 2026



From *New York Times* bestselling author Fiona Davis comes a gripping dual-timeline novel set at Manhattan’s historic Morris-Jumel Mansion, where past and present collide. In the 1800s, a determined young woman with secrets of her own struggles to secure her future, while in modern-day New York, a recently released prisoner investigates her father’s mysterious death as developers threaten the mansion’s survival. As hidden histories surface, both women must confront the truths about their lives—before it costs them everything.

[Fiona Davis](#) is the *New York Times* bestselling author of several novels, including *The Stolen Queen* (Dutton, 2025), *The Spectacular* (Dutton, 2023), *The Magnolia Palace* (Dutton, 2022), and *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* (Dutton, 2020), which was a Good Morning America book club pick. She’s a graduate of the Columbia Journalism School and is based in New York City.



Mason, Graham

CRACK SHOT: A Novel

Thriller | **Dutton Trade Paperback Original** | July 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Barry Harbaugh @ WLA Books | **Editor: David Howe**

Status: manuscript available May 2026



In the vein of *True Grit* and *The Sisters Brothers*, a hilarious, edge-of-your-seat debut spy thriller, featuring a sixteen-year-old girl who witnesses the murder of a secret agent and is roped into the world of Cold War espionage with national security secrets—and her family’s livelihood—on the line. To keep her family and their farm afloat, Janey Huggins sets off to typing school, but her plans are derailed when she witnesses the murder of an American secret agent by a European spy. What follows is an international cat and mouse chase, featuring an iconic, precocious young female protagonist who relies on decency and wit to prevail in a world of idiotic, foolhardy men who underestimate her.

[Graham Mason](#) is an award-winning filmmaker, producer, and artist based in New York. His short work has been featured on [Adult Swim](#), IFC, FX, *Vulture*, and elsewhere. He received an MFA in Screenwriting from Columbia University and was awarded a Hopwood award for writing at the University of Michigan. Kelly Link used to be his mentor, and he is currently working on a project with Andre 3000 (OutKast).



Morris, Wanda M.

THIS NEVER HAPPENS HERE: A Novel

Thriller | **Dutton Hardcover** | February 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Lori Galvin @ Aevitas | **Editor: Charlotte Peters**

Status: manuscript available



When Tom and Olivia Henley are found dead in their home in the sort of suburb where “nothing ever happens”, Detectives Temp Marshall and Bella Wilkins are called in to investigate—Temp guiltily abandoning her daughter’s piano recital, Bella gladly taking the case as the perfect excuse to escape a date she isn’t ready to be on, even a year after her husband’s death. What seems like a run-of-the-mill gas leak accident takes a sinister turn when Bella and Temp discover that the couple’s six-year-old daughter is missing, and the only lead is from a neighbor who saw a “suspicious” Black woman parked on the street the day before. As a rash of similar cases crops up—parents dead, children missing—and Temp and Bella face twists they never saw coming, they realize they’re up against a shadowy but frighteningly powerful adversary. And just when they think they’ve found a promising lead, the case takes a devastating personal turn. Tautly paced, twisty, and laced with searing social commentary, *THIS NEVER HAPPENS HERE* showcases “the sharpest new voice in thrillers today” (Amy Gentry) at the height of her powers.

Wanda M. Morris is the acclaimed author of *All Her Little Secrets* (William Morrow, 2021), *Anywhere You Run* (William Morrow, 2022) and *What You Leave Behind* (William Morrow, 2024). A corporate attorney, she has worked in the legal departments of some of America’s top Fortune 100 companies. She is married, the mother of three, and lives in Atlanta, Georgia.



Orenstein, Hannah

LAKE PEOPLE: A Novel

Women’s Fiction | **Dutton Trade Paperback** | May 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Allison Hunter @ Trellis | **Editor: Cassidy Sachs**

Status: manuscript available June 2026



Sophie and Gemma grew up spending every summer together on a lake in Maine. Sophie's parents owned two houses next door to each other and rented one to Gemma’s grandparents. They both dreamed of making their *Devil Wears Prada* fantasies come true in New York, and for a few years, they did—albeit with Sophie in Gemma’s shadow. Then, at 24, Gemma cut Sophie off. Their lives diverged dramatically. While Sophie found unexpected success in journalism, Gemma vanished, only to reappear as a suburban mom broadcasting her eerily perfect family to millions of social media followers. Eight years later, as Sophie's parents are divorcing and selling both properties, the two women find themselves living side by side in unbearable hostility. Sophie is fleeing the fallout of a huge mistake that got her fired, and Gemma is desperately burying the truth about her crumbling marriage. Then Sophie makes a mysterious discovery: A tree between the two houses was recently struck by lightning, and if she touches it, she can slip back into past summers—not just to relive cherished memories, but also to unearth troubling secrets. When her boyfriend Max joins her at the lake, his fraught history with Gemma makes the tense situation even worse. And just as Sophie and Gemma’s relationship begins to thaw, an explosive moment from the past comes to light, threatening everything.

Hannah Orenstein is the author of five books, including *Maine Characters* (Dutton, 2025). She is the Deputy Editor of Lifestyle and Wellness at *Bustle*. She splits her time between Brooklyn and Maine.



Rindell, Suzanne

THE GUY IN THE BOOK: A Novel

Romance | **Dutton Hardcover** | March 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Liz Parker @ Verve Talent & Literary | **Editor: Maya Ziv**

Status: manuscript available April 2026



DUTTON

Three years ago, Jonah Kelly wrote a bestselling love story. The problem is, she *might* have been thinking about someone from her past and their European travels when she wrote it. Now, Jonah's in a rut—living in New York but avoiding all the publishing parties and feeling uninspired to write her next book. When her best friend Kenny invites her to move to San Francisco for a fresh start, Jonah decides to take him up on his offer. At first, it seems like Jonah's fresh start is taking nicely: a new city, a new love interest, words finally filling the page, and her best friend at her side. But when a big-time magazine wants to do a feature on her, Jonah's history comes crashing onto her doorstep. The reporter they send to interview her is none other than Jake, a ghost from her past. Jonah is panicked: Jake must recognize their story, and know that he's the guy in the book—right? As part of the interview, Jonah must spend three days visiting the most romantic spots in San Francisco and being flooded by memories of a long ago summer. Will Jake find out he is the inspiration for her great love story, and what does that mean for the future if he does?

[Suzanne Rindell](#) is the author of five novels, including *Summer Fridays* (Dutton, 2024) and *The Other Typist* (Putnam, 2013).

