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**SKY GIRLS OF SWALLOW HALL** by Ivy Cassidy

**April 7, 2026** | Fiction - Fantasy - Historical

*The Sky Girls of Swallow Hall* is a generational mystery full of family secrets, sisterly bonds, and the promise of witchcraft for fans of Adrienne Young's *Spells for Forgetting* and Barbara Davis's *The Last of the Moon Girls*.

Rowan Connors has lived a fragmented, nomadic life with triplet sisters, Saoirse and Caraline, who are reeling from the sudden drowning of their erratic and secretive mother, Bridget.

When Rowan uncovers an old photograph of her mother with a final request scrawled on the back – “Take me home, leanaí. The truth is there. Find it,” The girls set off to find answers to the questions they've always had about their Mother's past & the place in the photo: Swallow Hall.

But the dilapidated Swallow Hall is sinking into the bay, the locals are haunted by a disappearance from decades ago, and the sudden reappearance of three descendants of Everly Early -their newly discovered grandmother -shocks the Connors' girls as much as it does the town of New Bethel.

And many of New Bethel's residents still have a bitter hostility towards Everly, Bridget and the triplets, so much so that Rowan begins to wonder if her Mother's drowning was no accident.

As strange events begin to plague Swallow Hall and Everly goes missing, Rowan realizes she must confront whatever drove her Mother away from New Bethel – before she and her sisters meet the same fate.

**Materials Available to Read:** Available

**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation



**Ivy Cassidy** (aka Melissa Bourbon) is the national bestselling author of more than thirty-five novels, including the *Book Magic Mysteries*, the *Magical Dressmaking Mysteries*, and the *Bread Shop Mysteries* (written as Winnie Archer). A former English teacher turned full-time writer, Ivy has a passion for storytelling, a knack for weaving magic into mysteries, and an incurable love of books. When she's not plotting her next twisty tale, you can find her lost in a book, dreaming up new recipes, or chasing her dogs through the forest. Visit her at [ivycassidybooks.com](http://ivycassidybooks.com) and on Instagram @bookishly\_cozy.



**COVER IN PROGRESS**

**WHEN WE TALK TO THE DEAD** by Ian Chorão

**October 14, 2025** | Fiction - Horror

**The island was abandoned years ago—but something dark was left behind, and it's waiting for those bold enough to return.**

**Perfect for fans of Iain Reid, this slow-burning horror novel will sweep you out, and like a churning ocean, before you realize, it will pull you under its turbulent spell.**

A remote deserted island off the coast of Maine holds dark memories and disturbing secrets for the family who once lived on its rocky shores. Though nineteen-year-old Sally de Gama remembers nothing about the accident that took place on Captain's Island and destroyed her family when she was a little girl, she suffers from intense anxiety, pervasive bouts of dissociation, and gruesome nightmares.

All Sally knows is that her mother hasn't spoken since the accident that took the life of Sally's twin sister. Following the tragedy, her family fled and never looked back.

When her mother suddenly dies, Sally and three college friends travel to the island—for her friends it's an adventure to a strange, abandoned place. For Sally, it's a desperate bid to recover some of her memories and understand what really happened to her family. But when memories begin to return, Sally is overcome by grief and rage that threaten to plunge her into madness—a madness that is fed by a malevolent presence stalking them on the island.

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**Rights Available:** Foreign English



**Ian Chorão** is a writer and psychotherapist in private practice in Brooklyn, New York. He lives with his wife, who is a filmmaker and professor; they have two children. Like his main character he appreciates that the space between feeling and creation, reality and imagination is often ambiguous at best. This is his first book of horror.



**EVERY SWEET THING IS BITTER** by Samantha Crewson

DEBUT

April 22, 2025 | Fiction - Thrillers - Suspense

**A woman with a violent past gets a chance at redemption in this upmarket suspense debut, perfect for fans of Lisa Taddeo and Tiffany McDaniel.**

Thirteen years ago, Providence Byrd threw the family car in reverse and ran over her mother. Even though she survived, that single instant of teenage madness made Providence a felon and irrevocably altered her life. When her mother disappears years later under suspicious circumstances, Providence tells herself that returning home is her chance to find closure after a prolonged estrangement from her family. Never mind that this is only half of the truth: she's also returning to finally confront her abusive father, Tom Byrd. Nothing can stamp out Providence's certainty that he is guilty of whatever terrible thing has

happened to her mother.

