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KEEP THIS OFF THE RECORD

ARDEN JOY

Abigail Meyer and Freya Jonsson can't stand one another.

But could their severe hatred be masking something else entirely?

From the moment they locked eyes in high school, Abby and Freya have been at each other's throats. Ten years later, when Abby and Freya cross paths again, their old rivalry doesn't take more than a few minutes to begin anew.

And now Naomi, Abby's best friend, is falling for Freya's producer and close pal, Will. Both women are thrilled to see their friends in a happy relationship – except they are now only a few degrees of separation from the person they claim to despise... and they can't seem to avoid seeing one another.

After their encounters repeatedly devolve into warfare, Abby and Freya's friends decide their age-old rivalry can only mean one thing: true love. Will their friends bring them together? Or will Freya's refusal to admit who she is keep them from discovering their underlying passion?

"Keep This Off The Record" is a fun and fresh LGBTQ+ story about the freedom to be who you are, even if that means falling for the person you hate.

Praise for KEEP THIS OFF THE RECORD:

"A fun, fiery, and modern twist on a classic!"

- Abby Jimenez, International and NYT Best Selling author of Part of Your World

"Readers will delight in watching these sparring hearts lay down their weapons."

- Publisher's Weekly

Arden Joy was a queer Jew growing up in a conservative Christian community. She turned to writing at an early age as a way to create connection with people who were like her and understood her. When she's not writing, you can find her running Her Adventures, a travel community of over 100,000 women around the world that was recently awarded the Community Accelerator grant from Facebook for being one of the top communities making an impact on their platform. She lives in Chicago with her three boys: husband, toddler, and dog and her daughter.



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IF I LOSE HER

BRIANNE SOMMERVILLE

Who can you trust when you can't trust yourself?

The pregnancy podcasts warned Joanna Baker about the baby blues, but when a near-fatal mistake places the first-time mom under the watchful eye of Child Protective Services, she receives a serious diagnosis.

Postpartum depression. Jo hears the words, yet they don't make sense. Nothing does. Her blackouts are increasing, and she can't recall events she's been accused of.

As she fights to keep her daughter, she discovers cracks in her neighborhood, family, and her own home. With the support of her sisters, she attempts to piece together her traumatic past and uncover who is truly in control.

Jo must battle her faltering mind to save what's most important—her daughter.

Praise for IF I LOSE HER:

"Sommerville beautifully balances a woman trying to figure out who's putting her child in danger with a deep, raw look at motherhood, marriage, and family that skyrockets in intensity on every new page. A fantastic read!"

-Samantha M. Bailey, USA TODAY and #1 national best selling author of A FRIEND IN THE DARK

Brianne Somerville studied English Literature and Theatre at Queen's University before entering the world of public relations. Brianne lives in Toronto with her partner and two littles under four and knows every episode of Peppa Pig by heart. Her debut novel "If I Lose Her" arrives March 2024 with Rising Action Publishing Collective.



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BOYSTOWN HEARTBREAKERS

KATHLEEN CALIHAN

Chicago hairstylist Bastian Russo has only three things to his name: a pair of \$1,200 shears, a Boystown studio apartment, and a list of men's names written on his closet wall.

His constant worry that he's not good enough and his chronic inability to trust are what leaves him heartbroken time and again.

After he adds the latest name, he turns to his best friend, Andres Wood, for solace. But instead of treating Bastian to dinner, drinks, and the usual effortless banter, Andres makes an interesting suggestion: that Bastian should get over the breakup by dating...Andres.

Sure, Andres is successful and attractive, but he also knows everything there is to know about Bastian—including what an insecure pain in the ass he is. Meanwhile, everyone in Bastian's life, from his mother to his co-workers, thinks he's an idiot for not having dated Andres already. So, what could go wrong?

Everything.

Now Bastian has to sort out his inadequacy and trust issues to prove he's worthy of transitioning from Andres' best friend to his lover. Otherwise, it's a matter of time before one or both of them end up on Bastian's list of Boystown Heartbreakers.