Publishers of *Summer Fridays*:

UK & C – Bonnier Zaffre

Portuguese – Edicoes ASA II



Suarez, Daniel

SHADOW ZONE: A Novel

Thriller | **Dutton Hardcover** | March 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Rafe Sagalyn @ CAA | **Editor: David Howe**

Status: manuscript available May 2026



DUTTON

When the world stands on the brink of nuclear war and global tensions spiral toward catastrophe, there is a remote New Hampshire valley rumored to be a Shadow Zone, where people can take refuge from fallout and nuclear winter. Millions flood north, abandoning cities, laws, and morality in a desperate race to survive. When New York paramedic Michael Ryan finds himself in the Shadow Zone, he discovers that it's divided between newcomers seeking refuge and billionaires, who've built a luxurious, AI-powered doomsday bunker long before the apocalypse began. To them, the coming apocalypse isn't a tragedy. It's an opportunity. And the refugees outside are not meant to survive it. As violence escalates, we witness AI instigate human conflict, and we follow Ryan as he races against time to prevent the killing of hundreds of thousands of people.

[Daniel Suarez](#) is a *New York Times* bestselling author, TEDGlobal speaker, and former systems analyst. His unique brand of high-tech fiction explores the causes and impacts of rapid technological change. Suarez is the author of seven novels, including his latest, *Critical Mass* (Dutton, 2023).

Publishers of *Critical Mass*:

German – Rowohlt Verlag



Tsige, Birukti

TOO PRETTY TO LIE: A Novel

Thriller | **Viking Hardcover** | July 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Jennifer March Solow @ Andrea Brown Literary Agency | **Editor: Nidhi Pugalia**

Status: manuscript available August 2026

A heist-revenge novel that braids together an ambitious con with social commentary on race/class with questions of identity and belonging. *TOO PRETTY TO LIE* follows gorgeous, self-assured hustler Chernet as she infiltrates the Harvard elite to expose and tear down the rich and powerful, stealing from their privileged sons and daughters in the meantime. On the surface, it's for the thrill...but really, it's personal: a vengeful mourning of the tragic drug-induced death of her brilliant, younger, Harvard-bound sister who spent her whole life grinding herself to the bone, only to get rejected in favor of the rich, nepo-kids who've been set up for success from birth.

[Birukti Tsige](#) is an Ethiopian American writer, born in Addis Ababa and now residing in Malden, Massachusetts. She graduated from Harvard College with a degree in Neuroscience and a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. She's a 2023-2024 Harvard-Cambridge scholar, currently getting her MST in Creative Writing at University of Cambridge.

HISTORY, CURRENT AFFAIRS, ECONOMICS, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE



Barry, John M.

WATER AND OIL

History/Environment | **Viking Hardcover** | March 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Editor: Ibrahim Ahmad

Status: manuscript available May 2026



A monumental history of the Gulf Coast’s creation and destruction—and the battle over who will control its future. In **WATER AND OIL**, John Barry tells the story of how the Louisiana coast was shaped—and reshaped—by human ambition. What was once a landscape of extraordinary abundance became the foundation of America’s energy empire, and the decisions that fueled that empire now threaten its survival. Barry traces that unraveling from its origins. After Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, Barry joined the levee board charged with protecting the city. He confronted mounting scientific evidence that coastal land loss had magnified the storm’s destruction. What followed was a fierce legal and political battle to hold the oil and gas industry accountable—an effort that ignited one of the most ambitious environmental lawsuits ever filed and collided head-on with Louisiana’s entrenched power structure. In the process, Barry reveals that the fate of Louisiana’s coast is inseparable from the nation’s energy infrastructure, its food supply, and its economic future. Magnificent in scope, urgent in purpose, and unflinching in its moral clarity, **WATER AND OIL** is ultimately a story about power—how it builds prosperity, how it shields itself, and how it can be challenged. It is the story of a landscape built over centuries and imperiled in a lifetime—and of the fight to determine who will bear the cost of saving it.

John M. Barry is the *New York Times* bestselling and prize-winning author of four previous books, including *The Great Influenza* (Viking, 2004) and *Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America* (Simon & Schuster, 1997). He lives in New Orleans and Washington, D.C.



Egan, Timothy P.

An Officer and a Buffalo Soldier

History | **Viking Hardcover** | March 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Carol Mann @ Carol Mann Agency | **Editor: Andrea Schulz**

Status: manuscript available Summer 2026



A story of race, Western expansion, and the end of the wars against Native America, told through the extraordinary life of Lieutenant Henry O. Flipper, a cavalry officer and first Black graduate of West Point.

Timothy P. Egan is a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and the author of ten books, most recently *A Fever in the Heartland* (Viking, 2023), a *New York Times* bestseller. His book on the Dust Bowl, *The Worst Hard Time* (Houghton Mifflin, 2005), won a National Book Award for Nonfiction. His account of photographer Edward Curtis, *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* (Houghton Mifflin, 2012), won the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction. Egan lives in Seattle.



Gadsden, Brett

FROM PROTEST TO POLITICS: How African Americans Transformed the Presidency (t)

History/Political Science | **Dutton Hardcover** | February 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Rob McQuilkin @ Massie & McQuilkin | **Editor: Emi Ikkanda**

Status: manuscript available May 2026



DUTTON

In his book FROM PROTEST TO POLITICS, Northwestern Professor of History Brett Gadsden unlocks the stories of the critical generation of African Americans—Marjorie Lawson, Louis Martin, and Clifford Alexander, among others—responsible for taking all that they'd built and learned in the civil rights struggle of the 1950s and bringing it right into the arena of presidential politics itself. These Black officials gained unprecedented positions within the halls of power, for the first time integrating the ranks of the Cabinet and senior White House leadership. Once they were installed in historic key positions within the John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson administrations, they used their stature, acute pragmatism, and problem-solving talents to advance equal rights for all Americans.

Brett Gadsden is Associate Professor of History at Northwestern University and the author of *Between North and South* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012). He is a leading expert in twentieth century African American history, focusing on Black freedom struggles and Black political and social history. He has written about race and politics for the *Atlantic*, *Politico*, and *The Chicago Tribune*, and he's spoken at PEN America. He has been honored with a James T. McKinstry Heritage and History Award and has formerly taught at Emory University. He lives with his wife, the US Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey, in Evanston, Illinois.