As the search unfolds, Providence is haunted by the wounds of her past, none of which cut as deep as the distance between her and her younger sisters. Harmony and Grace are both uniquely scarred by her attempted matricide, and both have their own idea of what reconciliations might look like – if reconciling is even possible. Harmony urges Providence to make their father pay for his sins; Grace begs her to end the cycle of violence that has haunted their family for generations. As her thirst for vengeance collides with her desire to heal her relationships with her sisters, Providence must decide which she values more: revenge or redemption.

Sharp and poignant, *Every Sweet Thing Is Bitter* is a stunning novel that eschews picture-perfect endings and dares to tell a story about a resilient queer woman and her relentless determination to persevere.

### **Praise for *Every Sweet Thing is Bitter***

“An evocative coming-of-age mystery that will stay with you long after the final page.”

—Katherine Greene, author of *The Woods Are Waiting* and *The Lake of Lost Girls*

“Samantha Crewson's debut is a decadently written, emotionally hard hitting, slow burn suspense that explores the intricacies of trauma, family, and being haunted by your past.”

—Emma Dues, author of *Return to Midnight*

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**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation



**Samantha Crewson** graduated from the University of California, Davis, with a degree in political science. A proud queer woman, she currently resides in California's Inland Empire with her partner and their many cats.



**THE MURDER WATCH** by Michelle L.Cullen

DEBUT

**February 24, 2026** | Fiction - Thrillers - Crime

Harry Lancaster believes his grand adventures are behind him. Once a globe-trotting anthropologist, sixty-seven-year-old Harry now struggles with a fractured hip and grief from his wife's death. He whiles away the hours in his sunroom's plush club chair, where he keeps his nose planted in a book or, with the aid his binoculars, in his neighbors' affairs.

When his millennial caregiver, Emma, attempts to bring him back to the real world places them in the middle of a murder investigation, Harry is determined to use his understanding of human behavior and keen observational skills to catch the killer.

Police detective Nate Bradford, with his dark unruly hair and action film hero physique, repeatedly warns off the amateur sleuths, and in the process, fans the flames of his and Emma's growing attraction. Clues mount; so does danger: Emma receives threats, Harry is assaulted, and one frantic neighbor holds the two at gunpoint.

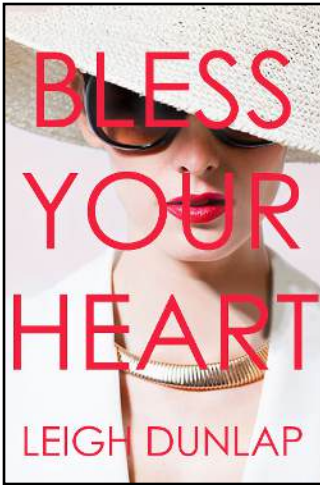
As the cross-generational sleuthing duo find a new source of life, they must find the killer...before it's too late.

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**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation



**Michelle L. Cullen** has lived and traveled all over the world: from Paris to Kigali, London to Lombok, Melbourne to Antigua. For almost a decade, she worked as an anthropologist in conflict-affected countries, focusing on reconstruction projects in Africa, East Asia, South Asia, and the Pacific—where she saw and experienced the best and worst of human behavior. She has over ten years of experience with marketing, specializing in content, social media, and brand. She obtained her Ph.D. from the London School of Economics' Sociology Department in England and her master's degree in Anthropology from Melbourne University in Australia. She is a member of Sisters in Crime, Mystery Writers of America, International Thriller Writers, and The Authors Guild, and has been gleefully reading mysteries since the age of ten.



**BLESS YOUR HEART** by Leigh Dunlap

DEBUT

**August 1, 2025** | Fiction - Thrillers - Crime

**Motherhood and murder link five very different women when a working-class detective clashes with wealthy moms in this upmarket thriller in the vein of May Cobb and Jeneva Rose.**

Anderson Tupper, a member of one of Atlanta's richest families, has been murdered in the dugout of the Little League field where he was a volunteer coach, and it's up to Detective Shay Claypool, a single mother from the other side of town, to find his killer.

With the exclusive area of Buckhead threatening to secede from the city of Atlanta and take its tax revenue with it, Shay is under pressure to solve the murder of one of Buckhead's own. Accustomed to handling drug dealers and prostitutes, she must now contend with an even more sinister group: the

Buckhead Betties, the insufferably entitled women of Georgia's most affluent zip code. One of them might be a murderer, but who? Is it the old-money queen of Buckhead? The mysterious new girl in town? The drug dealing trophy wife?