Praise for BOYSTOWN HEARTBREAKERS:

"With characters that feel like friend and the city of Chicago as its expertly drawn setting, BOYSTOWN HEARTBREAKERS is a stylish, banter-filled romance that will leave you smiling."

- Timothy Janovsky, author of NEW ADULT

Kathleen Calihan is a debut author. Before dipping her toe into writing, she traveled down a few different career paths, from barista to high end stylist at a salon to yoga instructor to personal assistant. There isn't an adventure she'll say no to nor an avenue she won't explore thoroughly. And all of this has been done with MS! Fun fact: she can't wink. Only hard blinks from her.



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JOURNEY OF THE LOST AND DAMNED

LILIAN HORN

Following their harrowing journey in "Perils of Sea and Sky," Captain Rosanne Drackenheart is determined to discover the secrets of the map her father left behind.

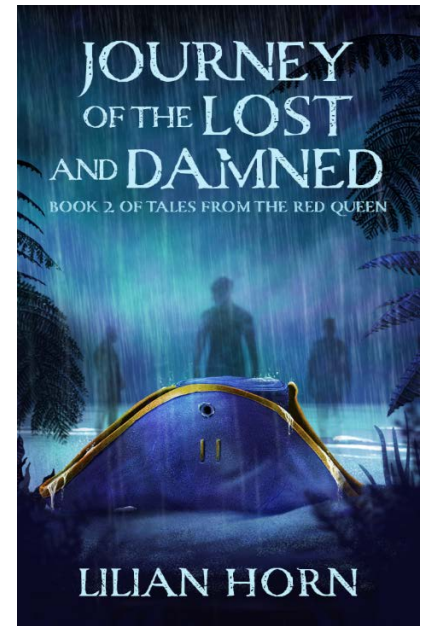
But the Veil has left its scars in Rosanne's heart, as she's still hurting from the choices she made while being courted by the Forest Devil himself.

Grappling with her guilt, she gathers her crew, including a disguised Aros Bernhart who seeks escape from the inquisition, and heads back into the inhospitable fog. The crew believes that since they had escaped the terrors of the magical mist before, they are better equipped this time to explore the islands within.

They couldn't be more wrong.

Beset by shape-shifting creatures able to infiltrate dreams, Rosanne is faced with an invisible adversary forcing her to confront her fragile mind. As their journey takes them to the very heart of the Veil, hybrid monsters stalk the Red Queen, and Rosanne must once again work together with Aros to see their journey through or be lost to the Grey Veil forever like so many before them.

Norwegian-born and resident, Lilian Horn brings life to Scandinavian folklore through her debut "Perils of Sea and Sky." She is a biomedical laboratory scientist, hobby painter, and game enthusiast. She lives in the arctic city of Tromsø with her introverted and demanding cat.



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WHAT HAPPENS IN IDAHO

BONNIE JO PIERSON

Despite saving people's lives every day as a successful trauma surgeon, nothing can mend Dr. Liliana Chase's heart after the loss of her husband and baby girl.

When her mother convinces her to come back to Clear Springs, Idaho, for the first time in seven years, she intends to make the visit as short as possible. What she didn't expect was to wreck her car while avoiding a cow with a death wish.

Blake Richardson, a mechanic and single dad, isn't used to helping fiery physicians, but he can't leave Lili planted in a potato field and facing off with a cow. He swears he'll never let another woman into his world after the way his ex-wife left him, but something about Lili keeps him from seeing her as just another big-city doctor.

While Lili is stuck waiting for her car to be repaired in the tiny rural town, she can't resist the pull Blake has on her. Blake's fun-loving and genuine personality might be enough to make her believe in love again. But there's a secret weighing heavily on Blake, and his connection to the death of Lili's family will force them both to confront their fears of loss and abandonment, or risk being alone forever.