Ginton, Sonari

BLACKONOMICS: What Racism Costs the Economy—and How to Unlock American Prosperity

Social Science/Business & Economics | **Dutton Hardcover** | April 2027 | **UK Rights**

Agent: Susan Canavan @ Waxman Literary Agency | **Editor: Emi Ikkanda**

Status: manuscript available May 2026



DUTTON

From the backrooms of Congress to his pioneering work covering business for NPR, Sonari Ginton has often been the only Black man reporting on major news events. He noticed how economists love to talk about the free market, but how can a market be free if a huge swath of the population is not allowed to participate fully in it? This book takes on economic tropes and turns them on their head, simply by adding a Black perspective. BLACKONOMICS reveals how companies like McDonald's and Toyota finally found success when they decided to no longer ignore Black consumers but *embrace* them. How the Black economy has long been *built* on automobiles. Why the sports world is among the *least* open to Blacks. How the data shows that Black women business owners are in fact *the best bets* on Wall Street. In a journey that takes the reader from the boardrooms of Fortune 500 companies to the floor of auto factories in Detroit to the tennis courts of Chicago where future leaders are being molded, this book will change how readers view the world.

Sonari Ginton is a columnist for ForbesBLK and had been an award-winning NPR reporter covering business, culture, and politics for over a decade. He has contributed to *Planet Money*, *Fresh Air*, and *This American Life*. His work has also appeared in *The New York Times*, *Slate*, and BBC, and has been honored with an Edward R. Murrow award for Investigative Journalism. He lives in Los Angeles.



Hankir, Zahra; Foreword by Mosab Abu Toha

LET IT BE A TALE: Palestinian Journalists on Survival and Resistance

Middle East/Journalism | **Penguin Books Trade Paperback** | February 2027 | **Translation Rights**

Agent: Jessica Papin @ Dystel Goderich & Bourret | **Editor: Camille LeBlanc**

Status: manuscript available May 2026



LET IT BE A TALE gathers the voices of fourteen Palestinian journalists who have risked everything to document their experiences during the deadliest war for reporters on record. This stunning, necessary collection of essays offers readers a nuanced understanding of life in besieged Gaza and occupied Palestine. LET IT BE A TALE is a vital contribution to discussions on press freedom and human rights in war zones, as well as the power of storytelling in the face of adversity. It asks readers to rethink which voices they trust and why, decentering the Western gaze by exploring the question of Palestine through a postcolonial lens. Ultimately, it seeks to celebrate the resilience of those who brave the bombs to speak truth to power—while also humanizing Palestinians by giving them the space to tell their own tales.

Zahra Hankir is a Lebanese British author and journalist who writes about the intersection of politics, culture, and society, particularly in the broader Middle East. Her work has appeared in publications including *Condé Nast Traveler*, *The Observer Magazine*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, *BBC News*, *Al Jazeera English*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and *The Rumpus*. She was awarded a Jack R. Howard Fellowship in International Journalism to attend the Columbia Journalism School and holds degrees in politics and Middle Eastern studies. She is the author of *Eyeliner* (Penguin Books, 2023) and the editor of *Our Women on the Ground* (Penguin Books, 2019).

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Publishers of *Eyeliner*:

UK & Commonwealth – Harvill Secker

Complex Chinese – Commercial Press



Kershaw, Alex

THE LAST BRIDGE

Military History/World II | **Dutton Hardcover** | May 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: David Vigliano @ Vigliano Associates | **Editor: John Parsley**

Status: manuscript available May 2026



DUTTON

THE LAST BRIDGE is a heart-pounding, untold combat narrative about the extraordinary warriors who seized the last bridge standing across the Rhine in March 1945, carrying out the single most impactful mission of the war and saving untold lives. The surprise crossing of the Ludendorff Bridge was one of the most dramatic victories in military history: “the biggest break” of the war according to Eisenhower and a stunning strategic blow that caused the Third Reich to finally collapse. Led by a German-born officer determined to throw off the shame attached to his name, a small band of Americans rushed into a hail of machine-gun bullets and across a bridge loaded with explosives. They then fought furiously to establish a foothold on the eastern banks of the Rhine, suffering terrible casualties yet battling on, forming the spearhead of an unstoppable thrust into Nazi Germany. Just one man from this extraordinary cohort of warriors is alive today and he shared this amazing story with Alex Kershaw in full and vivid detail, for the first time.

Alex Kershaw is a journalist and a *New York Times* bestselling author of five books, including *Against All Odds* (Dutton Caliber, 2022) and *The First Wave* (Dutton Caliber, 2019). Born in York, England, he is a graduate of Oxford University and has lived in the United States since 1994.



Posnanski, Joe
BASEBALL SEASONS

Sports Writing/History | **Dutton Hardcover** | March 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**
Agent: Sloan Harris @ CAA | **Editor: John Parsley**
Status: manuscript available June 2026



In *BASEBALL SEASONS*, Joe Posnanski dives into the greatest seasons in the history of baseball, across players and teams, from amateurs to the most glorious single seasons the game has known. We meet Joanne Weaver, the woman who had a season for the ages in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball league. There's David Clyde, who was so absurdly good in high school that the Texas Rangers simply brought him up to the big leagues and asked him to pitch. And Mose Solomon, the Rabbi of Swat, who had the most magical season in the Southwestern league, hitting more home runs than anyone in professional baseball except for Babe Ruth. Blending the force of *The Baseball 100* with the quirky wonder of *Why We Love Baseball*, the best of Joe's beloved books, this new illuminating book captures the greatness and magic of the nation's favorite pastime.

[Joe Posnanski](#) is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of ten books, including *Why We Love Baseball* (Dutton, 2023), *Why We Love Football* (Dutton, 2024), *The Baseball 100* (Avid Reader, 2021) and the forthcoming *Big Fan* (Dutton, May 2026), written with Michael Schur. He has won two Sports Emmys, has been named National Sportswriter of the Year by five different organizations, and, most proudly, was inducted into the National Polish American Sports Hall of Fame. Posnanski lives in Charlotte, N.C. with his wife Margo and their ancient poodle Westley.

SELF-HELP, PSYCHOLOGY, PARENTING, BUSINESS, HEALTH, SCIENCE



Burhenne, Mark and Catharine Burhenne

OPEN WIDE

Health/Oral Health | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | October 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**
Agent: Danielle Svetcov @ Levine Greenberg Rostan | **Editor: Nina Rodriguez-Marty**
Status: manuscript available September 2026



Founders of Ask the Dentist, functional dentist Mark Burhenne and his daughter Catharine Burhenne's **OPEN WIDE** explores health, longevity, and the new science of your mouth, with stories and studies that show why every dental decision is a whole body decision—from what you eat to how you breathe and sleep—offering a prevention-first framework for optimizing oral health.

Mark Burhenne is a dentist, founder of Fygg Toothpaste, and creator of the [Ask the Dentist](#) movement. He is focused on functional dentistry and preventative healthcare, with patients who come to him from all over the world. Dr. Burhenne (@askthedentist) has 1.3M followers across [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), and [YouTube](#). **Catharine Burhenne** is a former Google executive, eldest daughter of Mark Burhenne, and the mastermind behind bringing the Ask the Dentist movement online.



