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WOMEN'S FICTION

Linden, Rachel

Mar 2025

THE SECRET OF ORANGE BLOSSOM CAKE

A magical cookbook and a summer on her family's Italian olive farm help a brokenhearted social media chef cook up a satisfying new life in this delectable novel from the bestselling author of *Recipe for a Charmed Life*. [Rachel Linden](#) is a novelist and international aid worker whose adventures in over fifty countries around the globe provide excellent grist for her writing.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)

Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Meissner, Susan

Mar 2025

A MAP TO PARADISE

1956, California. With her name on the Hollywood blacklist and her life on hold, out-of-work starlet Melanie Cole has little choice in company. There is her next-door neighbor and successful screenwriter, Elwood, but his agoraphobia only allows for short conversations through the windows. He's the closest thing she has to a friend in her exile, however, as she and her maid, Eva, a displaced person from Eastern Europe, rarely make conversation. That is, until they both happen to spot Elwood's sister-in-law June, who takes care of him, digging in his rose garden one morning just before dawn. And they can't help but notice that after that, they don't see Elwood at all anymore. Where could a man who never leaves the house possibly have gone? Has something happened to Elwood? The two women can't help trying to find out. But as they sneak up on and into June's life, they discover a secret nothing like what they expected, and then a common goal as equally startling.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Claire Zion)

Agent: TBG Literary Agency

Murray, Victoria Christopher

Feb 2025

HARLEM RHASPSODY

From the *New York Times* bestselling coauthor of *The Personal Librarian*, this is the extraordinary story of Jessie Redmon Fauset, the genius Black female editor who discovered, mentored, and first published the literary legends of the Harlem Renaissance from Langston Hughes to Nella Larsen to Zora Neale Hurston.

UK: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)

Agent: Liza Dawson Associates

Probst, Jennifer
TO SICILY WITH LOVE: Meet Me in Italy #4

Feb 2025

When After discovering a big, loving Italian family she never knew, a lonely woman travels to Sicily for a life-changing summer. When she isn't traveling to meet readers, [Jennifer Probst](#) enjoys reading, watching "shameful reality television," and visiting a local Hudson Valley animal shelter.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Rosen, Jane
Untitled Rosen #5

May 2025

A young woman sets out on a summer adventure to find her birth mother—running into drama, secrets, and love along the way—in this new incredible novel set on Fire Island. [Jane L. Rosen](#) lives in New York City and on Fire Island with her husband and three daughters.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Amanda Bergeron)
Agent: Calligraph

Rosen, Renee
LET'S CALL HER BARBIE

Jan 2025

She's an icon. She's sexy and fun. She's ready to play. She's stirring controversy and outrage. Her name is Barbie. From *USA Today* bestselling author [Renee Rosen](#) comes a riveting novel about Ruth Handler and the team of creative rebels who challenged convention, broke molds, and beat the odds to invent the most famous doll of all time.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Amanda Bergeron)
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

ROMANCE

Allain, Suzanne

Dec 2024

THE WRONG LADY MEETS LORD RIGHT

A young woman agrees to masquerade for her noble cousin and soon becomes the belle of the ball, but when she develops feelings for a dashing earl, she can only hope he has fallen for the woman she truly is, in this delightful new Regency-era romantic comedy from the author of Mr. Malcolm's List. [Suzanne Allain](#) is a screenwriter who lives in Florida with her husband.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)

Agent: Janklow & Nesbit Associates

Ariel, Myah

Mar 2025

NO ORDINARY LOVE

Ella Simone's popstar life is what dreams are made of. Married at twenty to renowned music producer, Elliot Majors, she has the hits, awards, and adoring fans to prove it. But when Ella tires of Elliot's many infidelities, she decides to fight for her independence despite the ironclad prenup that threatens her career. To help her case, Ella is under strict orders to stick to The Plan: no headlines, no rumors, no rocking the boat. But this strategy is thrown a curveball after a wardrobe snafu and quick rescue by Miles Westbrook, MLB's most eligible player, sends the tabloids into a frenzy. Now the pressure is on to turn a scandal into an opportunity. But as the lines between reality and PR begin to blur, Ella will either stick to the well-choreographed life she has created or surrender to a love that could set her free. [Myah Ariel](#) works as chief program officer of a research center for Black media and social justice.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Esi Sogah)

Agent: Bookends Literary Agency

UK: Little Brown



Blake, Ashley Herring

Oct 2024

MAKE THE SEASON BRIGHT

It's been five years since Charlotte Donovan was ditched at the altar by her ex-fiancée, and she's doing more than okay. As the holidays draw near, her ensemble mate Sloane persuades Charlotte and the rest of the quartet to spend Christmas in Colorado. When Charlotte arrives, she discovers that Sloane's sister Adele also brought a friend home—and that friend is none other than her ex, Brighton. All Brighton Fairbrook wanted was to have the holliest, jolliest Christmas. But instead, she's stuck pretending like she and her ex are strangers—which proves to be difficult when Sloane and Adele's mom signs them all up for a series of Christmas dating events. After a few days, however, things start to slip through. But it's all in the past and nothing can melt the ice in their hearts...right? [Ashley Herring Blake](#) loves coffee, arranging her books by color, and cold weather.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Angela Kim)

Agent: Rees Literary Agency

UK: Little Brown

Blake, Ashley Herring
DREAM ON, RAMONA RILEY

May 2025

Once upon a time, Ramona Riley was a student at a prestigious art school, with dreams of landing in Hollywood as a costume designer to the stars. Twelve years later, Ramona is still working at a café, all but given up on her dream. But when a big-budget romantic comedy starts filming in town, she wonders if this could be her chance. There's only one problem—Dylan Monroe, her first kiss and Hollywood's favorite wild child—is the star. Dylan has always lived an unconventional life, having famous 90s rock icons for parents. She wants to prove that she's just a normal person. To do that, Dylan gets a job at café and starts shadowing a waitress there. But Dylan soon realizes Ramona Riley is someone she's met before, someone who remembers her even more vividly. It's not long before a spark reignites. [Ashley Herring Blake](#) loves coffee, arranging her books by color, and cold weather.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Angela Kim)
Agent: Rees Literary Agency
UK: Little Brown

Borison, B.K.
FIRST TIME CALLER

Feb 2025

First In A New Series From The Author Of Lovelight Farms! Aiden Valentine has fallen out of love with love. As the host of Baltimore's romance hotline, that's a bit of a problem. But when a young girl calls into the station asking for dating advice for her mom, the interview goes viral, thrusting Aiden and Heartstrings into the limelight. Lucie Stone thought she was doing just fine. But when all of Baltimore is suddenly scrutinizing her love life—or lack thereof—she begins to question if she's as happy as she thought. Everyone wants Lucie to find her happy ending...even the handsome, temperamental man calling the shots. When sparks fly behind the scenes, Lucie must make the final call between the radio-sponsored happily ever after or the man in the headphones next to her. [B.K. Borison](#) is fueled almost entirely by coffee and spends her days with imaginary characters doing imaginary things.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: BookEnds Literary Agency
UK: Macmillan