A wholesome romance, "What Happens in Idaho" is perfect for fans of Nicolas Sparks and Jojo Moyes.

Praise for WHAT HAPPENS IN IDAHO:

"A delightful debut that never loses sight of the heart of the story as it weaves its way through hilarity and heartbreak to arrive at a deeply satisfying happily-ever-after."

- Melanie Jacobson, USA Today bestselling author

Gifted with a short attention span, Bonnie Jo Pierson wants to experience and do as much as she can. Bonnie is also the author of Extreme Romancing in Idaho out in 2025.



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DON'T EAT THE PIE

MONIQUE EDWARDS

Newlywed Sam has always wanted to be a part of a normal happy family.

When her mother-in-law falls ill, Sam dutifully moves her family to Edenic Camillia Island to care for her. The island residents, namely the older women, welcome Sam and her daughter Emma with open arms, endless cocktails, and plenty of superstition.

It seems perfect until it's not. The house next to her mother-in-law's is creepy—not only that, it's where Ben's first wife died. Sam's teen daughter Emma isn't interested in spending the summer in Camilia. It gets even worse when Emma starts to see things—knowing that there are ghosts trying to warn her of something, but what?

Despite Emma's pleas, Sam doesn't want to rock the boat with her new family. Emma won't pretend nothing is happening, especially as the messages become more grim and frequent. What secrets are buried on Camilia Island? And why are all the residents keen on keeping them quiet?

For fans of "Hide" by Kiersten White and "How To Sell A Haunted House" by Grady Hendrix, "Don't Eat The Pie" will haunt you long after you've turned the last page.

Praise for WHAT HAPPENS IN IDAHO:

Don't Eat the Pie is gothic horror at its most deliciously twisted. It's weird and wild and so deeply unnerving that I couldn't help but devour it and keep going back for more.
– Megan Collins, author of The Family Plot

Monique Edwards is a mother of two girls, a wife and a trauma counselor living in Michigan. In her free time, you can catch her reading, playing with her kids or exploring haunted places. Her short story "Street Spirit" was published in "Rockstar," a horror anthology. She also hosts a horror show on Instagram Live called "Twenty Minutes of Terror" where she interviews horror authors. She often features themes of living life with trauma in her stories through her personal lens as a survivor.



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MY DARLINGS

MARIE STILL

No one was supposed to know. I've always been so careful. My Darlings, how did we get here?

Evil lurks behind the perfectly manicured lawns, ornate iron gates, and long winding driveways of affluent DC—but not for long.

Stay-at-home mom Eloise Williams is PTO president and a respected local philanthropist who sits on the boards of many distinguished charities. In addition to being a doting wife and mother, she is also a serial killer.

But Eloise isn't the only lady of society playing a part. As the hidden lives of Eloise's inner circle are exposed, the body count rises. When an old friend returns, Eloise desperately clings to remain in control.

Money and power can only buy influence and safety for so long. Eventually, the curtains lift, exposing the chilling reaty hiding in plain sight.

- Film/TV Rights currently optioned by Kelly Ripa's production company Milojo, and James Griffith's company FeFiFo.
- Co-Showrunner of YOU season 5 Justin W. Lo and YOU Writer Leo Richardson are signed on.

Marie Still grew up obsessed with words and the dark and complex characters authors bring to life with them. Now she creates her own while living in Tampa with her husband, four kids, two dogs, and a very grumpy hedgehog.