Chun, Lisa Kung

THE HOME OPERATIONS METHOD

Self-Help/Cleaning & Organizing | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | April 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**
Agent: Kate Woodrow @ Present Perfect | **Editor: Nina Rodriguez-Marty**
Status: proposal available; manuscript available August 2026



From MBA-trained operations expert and home influencer known as [@ourhome.becoming](#) comes a new solution to the struggle of home maintenance—showing that creating and maintaining a smoothy functioning home requires a good system, not more effort. From addressing mindsets of scarcity and perfectionism that keep parents stuck in mental states of chaos, to practical strategies that help automate and sustain new habits, all the way to actionable tips on communication and delegation—Lisa Kung Chun outlines the reliable systems that will help readers bridge the gap between the organized leaders they are at work, and the overwhelmed parents they are at home.

[Lisa Kung Chun](#) is a DIY and home influencer and founder of The Home Operations Method. She has an MBA from Columbia Business school and over 20 years of business experience with a focus on operations, finance, consulting, and leadership coaching. Her organizational and DIY expertise has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *Martha Stewart*, *HGTV* and more. She lives in New Jersey with her husband and three children.



Curry-Winchell, Bayo, Dr.

HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR

Health/Self-Help | **The Open Field Hardcover** | March 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: [Lucinda Halpern @ Lucinda Literary](#) | **Editor: Cassidy Graham**

Status: manuscript available Summer 2026



HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR is an indispensable guide for women aiming to take charge of their healthcare and for the millions who make health decisions for their families. The book is structured into two insightful parts, “Understanding the Game” and “Calling the Plays,” providing a comprehensive framework for becoming one’s own “Chief Medical Officer.” Through engaging stories, practical worksheets, scripts, and checklists, Dr. Bayo—with an authoritative yet warm and approachable voice—empowers women to recognize dismissive treatment, track health data, navigate healthcare environments, and advocate for loved ones. It addresses the full spectrum of healthcare navigation challenges from the unique perspective of a Black female physician who has experienced both sides of the provider-patient relationship. In a time when women’s health research is being threatened and the healthcare system is more complicated than ever, HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR is the essential and enlightening book that every woman needs to have on their shelf.

[Dr. Bayo Curry-Winchell](#), known as “Dr. Bayo,” is a trailblazing Black female physician whose work is transforming patient advocacy in American healthcare. With a significant social media following, Dr. Bayo offers authentic insights through her roles as a practicing family medicine physician, urgent care medical director, and health influencer. [Her TEDx talk “Do No Harm,” addressing the maternal health crisis for Black women, has reached millions, underscoring her influence.](#) Dr. Bayo’s advocacy extends from clinical settings to national policy discussions, including contributions to the CDC and participation in White House healthcare initiatives. Her educational background and ongoing patient care reinforce her credibility as a leading voice in healthcare advocacy.



Hammer, Caleb

FINANCIAL AUDIT: The No-Bullsh*t Guide to Finally Taking Control of Your Money

Self-Help/Personal Finance | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | April 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Dan Milaschewski & Kelly Karczewski @ UTA | **Editor: Cassidy Graham**

Status: proposal and sample chapters available; manuscript available July 2026



In FINANCIAL AUDIT, wildly popular YouTube budgeting guru Caleb Hammer gives us a brutally honest and highly readable guide to facing our finances and turning our lives around. This is not a “get rich” playbook—it’s the funny, foundational financial literacy class that we all should’ve been taught in school. Caleb cuts through the BS to offer empathy and real strategies based on the thousands of people he’s helped and based on his own life. Fifteen years ago, Caleb was completely lost and buried under a mountain of debt. After teaching himself about budgeting, saving, credit, and investing, he made it his life’s mission to teach the world the financial literacy he wishes he knew.

[Caleb Hammer](#) is the creator of the [YouTube show, Financial Audit](#), and boasts 7.3M followers across his social media channels.



Harper Nichols, Morgan

A NECESSARY IMAGINATION FOR BEING ALIVE

Self-Help/Creativity | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | February 2027 | **Translation Rights**

Agent: Cindy Uh @ CAA | **Editor: Amy Sun**

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Morgan Harper Nichols learned firsthand—through her mental health struggles and her autism diagnosis at thirty-one—that imagination is necessary for survival. It was within the rich universes created by writers such as Octavia Butler and N. K. Jemisin that Morgan found affirming spaces. These fictional, imaginative worlds helped Morgan find her footing in the real world. Inspired by Morgan’s own transformative experience, **A NECESSARY IMAGINATION FOR BEING ALIVE** takes readers on a journey through a universe of different worlds, with each “world” designed to activate our imagination. Introducing us to dozens and dozens of worlds, Morgan highlights the characteristics of each world, sharing personal stories, examples, and exercises that demonstrate how we can step into these worlds in order to harness their vast potential, and ultimately guiding us to use the resources from each of these worlds in order to live life on our own terms.

Morgan Harper Nichols is an autistic/ADHD artist, graphic designer, and bestselling author who shares her work with over 2M people across her social platforms. She is the founder of the Storyteller app and has collaborated with globally recognized brands. Morgan is currently pursuing a PhD in communication studies at the University of Georgia. She lives in her hometown outside Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband and son.

Rights sold to:

UK & C – Yellow Kite/Hodder



Klemp, Nate & Kaley Klemp

BUSY LOVE

Marriage/Relationships | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | March 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Nicole Tourtelot @ The Gernert Agency | **Editor: Isabelle Alexander**

Status: manuscript available June 2026



BUSY LOVE is a 7-step guide to help couples overwhelmed by everyday busyness reclaim their love life. Nate and Kaley Klemp, authors of *80/80 Marriage* (Penguin Life, 2021), have identified seven areas that affect relationships the most (space, self, us, money, logistics, others, the world). They explain how the busyness of these areas causes us to show up accidentally, leading to a lack of love and romance between partners. They offer different solutions to help couples begin to show up more intentionally in their relationships and by the end of the book, couples will walk away with an intentional system that recenters love as the foundation of their relationship.

