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NEW FICTION

Abrams, Stacey writing as Selena Montgomery
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

September 2022

Dr. Raleigh Foster knows that her undercover work has its risks. She doesn't hesitate when asked to infiltrate Scimitar, the terrorist group that has stolen lethal environmental technology. When she's assigned a partner--brooding, sexy Adam Grayson--to pose as her lover, Raleigh discovers that falling in love is the most dangerous risk of all. [Selena Montgomery](#) is the nom de plume of Stacey Abrams — she is the two-time *New York Times* bestselling author of *Our Time Is Now* and *Lead from the Outside*, an entrepreneur; and a political leader. (Reissue – after a decade out of print.)

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: The Loewenthal Company
Brazil: Companhia Editora Nacional

Aksel, Amanda
NO FUNNY BUSINESS

July 2022

Olivia Vincent dreams of stand-up comedy stardom in Manhattan but hasn't been able to catch a break. After she's fired from her day job for prioritizing a gig, she snags an audition in Los Angeles. The only way to get there is to join Nick, a seasoned stand-up, on a cross country road tour. Icky comedy condos, tiny nightclubs, and Nick's incessant classic rock radio are a far cry from life on the Upper East Side. As Nick helps Olivia improve her act, sparks begin to fly and ignite what they thought was an impossible flame. [Amanda Aksel](#) calls Virginia Beach home but loves to travel the world with her high school sweetheart husband any chance they get.

UK: Berkley (editor: Kristen Swartz)
Agent: New Leaf Literary & Media

Arlen, Tessa
A DRESS OF VIOLET TAFFETA

May 2022

Lady Lucile Duff Gordon knew she was talented; she saw color, light, fabric and texture in ways few other people did. Deserted by her wealthy husband, Lucile turned to her one true talent to make a living. She would go on to become a leading British fashion designer in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Overcoming substantial barriers, she become a celebrated pundit and fashion magazine columnist. Everything would change on a frigid night in 1912 when Lucile would survive the sinking of the Titanic. She could never have imagined the effects the disaster would have on her career, her second marriage, and her legacy. [Tessa Arlen](#) is the author of *IN ROYAL SERVICE TO THE QUEEN* and the *Woman of World War II Mystery Series*.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Michelle Vega)
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary

Beck, Kristin

September 2022

THE NIGHT OF WIND AND STARS

Vichy, France 1942. Swiss nurse, Rösli Näf, is the director of Chateau de la Hille--the secret colony of refugee children. She has transformed the dilapidated mansion into a loving community protected from the horrors of war. Anne-Marie Piguet is a volunteer who was raised in the woods draping the mountains of Switzerland and France. When the chateau is raided one summer night, Rösli and Anne-Marie evacuate as many children as possible and flee for Switzerland. The journey to safety requires crossing a vast expanse of Nazi-occupied territory and hiking over a perilous, heavily guarded international border. The risks are staggering but, if they make it, the children may live to hope for a brighter future. [Kristin Beck](#) is the author of *Courage, My Love*.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)

Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary

Bell, David

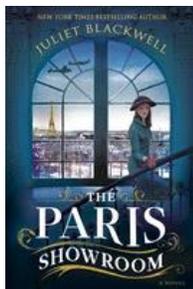
THE FINALISTS

July 2022

It's selection day at Hyde College--six students gather in Hyde House, which is locked for eight hours, in hopes of winning the prestigious Hyde Fellowship for their senior year. Troy Gaines, the college administrator overseeing the process, wants to postpone the process when one of the students dies. The benefactor, Nicholas Hyde, insists they must continue-or his family's scholarship will no longer exist for future students. When someone else turns up dead, Troy worries someone is picking them off one by one. [David Bell](#) is a *USA Today* bestselling, award-winning author and the director the MFA program at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Danielle Perez)

Agent: Massie and McQuilkin



Blackwell, Juliet

THE PARIS SHOWROOM

April 2022

Drawn to beautiful craftsmanship and exquisite flourishes that draw the eye, fashion-lover Capucine enjoys working alongside her father to produce fans of rare feathers, beads, and intricate pleating for the haute couture fashion houses. When the Germans invade Paris in June 1940, the pair are captured and separated. Capucine is sent to the Levitan department store, where more than 700 prisoners are forced to sort through and put on display the massive quantities of goods stolen from Jewish households. Forced to wait on the German officials and their wives who come to shop, she grows close to the other prisoners by creating intricate fans for them from scraps of material. When danger draws nearer, Capucine makes a risky attempt to save a friend's life that could jeopardizes her hopes of surviving the war. [Juliet Blackwell](#) is the pseudonym for the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Letters from Paris* and *The Paris Key*.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)

Agent: Dystel Goderich & Bourret

Blake, Ashley Herring
ASTRID PARKER DOESN'T FAIL

November 2022

For designer Astrid Parker, failure is unacceptable. Ever since she broke up with her fiancé a year ago, she's been focused on her career. When invited to renovate the Everwood Inn for a popular home improvement show, , Astrid knows this job will be the perfect distraction from her failed love life. Jordan Everwood, the lead carpenter, is determined to preserve the history of her family's inn. She despises every modern design decision Astrid makes. When their rivalry turns into a little light sabotage, the showrunners ask them to play up the tension. Their dislike for each other turns into something quite different. Astrid must decide if she is she going to pursue the life that she's expected to lead or the one she wants. [Ashley Herring Blake](#) is the author of six novels for young adults and middle grade readers, as well as the adult romance novel DELILAH GREEN DOESN'T CARE.

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

Brady, Ali
THE BEACH TRAP

June 2022

When twelve-year-olds Kat and Blake meet at Camp Chickawah, they're confident they'll stay friends forever—until they learn that they're also half-sisters. Confused and betrayed, their friendship crumbles. Fifteen years later, they're very different people and nothing more than strangers, but their late father leaves them the family beach house...jointly. Thrown together after years of estrangement, they slowly restore their beach house together, chipping away at the hurt and betrayal to recover the sisterhood they once had. [Ali Brady](#) is the pen name of writing duo Alison Hammer and Bradeigh Godfrey.

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

Brazier, Eliza Jane
GIRLS AND THEIR HORSES

July 2023

Rancho Santa Fe Equestrian is known for three things: it's disgraced head trainer, it's prime location and its beautiful riders. They call them "Gerry's Girls" and they have what every girl wants. A horse, or three. But when an accident at a show leads to the death of one of their own, everyone is under suspicion. Then the dead girl's older sister joins the team in her place. Doesn't her mother know when to quit? The girl is a natural and rises up the ranks. But everyone knows, horseback riding is a dangerous sport. Accidents happen, all the time. Eliza Jane Brazier currently lives in California, where she is developing her books for television.

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

Burges, Audrey

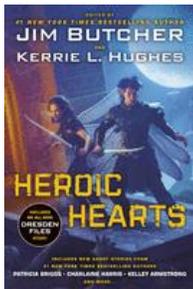
January 2023

THE MINUSCULE MANSION OF MYRA MALONE

From her attic in the Arizona mountains, recluse Myra Malone blogs about a miniature mansion which captivates thousands of readers worldwide. She is tethered to the Mansion by mysteries she can't understand—rooms that appear and disappear overnight, music that plays in its corridors. Across the country, Alex Rakes learns about The Minuscule Mansion and is shocked to see his own life mirrored back to him in minute scale. The room is his own bedroom, and the Mansion is his family's home, handed down from the grandmother who disappeared mysteriously when Alex was a child. Searching for answers, Alex begins corresponding with Myra. Together, the two unwind the lonely paths of their twin worlds—big and small—and trace the stories that entwine them, setting the stage for a meeting rooted in loss, but defined by love. [Audrey Burges](#) writes novels, humor, satire, and essays in Richmond, Virginia.