It seems secrets and lies are as plentiful as luxury handbags in Atlanta and everyone's guilty of something. Shay's investigation will make her examine her own prejudices and discover that, as women and mothers, she might not be that different from the Betties after all. And if she isn't careful, they just might take her down with them.

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**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation



**Leigh Dunlap** is the screenwriter of the hit Warner Bros' movie *A Cinderella Story*. A native of Los Angeles, she attended film school at the University of Southern California. She now splits time and personalities between South Carolina and South Kensington and dreams of one day giving it all up and searching for buried treasure. Until then, she writes movies and books. Including this one, her debut novel.



**LAST ONE SEEN** by Rebecca Kanner

**September 23, 2025** | Fiction - Thrillers - Psychological

***There are three people I suspect of killing her, and I'm one of them.***

A woman fights her own mind to understand how she got here: the passenger seat of a car speeding away from a murder scene. In this riveting, dual-timeline psychological thriller, perfect for fans of Riley Sager, nothing is as it seems.

Hannah arrived at Washington University in St. Louis brimming with hope. She was determined to take her mood stabilizer, stay out of trouble, and make a name for herself while completing her creative writing MFA. When she meets Justine, an enigmatic, wealthy, charismatic, and successful student in her program, she's enchanted, and as Justine takes a special interest in her, Hannah falls completely under her spell.

When Hannah's life starts spiraling out of control, she isn't sure who to blame—Justine, for her intense and controlling influence, her jealous classmate, or herself. As her prescription fails her, and she's strays further and further from the straight and narrow.

Hannah can't help but reflect on these memories from grad school, especially when she knows Justine is lying dead somewhere back down the road Justine's ex Eli is driving them down. She knows Justine is gone. She knows someone killed Justine. And she knows it might've been her.

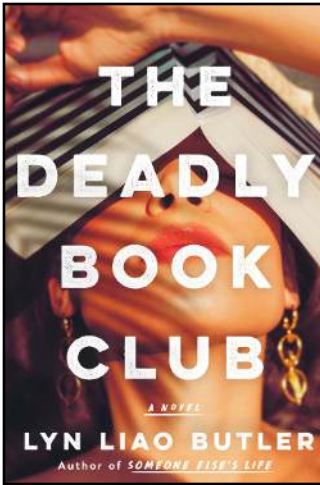
**Materials Available to Read:** Available

**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation

**Author past sales:** Poland (Świętego Wojciecha)



**Rebecca Kanner** is a graduate of the St. Paul Civilian Police Academy and a member of Sisters in Crime. Her previous novels include *Sinners and the Sea: The Untold Story of Noah's Wife*, and *Esther*. She holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Fiction Writing from Washington University in St. Louis and teaches writing at The Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis. You can read her essay "Safety" and learn more about her at [rebeccakanner.com](http://rebeccakanner.com).



**THE DEADLY BOOK CLUB** by Lyn Liao Butler

**October 21, 2025** | Fiction - Thrillers - Crime

**A virtual book club listens in horror when the screen freezes and one of their members is murdered in this twisty and delicious thriller from the author of *Someone Else's Life*, perfect for fans of *First Lie Wins* and *The Writing Retreat*.**

Five of the most prominent book influencers in the US make up an exclusive virtual book club that's the envy of the online book world. Once a month, they get on a video call to sip cocktails, chat about social media campaigns and book events, and discuss their monthly book club pick.

**COVER IN PROGRESS** Until one meeting, when all of their screens freeze and they listen to gut wrenching screams as one of them is brutally attacked. It feels like an eternity before the video call drops—and thus begins the frantic texts and phone calls as they try to figure out who was murdered and why.

As the investigation unearths secrets each of them need to keep buried, the jealousies, hidden resentments, and trouble in their personal lives begin to surface. The remaining four women are suspicious of each other, pointing fingers to take the heat off their own indiscretions. But if they want to figure out who killed their friend, they need to band together and put past hurts behind them. Or one of them will be next.

### **Praise for Lyn Liao Butler**

"I couldn't put this book down. A masterful story of sorrow, secrets and unexpected romance...Simply wonderful."

—Kristan Higgins, *New York Times* bestselling author

"It seems Butler's fate is to entertain with absorbing stories and compelling characters that linger."