Nate Klemp, PhD, is a former philosophy professor and now cofounder of the corporate mindfulness training firm LifeXT. He is coauthor of *Start Here* (Gallery Books, 2016), a *New York Times* bestselling guide to mindfulness in the real world. Nate's articles appear regularly in *Inc.*, *Fast Company*, *Mindful*, and other leading publications. He received his BA and MA from Stanford University, and his PhD from Princeton University. **Kaley Klemp** is one of the most sought-after executive coaches in the world. She is an experienced facilitator, specializing in building trusting and synergistic teams; an Enneagram expert; TEDx speaker; and coauthor of *The 15 Commitments of Conscious Leadership* (Dethmer, Chapman & Klemp, 2015). A favorite with Young Presidents Organization (YPO) forums and chapters, Kaley has led retreats for more than 350 forums throughout the world. She received both her BA and MA from Stanford University.



Lakshmin, Pooja
QUANTUM SHIFTS

Self-Help/Personal Growth | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | March 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**
Agent: Rachel Sussman @ Chalberg & Sussman | **Editor: Meg Leder**
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A guide to navigating quantum shifts—transitions that lead to identity-level shifts, whether the transition is something we choose (initiating a divorce, leaving a job) or something that has been imposed on us (an illness, a betrayal). With her signature blend of insight, wisdom, and empathy, Pooja Lakshmin provides readers with the concrete tools needed to navigate these shifts and successfully come out on the other side.

Pooja Lakshmin MD is a board-certified psychiatrist, *New York Times* contributor, and a leading voice at the intersection of mental health and gender, focused on helping women and people from marginalized communities escape the tyranny of self-care. In 2020, Lakshmin founded Gemma—a physician-led women’s mental health education platform centering impact and equity. She maintains an active private practice, where she treats women struggling with burnout, perfectionism, and disillusionment, as well as clinical conditions like depression and anxiety. Pooja is the author of *Real Self-Care* (Penguin Life, 2023)

Publishers of *Real Self-Care*:

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| UK & C – Random House UK | Polish – MT Biznes |
| Arabic – I Carisma Publishing House | Portuguese (Brazil) – Editora Schwartz |
| Simplified Chinese – Beijing Guangchen Culture Comm. | Russian – Alpina |
| Dutch – Spectrum | Slovenian – Založba Primus |
| Korean – Well Street | Spanish – Planeta |



Lembke, Anna

RADICAL SURRENDER: Letting Go in a World Addicted to Control

Psychology | **Dutton Hardcover** | November 2026 | **Translation Rights**

Agent: Bonnie Solow @ Solow Literary Enterprises | **Editor: Jill Schwartzman**

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The second essential book by Anna Lembke, the Stanford professor, doctor, and *NYT* bestselling author of *Dopamine Nation*, now with over 1.5M copies sold. In *RADICAL SURRENDER*, Dr. Lembke moves from one vital, current topic—addiction and dopamine in the brain—to another, the modern crisis of anxiety, depression, and purposelessness, and how it can be cured by surrender to spirituality, prayer, and transcendence. Using her personal story of deep loss and subsequent spiritual awakening as a powerful entry point, Dr. Lembke opens the door to a vitally important aspect of life that has been badly neglected in modern society—the embrace of spirituality, practice of prayer, and connection to a greater purpose and meaning in the universe. Through relatable stories, cutting-edge brain science and research, she explains how spiritual surrender and transcending the self leads to better family and work relationships, more happiness and control as a parent, and an overall feeling of serenity in an increasingly divisive and complex world.

Anna Lembke is the medical director of Stanford Addiction Medicine, program director for the Stanford Addiction Medicine Fellowship, and chief of the Stanford Addiction Medicine Dual Diagnosis Clinic. She is the recipient of numerous awards for outstanding research in mental illness, for excellence in teaching, and for clinical innovation in treatment. A clinician scholar, she has published more than a hundred peer-reviewed papers, book chapters, and commentaries in prestigious outlets such as *The New England Journal of Medicine* and *JAMA*. She sits on the board of several state and national addiction-focused organizations, has testified before various committees in the United States House of Representatives and Senate, keeps an active speaking calendar, and maintains a thriving clinical practice.

Rights sold to:

UK & C – Headline

Italian – ROI Edizioni

Korean – Next Wave Media

Polish – Zysk

Portuguese (in Brazil) – Editora Bestseller

Spanish – Urano

Publishers of *The Official Dopamine Nation Workbook* (Dutton, 2024):

UK & C – Headline

Bengali – Jibon Kothon

Complex Chinese – EcoTrend Publications

Czech – Triton

French – SAS Editions Eyrolles

German – Narayana Verlag

Italian – ROI Edizioni

Japanese – Shinchosha Publishing

Korean – Next Wave Media

Latvian – Apgads Zvaigzne ABC

Polish – Zysk

Portuguese (in Brazil) – Autentica

Simplified Chinese – New Star Press

Spanish – Urano

Publishers of *Dopamine Nation* (Dutton, 2021):

UK & Commonwealth – Headline

Arabic – Madarek

Bengali – Jibon Kothon

Bulgarian – Iztok Zapad

Complex Chinese – EcoTrend Pub.

Croatian – Stilus Knjiga

Czech – Triton

Czech (audio) – Progres Guru

Dutch – AnkhHermes

Estonian – Rahva Raamat

French – SAS Editions Eyrolles

Georgian – Palitra L Publishing

German – Narayana Verlag

Greek – S. Patakis

Hebrew – Or am

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Hungarian – Libri Konyvkiado

Icelandic – Forlagid

Italian – ROI Edizioni

Japanese – Shinchosha Publishing

Kazakh – Foliant Publishing House

Korean – Next Wave Media Co.

Latvian – Apgads Zvaigzne ABC

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Malayalam – Manjul

Marathi – Manjul

Polish – Zysk

Portuguese – PRHGE

Portuguese (in Brazil) – Autentica

Romanian – Editura Globo

Russian – Phoenix

Serbian – Finesa

Simplified Chinese – New Star Press

Slovak – Noxi

Slovene – Zalozba Učila

Spanish – Urano

Thai – B2S

Turkish – Diyojen Yayincilik

Ukrainian – Laboratory LLC

Vietnamese – Saigon Books



Leyes, Emilie

HYPNOTIZE YOURSELF: Harness the Power of Modern Hypnosis to Build the Life You Want

Self-Help | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | January 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

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In HYPNOTIZE YOURSELF, millennial hypnotherapist and brain training expert Emilie Leyes reveals self-hypnosis as a wildly effective, fast-acting, and science-based tool for leveling up—because it works *with* your brain instead of *against* it. Our brains learn through experience. Unlike willpower and positive thinking, self-hypnosis gives your mind the mental experience it needs to rewire the subconscious beliefs that are holding you back without your realizing it. Blending fascinating neuroscience with practical strategies, Leyes shares the simple self-hypnosis framework she’s used to help thousands of people channel their focus into action.