Connolly, Lauren
PS: I HATE YOU

Jan 2025

Maddie Sanderson would be proud to honor her older brother's dying wish, that she scatters his ashes over nine destinations that the adventurous 29-year-old never got to visit before he died from cancer. But in his will, Josh assigned her an impossible partner to help complete the mission—Dominic Perry. Seriously, if Maddie weren't already at his funeral, she would have killed him for this. Sure, Dom was Josh's life-long best friend. He's also the infuriating man who broke Maddie's heart back when she was naïve enough to give it to him. When grief also reopens old wounds between them, Maddie might need more than Josh's ghostly guidance to trust Dom again. [Lauren Connolly](#) is an award-winning author of contemporary and paranormal romance stories who has lived among mountains, next to lakes, and in imaginary worlds.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Liz Sellers)
Agent: The Seymour Agency

Dade, Olivia
ZOMROMCOM

Aug 2025

New series! ZOMROMCOM is The Last of Us meets Jenna Levine's My Roommate is a Vampire, complete with Olivia Dade's signature writing style, and is ultimately a monster-filled adventure that's also hilariously and heartwarmingly human.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)
Agent: Nancy Yost Literary Agency
UK: Little Brown

Danan, Rosie
FAN SERVICE

Feb 2025

The only place small-town outcast Alex Lawson fits in is the online fan forum she built for Arcane, a long-running werewolf detective show. She's dedicated to archiving the fictional supernatural lore, despite her secret disdain for the show's star, Devin Ashwood. Ever since his show went off the air, Devin and his career have spiraled, but waking up naked in the woods with no memory of the night before is a new low. The claws, fangs, and howling are a little more difficult to explain away. Desperate for answers, Devin finds Alex—the closest thing to an expert that exists. Once he makes her an offer she can't refuse, these reluctant allies each lower their guards trying to wrangle his inner beast. Unfortunately, getting up close and personal quickly comes back to bite them. [Rosie Danan](#) writes steamy, bighearted books about the trials and triumphs of modern love.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency
UK: Little Brown Book Group



Deluca, Jen
HAUNTED EVER AFTER

Aug 2024

Cassie Rutherford possibly overreacted to all her friends getting married and having kids by leaving Orlando and buying a flipped historic cottage in Boneyard Key. Though her new home is clearly haunted, she's charmed by the colorful history surrounding her. And she's catching a vibe from Nick, the grumpy coffeeshop owner, whenever he slips her a free slice of banana bread. As Nick takes her on a ghost tour, sharing insider town gossip that tourists don't get to hear, their connection solidifies into something very real. But Cassie's worried she made a mistake and and Nick's afraid to get too close in case Cassie gets scared away for good. [Jen DeLuca](#) loves latte-flavored lattes, Hokies football, and the Oxford comma.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)
Agent: Root Literary Agency
UK: Penguin Books

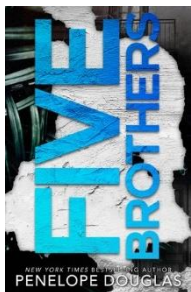


Desai, Sara
TIL HEIST DO US PART

Aug 2024

In this sequel to *To Have And To Heist*, it's been a year since Simi Chopra's motley crew pulled off a high-wire diamond necklace heist with the help of sexy rogue Jack Danger. After living it up on the reward money, they're back where they started, struggling to pay their bills. So when a Chicago Mafia boss demands they return the jewels—plus interest, or else—they need to get the team back together...and fast. Unfortunately, Simi soon discovers that the necklace is in the hands of Jack's nemesis, a highly-skilled and supremely vengeful master thief who is not above a little blackmail to get even. As if Simi needed any more complications while trying to rob a billionaire's mansion, she and Jack are on the rocks, someone else is after her score, and a gorgeous detective is hot on her tail. [Sara Desai](#) has been a lawyer, radio DJ, marathon runner, historian, bouncer, and librarian.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: Bradford Literary Agency



Douglas, Penelope
FIVE BROTHERS

Jul 2024

One woman learns the secrets of the five Jaeger brothers... Macon, thirty -one, is the oldest and an ex-marine. Army is a single dad with the most beautiful green eyes. Iron will be in prison soon. He's a nice guy but can't stop reacting to everything. Dallas is twenty-one, cruel, and selfish. Trace was mine for about two seconds. No one can tame him for long. It was fun, but now I need to go home. And I will. I'll leave first thing tomorrow morning. Their house is dark and quiet, everyone else is asleep. Except for one. He sees me crying and comes at me from behind. His breath is on my neck, his fingers are in my hair, and he doesn't stop there. I don't think it was Trace. [Penelope Douglas](#) is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author. They live in New England with their husband and daughter.

Translation: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)
Agent: Dystel Goderich & Bourret

UK: Penguin Books; Italy: Newton Compton; Portugal: Leya; Bulgaria: Ciela; Romania: Epica; France: HLAB; Czech Rep: Euromedia

Donovan, Bryn
HER KNIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Dec 2024

Cursed by a ruthless enchanter to see, hear, and think, but never move or speak, Sir Griffin de Beauford suffers the long centuries trapped in stone...until an unexpected kiss from a fair maiden breathes new life into his body. As a temporary conservator at the Art Institute of Chicago, Emily Porter is charged with the restoration of an exquisitely detailed statue of a medieval English knight. Breaking curses was not part of the job description. And yet, here he is, the man of her dreams come to life, resplendent in shining armor as he wreaks havoc with her senses and tempts her to believe in happy-ever-afters. But the modern age tries Griffin's patience and Emily is a prime suspect in the investigation of the missing sculpture. Is their romance destined to be on the rocks? [Bryn Donovan](#) is a voracious reader, a rescue dog lover, and a hopeless romantic who lives in the Chicago.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)
Agent: The Seymour Agency

Easton, Etta

Apr 2025

THE LOVE SIMULATION

A passionate high school counselor and a guarded science teacher compete for a grand prize, only to realize their budding relationship might be the jackpot. [Etta Easton](#) is a certified hopeless romantic who now writes contemporary romance.

Translation: Berkley (editor Esi Sogah)

Agent: Andrea Brown Literary Agency

UK: Penguin Books



Elliot, Amanda

Oct 2024

LOVE YOU A LATKE

Abby Cohen is pissed. For one thing, her most annoying customer, Seth, has been coming into her café every morning with his sunshiny attitude. And, as the only Jew on the tourism board of her Vermont town, Abby's been charged with planning their fledgling Hanukkah festival. Unfortunately, the local vendors don't understand that the story of Hanukkah cannot be told with light-up plastic figures from the Nativity scene. Desperate for support, Abby puts out a call for help online and discovers she was wrong about being the only Jew within a hundred miles. There's one other: Seth. As it turns out, Seth's parents have been badgering him to bring a Nice Jewish Girlfriend home to New York City for Hanukkah, and if Abby can survive his incessant, irritatingly handsome smiles, he'll introduce her to all the vendors she needs to make the festival a success. Abby begins to realize that her fake boyfriend and his family might just be igniting a flame in her own guarded heart.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Mary Barker)

Agent: Writer's House

Everett, Elizabeth

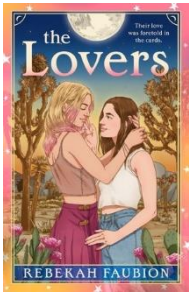
Mar 2025

THE LADY SPARKS A FLAME: The Damsels Of Discovery #2

Lady Phoebe Hunt never anticipated returning from exile, but the death of her father—and the revelation of his debts—have brought her home. Once she settles her father's estate, she will return to America where she has reinvented herself. There's no reason to remain, not even for one gravitationally challenged but deliciously tempting entrepreneur — Sam Fenley. Sam offers to relieve Phoebe of her burdens, but is her crumbling mansion all he wants? When threats from Phoebe's past spark new dangers, Sam and Phoebe discover that neither of them is what the other expected. Standing on the edge of disaster the disgraced Ice Queen will have to decide if she wants to forge through life alone or let an unlikely hero melt her heart. [Elizabeth Everett](#) lives in upstate New York with her family.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: Dystel Goderich & Bourret