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BETWEEN LIES AND REVENGE

HANNAH SHARPE

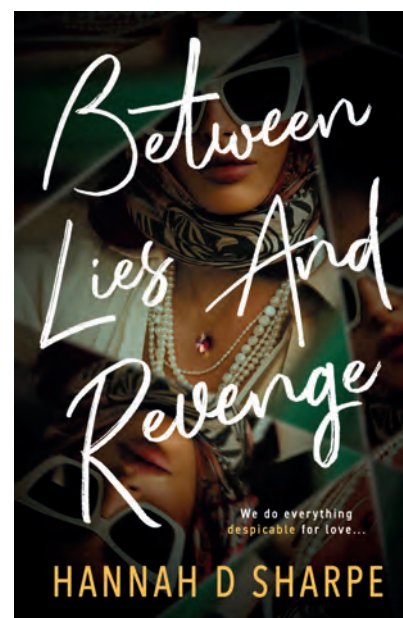
Years after the death of her brother and the theft of her heirloom jewelry, ex-con Elle is on the run...until she spots a stranger wearing a signature piece.

Determined to take back what is hers, Elle stalks and befriends the woman, using her gemology skills as a ruse. Elle offers to appraise and clean the jewelry, replicating and replacing the pieces instead.

Olivia is drowning. She maxes out credit cards behind her financially-strict husband's back in order to pay for fertility treatments, keep her blackmailing father at bay, and maintain appearances with her wealthy friends and their cultist MLM social circles. When Olivia meets Elle, she finally feels understood...and inspired.

With Elle's expertise and Olivia's connections, the two start a side-hustle by way of home jewelry appraisal parties. When this isn't lucrative enough, they develop the perfect con: switching rich housewives' gems with fakes. But their hidden truths get in the way of their success, and each other. Before their secrets bury them, they must confess their lies to one another and trust their final con will exact the revenge that'll secure their freedom, and their lives.

Hannah Sharpe is an author of book club fiction. She relishes in creating morally ambiguous characters that make you question how far you'd go to get what you want. She also enjoys exposing truths and buried emotions tied to being a woman in today's world. Hannah is raising her three young children with her husband, and is a full time RN with experience in Emergency Medicine, Nursing Education, and Insurance. Life is busy—as it should be—but there's always time for reading and creating the next story



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MAGIC IN THE AIR

ADRIANNA SCHUH

Olivia Ayala is a small-town baker, a fiercely independent single mom, and a witch. Her small town of Addersfield, Rhode Island has been a haven for witches since 1697, and their small community has banded together to protect its existence. While Olivia is happy with her quaint life baking magically enhanced confectionery, where she lives with her cerebral palsy and raises her son in comfort, she is a bit lonely.

Then the annoyingly handsome Draven James saunters into the town he shouldn't have been able to find, and she can't shake how much she is drawn to him. His overly friendly personality strikes her as a bit suspicious, but what could he be hiding? And is it something that could shatter the potential happiness she sees with him?

MAGIC IN THE AIR is a spicy Romance which features characters that are vastly underrepresented in the genre and will steal your heart.

Praise for MAGIC IN THE AIR:

"Schuh's writing hits like the best love potion: cozy, rich and sparkling with romance. MAGIC IN THE AIR is a refreshingly joyful and inclusive take on the everyday magic of opening up to love."

- Hailey Alcaraz, author of Up in Flames

Adrianna Schuh is a Mexican American author who writes romance of all kinds. She is currently a mentor with the Inclusive Romance Project. Adrianna is a former librarian and stay-at-home mom. She lives in Wisconsin with her husband, son, and their seven pets. In her free time, Adrianna enjoys completing 2,000 piece puzzles and binging true crime podcasts. Magic in the Air is her first traditionally published novel.



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ELIZABETH SAILS

KRISTIN OWENS

Beth Schiff ghostwrites autobiographies for politicians, despite her own life not warranting a footnote. Excitement for her is re-watching classic movies with a Whitman's Sampler. But when her adventurous Aunt Ethel dies, Beth must scramble out of her comfy sweatpants and into some Spanx to find the missing will aboard a luxury cruise ship.

Figuring out which fork to use at dinner becomes the least of Beth's worries. The will isn't lost ... it's hidden. Aunt Ethel has devised an elaborate scavenger hunt, and each port stop forces Beth to confront her list of insecurities to get the next clue. If she fails, Ethel's millions will revert to a much-hated relative, Max, who is responsible for her dismantled family.