Emilie Leyes is a certified hypnotherapist and brain training specialist, host of [How to Like Your Life podcast](#), and the founder of the Duddle Hypnosis App. She has almost 1.25M followers across [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#). Emilie lives in Philadelphia, PA.



Lyons, Scott; Foreword by Bessel van der Kolk

ZEST: Restore Your Energy, Rekindle Your Inner Spark, and Rediscover Your Enthusiasm for Life (aka The Science of Not Feeling Dead Inside)

Self-Help | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | May 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

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Zest is a well-known term in positive psychology; however, it's not been fully explored from a scientific standpoint for a wider audience. Although the science of zest is still young, researchers are beginning to uncover evidence of how beneficial this intangible trait is. ZEST peels back the layers of this ever-elusive feeling from not just a psychological and sociological standpoint but a biological, physiological, and neurological standpoint. Revealing new research into how zest—that magnetic and contagious energy—transforms our brains and bodies and heals our traumatic wounds alongside an examination of zest across culture, Lyons aims to show readers how having a healthy helping of zest in our everyday life leads us to appreciate life on a deeper more concentrated level. It’s a field guide—filled to the brim with in-depth research, vivid stories, and experiential, experimental, and delightfully-approachable practices—for how to rediscover that elusive zest for life that you thought you’d never get back.

Dr. Scott Lyons is a licensed holistic psychologist, educator and author of the book *Addicted to Drama: Healing Dependency on Crisis and Chaos in Yourself and Others* (Hachette, 2023). Scott is also the host of The Gently Used Human Podcast, a delightfully depthful and often hilarious exploration of what it is to be human, to have lived life, and come out gently used. Scott has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, *ForbesWomen*, *Fast Company*, *The Telegraph*, *The Guardian*, *INC.*, *CNBC Make It*, *Fortune*, *Bustle*, *Reader’s Digest* and *Goop*. He has over 600k followers on [Instagram](#).



Rosenthal, Marina

WE HAVE TO STOP FIGHTING LIKE THIS: How to Heal Your High-Conflict Relationship

Family/Relationships | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | February 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Kara Rota @ Thompson Literary | **Editor: Cassidy Graham**

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Written specifically for high-conflict couples, **WE HAVE TO STOP FIGHTING LIKE THIS** is a practical, compassionate guide for couples stuck in intense, repetitive conflict who still love each other and want things to change. Drawing on case studies from her own practice and clear, actionable “remedies,” therapist Marina Rosenthal, PhD reframes conflict as a necessary part of intimacy and teaches readers how to fight more safely, creatively, and productively—without shutting down or blowing up. The book offers realistic tools to break destructive patterns, deepen connection, and turn conflict into a source of growth rather than harm.

[Marina Rosenthal](#), PhD, LP is a psychologist, couples therapist, and certified sex therapist dedicated to helping real-life partners untangle the knots in their hard and high-conflict relationships. She has been helping couples heal for over a decade, particularly couples who have already blown through numerous therapists, read countless self-help books, and doom-scrolled pages of Instagram advice without any real results in their relationship. She has a rapidly increasing and highly engaged following on Instagram, a newsletter, and an online store where she sells courses for high conflict couples, and she has appeared on numerous podcasts.



Rubin, Zachary

THINK LIKE A DOCTOR: Empower Yourself to Make Smarter Health Decisions

Health | **Plume Hardcover** | February 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Sarah Passick @ Park, Fine & Brower | **Editor: Jill Schwartzman**

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THINK LIKE A DOCTOR is a myth-busting, mindset-shifting book that equips readers with the critical thinking skills of a physician—without needing a medical degree. Drawing on real patient stories, scientific insight, and the wild world of social media health advice, this book demystifies how doctors make decisions and arms readers with the tools to evaluate health claims, debunk viral misinformation, and take charge of their own well-being. Written in a voice that blends science with storytelling, this book answers the question: What if the best way to understand your health is to understand how your doctor thinks?

[Zachary Rubin](#) is a double board-certified pediatrician specializing in allergy treatment and immunology. He grew up in Naperville, Illinois and is excited to be practicing medicine in the western suburbs of Chicago. Dr. Rubin has over 3.7 M followers across [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#). He’s the debut author of *All About Allergies* (Plume, 2026).



Salhab, Joseph
THE GUT HEALTH REVOLUTION

Health | **Penguin Life** | September 2027 | UK & Translation Rights
Agent: Via Romano and Andrianna DeLone @ CAA | **Editor: Nina Rodriguez-Marty**
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We're seeing a meteoric rise in all kinds of gut problems, especially in younger generations. But what's the root cause behind this explosion of gut health disasters? And how do we fight back? The answer lies in our gut microbiome. A delicate ecosystem of trillions of bacteria, fungi, and other microorganisms, this community of microbes is both the unsuspected culprit responsible for many of the health problems we're facing as well as the solution to righting the ship. While an unbalanced gut microbiome can affect your immune system, increase your likelihood of developing certain diseases, and even impact the way your body responds to cancer treatments, a thriving one can offer a roadmap to full body wellness. With his first book, Dr. Joseph Salhab explains how our modern lifestyles are throwing our gut microbiome into chaos and lays out a sweeping new vision to get our bodies back on track. Offering a deep dive into previously unidentified connections between our guts and our overall health, THE GUT HEALTH REVOLUTION thoroughly breaks down the various issues we're facing and offers case-by-case, solution-oriented treatment for each one, along with a macro-diagnosis on how to fix our damaged microbiomes.

Dr. Joseph Salhab, known online as [@thestomachdoc](#), is a board-certified gastroenterologist who has become one of America's most trusted voices in gut health and digestive medicine. As both a practicing physician and public health advocate, Dr. Salhab has appeared on major national television networks including WFLA and Fox News, bringing critical gut health awareness to mainstream audiences. His expert insights have been featured in leading health publications including *Newsweek*, *Men's Health*, and *Women's Health*, and he's built a massive social media following of 5M people across platforms (including [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), and [Facebook](#)), with is educational content generating over 384M total cross-platform video views in 12 months.



Sosa, Maria
CAN WE BE HONEST? How to Break Free from the Hidden Truths that Keep Us Stuck in Relationships
Self-Help/Relationships | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | February 2027 | **Translation Rights**
Agent: Laura Lee Mattingly @ Present Perfect | **Editor: Nina Rodriguez-Marty**
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From the couples therapist behind [@HolisticallyGrace](#), a courageous guide to embracing radical self-honesty in order to unravel the lies women tell themselves to stay safe, but that ultimately keep them stuck in unhealthy relationships. Weaving science-backed insights and actionable tools with her own personal journey through the end of her marriage, Maria Sosa reveals how these self-deceptions form and what it takes to replace them with truth.