Faubion, Rebekah
THE LOVERS

Sep 2024

Kit Larson believes two things: the cards never lie and neither do rom-coms. When everything she's ever been sure of implodes, Kit takes a gig at an influencer's boho chic Joshua Tree wedding for some stability. What her cards can't predict is that her high school best friend and crush, Julia, is working the wedding as well. Julia Kelley is her agency's most sought-after wedding planner. Having an ex-girlfriend in the bridal party is a problem, sure, but reconnecting with the beautiful tarot reader who broke her heart as a teenager is so much worse. Kit's cards once told her that she and Julia were Twin Flames, two halves of the same soul. With wedding events pushing them together, their spark reignites...and so does a chance at being lovers. When she isn't writing books that make her bi soul sing, [Rebekah Faubion](#) enjoys painting on her deck, listening to BTS, and reading tarot by candlelight.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: Donald Maass Literary Agency

Feehan, Christine
DARK HOPE
WICKED GAME

Jan 2025
May 2025

New novels in the long running series by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author [Christine Feehan](#).

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: Jane Rotrosen Agency

Ferguson, Lana
UNDER LOCH & KEY

Jan 2025

After her father's death, Keyanna MacKay visits his estranged family in Scotland, where she's met with a lukewarm welcome. She finds herself at a cove her father used to tell her about and suddenly falls into the water, but she's saved by...something she can't quite recall. When Key awakens on the shore, she doesn't expect to see a handsome man peering at her—or calling her an idiot for climbing the rocks. Key doesn't think she'll ever see the angry man again, but it turns out he is living in the small guesthouse on her family's land, working as the groundskeeper. The man, Lachlan, is distrustful of her after learning that she's a MacKay, but she has no idea why. There is more to her father's family than she ever imagined, and a connection to Lachlan and his ancestors that spans centuries, one that is full of conflict and curses. They must work together to find a long-lost artifact to break the curse, but they're not the only ones after it... [Lana Ferguson](#) is a sex-positive nerd whose works never shy from spice or sass.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency
UK: Little Brown

Ferguson, Lana
OVERRULED

Jul 2025

Two divorce lawyers determined to share only beds and not hearts discover that love is something that can't be overruled in this steamy contemporary romance. [Lana Ferguson](#) is a sex-positive nerd whose works never shy from spice or sass.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency
UK: Little Brown

Gilliland, Raquel Vasquez
LIGHTNING IN HER HANDS

Oct 2024

Teal Flores is desperate for two things — control over her gift of weather, and a date to her ex's wedding. The first isn't possible until she finds her long-lost mother, but the second has a very handsome last-ditch solution: Carter Velasquez. Carter needs Teal too. His chance at receiving an inheritance is dependent on him being married by age 30 (blame his traditional Cuban grandmother), so who better to pose as his wife than Teal? But fake marriage and cohabitation prove tricky when mutual attraction charges the atmosphere—quite literally for Teal, whose volatile emotions cause lightning strikes. Together, Teal and Carter embark on a quest to find her mother and the answers she's searching for. But along the way, they'll discover something even better: a love that can weather any storm. [Raquel Vasquez Gilliland](#) is a sorceress, alchemist, and consummate storyteller.

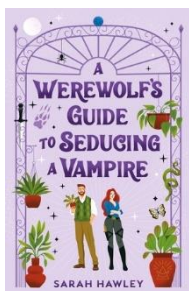
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: Sterling Lord Literistic

Gracie, Anne
THE SECRET DAUGHTER

Dec 2024

When two strangers meet under false pretenses during an idyllic week in the French countryside, they'll each need to face the truth to find one other again, in a dazzling new Regency romance from the national bestselling author of *The Heiress's Daughter*.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)
Agent: Nancy Yost Literary Agency



Hawley, Sarah
A WEREWOLF'S GUIDE TO SEDUCING A VAMPIRE

Aug 2024

Though his family is desperate to see him settled, Ben Rosewood is fine approaching forty as a single werewolf. But after drunkenly bidding on and winning a supposedly-possessed crystal on eBay one night, he finds himself face-to-face with a beautiful yet angry vampire. Eleonore Bettencourt-Devereux is a rare breed—a vampire succubus born from two elite European bloodlines during medieval times. She would claw this werewolf's heart out and eat it, if only the binding spell would allow her to. But Eleonore and Ben soon realize they can help each other with both vengeful and less hostile needs. And why not have a little fun along the way? [Sarah Hawley](#) co-hosts the Wicked Wallflowers Club podcast.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency
UK: Gollancz

Hazelwood, Ali
UNTITLED HAZELWOOD

Feb 2025

A new contemporary romance from the *New York Times* bestselling author Love, Theoretically and Bride. When not at work, [Ali Hazelwood](#) can be found running, eating cake pops, or watching sci-fi movies with her three feline overlords (and her slightly-less-feline husband).

Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency
UK: Sphere; Germany: Aufbau; Brazil: Arqueiro

Hutton, Taylor
STRIKE AND BURN

Jan 2025

The last thing Honor Stone expects on the darkest night of her life is to meet a man...at the morgue. Still, sparks fly when she locks eyes with handsome tech entrepreneur Strike Madden. When he hires her to become an artist in his virtual gaming company, their magnetic connection teeters on the forbidden. It does offer a compelling distraction, from the rest of Honor's life. The man she's convinced murdered her identical twin is not only walking free, he seems to have set his sights on her. And Strike, shas a dark past of his own. Is he an angel or a devil? And which would Honor be if she embraced all her desires? [Taylor Hutton](#) is the pseudonym for the writing duo of Adele Griffin and Julie Buxbaum.

UK, Translation: Berkley (Liz Sellers)
Agents: Folio Lit & Creative Artists Agency

James, Jessica
FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

Jan 2025

When Valerie Quinn's tv show finds itself on the network chopping block, she's in desperate need of some guaranteed good press. Hoping to get herself back in the network's good graces, Valerie reunites with her old band, Glitter Bats. A reunion concert certainly wouldn't hurt... especially if people speculate about the romance between her and her former bandmate/childhood BFF, Caleb Sloane. When Caleb struggles to pick up his rockstar persona again, it's Valerie that helps him find his rhythm. And when Valerie becomes consumed by the press and her fame, Caleb keeps her grounded. After years of distance, singing together reignites the spark they've always felt... except with that spark comes the old demons that led to the band's downfall. This time, neither Valerie nor Caleb is certain they can survive it.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Liz Sellers)
Agent: Root Literary

Jordan, Ashley
ONCE UPON A TIME IN DOLLYWOOD

Jun 2025

Insecure meets BEACH READ in this contemporary romance that follows a playwright who returns to her late grandmother's home in Tennessee to escape the pressures of her crumbling relationship and to heal from wounds she's long kept buried. While there, she falls in love with the single dad next door.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Esi Sogah)
Agent: Nancy Yost Literary Agency

Lemming, Kimberley
I GOT ABDUCTED BY ALIENS AND NOW I'M TRAPPED IN A ROM-COM

Feb 2025

A polyamorous alien romance that follows Dorothy Valentine as she's abducted by aliens, crash lands on a dinosaur-infested planet with a talking lion named Toto, and accidentally becomes mated to, not one, but two strangely attractive aliens. And yes, it's just as bananas—in the best way—as it sounds.