UK: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)

Agent: Inkwell Management



Butcher, Jim and Kerrie Hughes (editors)

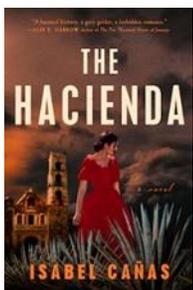
May 2022

HEROIC HEARTS

All-new stories by an all-star urban fantasy lineup set in the authors' most popular worlds. In this short story collection of magic, adventure, and courage, heroes--people who run toward trouble and do the right thing when they're called upon--take the lead. These characters will bravely step forward, even if it costs them everything. Featuring #1 *New York Times* bestselling authors Jim Butcher, Patricia Briggs, Charlaine Harris, Kelley Armstrong and many more.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Anne Sowards)

Agent: The Knight Agency



Cañas, Isabel

May 2022

THE HACIENDA

Debut novel! In the overthrow of the government, Beatriz's father is executed and her home destroyed. When handsome Don Rodolfo Solórzano proposes, Beatriz thinks only of the security his estate in the countryside will provide, ignoring the rumors surrounding his first wife's demise and his allegiance to the man who murdered her father. She will have her own home again, no matter the price. The house has ideas of its own. Visions and voices claw at Beatriz, stealing her sleep; the weight of invisible eyes follows her every move. Desperate for help, she seizes upon the young priest, Padre Andrés, as an ally. No ordinary priest, it will take Andrés's skills as a witch to battle the malevolent presence haunting the hacienda. But he's powerless against the all-too-mortal danger of Rodolfo. Far from a refuge, San Isidro may be Beatriz's doom. [Isabel Cañas](#) knows nine languages and has lived in Mexico, Scotland, Egypt, Turkey, and Jordan, but now calls New York City home.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)

Agent: Bradford Literary Agency

Spain: Ediciones B, Russia: Eksmo

Cleeton, Chanel

May 2022

OUR LAST DAYS IN BARCELONA: A Novel

After fleeing her homeland following the Cuban Revolution of 1959, Isabel Perez is living in exile in the United States. When Isabel's estranged sister Beatriz disappears to Barcelona, Isabel travels to Spain in search of her, desperate to repair their fractured relationship. Isabel's journey to a country ruled by the brutal dictator Francisco Franco unexpectedly thrusts her into a dangerous fight for freedom and international espionage that forces Isabel to confront her past and rely on the courage of generations of Perez women before her as she uncovers a surprising secret hidden by the cloak of war. [Chanel Cleeton](#) is the bestselling author of *When We Left Cuba* and *Next Year in Havana*.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)

Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Christopher, Andie J.

June 2022

THANK YOU, NEXT

Single divorce attorney Alex Turner is watching reality TV when she sees her latest ex's new fiancée picking out her wedding dress. Yet again, the guy she dumped went on to marry the next person he dates after her. She decides to interview all her exes to find out why, soon joined by her (recently divorced) high school sweetheart on a wild romp through her Los Angeles boyfriends. Alex realizes the answer to her question might be riding shotgun...if she can stop history from repeating itself in this hilarious new romcom. [Andie Christopher](#) is the a *USA Today* bestselling author.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)

Agent: Handspun Literary Agency



Cobb, May

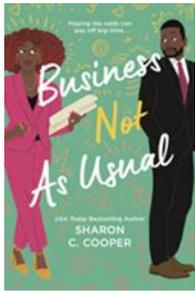
May 2022

MY SUMMER DARLINGS

Jen Miller, Kittie Spears, and Cynthia Nichols have been friends since childhood. Now approaching 40, their lives have changed, but their insular East Texas town has not. They stay sane by drinking wine in the afternoons, dishing about other women in the neighborhood, and bonding over the heartache of raising ungrateful teens. Then, Will Harding comes to town. Mysterious and charming, he's a source of fascination for Jen, Kittie, and Cynthia. As Will grows closer with each of the women, their fascination twists into obsession, threatening their friendships and their families. [May Cobb](#) earned her MA in literature from San Francisco State University.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Danielle Perez)

Agent: Victoria Sanders & Associates



Cooper, Sharon C.
BUSINESS NOT AS USUAL

April 2022

I am beautiful. I am confident. I am lovable. I am a lottery winner. This is the mantra that will get Dreamy Daniels through each day until she makes it big. So what if she works an unfulfilling secretarial job while struggling to finish her bachelor's degree? All Dreamy needs to do is win the lottery, which she's been entering in as a weekly tradition with her grandfather. When she catches the attention of venture capitalist Karter Redford, she has to remind herself to focus on her career goals so she can be her own girlboss. Who cares if he has the social grace of the Duke of Sussex and the suaveness of Idris Elba? Dreamy is not the wealthy, upper-crust socialite Karter expected to fall in love with. Though they are from different worlds, their relationship might be their greatest investment. Award-winning and bestselling author, [Sharon C. Cooper](#), is a romance-a-holic, loving anything that involves romance with a happily-ever-after.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Angela Kim)
Agent: The Knight Agency

Cornwall, Lecia
THAT SUMMER IN BERLIN

July 2022

With the world's eyes on a rising German power, the English aristocracy turns to an age-old institution to stave off war and strengthen political bonds—marriage. Debutantes flock to Germany, including Lady Viviane Alden; her true purpose is more clandestine. Who would suspect a pretty, young tourist taking holiday photos of being a spy? Viviane expects to find aggression and belligerence, but during the Olympics, Germany doesn't appear to be the violent, anti-Semitic country it's been reported to be. First impressions can be deceiving, and it's up to Viviane and the journalist she's paired with—a daring man with a guarded heart—to reveal the truth. When her adventure takes a darker turn, Viviane finds herself caught in a web of her own deadly games—and closer than she ever imagined to the brink of war. When she is not writing, [Lecia Cornwall](#) is a dedicated volunteer at the Museum of the Highwood in High River, Alberta.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Cullen, Lynn
THE LIFE YOU SAVE

February 2023

A fictional novel about the riveting real-life American scientist Dr Dorothy Horstmann, the unsung heroine at the heart of the race for the polio vaccine. [Lynn Cullen](#) is the bestselling author of several historical novels.

UK: Berkley (editor: Amanda Bergeron)
Agent: Folio Literary Management

Danan, Rosie
UP TO NO GOOD

October 2022

For the first time in a while, Erin McCoy's life isn't a tragic disaster. She's got too many bills to pay on the historic bed and breakfast she purchased with her sister and tending to the eclectic demands of tourists takes a lot of patience. But everything's relatively quiet, including the body buried in her backyard. Then, handsome private investigator Parker St. James checks in for a two week stay. Within minutes of meeting her, Parker is ready to bet his reputation that the B&B's pretty proprietress is hiding something big. With secrets and feelings on the line, Parker and Erin's romance will lead to either redemption or reckoning. [Rosie Danan](#) is the author of steamy, big-hearted books, articles, and tweets about the trials and triumphs of modern love.

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

DeStefano, Ren
HOW I'LL KILL YOU

March 2023

Make him want you. Make him love you. Make him dead. Sissy has an interesting family. Always the careful one, always the cautious one, she has watched for years while the family motto has carved a path of carnage across the US. Now as they arrive in the Arizona heat, Sissy encounters what is intended to be her very first target- a young widower named Edison- and their mutual attraction is instant. While their relationship progresses, and most would be thinking about picking out china patterns and moving in, Sissy's family is reminding her to think about picking out burial sites. The clock is ticking, and her family is growing restless. It becomes clear that the gravesite she chose will hide a body no matter what happens; but if she betrays her family, will it be hers? [Ren DeStefano](#) is the pen name for *New York Times* Bestselling YA author Lauren DeStefano. This is her **adult debut**.