Maria G. Sosa is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and sought-after relationship expert. She is the author of the [Love Actually, Actually Substack](#) and host of the [Mind Meets Body podcast](#). She is also the in-house couples therapist for the Jigsaw Dating App and Chief Wellness Officer for the creative digital marketing agency Lineout.



Surendra, Rajiv

HOW TO LIVE A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

Self-Help/Motivational | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | May 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Neeti Madan @ Sterling Lord Literistic | **Editor: Meg Leder**

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HOW TO LIVE A BEAUTIFUL LIFE is an instruction manual offering readers a method for living a life filled with rewards brought on by the practice of seeking out beauty. All the techniques in this book, great or small, work toward the ultimate goal of learning how to make every single day feel like a significant experience rather than just one more that has been combatted or survived. Ultimately, it will be a meditation on the importance of cultivating beauty around us to find purpose and meaning in life.

Widely known for his scene-stealing role in *Mean Girls*, **Rajiv Surendra** has more recently been hailed a ‘modern-day Renaissance Man.’ As a potter, he has spent over fifteen years apprenticing with America’s leading flower-pot maker, Guy Wolff. An accomplished painter, Rajiv’s pursuits landed him a spot at the Met Museum’s prestigious Copyist program, which has been running since the museum was founded in the 1870s. Rajiv’s successful calligraphy business, [Letters In Ink](#) (founded in 2010), boasts an impressive client list that includes Nike, Starbucks and most recently LaGuardia and Newark Airports. YouTube has provided Rajiv with an outlet for merging his on-camera skills with his love of the quiet arts, and his videos have amassed almost 28Mviews. In a little over two years, his [YouTube channel](#) has grown to a subscriber count of almost 400K, and Rajiv is quickly becoming an authority on the domestic arts, featured and cited regularly in publications such as The New York Times and Food & Wine.



van der Helm, Els

SLEEP INTELLIGENCE

Self-Help/Business | **Dutton Hardcover** | January 2027 | **Translation Rights**

Agent: Leila Campoli @ Calligraph | **Editor: Cassidy Sachs**

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Outlive meets *Hidden Potential* for the power of sleep, SLEEP INTELLIGENCE draws on cutting-edge research and years of experience working with high-performing professionals and unveils the profound impact of sleep on our cognitive abilities, emotional resilience, and leadership potential in a groundbreaking approach that proves sleep is not only a passive state of rest but is rather an active driver of success.

Dr. Els van der Helm did her research at the Netherlands Institute for Neurosciences and at Harvard Medical School, where she studied the effect of sleep on cognitive performance. As a Fulbright scholar, she also studied the impact of sleep on the brain and performance while pursuing her PhD in psychology at Berkeley, before becoming a management consultant at McKinsey & Company. Van der Helm’s work has been covered in *The Wall Street Journal*, *60 Minutes*, *Harvard Business Review*, *The Atlantic*, *Forbes*, and *Wired*. She is frequent keynote speaker for corporations like Google, Sony, Spotify, and Deloitte. Her network boasts the likes of Arianna Huffington, Nir Eyal, Kim Scott, and Matthew Walker who featured her work in his bestselling book, *Why We Sleep* (Scribner, 2017). Dr. van der Helm lives in Lucerne, Switzerland.

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UK & C – Transworld

Dutch – Het Spectrum (via agent)

Romanian – Editura Omnium



Verdin, Eric
UNTITLED

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From a world leader in the study of aging, a revolutionary work of longevity science that shows readers how to slow their rate of biological aging and increase their quality of life. UNTITLED shares groundbreaking research from the Buck Institute—the global leader and first institute on the biology of aging—through an accessible, holistic program to help readers slow down their biological clock. Readers will learn why aging and its pathways are the primary risk factor for many chronic diseases. Dr. Verdin will debunk aging myths, comment on the most popular drugs and biohacking methods, and share how we can narrow the growing gap between lifespan and healthspan for men and women.

Dr. Eric Verdin is one of the world’s leading scientists in the study of aging and its associated diseases. He is president of the Buck Institute, the world’s first research institute for the biology of aging. He’s trained at Harvard Medical School, held positions at the NIH, and is a professor of medicine at UCSF and USC.



Zayne, Jovian

SOFT LANDINGS FOR HARD DAYS: Musings, Rituals, and Affirmations for Imperfect Humans Who Deserve Grace

Self-Help/MBS | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | October 2026 | **UK Rights**

Agent: Kari Stuart @ Creative Artists Agency | **Editor: Nina Rodriguez-Marty**

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In **SOFT LANDINGS FOR HARD DAYS**, celebrated speaker and coach Jovian Zayne offers a companion guide to making it through life’s toughest moments, showing how you can build a soft-landing practice—moments of connection, empathy, and joy to inspire a consistent and patient unburdening. We don’t just deserve more soft landings; we need them to survive. Whether it’s transitioning into a role as a caregiver, stepping into a new career, or navigating the choppy waters of grief, heartbreak, or typical adulting, on our hardest days we could all use the soft landing that the divine elixir of empathy and encouragement provide.

Jovian Zayne is an executive coach and CEO and Founder of The OnPurpose Movement, a professional development firm. She has worked with clients such as Google, IDEO, Spotify, *The New York Times*, Meta, Goldman Sachs, Viacom, The Clinton Foundation, and Harvard University. She’s been featured in *Variety*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Essence*, *Black Enterprise*, as well as the Grammy series *Positive Vibes Only*.



Zervos, Michael Angelo

HAPPIEST: 499 Answers to the Question “What Is the Happiest Moment of Your Life?” from Every Country Around the World

Self-Help | **Penguin Life Paper-over-board** | January 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Jennifer Herrera @ David Black Agency | **Editor: John Siciliano**

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From the shores of the island nation of Tuvalu, to the icy mountains of Nepal, to the barbed-wire gates of North Korea, Michael Angelo Zervos had just one question for the people he met on his mission to visit every country in the world: “What is the happiest moment of your life?” As he spoke with thousands of people from different cultures and walks of life, he realized he could find happiness in places he hadn’t even considered—not just the eternal happiness of a child’s birth, but also the bittersweet happiness of a lost youth or the unexpected happiness of the end of a relationship. The hundreds of stories in this book remind us of the transformative power of happiness in our lives: how it fulfills us, guides us forward, expands our potential for love, and transcends borders. Here is hope that happiness is possible, wherever and whoever you are.