Note: TikTok favorite author of That Time I Got Drunk and Yeeted a Love Potion at a Werewolf

UK: Berkley (editor: Esi Sogah)
Agent: Handspun Literary Agency, Inc.



Levine, Jenna
MY VAMPIRE PLUS-ONE

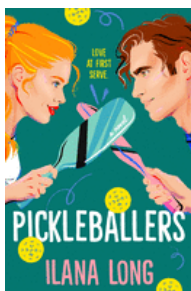
Sep 2024

Amelia Collins is tired of constant questions about her nonexistent dating life. When an invitation to yet another family wedding comes in the mail, she decides to get everyone off her back once and for all by finding someone--anyone--to pose as her date. If he's annoying, or embarrassing, so much the better. Coincidentally, Reginald Cleaves has centuries of experience at being rude, infuriatingly arrogant, and a fashion eyesore. Amelia keeps running into this peculiar man by accident, and it takes less than five minutes for her to realize he's perfect for her purposes. As Amelia and Reggie practice their fauxmance, and more of Reggie's centuries-old secrets come to light, Amelia is surprised to find her first impressions could not have been more wrong. Suddenly, being single seems less than fang-tastic. When [Jenna Levine](#) isn't busy being a lawyer, a law professor, or a romance novelist she can usually be found training her small army of cats to take over the world..

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)

Agent: BookEnds Literary

UK: Cornerstone



Long, Ilana
PICKLEBALLERS

Nov 2024

Meg Bloomberg is in a pickle. Now that her ex has shown himself to be a real...dink, she's allowed herself to be hoodwinked by her bestie into joining a pickleball competition. It's supposed to be an easy lob, a way to heal—not the opening serve to a new courtside romance that's doomed to spin out. But no matter how Meg tries, she can't shake her feelings for Ethan Fine, the charismatic environmental consultant eager to play with her on—and off—the court. Unfortunately for her, their chemistry makes for a great team. Even more unfortunately, it looks like Meg's past is returning with a wicked backspin, leaving her up a court without a paddle—and possibly, without Ethan for the Picklesmash Tournament. It's time for Meg to take control of her own game, and maybe, just maybe...love will bounce back. Ilana Long has performed stand-up, and improv comedy at The Second City in Chicago.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: Gillian Mackenzie Agency



Mandanna, Sangu
A WITCH'S GUIDE TO MAGICAL INNKEEPING

Sep 2024

Sera Swan was once one of the most powerful witches in Britain. Then she resurrected her great-aunt from the dead, lost most of her magic, befriended a semi-villainous talking fox, and was exiled from the magical Guild she belonged to. Getting the rest of her magic back is a dream she's more or less given up on... until the appearance of an old spellbook. Enter Luke, a historian who also happens to be Sera's ex. Cue curse-breaking, a rekindled romance, and eluding the watchful Guild. [Sangu Mandanna](#) lives in Norwich, a city in the east of England, with her husband and three kids.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Jessica Wade)

Agent: Aevitas Creative Management

UK: Hodder; Romania: Nemira

Mare, Annie
TIME AFTER TIME

June 2025

A queer time-slip romance about two women living five months apart, as they try to find a timeline where their love doesn't end in disaster, in this **debut romance** novel.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Esi Sogah)
Agent: One Track Literary



Marlowe, Mallory
LOVE AND OTHER CONSPIRACIES

Aug 2024

The hardest thing for a paranormal conspiracy theorist and a skeptical producer to believe in is finding love in this swoony debut romcom. Hallie Barrett's life has imploded after she's dumped by her hotshot ex, who also happens to be her co-worker and the star of the online series she was producing. Without a new show to present for the company competition, she'll be out of a job. But inspiration can come from the strangest places...like the hottest guy she's ever seen passionately discussing Bigfoot on a late-night docuseries. Hayden Hargrove made a name for himself as a cryptid expert on his hit podcast, and is intrigued by the plucky, blue-haired producer who offers him the opportunity to lead his own web show. As Hayden and Hallie investigate the unknown, they unearth feelings for each other that shake their beliefs to the core. In their search for Mothman, aliens, and the truth, the most elusive discovery might just be learning to love again. [Mallory Marlowe](#) is an author and video game writer living in Los Angeles, CA.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Mary Baker)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency
Brazil: Intriseca

Martin, Alexa
HOW TO SELL A ROMANCE

Jun 2025

Emerson Pierce loves everything about being a kindergarten teacher except the painfully low salary. It isn't until she hears about Petunia Lemon—an opportunity to sell Korean makeup products, make some extra money, and meet a group of skin-care aficionados—that she begins to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Investigative reporter Lucas Miller didn't have a chip on his shoulder...until his wife joined Petunia Lemon, drained their savings, and filed for divorce. Now he's a little bitter, a lot single, and determined to expose the company. After infiltrating their largest convention yet, the last thing he expects is to lose sight of his mission for one night with the gorgeous woman at the bar. Emerson and Lucas work against their scorching chemistry to sabotage one another at every turn. But when things with Petunia Lemon turn downright diabolical, these two rivals are forced to work together to bring the company down...and determine if two can come up on top in this pyramid scheme of love.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency



Matthews, Mimi
THE MUSE OF MAIDEN LANE: Belles of London #4

Oct 2024

Stella Hobhouse is a brilliant rider, stalwart friend, skilled sketch artist—and completely overlooked. Her outmodish gray hair makes her invisible to London society. Combined with her brother’s pious restrictions and her dwindling inheritance, Stella is on the verge of a lifetime marooned in Derbyshire as a spinster. Unless she does something drastic...like posing for a daring new style of portrait by the only man who’s ever really seen her. Aspiring painter Edward “Teddy” Hayes knows true beauty when he sees it. He would never ask Stella to risk her reputation as an artist’s model but in the five years since a virulent bout of scarlet fever left him partially paralyzed, Teddy has learned to heed good fortune when he finds it. He’ll do anything to persuade his muse to pose for him, even if he must offer her a marriage of convenience. After all, though Teddy has yearned to trace Stella’s luminous beauty on canvas since their chance meeting, her heart is what he truly aches to capture.... *USA Today* bestselling author [Mimi Matthews](#) writes both historical nonfiction and award-winning proper Victorian romances.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: Hershman Rights Management

UK: Penguin Books

Matthews, Mimi

May 2025

RULES FOR RUIN: Crinoline Academy #1

On the outskirts of London sits a seemingly innocuous institution with a secretive aim—train young women to distract, disrupt, and discredit the patriarchy. *USA Today* bestselling author [Mimi Matthews](#) writes both historical nonfiction and award-winning proper Victorian romances.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: Hershman Rights Management

McBreen, Heather

Jan 2025

WEDDING DASHERS

Leap Year meets Christina Lauren's *The Unhoneymooners* in this riotously fun enemies-to-lovers romcom about two stranded wedding guests—the sister of the bride and the best man—who, after an initial case of mistaken identity and an almost one night stand, have to find a way from London to Ireland in time for the wedding...together. Debut.