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

Downing, Samantha
ANYTHING FOR ME

April 2023

No one pays attention to Cleo. She works as a data analyst at Brainchild, a branding and PR company, and she's surrounded by beautiful, brilliant coworkers. They only talk to her when they need something, or when they want to hear about one of her bad dates. Cleo grows desperate for attention, and nothing good ever comes from that. Like the stalker she invents. But it's just a lie. People lie every day about all sorts of things. What's one more? Well, maybe more than one. But they're just lies. She's not hurting anyone. She's definitely not killing her coworkers. Whatever that's about, it has nothing to do with her. [Samantha Downing](#) is the author of the bestselling *My Lovely Wife*, nominated for Edgar, ITW, Macavity, and CWA awards.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: Irene Goodman Literary Agency
UK: Penguin Random House

Edwards, Melodie
JANE AND EDWARD

May 2023

In this **debut novel**, memorable modern characters follow the echoing heartbeat of the classic Jane Eyre. For years Jo Raine has kept her head down as a waitress in the Toronto suburbs. A former foster kid, she works hard to get by, but knows that one broken arm from a slip-and-fall could endanger her livelihood. She takes a night class to become a legal assistant and gets offered a job at a white-shoe law firm on Bay Street, Toronto's answer to Wall Street. Everyone at the firm thinks she's destined for failure—a young woman taking on too much as assistant to Jonathan Rosen, majority stakeholder at Rosen, Haythe, & Phillips LLP. Jonathan has never been able to keep an assistant—he's too loud, too messy, too mercurial. But there's something about quiet, competent Jo that intrigues him. Their orbits overlap, first with fondness and then something more. But when Jonathan's secrets put Jo's independence at risk, she is forced to face aspects of her history that she has long ignored. Melodie Edwards has B.A. from the University of Toronto, studied comedy writing at the Second City Training Centre, and now works in communications.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kate Seaver)
Agent: Stonesong

Elliott, Lexie
BRIGHT AND DEADLY THINGS

November 2022

The Chalet de Anglais seems to be the perfect place for Oxford fellow Emily to try and cut through the fog of her grief over the loss of her husband, Nick. Joining Emily at the French Alps-based academic retreat are a collection of some of her and Nick's friends as well as other undergraduates, graduates, and fellows. With no electricity, running water, or accessible roads, all Emily wants to do is heal and forget all about the recent break-in at their home. But Emily is unnerved to receive sexual advances from one of the female undergraduates, and even more shocked when she witnesses the same student in a sexual liaison with someone she counts as a friend. Someone has also been snooping through her things, making her question whether the earlier break-in was entirely coincidental. When the undergraduate suddenly disappears, and she sees her deceased husband's phone number among her things, Emily realizes she had better figure out what is going on and who she can trust—or the next disappearance might be her own. [Lexie Elliott](#) grew up at the foot of the Highlands.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)
Agent: Folio Literary Management
UK: Atlantic Books

Ellis, Courtney
THE FORGOTTEN COTTAGE

August 2022

Connected through time by a shared English countryside home, a nurse looking to escape her recent problems tries to piece together her beloved grandmother's tangled history in the new historical novel. [Courtney Ellis](#) began writing at a young age and developed an interest in history from her grandfather's stories of World War II.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)
Agent: The Lark Group

Feehan, Christine
RED ON THE RIVER

June 2022

Quiet and serene, Sunrise Lake is the perfect place for travelers and vacationers to get away, but with dangers, both natural and man-made in the surroundings, no one is safe. [Christine Feehan](#) is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of several series.

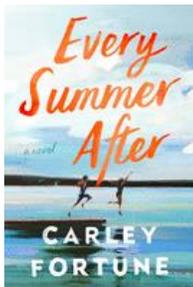
Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: Jane Rotrosen Agency
UK: Little Brown

Fischer, Nan
SOME OF IT WAS REAL

July 2022

Sylvie is a psychic who isn't sure she believes in herself. She starts every show with her origin story, telling the audience how she discovered her abilities, but she leaves out a lot. Thomas is a skeptic who has been given one more chance to redeem himself at the newspaper after a catastrophic career mistake. He's determined to write a story exposing the fraudsters who take advantage of grieving people – “the grief vampires” who have nearly bankrupted his mother. No matter how many years pass, the accident that killed his father and brother haunts them both, and Thomas wants to be free. But the secrets Sylvie and Thomas are keeping from each other are nothing compared to the secrets they are keeping from themselves. Almost all of Sylvie's origin story is a lie, even the parts she never tells. Searching for the truth about her past might destroy them both -- or it might be the only way to find out what is real. [Nan Fischer](#) is the author of several LucasFilm novelizations and the autobiographies of numerous Olympic athletes and sports figures.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)
Agent: Jane Rotrosen Agency



Fortune, Carley
EVERY SUMMER AFTER

May 2022

Five summers to fall in love. One moment to fall apart. A weekend to get it right. A magazine writer has to make a choice when she returns to the lake she grew up on, and to the man she thought she'd never have to live without, in this **achingly nostalgic debut**. Carley Fortune is an award winning journalist and the Executive Editor of Refinery29 Canada.

Agent: Root Literary Agency
UK: Little Brown UK

Friedland, Elyssa
MOST LIKELY

September 2022

It's 1997 and grunge is king, Titanic is a blockbuster (and Blockbuster still exists) and Thursday nights are for Friends. In Bellport, Connecticut, four best friends and high school seniors are ready to light the world on fire. Their yearbook superlatives confirm it: Most Likely to Win the White House, Cure Cancer, Open a Michelin Star Restaurant and Join the Forbes 400—Melissa Levin, Prisha Chowdury, Tara Taylor and Suki Hammer are going places. Fast forward twenty-five years and nothing has gone according to plan as the friends regroup at their dreaded milestone high school reunion. When a dark horse emerges at the reunion with a surprising announcement, the friends dig out the yearbook and rethink their younger selves. Is it too late to make their dreams come true? [Elyssa Friedland](#) lives with her husband and three children in New York City, the best place on earth.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)
Agent: Janklow & Nesbit Associates

Gornichec, Genevieve
UNTITLED GUNNHILD NOVEL

January 2023

A reimagining of the Viking witch Queen Gunnhild's life as it intersects with that of two sisters, Oddny and Signy, from the author of THE WITCH'S HEART. [Genevieve Gornichec](#) earned her degree in history, but she got as close to majoring in Vikings as she possibly could, and her study of Norse myths and Icelandic sagas became her writing inspiration.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Jessica Wade)
Agent: HG Literary
UK: Titan

Harrison, Rachel
MEET ME IN THE MOONLIGHT

October 2022

Rory Morris is only back in her old hometown temporarily—too many bad memories there. But her twin sister Scarlett is pregnant, not speaking to the baby's father, and needs support, so Rory returns to the place she used to call home. After a night out at a bar where she runs into an old almost-flame, she hits a large animal with her car. And when she gets out to investigate, she's attacked. Rory survives, miraculously, but life begins to look and feel different. She's unnaturally strong, with an aversion to silver—and suddenly the moon has her in its thrall. She's changing into someone else—something else, maybe even a monster—but does that put her family in danger? Or is embracing the animal inside it a path to freedom? [Rachel Harrison](#) lives in Western New York with her husband and their cat/overlord.

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



Henry, Emily
BOOK LOVERS

May 2022

A literary agent who has always done everything by the book must decide if happily ever after is worth changing her whole life for in this insightful, delightful new novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *Beach Read* and *People We Meet on Vacation*. Emily Henry writes stories about love and family for both teens and adults.

Agent: Root Literary Agency
UK: Penguin UK

Igharo, Jane
WORTH HAVING

September 2022

Working as a scientist in Seattle, Danni is engaged to a man she doesn't love, but who her mother approves of. Then, she returns to Nigeria for a friend's wedding and runs into Obinna, her old boyfriend. The boy she fell for as a teenager has turned into a sophisticated, confident man. Being with Obinna reminds Danni of the strong, assertive woman she used to be. Before it's too late, she must decide whether to return to her safe, predictable life or to take a risk and follow her heart. When [Jane Igharo](#) isn't writing, she's watching "Homecoming" for the hundredth time and trying to match Beyoncé's vocals to no avail.

UK, Translation: Berkley (Kerry Donovan)
Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Jackson, Danielle
THE ACCIDENTAL PINUP

July 2022

Debut novel! Photographer Cassie Harris loves her job at Buxom Boudoir making people look beautiful and feel empowered. When Cassie finds herself laced up in front of the camera for a new campaign, she's pretty sure she can handle the pressure. She's not sure she can work so intimately with the chosen photographer, her long-time competitor Reid Montgomery. Danielle Jackson is a former publicist at Sourcebooks where she worked specifically on romance novels and is currently a book review editorial manager at Fresh Fiction.