—Steven Rowley, *New York Times* bestselling author

**Materials Available to Read:** Available

**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation

**Rights Sold For *The Deadly Book Club*:** Faro Editorial (Brazil)



**Lyn Liao Butler** is a Taiwanese American author of thrillers, upmarket fiction, and rom-coms. Her thriller, *Someone Else's Life*, was an instant Amazon bestseller and her second book *Red Thread of Fate* was a finalist in the WFWA Star Awards for 2023. Before becoming an author, she was a professional ballet and modern dancer, and is still a fitness and yoga instructor. She and her family, including a rescue dachshund and a myriad of foster animals, divide their time between New York and Kauai.





**WALKING OUT: THE UNKNOWING ESCAPE FROM A SERIAL KILLER** by Bonnie Lou

**October 6, 2026** | True Crime - Murder - Serial Killers

In June 2024, Bonnie Lou's life took an unexpected turn when her TikTok video went viral, garnering over 38 million views. In a gripping "Put a finger down if you can relate" video, she revealed the chilling discovery that she had once been married to a serial killer, Richard Evontiz. As her story exploded, it was featured by *People Magazine*, *HuffPost*, and *MSN*, captivating millions. With over 240K TikTok followers and 57K Instagram followers, people around the world have been anxiously waiting to hear more of Bonnie's truth.

In *Walking Out*, Bonnie takes readers on an emotional journey, unearthing details of her past marriage, the shock of discovering her husband's crimes, and new details that emerged since her viral post. Through raw vulnerability and immense courage, she shares her struggles with grief, guilt, and healing as she comes to terms with her past.

*Walking Out* is an exploration of survival, resilience, and reclaiming a life after betrayal. It will inspire readers to:

- Confront painful truths that have long been hidden
- Heal from the wounds of trust broken in unimaginable ways
- Find courage in the face of overwhelming fear and uncertainty

Bonnie's story offers a powerful reminder that even in the darkest times, we have the strength to rebuild and find hope, no matter how devastating the truth may be.

**Materials Available to Read:** September 1, 2025

**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation

**\*\*240k TikTok Followers and 57K Instagram Followers\*\***



**Bonnie Lou** is a hairstylist, blogger, and emerging author. She was married at seventeen and divorced at twenty-five to a man later found to be a serial killer. Bonnie moved on and remarried, having two boys with her second husband who later died from ALS. Throughout her life, writing has been her one constant. In her spare time, Bonnie enjoys spending time with her fiancé, doing yoga, painting and hiking with her dog, Clyde. You can follow her story "Married to a Serial Killer" on TikTok @bonnielouwriter and Instagram @bonnielouwriter and read her blog at [bonnielouwriter.com](http://bonnielouwriter.com) where she writes about coming to terms with her healing journey after so much trauma and loss.



**DIG** by J. H. Markert

**March 24, 2026** | Fiction - Horror

Amy's family has had the run of Crow Island for generations, bringing the vacation crowd to this coastal Southern community where everything is richer—the fertile soil, the blue crab, and especially the honey—little bottles of liquid gold, starting at \$100, depending on the tupelo purity. All of it harvested from a ground soaked in unique swamp tupelo. The swamp Amy had nearly drowned in as a child.

The violence is richer too. This old soil holds the blood of history, a history that Amy's mother said no one wants to hear about. But her mother died in the massacre eight years ago, when a young boy with an axe killed half the community. That strange, murderous boy, Jericho, has been dead and buried for years, and the darker side of Crow Island has been churning beneath them ever since.

Now, Jericho's father starts to dig. He digs holes in the yard where his son was buried until his heart gives out.

Soon the whole population is digging, the tremors shaking the island grow more frequent, and another young boy finds Jericho's axe. When Jericho's brother Nate returns for his father's funeral, he finds his neighbors wielding weapons and shovels, and empty jars of honey piling up just as fast as the bodies.

Then Blue Bottles—the man who makes all the honey on the island—confesses a secret to Amy, and she realizes that this isn't just about Jericho. This year's tupelo honey batch had finally reached 100% purity. Whatever is happening out there—the violence, the tremors, the compulsion to dig—it's coming from the blackest heart of the swamp beneath them.

As dread and paranoia seeps through the land, it's up to Amy and Nate to figure out what exactly the island wants, before it digs itself apart.

**Material Status:** Available

**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation

**Foreign sales for previous titles:** Czech (Dobrovsky), Russia (AST), Poland (Harde); Ukraine (One More Page)



**J. H. Markert** is a producer, screenwriter, husband, and father of two from Louisville, Kentucky, where he was also a tennis pro for 25 years, before hanging up the racquets for good in 2020. He graduated with a degree in History from the University of Louisville in 1997 and has been writing ever since.