UK, Translation: (editor: Sareer Khader)

Agent: BookEnds Literary

Painter, Lynn
ACCIDENTALLY AMY

Jan 2025

Isabella Shay is usually a very honest person. But when she's running late for her first day at her dream job and the barista yells for "Amy" three times with no answer, she does the unthinkable. Izzy takes that drink and whatever bad karma is coming for her. When she turns around and runs directly into the most attractive man she's ever seen, she ends up having the ultimate meet-cute. Sparks fly and things feel beyond promising, until he says to her: "See you tomorrow, Amy." Izzy reasons she can just straighten things out the next day, no biggie. Only when she gets to her new office and meets the VP of her department, it is none other than Blake Phillips—the hottie from Starbucks. He is an arrogant grump who does not find her explanation funny at all. Day by day, an attraction simmers between them and they'll have to find a way to work together without ripping each other's heads—or clothes—off. [Lynn Painter](#) is a community columnist for the Omaha World-Herald, as well as a regular blogger for their parenting section.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Angela Kim)
Agent: BookEnds
Hungary: Kossuth; Poland: Kobiece

Palit, Aurora
SUNSHINE AND SPICE

Sep 2024

A bubbly brand consultant who is estranged from her Bengali heritage but agrees to take on the rebranding of a failing local desi bazaar and ends up striking a deal with the owner's grumpy yet devastatingly attractive son—he will help her nail the cultural aspects of the rebrand if she agrees to be his fake girlfriend to thwart his matchmaking mother's plans.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sareer Khader)
Agent: Andrea Brown Literary Agency

Rea, Kerry
THE JEWEL OF THE ISLE

Nov 2024

Emily Edwards doesn't want to hike around an unfamiliar island, but she's determined to fulfill her late father's national park bucket list, starting with Isle Royale National Park—home to wolves, bears, and hundred-year-old shipwrecks. She has no choice but to hire a tour guide, and there is only one that isn't booked solid. When his dormant adventure guide business suddenly finds life again after a random inquiry, Ryder Fleet somehow finds himself on a ferry to Isle Royale with a very beautiful, no-nonsense woman. Emily's perfectly planned trek turns disastrous when she and Ryder witness a crime and are suddenly forced to evade a group of archaeologists on the hunt for a jewel. As they spend nights together too close for comfort, they realize their shoddily built fire isn't the only thing that's kindling, and that they must trust each other if they want to escape the island with their lives—and hearts—intact. [Kerry Rea](#) lives with her husband, two sons, and their small army of dogs.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Angela Kim)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency

Ritchie, Becca and Krista
DESTRUCTIVELY MINE

Apr 2025

While Phoebe is fake-dating Jake Waterford, the third-born son to an uber-wealthy and influential family, she's actually dating and falling deeper in love with Brayden "Rocky" Tinrock—Hailey's older brother. To make matters more complicated, Phoebe's mother shows up out of the blue with conniving matching-making plans of her own. Her mother's arrival threatens to unravel Phoebe's plans. To keep her love, her friends, and her new found happiness, Phoebe will have to return to her old games...and win. [Krista & Becca Ritchie](#) are *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling authors and identical twins—one a science nerd, the other a comic book geek—but with a shared passion for writing.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: Brower Literary Agency
UK: Macmillan; Brazil: Intrinseca

Rose, Ann
THE SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE LOVE LIFE OF AMANDA DEAN

Sep 2024

Amanda Dean would say she's best at is falling in love. A self-proclaimed bi disaster who has had her heart broken more times than she wants to count, Amanda can't help opening herself up. As she gets ready on the one day she's been waiting a lifetime for, memories of her past loves run through her mind with one glaring red sign blinking above them—is this “the one”? Will it be the fit water polo player, the fashionista, the dependable hedge fund manager, or the one where the timing was never quite right. Now, on the day of her wedding, Amanda must decide if she's willing to risk it all one last time or if she'll escape while her whole heart is still intact. Ann Rose is a typical Taurus—loyal but stubborn, which means being an author is perfect.

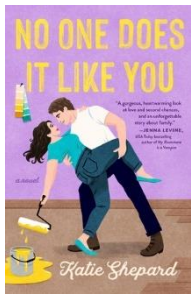
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Esi Sogah)
Agent: Alice Speilburg

Segura, Jo
THE TEMPLE OF SWOON

Dec 2024

When Dr. Miriam Jacobs is charged with leading an unmapped expedition through the Amazon for the fabled Lost City of the Moon, she finally has her chance to prove to everyone – including herself – that she's capable. Rafael Monfils has joined the scientists to chronicle their search for Global Geography. Or at least, that's what they think he's doing. Rafa's real goal? Make sure the team does not reach a Cidade Da Lua, stopping the desecration of the holy city. Whenever Rafa makes a purposeful wrong turn, Miri takes two correct ones. Even worse, he's charmed by her goofy attempts to channel Lara Croft as they traverse the dangerous Brazilian rainforest. But they're not the only crew hunting for the Moon City, and the untamed jungle might be the least of their worries...When not writing, you can find [Jo Segur](#) working on a puzzle, trying out new recipes, or practicing municipal law with her two dogs sleeping at her feet.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)
Agent: Speilburg Literary
UK: Little Brown; Brazil: Editora Schwarcz



Shepard, Katie
NO ONE DOES IT LIKE YOU

Sep 2024

When's the best time to tell your ex that you want them back? Probably not in the middle of a Category 3 hurricane. But when Broadway actor Tom Wilczewski is about to dive into the floodwaters to rescue his co-lead, he calls the ex-wife he hasn't seen in ten years to swear he still loves her and ask for a chance to make things right. Rose Kelly finally gets the message two months later and asks him to follow through on his promises for once by helping her fix up the family inn. Thinking this is the perfect way to win her back, Tom agrees. If she and Tom can repair the inn together, can they possibly repair the damage to the relationship they both thought was long gone?

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency

Smith, Tiana
MR NICE SPYI

Nov 2024

Andee Paxton knows she's good at her job as a fireworks designer. What she doesn't know is that her biological father is Holt, a dangerous arms dealer who has escaped prison. After the CIA surprises her with this news, they drop another bombshell: they want to use Andee as bait to capture Holt once and for all. But before the CIA can even attempt to spring their trap, she's kidnapped along with the very hot Officer Adam Chan—all because they were too busy flirting to worry about silly things like "safety protocol." A fake relationship—for their protection, of course—and just a few explosions bring Andee and Chan closer, but there's more than their growing connection at stake. If Holt's plan succeeds, the world will be brought to its knees. Andee and Chan must rely on each other to stop him...or else everything (including their feelings for each other) might just blow up in their faces. Tiana Smith is a graphic designer turned novelist who grew up in the Rocky Mountains.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: Plain Smart Inc

St. George, Harper
ELIZA AND THE DUKE: The Doves of New York #2

May 2025

All hopeless romantic Eliza Dove asked for is one glorious evening of freedom to explore the dark corners of London with a mysterious stranger before a lifetime trapped in a quiet, respectable marriage of convenience. Except now she wants more. Now she wants him. Simon Cavell is no gentleman. Known only as 'the Duke,' Whitechapel's prize boxer is one fight away from achieving his goal: safeguard his late sister's only treasure and leave the streets for good. He cannot allow some pretty, young heiress to spill his secrets, no matter how tempting she might be. In return for her silence, Simon will give Eliza a taste of the darkness...and hope he doesn't lose his heart in the process. When not writing, [Harper St. George](#) can be found devouring her husband's amazing cooking and reading.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)
Agent: The Seymour Agency