[Michael Angelo Zervos](#) has visited every country in the world. In 2025 he broke two Guinness World Records when he became the fastest person to visit all 195 UN-recognized countries, in 499 days. Born and raised in Detroit, he has worked as a film director and producer for more than a dozen years. He has lived in six cities in the last ten years.

POETRY, POP CULTURE



Maciak, Phil

DAD, A POP HISTORY

Pop Culture | **Plume Hardcover** | May 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Danielle Svetcov @ Levine Greenberg Rostan | **Editor: Jill Schwartzman**

Status: manuscript available July 2026



An examination starring TV's best and worst dads, from Ward Cleaver to Tony Soprano to Phil Dunphy, as well as the moments in history that made each meaningful and what our favorite pop culture dads tell us about our contemporary identities as fathers and parents.

[Phil Maciak](#) is the TV critic for *The New Republic* and the author of *Avidly Reads Screen Time* (NYU Press, 2023). His essays and reviews have appeared in *Slate*, *WIRED*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *New York Magazine*, and other places. From 2016 to 2023, Maciak was TV editor at *The Los Angeles Review of Books*. He lives in St. Louis, where he teaches at Washington University.



Mans, Jasmine

A DAUGHTER TO SOMEONE

Poetry | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | May 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Erin Harris @ Folio | **Editor: Meg Leder**

Status: manuscript available August 2026



A DAUGHTER TO SOMEONE, a second collection exploring the often loving, sometimes fraught, and always complex relationships between mothers and daughters, filtered through the varied lenses of Black joy, intergenerational trauma, and generational difference, and using the death of the author's beloved grandmother as a narrative refrain.

[Jasmine Mans](#) is a Black American writer and artist from Newark, New Jersey. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison with a B.A. in African American Studies. Her debut poetry collection *Black Girl, Call Home* (Berkley, 2021) was published to critical and commercial success in 2021, going on to win a Stonewall Award. Mans is the owner and CEO of [Buy Weed from Women](#), a cannabis-adjacent product design company in New Jersey.

MEMOIR, AUTOBIOGRAPHY/BIOGRAPHY



Hò-Kane, Doris

ASIAN WOMEN: Trailblazers & Luminaries

Biography/History | **Penguin Books Hardcover** | May 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Cindy Uh @ CAA | **Editor: Amy Sun**

Status: manuscript available July 2026



ASIAN WOMEN is a groundbreaking book, a collection of biographies noticeably absent from the shelves, which are bridged to the present by essays from modern-day counterparts. These essays from contributors such as *New York Times* bestselling author Mary H.K. Choi and star chef Angela Dimayuga, pay tribute to the heroic women who have come before us in history and offer reflections on colonialism, culture, and feminism. From Yoko Ono, Patsy Mink, and Grace Lee Boggs to Trinh T. Minh-ha and Michelle Kwan—these remarkable stories and the contributions made by Asian women across the diaspora deserve to be amplified. The time is now to recognize the enduring legacies of women that have been buried for far too long. Doris Hò-Kane's beautifully curated book pays homage to hard-won stories of the past and the present to give a powerful voice to the future generation of women.

Doris Hò-Kane is a first generation Vietnamese American and a proud daughter of refugees. A native of Dallas, Texas, she moved to New York over 17 years ago for art school and never looked back. With a decade of experience in the fashion industry, she is now an apprentice baker and continues to curate archival material for the [17.21 Women Instagram account](#), which has been featured in *New York Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, *NBC Asian America*, and more. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and three young children.



Molinaro, Joanne

SEVEN PRINCESSES

Memoir | **Dutton Hardcover** | April 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

Agent: Charlie Brotherstone @ Aevitas | **Editor: Jill Schwartzman**

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An inspirational, honest, and deeply personal memoir, SEVEN PRINCESSES expands on the stories Joanne Molinaro has become known for sharing with her hugely engaged audience, carefully weaving together the narratives of three women: Joanne, her mother, and her maternal grandmother. Moving between Chicago's KTown during the 80s and earlier decades in Ojin, Korea, spanning the Japanese occupation and the Korean War, Joanne brings to life her suburban upbringing, the church community and the sense of belonging it provided, her journey to find the courage to leave an abusive marriage, the lives of her grandmother and mother, and the intergenerational strains of being caught between two cultures. Through this beautifully entangled web of experiences, SEVEN PRINCESSES interrogates the conditions against which women have been forced to exist and tells a story that keeps repeating itself; one about a mother who gives up nearly everything for her daughter and a daughter who spends the rest of her life trying to prove that she was worth it.

Joanne Lee Molinaro is the author of *The Korean Vegan Cookbook* (Avery, 2021) and a Korean American social media star, born and raised in Chicago. Molinaro adopted a plant-based diet in January 2016 and began *The Korean Vegan* as a passion project later that year. Her immensely popular [TikTok](#) (3M followers), [Instagram](#) (1.2M followers), and [YouTube](#) (1.4M subscribers), @thekoreanvegan, incorporate her recipes with personal narration. She has been featured in *Salon*, *Healthyish* by *Bon Appétit*, *The Atlantic*, *The Kitchn*, *Thrive*, and *VegWorld*, and on Food Network, CNN, BBC, and CNBC.



Zimmerman, Emma

BODY SONGS: A Memoir of Long Covid, Chronic Illness, and Unconventional Recovery

Health/Memoir | **Penguin Life Hardcover** | January 2027 | **UK & Translation Rights**

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BODY SONGS offers a deeply personal exploration of Long Covid and advances a fresh and provocative argument about the brain's role in both causing and healing from chronic illness. Emma Zimmerman was a young and active grad student living in Brooklyn when COVID spread around her friend group in 2022. While her friends recovered quickly, she only got sicker, experiencing symptoms that kept her bed bound most days and baffled her doctors. Eventually, she was diagnosed with Long COVID and suffered for months, seeking out specialists and experimental trials and trying alternative medicine, all to little effect—a familiar story for sufferers of chronic illnesses. But here is where Zimmerman's story takes a different turn: not only in that she *has* fully recovered but also in *how* she recovered. The answer, for her, finally came through the *neurocircuit approach*—a treatment model predicated on the understanding that the brain can create and perpetuate symptoms in the body absent of any physical, structural damage to the body itself. In BODY SONGS, Zimmerman uses the fascinating and powerful story of her own recovery as a starting point for a dive into the science of neurocircuit conditions and what we know—and don't know—about the brain, and how our understanding and treatment of chronic conditions could be changed for the better if we learn to think differently about how illness arises within the complex relationship between the mind, the brain, and the body. BODY SONGS is poised to be not only the first of its kind memoir about Long COVID, but one that might shift how we all consider our bodies, minds, and medicine—and, for those suffering, perhaps offer some hope.

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