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

Jackson, Kosoko
A DASH OF SALT AND PEPPER

December 2022

Xavier Gorman is doing less than stellar. He just got dumped, lost his job, and to top it all off he's right back home in Harpers Cove, Maine. The last thing he wants to do is to work as a sous chef in the kitchen of the hip new restaurant in town, SteelWorks. Especially since the hot, divorced chef can't delegate to save his life. Logan O'Hare doesn't understand Xavier, or why every word out of his mouth is dipped in sarcasm. Unfortunately, he has no choice but to hire him--business is booming and his tween daughter Anne can only mince so many onions. Stuck between a stove and a hot place, Logan and Xavier have to find a way to stop dishing out insults and start serving the meals SteelWorks is known for. When the heat between them threatens to top the Scoville scale, they'll have to decide if their relationship is too hot to handle. [Kosoko Jackson](#) is a digital media specialist who spends too much time listening to Halsey and Taylor Swift.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: Dystel, Goderich & Bourret

Kamoie, Laura
CHURCHILL'S SPYMISTRESS

March 2023

A brave and daring spy before she was spymistress of the real-life Special Operations Executive, Vera Atkins recruited, befriended, and helped train numerous legendary female spies who were integral to the Allies' resistance efforts in WWII. These were "her girls," and when so many of them didn't come home, she was the only one to investigate their fates--uncovering secrets that reached all the way to Churchill himself. Told with a historian's depth of knowledge, this gripping novel will take readers on an immersive, page-turning journey into the incredible lives of the sisterhood of women who helped Britain win the war. [Laura Kamoie](#) lives among the colonial charm of Annapolis, Maryland with her husband, two daughters, and monster German shepherd, Schuyler.

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

Jayatissa, Amanda
YOU'RE INVITED

September 2022

When Amaya is invited to her Kaavi's over-the-top wedding in Sri Lanka, Amaya is surprised and a little hurt to hear from her former best-friend after so many years of radio silence. But when Amaya learns that the groom is her very own ex-boyfriend, she is consumed by a single thought: she must stop the wedding from happening, no matter the cost. But Amaya might not be the only one with a plan to keep the bride from getting her happily ever after. When Kaavi goes missing and is presumed dead, the evidence points towards Amaya. Caught between excessive Sri Lankan wedding celebrations, old wounds and dark secrets, will Amaya be able to prove she's being framed for a murder she's almost positive she didn't commit? [Amanda Jayatissa](#) works as a corporate trainer, owns a chain of cookie stores, and is a proud dog-mum to her two spoiled huskies.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Jen Monroe)
Agent: Stuart Krichevsky Literary
UK: Hodder & Stoughton



Kann, Claire
THE ROMANTIC AGENDA

April 2022

Thirty, flirty and asexual Joy is secretly in love with her best friend Malcolm, but she's never been brave enough to say so. When he unexpectedly announces that he's met the love of his life—and no, it's not Joy—she's heartbroken, but determined not to give up hope. The perfect vacation getaway Malcolm plans for his new girlfriend, her best friend, Fox, and Joy is a last chance to show Malcolm exactly what he's overlooking. Fox shrewdly discerns Joy's feelings and comes to her with a confession: he's in love with his best friend, too. So, the two of them agree to a ruse. They'll pretend they're falling for each other—and to be fair, the verbal banter between them could light a fire—and show their best friends what they're missing. Spending time with Fox shows her what it's like to not be the third wheel, and there's no mistaking the way he makes her feel. Could Fox be the romantic partner she's always deserved? [Claire Kann](#) is the author of several YA novels. This is her **adult fiction debut**.

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

Lim, Roselle
SOPHIE GO'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB

August 2022

Sophie Go returns to her hometown of Toronto after spending three years in Shanghai, ready to make a name for herself as a matchmaker until it's revealed that she never actually graduated from matchmaking school. In dire search of clients, Sophie stumbles upon a secret club within her condo complex: the "Old Ducks," seven septuagenarian Chinese bachelors who never found love. She convinces them to hire her, but her matchmaking skills are put to the test as she learns the depths of loneliness, heartbreak, and love in this heartfelt new novel. [Roselle Lim](#) is a Filipino Chinese writer who came to Canada from the Philippines as a young teen and learned English by watching wrestling shows on television.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: The Bent Agency

Lindon, Rachel
THE MAGIC OF LEMON DROP PIE

July 2022

Ten years ago, after the tragic death of her mother, Lolly Blanchard broke her engagement to her first love and abandoned her career plans to take care of her family and their struggling Seattle diner. She still mourns the love and life she lost. Then, Lolly's Aunt Gert gives her a mysterious birthday gift -three lemon drops that allow her to redo her three biggest regrets. Skeptical at first, Lolly discovers that each lemon drop allows her to live a single day as if she'd made a different choice in life. Returning to her normal life once more, she struggles to cope with the present. To truly transform her lemon of a life, Lolly will have to look to the future-not the past. [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

Lux, Constance
SIGN HERE

October 2022

A darkly humorous, suprisingly poignant, and utterly gripping **debut novel!** Peyote Trip has a pretty good gig in the deals department on the Fifth Floor of Hell. Sure, none of the pens work, ns the coffee machine in his department has been out of order for a century, but Pey has a plan—and all he needs is one last member of the Harrison family to sell their soul. When the Harrisons retreat to the family lake house for the summer, the opportunity Pey has waited millennium for might finally be in his grasp. But things aren't always what they seem, on earth or in Hell. And as old secrets and new dangers scrape away at the Harrison's shiny surface, revealing the darkness beneath, all the characters must face the consequences of their choices. Claudia Lux lives and works in Austin, Texas.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Jen Monroe)
Agent: Kneerim & Williams

Martin, Alexa
BETTER THAN FICTION

November 2022

As a self-proclaimed book hater and a firm believer that the movie is always better, Drew Young didn't anticipate inheriting her grandma's struggling bookstore. The shop's resident book club, comprised of seven of the naughtiest old ladies ever, concoct a plan to set her up with their new favorite author, Jasper Williams. From festivals to local restaurants, fiction transforms into reality as Drew's pessimistic heart begins to soften. But when a handsome executive from an e-book conglomerate makes a move on Drew and the store, she's caught between a bookshelf and a hard place. Selling the store could mean financial freedom but would come at the steep price of losing her most tangible link to her grandma...and, in the plot twist she never saw coming, the man she's beginning to love. [Alexa Martin](#) is a writer and stay-at-home mom.

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

Medina, Nick
TWO SPIRITS AND THE ROLLING HEAD

April 2023

Debut novel! A thriller with a mythological twist, about two Native American sisters whose lives are changed forever when young girls begin to go missing from the reservation they live on. Nick Medina is passionate about music, travel, and good storytelling and currently lives in the northwest suburbs of Chicago.

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

Morrissey, Bridget
A THOUSAND MILES

June 2022

Dee Matthews hosts a popular podcast where she interviews family, friends, and past lovers. Nothing is off-limits except for Ben, her former best friend and onetime lover that she hasn't spoken to in years. When Ben shows up on Dee's doorstep asking her to take the road trip they always said they'd take, she agrees so she can put her unresolved feelings to rest. As the miles fly by, Dee and Ben's friendship reignites, but their attraction also grows. They're about to find out if any hope of a future together is in the rear-view mirror. When [Bridget Morrissey](#) is not writing, she can be found coaching gymnastics or headlining concerts in her living room.