Wibberley, Emily and Austin Siegemund-Broka
BOOK BOYFRIEND

Feb 2025

Jennifer Worth lives to escape into the world of her favorite romantasy series Elytheum Courts. But while her friends understand her obsession, her ex, Scott, did not. Newly single and craving connection, Jennifer travels to an immersive fan experience celebrating all things Elytheum, only to see the last face she expected. Jennifer doesn't know why Scott has ventured into this recreation of the fantasy in which he never showed much interest. She does know the Scott she encounters there, in his secondhand cosplay outfit, is...different. As the immersive convention activities force Jennifer and Scott to relive where their relationship went wrong, they're surprised to rediscover where things went magically right. But second-chance romance is only for books, or can Jennifer and Scott bring that fantasy to life? [Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka](#) live in Los Angeles, where they continue to take daily inspiration from their own love story.

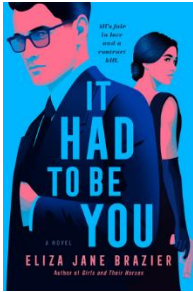
Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: Donald Maass Literary Agency
UK: Macmillan

Williams, Denise
JUST OUR LUCK

Dec 2024

After years of bouncing from job to job in search of something that feels right and from man to man in search of something special, all Sybil really wants now is a lottery ticket and carb comfort. Kiran Anderson abandoned his dreams to take over running his family's bakery, and after two years, he's exhausted and broke. When a whirlwind of a woman sweeps in late one night, flirty energy gives way to more...until she runs out the next morning, leaving behind her winning lottery ticket. Lucky for Kiran, his attempt to return the ticket looks like a grand romantic gesture and goes viral, sending sales through the roof. In an effort to keep the store afloat and to get Sybil's family off of her back, they agree to fake a relationship for three months. Even with hundreds of millions of dollars, finding each other might end up being the sweetest bit of luck for both of them.

UK: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)
Agent: Dystel Goderich & Bourret

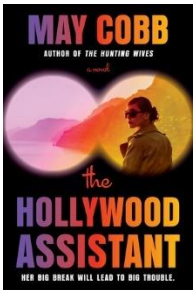


Brazier, Eliza Jane
IT HAD TO BE YOU

Aug 2024

When Eva and Jonathan hook up on the sleeper train from Florence to Paris, they think they'll never see each other again. Which is too bad, because they've never felt a spark like this for another person. But love isn't on the agenda in their line of work. Six months later, they run into each other in the Hall of Mirrors in Versailles. This meeting is not by chance, because Eva has been hired to kill Jonathan. She's a contract killer, but what she doesn't know is that he is too. Their meeting kicks off a high-stakes cross-country adventure across Western Europe. People will die. Eva and Jonathan might even fall in love. As the two get closer to killing each other, it becomes clear that they are also being hunted. Eliza Jane Brazier is an author, screenwriter, and journalist.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: Levine Greenberg Literary Agency

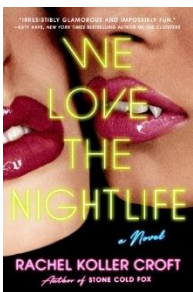


Cobb, May
THE HOLLYWOOD ASSISTANT

Aug 2024

Cassidy Foster is heartbroken, stuck in life, and possibly getting a little too obsessed with plants. When a well-connected friend gets her a gig with a famous Hollywood couple, Marisol and Nate Sterling, Cassidy jumps at the chance to move to sunny L.A. The Sterlings are warm and welcoming. All Cassidy has to do is be available a few hours a week to run errands. In return, she has access to luxury. But Cassidy learns, the Sterlings aren't the perfect couple. Marisol isn't the perfect wife. And when one of them is found dead, Cassidy becomes the perfect suspect. [May Cobb](#) earned her MA in literature from San Francisco State University.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: Victoria Sanders & Associates



Croft, Rachel Koller
WE LOVE THE NIGHTLIFE

Aug 2024

WE LOVE THE NIGHTLIFE is a 21st century INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE – a dual-timeline thriller a la STUDIO 54 meets TRUE BLOOD. With high glamor, impending doom and plenty of fun, it's a story of a codependent and chaotic relationship finally coming to a head, despite all of its heart. But be careful – they bite! [Rachel Koller Croft](#) is an author and screenwriter in Los Angeles, where she has scripted projects for Blumhouse, Sony Pictures Entertainment, and Comedy Central, among others.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: 3 Arts Entertainment

DeStefano, Ren
A LIE FOR A LIE

Oct 2025

A wife by day and a spy by night, one woman gets a little too close to a tech billionaire and the crime he's gotten away with...and now her own secrets might be revealed, from the acclaimed author of *How I'll Kill You*. [Ren DeStefano](#) is the pen name for *New York Times* Bestselling YA author Lauren DeStefano.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: Irene Goodman Literary

Dove, Laurie
MASK OF THE DEER WOMAN

Jan 2025

Debut novel! At rock bottom following her daughter's murder, ex-Chicago police detective Carrie Starr has no job prospects and nowhere to go but back to her roots. Starr's father never talked much about the reservation, but now the tribe she's never known needs Starr. Over the last ten years, too many young women have gone missing. As the new marshal, Starr must carry the burden of their disappearances, but she is hanging by a thread, drowning in memories of her own daughter. Just when Starr is on the verge of giving, the glimpse of a woman with the antlers of a deer—a figure from one of her father's stories—reminds her that she has no option but to find the missing. [Laurie L. Dove](#) is a reporter and editor whose work has appeared in numerous publications and garnered several honors for outstanding journalism.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Carley James)
Agent: Dystel, Goderich & Bourret

Fama, Daphne
HOUSE OF MONSTROUS WOMEN

Aug 2025

Debut novel! *HOUSE OF MONSTROUS WOMEN* is a gothic folk horror set against the backdrop of the 1986 People Power Revolution in the Philippines, in which a lonely woman chained by familial duty to an empty house gets a letter from her mysterious childhood friend inviting her to her labyrinth-like mansion to play a game. It has the gothic hauntings of *The Hacienda* and the claustrophobic maze of *Ready or Not* and would appeal to fans of Silvia Moreno-Garcia. Daphne Fama is a member of the Horror Writers Association and a writer for *Prima Games* and *HauntedMTL* where she pens articles on horror games and other media.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Candice Coote)
Agent: Kimberley Cameron & Associates

Harrison, Rachel
SO THIRSTY

Sep 2024

Sloane Parker is dreading her birthday. She doesn't need a reminder she's getting older or that she's indifferent to life. So it's a welcome change of pace when her husband surprises her with a birthday weekend getaway—not with him, but with Sloane's longtime best friend / troublemaker extraordinaire Naomi. Sloane anticipates a weekend of wine tastings and wearing cozy robes. But when they arrive at the hotel it becomes clear Naomi has something else in mind. She wants Sloane to stop letting things happen to her, for Sloane to really live. Then Naomi's planned night out with a group mysterious strangers takes a horrifying turn that changes Sloane and Naomi's lives literally forever. The friends are forced to come to terms with some pretty eternal consequences in this juicy, thrilling novel about how it's never too late to find satisfaction, though it might taste different than expected. [Rachel Harrison](#) lives in Western New York with her husband and their cat/overlord.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Jessica Wade)
Agent: The Friedrich Agency
UK: Titan