When someone starts trying to sabotage her search, the game becomes personal and her energetic septuagenarian tablemates rally to help. But Beth must make the puzzle pieces fit before the cruise ends or Max will get his greedy hands on the money destined for charities.

For fans of *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill* and *The Jetsetters*, comes a heartfelt story about an unintended quest for self-discovery, forgiveness, and an awesome buffet.

Kristin Owens, Ph.D. is a full-time writer based in the United States. She has over a hundred bylines with celebrated magazines such as *Writer's Digest*, *Wine Enthusiast*, and *5280*. Her personal essays have won Honorable Mention for the 2018 New Millennium Writing Awards, awarded finalist for the 2019 New Letters' award in nonfiction, and are included in *RISE! Colorado's 2020 Book of the Year*.



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WICKED MAGGIE GILES

Detective Ryan Boone just can't let this case go.

While the mystery behind the robbery and murders in *Twisted* was uncovered a few months back, there is still a very large loose thread that Boone desperately wishes to tie up. He convinces his superiors to allow him to travel to Ottawa, where he's uncovered a lead into a conspiracy that hints what happened in Toronto has nation-wide, and horrific, implications.

Former detective Cora Porter has moved to forensics, but when a strange case involving a murder, a runaway, and a case of mistaken identity hits close to home, she squeezes her way into the investigation. It also doesn't help that a certain visiting detective has caught her eye, and is also willing to work with her on the case.

Their suspect, Blaine Roche, always seems to be one step ahead of Ryan and Cora. What they don't know is that he's not just trying to evade arrest, but take down the conspiracy for his own purposes. Given he's already a wanted man, Blaine is willing to do whatever it takes to get revenge. He has nothing else to lose ... or so he thinks.

Wicked picks up where 2023's *Twisted* left off, but in a new location and with several new twists.

Maggie Giles is a Canadian author who writes suspenseful women's fiction and thrillers. Her debut novel, *The Things We Lost*, was named a 2023 distinguished favourite in Women's Fiction by the Independent Press Awards. Maggie has been a member of the Women's Fiction Writers Association since 2014 where she previously worked as their Social Media Director. Currently she works in Marketing. Maggie dove into writing a novel head first despite having aphantasia, a condition where one lacks a visual imagination. She lives in Ontario with her mastiff-mix, Jolene, and spends most of her days enjoying the outdoors, from swimming to hiking to skiing in the winter.



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RECLAIMING VENUS

ALVENIA BRIDGES & MAYA SMITH

Growing up in the 1950s in segregated Kansas, Alvenia Bridges dreamed of leaving home and seeing the world. Despite her destructive home life and the racially oppressive environment of her childhood, Alvenia graduated high school, left for L.A., and successfully navigated the predominantly white and male-run worlds of fashion and 70s and 80s Rock and Roll.

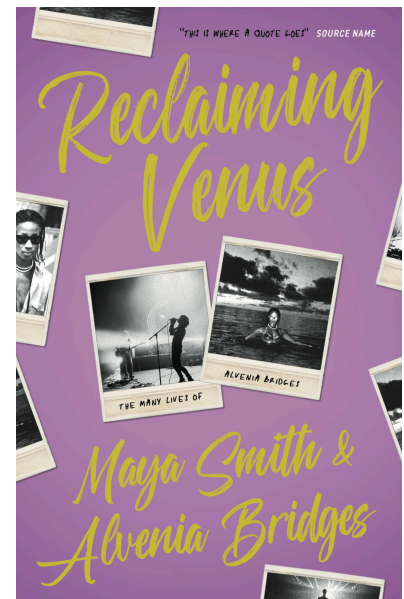
From a chance encounter with race car driver John Von Neumann that jump-started her modeling career in Europe to her years working for famous musicians, Alvenia's unflappable resolve left her impressively mobile in the face of societal constraints.