UK: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)
Agent: Root Literary

Porter, Jane
FLIRTING WITH FIFTY

May 2022

In this sexy and sparkling later-in-life contemporary romance, comfortable professor Paige Newsom about to embark on an adventure: teaching in a three-week field study program in Tanzania. Charismatic and dazzling Australian biologist Jack King will be teaching alongside her, though Paige prides herself on being immune to any man's charms. As the two co-professors lead the rigorous program, Paige's biggest challenge will be working closely with Jack while resisting the undeniable chemistry she feels when she's with him. *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author, [Jane Porter](#) is known for her passionate, powerful stories and relatable heroines.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: Root Literary

Poston, Ashley
THE DEAD ROMANTICS

July 2022

Florence Day is a ghostwriter for one of the most prolific romance authors in the industry, but she has a problem. After a terrible break-up, she no longer believes in love and her new editor, a too-handsome mountain of a man, won't give her an extension on her book deadline. Florence prepares to kiss her career goodbye when she's called home because of her father's death. At the funeral, she sees a ghost at the door—but instead of her father's, it's the ghost of her new editor. His unfinished business will have her second-guessing everything she's ever known about love stories in this sparkling **adult debut**. [Ashley Poston](#) lives in South Carolina with her bossy cat, Paprika.

UK: Berkley (editor: Amanda Bergeron)
Agent: Root Literary

Raybourn, Deanna
KILLERS OF A CERTAIN AGE

September 2022

Billie, Mary Alice, Helen, and Natalie have worked for The Museum, an international organization of assassins, for forty years. When the foursome is sent on an all-expenses paid vacation to mark their retirement, they receive a cryptic message warning them of trouble. A young assassin strikes soon after. Only the Board, the top-level members of The Museum, can order the termination of field agents and the women realize they've been marked for death. The agents must find out why they are being targeted as more assassins are on their. It's kill or be killed. Cut off with nothing but their own experiences and resourcefulness, the veteran assassins must go against the Board and show the organization they've given their lives to what it really means to be a woman--and a killer--of a certain age. [Deanna Raybourn](#) is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Edgar Award-nominated Veronica Speedwell Mysteries, the Lady Julia Grey series and several stand-alone works.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Daniel Perez)
Agent: Hopkins Literary Associates

Rea, Kerry
LUCY ON THE WILD SIDE

September 2022

Lucy Rourke has two great loves in her life: the gorilla troop she cares for as a primatologist and reality TV shows. She is laser-focused on getting promoted to head keeper. When a wildlife docuseries hosted by hotshot TV personality Kai Bridges chooses her zoo as its summer filming location, Lucy sees an opportunity to showcase her beloved gorillas to the world and land a starring role in her department. Lucy is surprised to discover that there's more to Kai than rugged good looks and cheesy catchphrases. She discovers that happiness and success aren't the same thing—and finding joy just might mean getting a little wild. [Kerry Rea](#) lives in Dublin, Ohio with her husband and their small army of dogs.

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

Rosen, Jane L.
A SHOE STORY

August 2022

Boxes packed and graduation gown on, Esme Nash is ready to sprint down the path to start her life: a move to New York City, an apartment with her loving college boyfriend, and a fancy job at an art gallery. But then tragedy strikes, and instead of heading to Manhattan, she returns home to care for her ailing father, leaving every bit of her dream behind. Seven years—and a lifetime—later, Esme is offered an opportunity to house-sit for a stranger while taking care of their dog and closetful of designer shoes in Greenwich Village for the month of August. She jumps at a second chance for the future that was meant to be hers. As Esme retraces her old steps, one pair of borrowed shoes at a time, making new friends and reconnecting with an old love, she tries on versions of herself she didn't know existed. Jane L. Rosen is an author, screenwriter, and Huffington Post contributor who lives in New York City and Fire Island with her husband and three daughters.

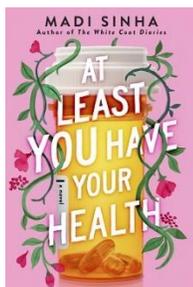
UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Amanda Bergeron)
Agent: C. Fletcher & Company

Ruiz, Sarah Grunder
LUCK AND LAST RESORTS

August 2022

Ten years after fleeing home, Nina is chief stew on the super yacht Serendipity, single by choice, and perfectly content with how life has turned out. Then Nina's ex-coworker and old flame, Irish chef Ollie Dunne, returns with an ultimatum: if Nina denies she's in love with him after three dates spread over the charter season, he'll go back to Ireland for good. As their connection grows amid chaotic guests and crew drama, could there be smooth sailing in their future? [Sarah Grunder Ruiz](#) is a writer, educator, and karaoke enthusiast.

UK: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)
Agent: Wendy Sherman Associates



Sinha, Madi
AT LEAST YOU HAVE YOUR HEALTH

April 2022

Dr. Maya Rao, a gynecologist, is looking to revamp her career when she meets Amelia DeGilles, the owner and the entrepreneur behind Eunoia Women's Health. The concierge wellness clinic specializes in house calls for its clientele of wealthy women for whom no vitamin infusion or healing crystal is too expensive. When Amelia's teenaged daughter is struck with a mysterious ailment, Maya must race to uncover the reason before it's too late. In the process, she risks losing what's most important to her and bringing to light a secret of her own that she's been desperately trying to keep hidden. [Madi Sinha](#) is the author of The White Coat Diaries.

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



Sivak, Zoe
MADEMOISELLE REVOLUTION

August 2022

Debut novel! Sylvie de Rosiers, the biracial daughter of a rich planter in 1791 Saint-Domingue, is both a lady born to privilege and a damning reminder of her father's infidelity with an enslaved woman. After a violent slave uprising begins the Haitian Revolution, Sylvie and her brother flee unwittingly into another uprising— austere and radical Paris. Sylvie quickly becomes enamored with the aims of the Revolution and the revolutionaries themselves— most notably Maximilien Robespierre and his mistress, Cornélie Duplay. Sylvie battles her past complicities in a slave society and her future within this new world order as she finds herself increasingly tugged between Robespierre's ideology and Cornélie's love. When the Reign of Terror descends, she must decide: become an accomplice while another kingdom rises on the bones of innocents or risk losing her head. In her writing, [Zoe Sivak](#) explores famous male figures through the lens of the women who could have existed beside them.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jennifer Monroe)
Agent: Dystel, Goderich & Bourret

Thompson, Alicia
LOVE IN THE TIME OF SERIAL KILLERS

August 2022

PhD candidate Phoebe Walsh has always been obsessed with true crime, and she's even analyzing the genre in her dissertation—if she can manage to finish writing it. It doesn't help that she's convinced her new neighbor, Sam Dennings, is a serial killer (it's the khaki pants). It's not long before Phoebe realizes that Sam might be something much scarier—a genuinely nice guy who can pierce through her armor to her vulnerable heart underneath. She'll have to learn how to give love a chance in this **adult romantic comedy debut**.

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

Vérant, Samantha
THE SPICE MASTER AT BISTRO EXOTIQUE

December 2022

On the cusp of opening her own Parisian restaurant, Bistro Exotique, Kate Jenkins is outrageously confident and optimistic. She isn't concerned when the wildly eccentric Garrance, the self-proclaimed Spice Master of Paris, warns her of the previous owner's failures. Then, a series of unfortunate events derail her plans and her entire staff quits. Kate is about to throw in the kitchen towel on her lifelong vision when Garrance offers to help her, but it comes at a price: Kate must work with his son, Charles, a world class chef and total jerk. After Kate hesitantly concedes to the deal, she slowly learns to open her heart and mind to new concepts, not quite sure if the magic she's experiencing comes from the spices, within herself, or the growing chemistry with Charles. [Samantha Vérant](#) is a travel addict, a self-professed oenophile, and a determined, if occasionally unconventional, at home French chef.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: Inkwell Management

Williams, Denise
DO YOU TAKE THIS MAN

July 2022

After butting heads, an event planner and a wedding officiant begin an enemies with benefits arrangement as wedding bells chime around them in the new romcom. [Denise Williams](#) can usually be found reading, writing, or thinking about love stories.