Posey, Kate
SERIAL KILLER GAMES

Apr 2025

What would you do if you thought your coworker was getting away with murder...literally? Dolores dela Cruz has been waiting to spot a serial killer in the wild—and then, in walks the new temp. He fits the mold perfectly: the strangler gloves, the calculated charm, and the good looks that will get you a leg up in any field...including fields of unmarked graves. For Jake Ripper, his combative and enigmatic new coworker is a welcome distraction. He hasn't come across anyone as interesting as Dolores in a long time. But when mere curiosity evolves into a darkly romantic flirtation, Jake can't help but wonder if, finally, he's found someone who really sees him, skeletons in the closet and all. Until Dolores asks Jake's help to dispose of a body.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sareer Khader)
Agent: Copps Literary Agency

Raybourn, Deanna
KILLS WELL WITH OTHERS

Mar 2025

Sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling sensation *Killers of a Certain Age*. After more than a year of laying low, Billie, Helen, Mary Alice, and Natalie are called back into action. They receive a call from Naomi Ndiaye, the head of the elite assassin organization known as the Museum, they are ready tackle the greatest challenge of their careers. Someone on the inside has compiled a list of important kills committed by Museum agents, all of them connected to a single, shadowy figure, an Eastern-European gangster who rules her business empire with an iron fist and plays puppetmaster in international affairs. Naomi is convinced this criminal queen is bent upon revenge, killing off the agents who attempted to thwart her and the aging quartet of killers are next. Together, the foursome embark on a wild ride across the globe on the double mission of rooting out the Museum's mole and hunting down the gangster and her assassin. But their nemesis is unlike any they've faced before, and it will take all their experience and a whole lot of luck to get out of this mission alive.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Michelle Vega)
Agent: Hopkins Literary Associates

Andrews, LJ

Mar 2025

BROKEN SOULS AND BONES

She's fated to die. He's the bringer of death. Together they'll restore a divided kingdom, or burn it down in this new romantasy from *USA Today* bestselling author and TikTok sensation LJ Andrews. Twenty-year-old Lyra never understood her magic, only that she was to keep it a secret. But when she's forced to reveal her abilities to save her best friend, she is claimed by the crown as the next bone melder—the rarest magic of all. To be the bone melder is to be bonded to the king and experience a slow death sentence. Lyra is determined to find a way to free herself and her friends from bondage. But first she wants revenge on the silent, brooding guard who caused her troubles: Roark Ashwood. Fulfilling her goals means getting closer to Roark. Lyra soon learns he's nothing like she assumed—and in fact everything she needs. But they must put their feelings aside when a deadly truth about the kingdom comes to light that could destroy all.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)

Agent: Donald Maass Literary

UK: Penguin Books; Brazil: Globo

Bear, Lauren J. A.

Jan 2025

MOTHER OF ROME

A powerful and fierce reimagining of the founding of the Roman empire and the legend of Romulus and Remus--and the mother whose sacrifice made it all possible. All roads may lead to Rome, but they began with Rhea Silvia.. [Lauren J. A. Bear](#) likes crossword puzzles and being on or near the water without getting wet.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Ann Sowards)

Agent: Dystel, Goderich & Bourret

UK: Titan

Butcher, James J.

Oct 2024

COLD IRON TASK: The Unorthodox Chronicles #3

Grimsby, now a junior Auditor in the magical Department of Unorthodox Affairs, finds himself on the other side of the law in this spellbinding urban fantasy.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Anne Sowards)

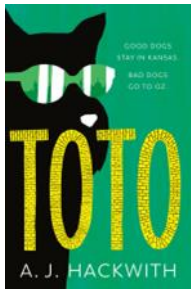
Agent: Donald Maass Literary Agency

Dixon, Ruby
BULL MOON RISING

Oct 2024

Aspeth needs a husband to join the Royal Artifactual Guild. The best way to get around this problem? Marry someone who will let her become an apprentice. Who better than a surly guild member who needs a favor of his own? He's a minotaur (it's fine) who is her teacher (also fine) ...and he's about to go into heat (which is where it gets tricky).

UK: Berkley (editor: Sol)
Agent: **Root Literary Agency**



Hackwith, A.J.
TOTO

Nov 2024

A delightfully snarky reimagining of The Wizard of Oz from the point of view by the true hero - Toto, a sensible little dog who grew up on a pig farm and knows hogwash when he smells it. [A. J. Hackwith](#) is a graduate of the Viable Paradise writer's workshop and her work appears in Uncanny magazine and assorted anthologies.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Anne Sowards)
Agent: Donald Maass Literary Agency

Halle, Karina
REALM OF THIEVES

Apr 2025

In a world where deadly dragons guard a magical power source two thieves vie for dominance in the illegal dragon egg trade, putting both their lives and their hearts on the line.

UK: Berkley (editor Sarah Blumenstock)
Agent: Root Literary Agency



Harrison, Kim
DEMON'S BLUFF

Oct 2024

Caught between self-exile and an Alcatraz cell, Rachel Morgan must find an Atlantean mirror to reverse the curse and prove to Cincinnati's brand-new witch coven that, no, she does not practice illicit magic. Unfortunately, the only mirror of its kind in existence belonged to the insane demon Newt, forcing Rachel to go to the past to bargain with her for it. But the time-travel spell goes awry, dragging Elyse, the young leader of the coven, into the past with Rachel. They expect to land five years in the past but instead arrive two days before Rachel's long-lost love, Kisten, dies. Heartbroken and torn, Rachel knows she can't change the past. Even with no allies, Rachel still has one thing going for her: Cincinnati is her city, now and forever. If she can find a way to work with Newt and prevent Elyse from becoming the demon's next familiar, they might all get home. [Kim Harrison](#) is the author of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling Hollows series.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Anne Sowards)
Agent: Donald Maass Literary Agency

Hawley, Sarah
SERVANT OF EARTH

Nov 2024

In the underground Fae realm, only the strongest and most ruthless have power—but a young human woman forced into a life of servitude is about to change everything. Trapped as a servant in the faeries' underground kingdom of Mistei, Kenna must help her new mistress undertake six deadly trials, one for each branch of magic: Fire, Earth, Light, Void, Illusion, and Blood. If she succeeds, her mistress will gain immortality and become the heir to Earth House. If she doesn't, the punishment is death—for both mistress and servant. With no ally but a sentient dagger of mysterious origins, Kenna must face monsters, magic, and grueling physical tests. But worse dangers wait underground, and soon Kenna gets caught up in a secret rebellion against the inventively sadistic faerie king. Surviving the trials and overthrowing a tyrant king will take cunning, courage, and an iron will... but even that may not be enough.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency
UK: Gollancz

Kennington, Alexandra
BLOOD BENEATH THE SNOW

May 2025

Debut novel! A heart-pounding romantasy following a rebellious princess who must compete to the death against her siblings for the crown to ensure justice, while fighting her feelings for her country's most powerful enemy by debut.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Gabrielle Pachon)
Agent: Holloway Literary

Neill, Chloe
EMBER ETERNAL

Feb 2025

A new romantasy, following a thief whose dramatic encounter with an assassin and a crown bodyguard (who happens to be a royal in disguise) launches her into a world of swirling palace intrigue. Fox is a thief with morals – she steals from those who can afford it and only a little at that. She has no choice. Fox and her three closest companions entered into indentured servitude to the Lady, a mysterious noble with widespread political power by questionable means, in order to pay off familial debts. While searching for an easy mark in town, Fox helps a royal bodyguard fend off a would-be assassin's attack on a prince's life. But what started off as protecting the prince out of good conscience has now unwittingly embroiled this thief into a vast world of politics, high stakes, and romance. And though Fox longs to be free of her debts, she must decide if love is its own type of cage.

