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# VESUVIUS

**Author:** Cass Biehn

**Publisher:** Peachtree

**Pub Date:** Summer 2025

**Domestic Agent:** Annalise Errico

**Genre:** YA Historical Fantasy



They Both Die at the End meets The Song of Achilles in VESUVIUS, a queer YA Historical Fantasy.

Set in Pompeii days before the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, two boys—Felix and Loren—must grapple with their closely-guarded secrets and untangle their fates to make it out of the burning city alive.

This is a meet-cute with an explosive fallout.

## *Of Monsters and Mainframes*

**Author:** Barbara Truelove

**Publisher:** Bindery Books

**Pub Date:** May 2025

**Domestic Agent:** Allegra Martschenko

**Genre:** Adult Sci-fi Paranormal



When an ancient vampire kills everyone on board the spaceship Demeter, Demeter sets off to clear her name, recruiting to her quest a messy found family of vampires, werewolves, aliens, and one remarkably friendly zombie—a dazzling, heartfelt ode to the many different types of friendship that make us human.

## *The Duke Steals Hearts (And Other Body Parts)*

**Author:** Elias Cold

**Publisher:** Page Street Publishing Co.

**Pub Date:**

**Domestic Agent:** Allegra Martschenko

**Genre:** Speculative Fiction



A trans teenager who steals and ransoms body parts with his trauma-based magic investigates a string of missing girls—all young, lower-class, and rumored-to-be undead—even as he begins to fall for one of them from afar.

## *The Last Soldier of Nava*

**Author:** Yejin Suh

**Publisher:** HarperCollins

**Pub Date:** Summer 2025

**Domestic Agent:** Allegra Martschenko

**Genre:** YA Fantasy



Court intrigue and a lush environment fuse in this tender, Korean mythology inspired sapphic fantasy—awakened after a thousand-year slumber, a young woman with coveted shadow magic fights to heal her nation's dying climate and her own troubled memory, even as she falls for the sister of a woman she killed in her past life.

## *Night at the Sweet Gum Head*

**Author:** Martin Padgett

**Publisher:** W. W. Norton & Co.

**Pub Date:** Summer 2021

**Domestic Agent:** Beth Marshea

**Genre:** Non-fiction



Coursing with a pumped-up beat, gay Atlanta was the South's mecca—a beacon for gays and lesbians growing up in its homophobic towns and cities. There, the Sweet Gum Head was the club for achieving drag stardom.

Martin Padgett evokes the fantabulous disco decade by going deep into the lives of two men who shaped and were shaped by this city: John Greenwell, an Alabama runaway who found himself and his avocation performing as the exquisite Rachel Wells; and Bill Smith, who took to the streets and city hall to change antigay laws. Against this optimism for visibility and rights, gay people lived with daily police harassment and drug dealing and murder in their discos and drag clubs. Conducting interviews with many of the major figures and reading through deteriorating gay archives, Padgett expertly recreates Atlanta from a time when a vibrant, new queer culture of drag and pride came into being.

## *Private Matters*

**Author:** Martin Padgett

**Publisher:** W. W. Norton & Co.

**Pub Date:** Fall 2024

**Domestic Agent:** Beth Marshea

**Genre:** Non-fiction



In 1986 the Supreme Court ruled in *Bowers vs. Hardwick* that gay people did not have the right to due process when it came to engaging in sodomy. It was a landmark decision that caused a groundswell of activism in the AIDS torn gay community. **PRIVATE MATTERS** explores how one man's loss became a triumph in the face of a conservative notion of justice.



## *End Papers*

**Author:** Jennifer Savran Kelly

**Publisher:** Workman Publishing

**Pub Date:** Winter 2023

**Domestic Agent:** Beth Marshea

**Genre:** Literary Fiction



One day at work, Dawn discovers something hidden under the endpapers of an old book: the torn-off cover of a lesbian pulp novel from the 1950s, with an illustration of a woman looking into a mirror and seeing a man's face. Even more intriguing is the queer love letter written on the back. Dawn becomes obsessed with tracking down the author of the letter, convinced the mysterious writer can help her find her place in the world. Her fixation only increases when her best friend, Jae, is injured in a hate crime for which Dawn feels responsible. But ultimately for Dawn, the trickiest puzzle to solve is how she truly wants to live her life

## *The Ivory*

**Author:** Catherine Adel West

**Publisher:** Park Row Books

**Pub Date:** Summer 2026

**Domestic**

**Agent:** Beth Marshea

**Genre:** Mystery/Thriller



Giovanni Mason, the first black head concierge at The Ivory Hotel, reunites with her former best friend, make-up influencer Natalie Foster, but a mending of fences morphs into an ugly public argument in the hotel restaurant. When Natalie goes missing, all signs point to Giovanni, but beleaguered detective Redding Stark isn't sure Giovanni is the culprit. Secretive hotel guests, jealous social media rivals, and an unsolved case further trouble already dangerous waters. Will Giovanni and Redding find Natalie or join the missing?

## *Silver Wing*

**Author:** Clarence Young

**Publisher:** Serial Box Publishing

**Pub Date:** August 2022

**Domestic Agent:** Beth Marshea

**Genre:** Novella



No one knows what the dragons are really like, they've been asleep for centuries. But their blood powers everything in this technologically driven world, so the fight to find them, drain them, and profit is intense.

Born a diviner, Amphet has always been connected with the dragons' thoughts. But for the first time, what they're saying chills her. They are preparing to wake up.

Caught between looking looking to reunite with her estranged son and solve the mystery of what is causing the dragons to awaken. Amphet must put her life at risk to succeed at either goal.

## *Love in 280 Characters or Less*

No blurb

**Author:** Ravynn KaMia Stringfield

**Publisher:** Macmillan

**Pub Date:**

**Domestic Agent:** Leah Pierre

**Genre:**



## *A Jarful of Cucullos*

No blurb

**Author:** Gamaliel Valle Rosa

**Publisher:** Barefoot Books Inc.

**Pub Date:**

**Domestic Agent:** Leah Pierre

**Genre:**

