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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

Author: Ravynn KaMia Stringfield

Publisher: Macmillan

Pub Date:

Domestic Agent: Leah Pierre

Genre:

Black college student Sydney Ciara navigates academics, love, and the online space, in this coming-of-age romance told through her blog posts, messages, and more!

Sydney Ciara Warren is excited as she starts her first year of college, but also nervous. Despite her interests in writing and fashion, she has no idea what path will ultimately be right for her. As she tries to figure out her place on campus and in the world, she finds solace in blogging about her life, putting together outfits with meaning, and spending time online.

It's within the digital space that she connects with someone who goes by YoungPrinceX. She may not know "X" in real life, but that doesn't stop her from developing a crush on him. Except she's also navigating her first romantic relationship with a sweet boy on campus named Xavier (who maybe could be X???).

Can Sydney Ciara not only make it through her first semester, but thrive in real life, as much as she seems to be thriving online?



A Jarful of Cucullos

Author: Gamaliel Valle Rosa

Publisher: Barefoot Books Inc.

Pub Date:

Domestic Agent: Leah Pierre

Genre:



On a clear, cucullo-filled night, Nube catches a kid stealing from hers and her dad's fruit and vegetable patch. It turns out to be the kindest and most righteous kid from the barrio; Kamil. He asks her to please not tell anyone, but Nube can't help telling her best friend what happened. And rumors spread. Nube is determined to apologize to Kamil and find out more about why he stole from her. It turns out, there's so much more than meets the eye.

A JARFUL OF CUCULLOS is a picture book set in rural Puerto Rico that will appeal to fans of LULU AND THE HUNGER MONSTER by Erik Talkin, SATURDAY AT THE FOOD PANTRY by Diane O'Neill and MADDI'S FRIDGE by Lois Brandt.