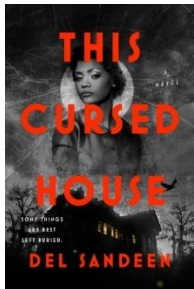
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jessica Wade)
Agent: The Knight Agency

Rapier, Maggie
SOULGAZER

Sep 2025

Debut novel! A swashbuckling, swoony romantasy about a sheltered young woman who will do anything to rid herself of the deadly magic running through her veins...even if it means entering into a marriage of convenience with the feral, silver-tongued pirate who promises he can cure her.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sareer Khader)
Agent: Highline Literary Agency

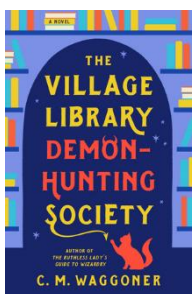


Sandeen, Del
THIS CURSED HOUSE

Oct 2024

27-year-old Jemma Barker is desperate to escape the ghosts in her life: her grief over her father's passing, the pain of her boyfriend's betrayal, and the spirits she can see. When she moves from Chicago to New Orleans to be a live-in tutor for the Duchon family in the fall of 1962, she thinks this is her chance to start over. Though, Jemma soon discovers that this family isn't what they seem. The Duchons are cursed -- every seven years, one family member dies a grisly death. And Jemma has been hired to break it. As Jemma wrestles with the gift she's run from all her life, she unravels deeper and more disturbing secrets about the mysterious Duchons. Secrets that stretch back over a century. Secrets that bind her to their fate if she fails. [Del Sandeen](#) lives in Northeast Florida, where she works as a writer and copy editor.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Anne Sowards)
Agent: Dystel Goderich & Bourret
UK: Penguin Books



Waggoner, C. M.
THE VILLAGE LIBRARY DEMON-HUNTING SOCIETY

Sep 2024

Mild mannered librarian Sherry Pinkwhistle keeps finding bodies--and solving murders. But she's concerned by just how many killers she's had to track down in the quaint town of Newbrook, Vermont. None of her neighbors seems surprised that these deaths seems suspiciously supernatural and most definitely dark in nature. When someone she was close to shows up dead, Sherry is determined to find out who is behind these murders. With the help of her town's new priest, her cat (who can suddenly speak to her), and some friends who may or may not be possessed, Sherry will teach whatever force is wreaking havoc in her town a lesson: never mess with a librarian.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Jessica Wade)
Agent: Barry Goldblatt Literary
UK: Del Rey

COZY MYSTERIES



Dara, Maxie

Oct 2024

A GRIM REAPER'S GUIDE TO CATCHING A KILLER: S.C.Y.T.H.E. #1

New series! Kathy Valence is 42, mid-divorce, and pregnant with her ex's baby. She's also a modern-day grim reaper, but frankly that's the easiest part of her life right now. Or at least it was, until one of her clients' souls went missing. When she finally tracks down 17-year-old Conner Ortiz, he's dead, angsty, and blames Kathy for both. According to Conner, someone at S.C.Y.T.H.E. (Secure Collection, Yielding, and Transportation of Human Essences) took his life instead of just his soul. With only 90 days to figure out what happened to Conner and help him move on, Kathy is forced to rely on the help of her ex-husband--and Conner himself--before the boy's soul becomes stuck on Earth as a ghost forever. One wrong move on this case could cost Kathy her job, not to mention her life.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Tracy Bernstein)

Agent: The Stonesong Press

Fletcher, Jessica and Barbara Early

Oct 2024

A KILLER CHRISTMAS: Murder, She Wrote #59

It's Christmastime in Cabot Cove and murder is afoot in the newest entry in the *USA Today* bestselling Murder, She Wrote series.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Tracy Bernstein)

Agent: Universal Studios

Harper, Molly

Mar 2025

A PROPOSAL TO DIE FOR

White Lotus meets Bridesmaids in this next gen mystery. Jessamine Bricker's proposal planning business is thriving. But with rising rent costs, she jumps at the chance to plan a proposal between her snobby high school classmate, Diana, and her very wealthy boyfriend, Trenton Tillard...the Fourth. Jess joins Diana's bachelorette retreat at the family-run Golden Ash resort. As Jess tries to do her job while placating the bride-to-be and her increasingly over-the-top demands, she finds herself spending time with Dean—just to avoid the drama, of course. But when an "accident" claims the life of one guest and Jess discovers another body (in the sauna of all places), it's clear secrets abound at the Golden Ash. Now it's up to Jess to unravel the mysteries here in the mountains--before she's silenced for good.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sareer Khader)

Agent: Nancy Yost Literary Agency

Holtz, Melissa

May 2025

A CHARMING TOUCH OF TAROT

In this sequel to *An Enchanting Case Of Sprits*, Alyssa, Nina, Lanie and Corinne's friendship is put to the test. With Nina's marriage falling apart, Lanie acting distant, Alyssa's new romance, and no one quite trusting Corinne, this may be more than their bond can take. But when Nina appears at Alyssa's door, and confesses not just a decades-old secret, but a newfound power, the friends know that the only way to face this is together. Someone has been blackmailing Nina for years, but lately the threats to reveal her secret have changed to threats on her life, and on those she loves. Alyssa and Nina dash from city to city, using their powers to try to track down the threat. There's someone out there that will go to any lengths to keep their power over Nina, and it will take all four of them to get out of this without ruining, or losing, their lives. But with the strength of their friendship--and a little help from beyond--these women are out to prove they're not to be messed with.. Melissa Holtz is a former publicist and marketing expert in the romance genre.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Esi Sogah)

Agent: Laura Dail Literary Agency Inc.

Lynch, Christina

Nov 2024

PONY CONFIDENTIAL

In this mystery with heart and humor, a hilariously caustic pony who's been passed from owner to owner "like an adorable stomach virus" busts out and goes on an action-packed, cross-country mission to reunite with Penny, the one little girl he's always loved, only to discover that she is now an adult who stands accused of murder. As smart and devious as he is cute, the pony must use his hard-won knowledge of human weakness and cruelty to try to help the underpaid, overworked investigator assigned to Penny's case find the true killer and clear her name.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)

Agent: Folio Literary Management



Manansala, Mia P.

Sep 2024

GUILT AND GINATAAN: Tita Rosie Kitchen Mystery #5

It's about to be autumn in the town of Shady Palms—the perfect time for warm drinks, cozy cardigans, and...dead bodies? With her best friend and business partner the main suspect in the murder, Lila and her crew put on their sleuthing caps yet again to find the killer and show them what happens when they mess with a Brew-ha. [Mia P. Manansala](#) is a writer from Chicago who loves books, baking, and badass women.

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