Alvenia had much to share with the world as she crossed paths and worked with a wide variety of people in the music and fashion industries, from long-term working relationships with Bill Graham, Roberta Flack, and the Rolling Stones, to momentary yet extraordinary encounters with Jimi Hendrix, John Lennon, Prince, and Tina Turner, to personal and professional interactions with Jerry Hall, Antonio Lopez, and Francesco Scavullo.

Alvenia's remarkable life forged a path through glass ceilings and blocked doors that reads like a work of fiction.

Alvenia Bridges is an American author with a life story full of intrigue, serendipity, courage, and resolve. From humble beginnings in Kansas, she managed to travel the world and make a name for herself by supporting some of the biggest figures in the music industry such as Roberta Flack, Mick Jagger, and Bill Graham. She currently lives in New York City. *Reclaiming Venus* is her first memoir.

Maya Angela Smith is an American author who writes about language, race, migration, music, and identity. Her first book, *Senegal Abroad*, won the Modern Language Association's French and Francophone Studies Award. She lives in Seattle where she is an Associate Professor in the French and Italian Studies department at the University of Washington. She is also a visual artist who has shown her work in Paris, New York, Houston, the Bay Area, and Seattle. *Reclaiming Venus* is her first memoir.



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THIS WASN'T ON THE SYLLABUS

ADDY STRICKLAND & EMMA KUZMYK

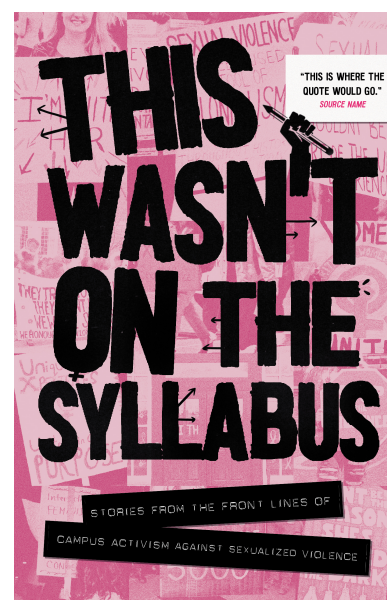
This Wasn't on the Syllabus: Stories from the Front Lines of Campus Activism Against Sexualized Violence is both a record and an act of protest, progress, and survival located within Canada's post-secondary landscape. The collection features personal accounts which articulate not only the prevalence of sexualized violence on campus, but how these acts inspire students to activism. The book is a call to value and prioritize the voices of student activists, who are often among those most impacted by sexualized violence, and who are key participants in driving change.

Stories which have until now existed precariously in news clippings—or been passed on through whisper networks—are now permanently inked. Connecting stories that span more than three decades, this anthology draws on collective memory to resist the cyclical nature of campus activism and is a testament to the solidarity of those who have fought, and continue to fight, against sexualized violence on campus.

While This Wasn't on the Syllabus is written from a Canadian perspective, sexualized violence is prevalent around the world, and the call to activism knows no geographic boundaries.

Addy Strickland is a writer, artist, and photographer based in Antigonish, NS. She graduated from St. Francis Xavier University in 2021 with an honours degree in Development Studies. Currently, she works in youth engagement and community development with the Coady Institute's Centre for Employment Innovation, and volunteers with Students for Consent Culture Canada.

Emma Kuzmyk (she/her) holds a degree in English from StFX University, and is currently studying creative writing at Dalhousie. Her activism began in 2017 when she shared a poem online that garnered national media attention. Emma currently works as the Program Coordinator for Action Now Atlantic, an initiative dedicated to ending sexualized violence at post-secondary schools in Atlantic Canada.