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

Winfrey, Kerry
JUST ANOTHER LOVE SONG

August 2022

Once upon a time, Sandy and her high school sweetheart Hank planned to escape town and pursue their dreams. Then Sandy's plans fell through and Hank went off to Boston to follow his dreams to be a musician. Fifteen years later, Sandy happily runs a successful greenhouse until Hank rolls back into town, now a famous alt-country singer with a son in tow. There aren't enough cliché love songs in the world to convince Sandy to give Hank another chance, but when he needs her help with his next album, she wonders if there could be a new beginning for them. When [Kerry Winfrey](#) is not writing, she's likely baking yet another pie or watching far too many romantic comedies.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)
Agent: InkWell Management

Young, Samantha
A COSMIC KIND OF LOVE

August 2022

When event planner Hallie Goodman receives party inspiration material from the bride of her latest wedding project, the last thing she expects to find in the files are digital videos from Christopher, the bride's ex-fiancée. Hallie knows it's wrong to keep watching these personal videos, but this guy is cute, funny, and an astronaut on the International Space Station. It's not long until she starts sending emails and video diaries to his discontinued NASA address. She's shocked when he writes her back. Separated by screens, Hallie and Chris fall in love with each other, one transmission at a time. Can they make their star-crossed romance? [Samantha Young](#) is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of the Hart's Boardwalk series and the On Dublin Street series,

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

Zhao, Kyla
THE FRAUD SQUAD

January 2023

Debut novel! For as long as she can remember, Samantha Song has dreamed of having her own byline in a high-society magazine. The constant struggle to help her mom make ends meet and her low social status make her dream feel like a distant fantasy. Currently working at a drab PR firm, Sam fears the closest she'll get to that life is living vicariously through her socialite co-worker, Anya Chen. Then, she meets Timothy Kingston, the disillusioned son of one of Singapore's elite families. To Sam's surprise, Tim and Anya both agree to help her make a name for herself in Singapore's socialite scene. The borrowed designer clothes and plus-ones to every party and major event can only get her so far; the rest is on Sam, and she's determined to make an impression on the editor-in-chief of Singapore's leading high society magazine. The deeper Sam wades into this fraud, the more she fears being exposed. Can she reconcile her pretense with who she really is before she loses it all? [Kyla Zhao](#) is a Stanford University '21 alumna and currently a lifestyle and fashion writer for Vogue Singapore.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Angela Kim)
Agent: CAA

SERIES FICTION

Adams, Lyssa Kay

November 2022

A VERY MERRY BROMANCE: Bromance Book Club #5

When her mother asks her to convince Colton Wheeler to be the next face of her family's limited edition holiday whiskey brand, Gretchen Winthrop can't say no...even though he's the man she had a one-night fling with a few months ago. Country star golden boy Colton has no idea why Gretchen loved him. He agrees to the promotion on one condition: she has to grant him three dates before Christmas. Not even the Bros and their handy Christmas romance novel can guarantee a happily ever after unless Gretchen and Colton learn to overcome their ghosts of Christmas past. [Lyssa Kay Adams](#) writes full-time from her home in Michigan with a pesky, fluffy K9 assistant named Domino.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)

Agent: One Track Literary Agency

UK: Headline, Germany: Rowohlt

Bradford, Laura

July 2022

A PERILOUS PAL: Friend for Hire Mystery #2

Emma Westlake's new client is Kim Felder, a woman struggling with empty-nest syndrome and an out-of-left field divorce. Emma suggests Kim draft a bucket list and together they add hot air ballooning, camping, dancing in the middle of the street for no reason. When Kim's ex winds up dead via one of the "funny" ideas Kim proposed, Emma knows that her new client/friend had nothing to do with it. Now, she must prove it. [Laura Bradford](#) is the *USA Today* bestselling author of the Amish Mysteries and the author of the Emergency Desert Squad Mysteries.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Michelle Vega)

Agent: Bradford Literary Agency

Burton, Jaci

July 2022

THE ACCIDENTAL NEWLYWED GAME: Boots And Bouquets #3

Wedding planner Honor is in Las Vegas for a work convention when she runs into her sister's ex-fiancé, Owen. They're both glad to see a familiar face from home until a night of drinking leads to a wedding ceremony that neither one of them can recall. Their chemistry is so overwhelming that they decide to put off the annulment, but the longer they keep their secret, the more likely it is to explode in their faces. [Jaci Burton](#) is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of the Brotherhood by Fire series, the Hope series and the Play-by-Play novels.

UK: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)

Agent: The Whalen Agency

Butcher, James J.
GRIMSBY #1

October 2022

New series! On the streets of Boston, the world is divided into the ordinary Usuals and the paranormal Unorthodox. In the Department of Unorthodox Affairs, the Auditors are the magical elite, government-sanctioned witches with spells at their command and all the power and prestige that comes with it. Grimshaw Griswald Grimsby is not one of those witches. After flunking out of the Auditor training program and dismissed as “not Department material,” Grimsby hopes he’ll get another chance to prove his skill. That opportunity comes with a price when his former mentor, aka the most dangerous witch alive, is murdered and Grimsby is the number one suspect. After forming a strange alliance with the retired legend known as the Huntsman and a mysterious being from Elsewhere, Grimsby is abruptly thrown into a life of adventure. Now, all he has to do is find the real killer, avoid the Auditors, and most importantly, stay alive. James J. Butcher is a nerd born and raised.

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

Byron, Ellen
BAYOU BOOK THIEF

June 2022

First in a new mystery series! After moving back to her hometown of New Orleans, Ricki’s career dream comes true when she joins the staff of a newly opened historical site. She runs the museum gift shop selling the vintage cookbooks and antiques she’s always loved to collect. When murder bedevils the site, Ricki will also find herself in the unexpected role of amateur sleuth, putting to use the observational skills she’s developed ferreting out hidden treasures. [Ellen Byron](#) is the Agatha Award–winning and *USA Today* bestselling author of the Cajun Country Mysteries.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Leis Pederson)
Agent: Doug Grad Literary Agency

Chow, Jennifer J.
DEATH BY BUBBLE TEA: LA Night Market Mystery #1

July 2022

First in a new series! Yale Yee is co-opted into running a food stall at the Eastwood Village Night Market with her cousin Celine, who’s visiting from Hong Kong. Though neither of them is an experienced cook, business picks up and their bubble tea, in particular, is a hit—literally—when one of their customers turns up dead. Though the two cousins are polar opposites in every way, they must work together to find out what really happened to the victim or the only thing they’ll be serving is time. [Jennifer J. Chow](#) is the Lefty Award-nominated author of the Sassy Cat Mysteries.

UK: Berkley (editor: Angela Kim)
Agent: BookEnds, LLC

Dunmore, Evie

September 2022

THE GENTLEMAN'S GAMBIT: League of Extraordinary Women #4

Deeply introverted Catriona prioritizes her academic work and her fight for women's suffrage above everything. Aware that she is decidedly not wife material, she keeps her romantic desires firmly locked inside her brilliant head—until she climbs out of a Scottish Loch after a good swim and finds herself face to face with her new colleague. Art smuggler Elias has wheedled his way into Oxford University under false pretenses—he did not come all the way from the Middle East to classify artefacts from the Levante; he is here to steal them back. Unfortunately, his heist faces unplanned obstacles: the coolly intense lady scholar who makes his jaded heart beat faster whenever they put their heads together. As sparks fly in the close quarters of dusty libraries, old ambitions lose their luster, a dangerous new game begins, and the question arises whether love can truly conquer all divides. [Evie Dunmore](#) lives in Berlin and pours her fascination with nineteenth-century Britain into her writing.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

Germany: Bastei Luebbe

Everett, Elizabeth

January 2023

A LOVE BY DESIGN: The Secret Scientists of London #3

Widowed and determined, Margaret Gault has returned to Athena's Retreat and the welcoming arms of her fellow secret scientists with an ambitious plan in mind: to establish England's first woman-owned engineering firm. From the moment she sets foot in London her plans are threatened by greedy investors and —at literally every turn—by the irritatingly attractive Earl Grantham. George Willis, Earl Grantham, is thrilled that the woman he has loved since childhood has returned to London. Not as thrilling, however, is her decision to undertake an engineering commission from his political arch-nemesis. Facing obstacles seemingly too large to dismantle, will Grantham and Margaret remain forever disconnected or find a way to bridge their differences? [Elizabeth Everett](#) lives in upstate New York with her family.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: Dystel Goderich & Bourret LLC