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EVERY FALL

ANGELA DOUGLAS

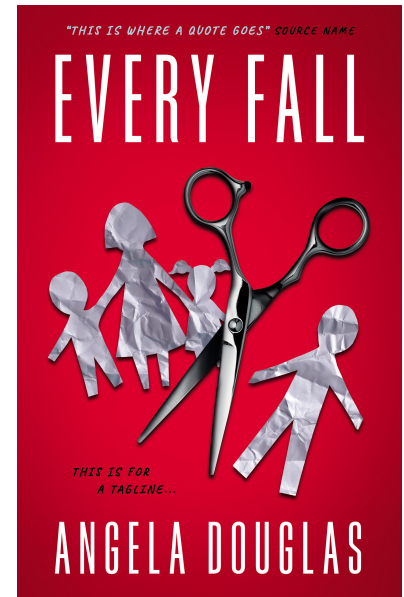
Bree knew that life married to a beat cop would be tough, especially in the crime-infested city of East Bernheim, but she believes they will be fine living in "the Burner" even after she has their first child. Family life is manageable until one day crime follows them home, threatening their safety.

At a loss of how to keep his family safe and keep his job, Jake agrees to stretch their finances and move an hour away, to a bigger house in a somewhat better neighborhood. Their life seems to improve until Bree, heavily pregnant with their second child, begins to hear voices and suffer strange dreams. And then when tragedy strikes on the job, Jake enters a spiral of guilt and grief that degrades his grip on reality.

Bree, isolated and struggling, must protect her children from the one person she thought would always keep them safe. She and Jake are haunted in every way, and not just by whatever is lurking inside the house. A thriller that tackles toxic masculinity in police culture and trauma, *Every Fall* will have you on the edge of your seat.

Angela Douglas is a Canadian author who lives in the Okanagan (British Columbia) with her husband and kids. She writes thrillers and creative non-fiction. When she isn't working, or hanging out with her family, she hides in her studio with her bulldog Frankie, writing her next book. She is a member of International Thriller Writers, Crime Writers of Canada, and is the VP of Communications of Sisters in Crime - Canada West. Angela's debut psychological thriller *EVERY FALL*, comes out in January 2025.

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THE PRINCE'S HEART

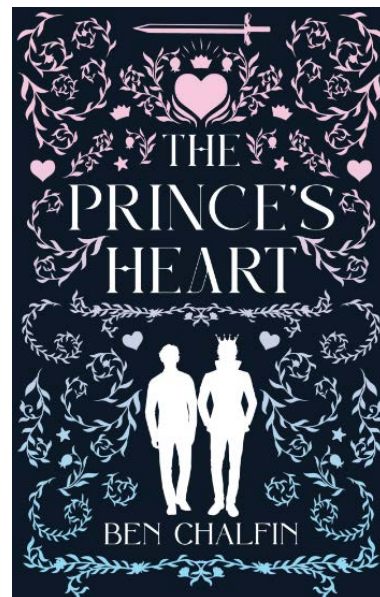
BEN CHALFIN

In the heart of Soeria, where royal bloodlines carve the paths of destiny, Prince Darien Garros, the kingdom's beloved second son, faces the age-old clash between duty and desire. For years, Darien has dodged the court's expectations to find a suitable match, yearning instead for a love that values the man behind the crown. His longing seems answered in Tag Leara, whose charm and genuine affection ignite a hope Darien dared not admit.

Yet, fate is a fickle master. A sudden tragedy propels Darien into a role he never sought, challenging his deepest convictions. As the weight of legacy and the whispers of power threaten to suffocate him, Darien confronts the ultimate test. Torn between the call of his blood and the pull of his heart, he stands at a crossroads that could reshape the future of Soeria itself.

With every choice comes a price, and Darien must decide: Will he follow the stringent demands of royalty, or will he choose the perilous path of love? In a world where allegiance and affection collide, Prince Darien's story is a testament to the enduring battle between the crowns we bear and the hearts we hold dear.

Ben Chalfin is an intellectual property lawyer by day and a romance writer by night, skillfully bridging the gap between the precision of patent law and the emotional depth of storytelling. Hailing from Maryland with a loyal allegiance to the Ravens, Ben's academic journey took them from Virginia to North Carolina, culminating in a career in Philadelphia—a city that reflects their own blend of innovation and historical richness. Whether drafting patent applications or exploring the complexities of love and loss in their novels, Ben brings a unique perspective to both the legal and literary worlds, celebrating the power of creativity and the human spirit.



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In the aftermath of a painful breakup, Mike seeks solace in the remote beauty of Devil's Cup State Park, Colorado, with his friend Wade. Their quest for peace is abruptly ended when a meteor strike causes a rock fall, trapping them and a diverse group of campers within the ancient volcanic caldera. As they grapple with their new reality, a far more sinister challenge emerges from the depths of the earth. The sanctuary they sought becomes a hunting ground as the group discovers the ground infested with lethal, flesh-piercing worms. The situation turns dire when they realize these predators are merely the heralds of something far more terrifying: the 'NAMELESS THINGS.' With no way to call for help, survival hinges on their ability to outsmart the unseen terror lurking beneath their feet.

As alliances form and fray under the weight of fear, Mike is propelled into a desperate bid for freedom. Facing treacherous terrain, dwindling supplies, and the psychological toll of their predicament, the campers must confront the true nature of the horror they face. In a thrilling fight for survival, Mike's journey to escape and reveal the nightmare within Devil's Cup becomes a testament to the human spirit's resilience against the unknown.

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THIS KIND OF LOVE ASHLEY DETWEILER

Kate Dailey's life is built on three unshakeable beliefs: Taylor Swift's music is the ultimate cure, "Happily Ever After" doesn't exist, and Jason Cole is the last person on earth she wants to see again. Growing up in a small town, Jase was her first everything—kiss, friend, and beacon of hope



through her darkest days, especially with her father's battles with alcohol. But when Jase shattered her heart, Kate left everything behind, including him and the memories of fireflies and Magnolia trees.

Now, six years later, Kate has carved out a new existence in NYC, armed with a sassy pup and a dream job at Q Magazine. Yet, when family duty calls her back home to confront her past, including the boy next door who became the man she loves to hate, Kate's carefully constructed world starts to wobble. Facing Jase again, along with her complex family dynamics and the small-town life she escaped, Kate is torn between the safety of the life she's built and the perilous allure of a second chance with the one who broke her beyond repair.

In a story where heartbreak and hope collide, Kate must decide if she's willing to risk everything for a shot at true happiness, or if some wounds are just too deep to heal. Can the melodies of Taylor Swift guide her towards her own "Happily Ever After," or will Kate find that some things, like her love for Jase, are too persistent to ignore?

ROMANCE
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THE ART OF MURDER MAGGIE GILES

In the seemingly idyllic town of Cedar Plains, Courtney Faith harbored dreams of a peaceful life, raising a family in a place where nothing ever goes wrong. That illusion shatters when the tranquility is broken by a startling discovery: a body on a local farm, signaling a sinister undercurrent in this safe haven.



Alexa Huston, Courtney's best friend, has long grappled with feelings of helplessness and chaos. An accidental murder spirals her further into turmoil, challenging her sense of self and morality. Convinced that she can restore order by targeting those she deems deserving, Alexa embarks on a dangerous path, blurring the lines between justice and vengeance.

As the death toll rises, leaving the police baffled, Courtney stumbles upon damning evidence linking Alexa to the crimes. Torn between loyalty and justice, Courtney faces an agonizing choice. The Alexa described by the police is a far cry from the friend she knows, yet Alexa's grip on Courtney's darkest secret threatens both their futures.

Caught in a web of deceit, Courtney stands at a crossroads: expose the truth about Alexa and risk her own secrets or protect their bond and live with the heavy burden of complicity. In Cedar Plains, where everyone thought they were safe, the true danger might just be hiding in plain sight. Can Courtney make the right decision, or will their secrets consume them both?

THRILLER
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