Feehan, Brian

June 2022

HARMONY OF FIRE

New series and debut author! Angels and demons walk among us, beings who existed long before humans ever did, filled with powerful, ethereal magic. Some humans are born with ethereal magic and their voices have divine power—humans like Alice and Owen. Yet Alice is bound to a demon who will stop at nothing to use her for his purposes. [Brian Feehan](#) lives in his mind, creating vibrant characters that talk very loud and far too often.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)

Agent: The Axelrod Agency

Feehan, Christine

DARK WHISPER: Carpathian #36 (November 2022)

LEOPARD'S SCAR: Leopard People #14 (November 2022)

DEADLY ROAD: Torpedo Ink #8 (January 2023)

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

Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)

Agent: Jane Rotrosen Agency

UK: Little Brown

Flower, Amanda

July 2022

BECAUSE I COULD NOT STOP FOR DEATH

Emily Dickinson and her house maid Willa Noble realize there is nothing poetic about murder in this **first book in an all-new series**. Tragedy strikes when Willa's brother Henry is killed in an apparent carriage accident. Willa is convinced that it was murder, and Emily offers to help, only to realize that she and Willa are caught in a deadly game of cat and mouse. Some very powerful, corrupt people in Amherst will stop at nothing to keep their profitable secrets even if that means forever silencing Willa and her new mistress. [Amanda Flower](#) is the *USA Today* bestselling and Agatha Award-winning author of several mystery series.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Michelle Vega)

Agent: The Seymour Agency



Flynn, Avery

July 2022

WITCHA GONNA DO?

First in a new magical romcom series! Tilda Sherwood was born into a supremely powerful family of witches, but since she doesn't have any powers, she's relegated to managing the family social media accounts. When researcher (and Tilda's handsome nemesis) Gil Harding is assigned to assess her magical abilities, inexplicable things happen around her. The two of them will have to figure out their logic-defying attraction to each other and discover Tilda's true powers. [Avery Flynn](#) has three slightly-wild children, loves a hockey-addicted husband and is desperately hoping someone invents the coffee IV drip.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)

Agent: The Knight Agency

Gracie, Anne

August 2022

THE RAKE'S DAUGHTER: Brides of Bellaire Gardens #2

Leo, the young Earl of Salcott, is annoyed to find he must take on the guardianship of Clarissa, the heiress and daughter of a notorious rake. Even worse, his new ward brings Isobel—her half-sister and father's illegitimate daughter—with her to London. Leo leaves town on business, and left to their own devices, Clarissa and Izzy launch *themselves* into society. While protecting Clarissa from unsuitable matches and scandal, Leo is driven mad by sharp-witted, fiery Izzy. They'll have to hope the ton doesn't discover Izzy's true identity. [Anne Gracie](#) lives in Melbourne, Victoria.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kate Seaver)

Agent: Nancy Yost Literary Agency

Griffin, Laura

June 2022

MIDNIGHT DUNES: Texas Murder Files #3

Documentary filmmaker Macy Burns came to the idyllic beachside community of Lost Beach for a relaxing rebound, but her plans are dashed when she realizes the cottage she's renting belonged to the woman whose body was just found in the sand dunes. Detective Owen Breda is under intense pressure to solve the woman's murder, and he can't stand to see anyone else hurt...especially not the beautiful documentarian who keeps showing up at the precinct. Macy and Owen must use all their resources to find the killer. [Laura Griffin](#) is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of romantic suspense.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Kerry Donovan)

Agent: Marsal Lyon Literary Agency

UK: Headline

Hackwith, A. J.

May 2023

HOLLOW ROAD HOME

Madge is the sole attendant of the Last Stop Shop, the only combination gas station/steakhouse for sixty miles on a lonely strip of Wyoming highway. For years, she has been on the run and nowhere is exactly where she wants to be. As long as stays in liminal spaces, her faerie masters can't find her. That all changes when a teenage girl and a grumpy magician stumble into her shop. Beryl, the magician, knows Madge's secret and threatens to turn her in unless she helps them find a forgotten treasure trove. A down and out crossroad demon makes up the final member of their roadtrip-turned-hunting party. Kerridan, Madge's former fae master, is scouring the country too. The pursuit will take them across the vast country roads and forgotten spaces of the gothic American west, through strange roadside attractions in the desert and abandoned midwest farmhouses, until Madge is forced to embrace her power. [A. J. Hackwith](#) is a queer writer of fantasy and science fiction living in Seattle.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Miranda Hall)

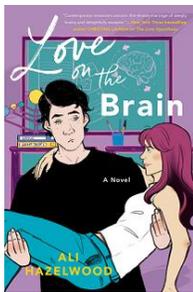
Agent: Donald Maass Literary Agency

Halle, Karina
THE ROYALS UPSTAIRS

July 2022

In his new role as protection officer to Prince Magnus of Norway, James Hunter is frustrated to find himself marooned on a royal estate in the middle of nowhere, chasing after demon children and dodging the staff. Still worse—the children’s nanny is Laila Brusset, the woman whose heart he broke and who still holds his. As undeniable sparks turn James and Laila’s battle royal into a more serious game of hearts, nanny and bodyguard will have to decide just how much they’re willing to risk for a second chance at love. [Karina Halle](#) is a screenwriter, a former music & travel journalist, and a *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestselling author

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



Hazelwood, Ali
LOVE ON THE BRAIN

August 2022

Neuroengineer Bee Königswasser, who lives by the simple code “What would Marie Curie do?” Bee is offered her dream job as the lead on a NASA project, but there’s a catch: she has to co-lead with tall, dark, and piercing-eyed Levi, who also happens to be her grad school nemesis. Yet as the project gets tough Bee swears she can see Levi softening into an ally, backing her plays, seconding her ideas...devouring her with those eyes. What will Bee do when it comes time to actually make a move and put her heart on the line? [Ali Hazelwood](#)’s favorite thing is to explore traditional romance tropes—and to picture how they’ll play out in academic settings.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency
Germany: Aufbau Verlag



Jackson, Kwana
KNOT AGAIN: Real Men Knit #2

July 2022

Lucas Strong unintentionally gained local celebrity status after participating in a FDNY charity calendar. Underneath his happy facade, he is grieving the death of his foster mom. While her legacy, Strong Knits, is once again a thriving knitting store, he feels adrift. Thanks to a busted washing machine, Lucas finds himself at Scrubs Laundromat and back in contact with his high school crush. Sidney Harris-Hughes knows everyone is probably whispering about how she had screwed up a good life and ended up back at her family's laundromat. When she sees Lucas again, a long forgotten attraction kicks into high gear. they both must decide if this is a true love or just an infatuation, thin and as fragile as soap bubbles in the air. [Kwana Jackson](#) lives in a suburb of New York with her husband, their twins and a precocious terrier named Jack who keeps her on her

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)
Agent: The Evan Marshall Agency

Kelly, Diane

June 2022

THE PROOF IS IN THE POISON: Southern Homebrew Mystery #2

Now that her moonshine shop is up and running, Hattie Hayes can focus her efforts on expanding her fledgling business to events in the area. When an attendee dies after drinking some of Hattie's moonshine at a model train convention, she'll need to use all the tricks up her sleeve to prove her innocence and make sure her moonshine business can stay on track. [Diane Kelly](#) is an author of humorous, romantic mystery novels.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Miranda Hill)

Agent: Cornerstone Literary

Lafferty, Mur

October 2022

STATION ETERNITY: Midsolar Murders #1

From idyllic small towns to claustrophobic urban landscapes, Mallory Viridian is constantly embroiled in murder cases that only she has the insight to solve. Outside of a classic mystery novel, being surrounded by death makes you a suspect and a social pariah. When Mallory gets the opportunity to take refuge on a sentient space station, she thinks she has the solution. Surely the murders will stop if her only company is alien beings. At first her new existence is peacefully quiet and markedly devoid of homicide. When the station agrees to allow additional human guests, aliens and humans alike begin to die. Stuck in the middle of an extraterrestrial whodunit, Mallory has to solve the crime—and fast—or the list of victims could grow to include everyone on board. [Mur Lafferty](#) is an award-winning author and Hall of Fame podcaster.

UK: Berkley (editor: Anne Sowards)

Agent: Barry Goldblatt Literary



Lea, Amy

May 2022

SET ON YOU

First in a new series by a debut author featuring heroines who are social media influencers.

Full-figured fitness influencer Crystal Chen has built her career by shattering gym stereotypes and mostly ignoring the trolls. The gym is her place of power and positivity, until smug new gym patron, Scott Ritchie, steals her squat rack. Sparks fly as ultra-competitive Crystal and Scott battle for gym domination. When a photo of the happy couple goes viral, savage internet trolls put their budding relationship to the ultimate endurance test. [Amy Lea](#) is Canadian bureaucrat by day and contemporary romance author by night (and weekends).

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Kristine Swartz)

Agent: Bookends Literary

Mandanna, Sangu

August 2022

THE VERY SECRET SOCIETY OF IRREGULAR WITCHES

As one of the few witches in Britain, Mika Moon knows she has to hide her magic, keep her head down, and stay away from other witches so their powers don't mingle and draw attention. She follows the rules with one exception: an online account, where she posts videos 'pretending' to be a witch. She thinks no one will take it seriously, but someone does. An unexpected message arrives, begging her to travel to the remote and mysterious Nowhere House on the cold, windy seacoast to teach three young and dangerously out of control witches how to control their magic. It breaks all the rules, but Mika goes anyway. Magic isn't the only danger in the world. When a threat comes knocking at their door, Mika will need to decide whether to risk everything to protect a family she didn't know she was looking for. [Sangu Mandanna](#) is an author and illustrator who lives in Norwich, in the east of England.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Jessica Wade)

Agent: Aevitas Creative Management

Matthews, Mimi

October 2022

THE BELLE OF BELGRAVE SQUARE

Tall, dark, and dour, the notorious Captain Jasper Blunt was once hailed a military hero, but tales abound of his bastard children and his haunted estate in Yorkshire. What he requires now is a rich wife to ornament his isolated ruin, and he has his sights set on the enchanting Julia Wychwood. For Julia, an incurable romantic cursed with a crippling social anxiety, navigating a London ballroom is absolute torture. She makes an impetuous decision to take her future by the reins—she proposes to Captain Blunt. In exchange for her dowry and her hand, Jasper must promise to grant her freedom to do as she pleases. The more she learns of the beastly former hero, the more intrigued she becomes. *USA Today* bestselling author [Mimi Matthews](#) writes both historical nonfiction and award-winning proper Victorian romances.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sarah Blumenstock)

Agent: Hershman Rights Management

Germany: Bastei Luebbe

Oliver, Katie

August 2022

A MURDEROUS PERSUASION: Jane Austen Tea Society Mystery #2

Phaedra's aunt has decided she wants to sell Laurel Springs Inn, including Phaedra's beloved carriage house. In a last-ditch attempt to drum up more business instead, Phaedra convinces her aunt to host an immersive Persuasion themed murder mystery weekend. When one of the participants winds up dead, Phaedra finds herself on the hunt for a killer once again and with more suspects than she knows what to do with. [Katie Oliver](#) reside in South Florida with her husband, an assortment of neighborhood blue jays, cardinals, and woodpeckers.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Sareer Khader)

Agent: Holloway Literary

Neill, Chloe

September 2022

DEVOURING DARKNESS: Heirs of Chicagoland #4

In the fourth installment of the bestselling Heirs of Chicagoland series, Elisa Sullivan unearths an ancient grudge, with potentially devastating consequences. [Chloe Neill](#) is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of the Devil's Isle and Chicagoland Vampires series.

Translation: Berkley (editor: Jessica Wade)

Agent: The Knight Agency

UK: Orion UK

Payne, Nikki

November 2022

PRIDE AND PROTEST

Jane Austen meets *Black-ish* in this **new romance series**! Liza B—The Only DJ That Gives a Jam—wants to take her neighborhood back from the soulless property developer dropping unaffordable condos on every street corner in DC. Her planned protest at their corporate event takes a turn after she mistakes the smoldering hot CEO for the waitstaff. At first, Dorsey writes Liza Bennett off as an over-caffeinated woke weekend warrior. As the adopted Filipino son of a wealthy white family, he's always felt a bit out of place and knows a fraud when he sees one. When Liza's protest results in a viral meme, their lives are turned upside down and Dorsey comes to realize this irresistible revolutionist is the most real woman he's ever met. Author [Nikki Payne](#), a curious anthropologist by day, dreams of ways to subvert canon literature.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor: Cindy Hwang)

Agent: Bookends



Rodale, Maya

April 2022

THE MAD GIRLS OF NEW YORK

Reporter Nellie Bly is bored on the women's beat—this small-town orphan didn't escape to New York City to cover garden parties and charity luncheons. Hungry for a story with more danger and purpose, she persuades her boss at the newspaper to give her a chance. He's willing to risk a female reporter in order to get a story that's sure to cause a sensation—Nellie must get herself committed to the women's insane asylum on Blackwell's Island...and then get out. What she finds on the inside are horrors beyond comprehension. It's one hell of a story and could be the breakthrough that makes Nellie's career. If she survives to tell it. From *USA Today* bestselling author [Maya Rodale](#) comes a **thrilling new series** about the high-stakes exploits and romantic entanglements of the most famous female reporter of New York City's Gilded Age.

UK, Translation: Berkley (editor Kerry Donovan)

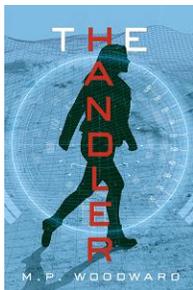
Agent: Susanna Lea Associates

Wibberley, Emily and Austin Siegemund-Broka
DO I KNOW YOU

Jan 2023

Eliza and Graham's marriage is quietly failing. With their five-year anniversary approaching, neither of them are thrilled about the weeklong getaway to the Treeline Retreat. After a well-meaning guest mistakes Eliza and Graham as single and introduces them at the hotel bar, they don't correct him. Suddenly, they're pretending to be perfect strangers and it's unexpectedly...fun? Eliza and Graham find themselves flirting like it's their first date. As they realize this performance could be the thing that saves their marriage, their game becomes something more. [Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka](#) live in Los Angeles, where they continue to take daily inspiration from their own love story.

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



Woodward, M.P.
THE HANDLER

June 2022

In this electrifying thriller and start of a new series from a former intelligence officer, Meredith Dale is a CIA agent who's summoned by the Deputy Director with stunning news. A well-placed CIA mole in Iran's uranium enrichment program wants a reunion with the only handler he ever trusted, John Dale--Meredith's disgraced, fired, wayward ex-husband. As Meredith and John struggle through their fraught relationship, a craven CIA political hierarchy, Russian interference, and the rogue spy's manipulation, they must reach deep within their shared connection to maintain, recover, or kill the asset. [M. P. Woodward](#) is a veteran of both US intelligence ops and the entertainment industry.

UK: Berkley (editor: Tom Colgan)
Agent: Trident Media Group

Yamashita, Iris
UNTITLED YAMASHITA #1

Jan 2023

A stranded detective tries to find answers to a murder case in a strange Alaskan small town where the people are as icy as the weather in this gripping debut. When a local teenager discovers a severed hand and foot washed up on the shore of Pt. Mettler, Cara Kennedy is on the case. A detective from Anchorage, she has her own reasons for investigating the possible murder in this isolated place. After an avalanche, Cara is stuck amongst the odd and suspicious residents of the town—all 160 of whom live in the same high-rise building. Teaming up a local officer, Cara discovers that everyone in this town is keeping secrets. Iris Yamashita is a Japanese American screenwriter who was nominated for an Academy Award® for her screenplay, LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA.

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