**WHO IS MALLARD MALONE?** by J. H. Markert

**September 22, 2026** | Fiction - Horror

A bestselling thriller series, written under a pen name, is approaching the release of its final book publication, when a death row inmate tells a reporter that he's the author. He's scheduled for lethal injection in two months time, and if he's telling the truth, that book—and the secrets it holds about his victims—will never see the light of day.

**Material Status:** September 15, 2025

**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation

**Foreign sales for previous titles:** Czech (Dobrovsky), Russia (AST), Poland (Harde); Ukraine (One More Page)



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**NEVERLAND SHADOWS** by Cynthia Pelayo

**June 9, 2026** | Fiction - Horror

In the nighttime world things stir.

Each morning and each day Wendy Darling inspects the corners of her silent home, the cracks in the walls, and the spaces beneath the beds. She makes sure, extra sure that all shadows are intact.

The worst thing that any shadow can do is move in a way that it should not. And the worst thing that can be uttered in any home, anywhere really is the name Peter Pan.

Wendy spends her days and nights scanning newspaper pages, chat rooms, and social media to make sure there's no mention of him, but one morning there it is, in an obscure platform post, the headline with the words:

*Peter, Peter Shadow Eater*

And it's then that the weight of the past, the cries of children, and the terrors she escaped returns.

Wendy starts cross referencing missing person's reports against the murmurs of urban legend chatrooms and discovers that the person who murdered the children she babysat as a girl has returned. When she calls her brothers to return home to alert them that they all didn't finish the job in killing Peter Pan, their terror of their childhood traumas and their own near-death experiences return.

Together, they visit the locations where several children have gone missing to search for clues and at each site each of the Darling children must relieve their own violent past with him, Peter.

The only way to destroy him is to destroy his shadow, and to do that, Wendy and her brothers must find the location where Peter himself was made into the monster, a destructive being who stalks innocent children, snatching their shadows, and whisking their bodies off to where no one can ever find them again, Neverland.

**Materials Available to Read:** June 1, 2025

**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation



**Cynthia Pelayo** is a Bram Stoker Award winning and International Latino Book Award winning author and poet. Pelayo writes fairy tales that blend genre and explore concepts of grief, mourning, and cycles of violence. She is the author of *Loteria*, *Santa Muerte*, *The Missing*, *Poems of My Night*, *Into the Forest* and *All the Way Through*, *Children of Chicago*, *Crime Scene*, *The Shoemaker's Magician*, as well as dozens of standalone short stories and poems.



***SLEEPLESS IN THE HOLLOW*** by Stacie Ramey

**March 10, 2026** | Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - Books, Bookstores & Libraries

It's a magical bookstore that sets the scene for the homecoming of a granddaughter and her romcom-obsessed daughter in this *Gilmore Girls* meets *Charmed* cozy mystery series where the price of magic is murder.

**Materials Available to Read:** Available

**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation



**Stacie Ramey** currently works with high school kids with autism, introducing them to the literary worlds she grew up loving. When she's not working or writing, she engages in Netflix wars with her children or beats her husband in Scrabble, all while watching the Florida Gators and Penn State Nittany Lions play (Go Gators). She lives in Florida with her husband, children, and rescue dogs.



**THE LAST BOOK CLUB** by Joanne Rock

**June 9, 2026** | Fiction - Thrillers - Crime

**Is the perfect hostess hiding a deadly secret? Or is she the killer's next victim?**

Everyone wants to belong to Sophie Durand's book club. But after an unsolved hit-and-run following a meeting, rumors fly insinuating there are fractures in the privileged group. That doesn't stop newcomer Jordyn from being thrilled to receive a sought-after invitation to join. She has a private reason for getting close to Sophie. And she's not the only one hiding an agenda. The group is full of secrets, scandals, and maybe even a fatal betrayal. Can Jordyn find out who's targeting the book club before anyone else winds up dead?

An anonymous book club member is on the floor of the basement, bound and gagged, confused about what happened during the murder mystery game the group was playing that evening. The unnamed character's hazy recollections are interrupted by a scream upstairs...

**Materials Available to Read:** June 1, 2025

**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation



**Joanne Rock** is a *USA Today* bestselling author and four-time RITA finalist. A veteran of series romance, she has written over one hundred titles for various Harlequin publishing programs. She's had a romantic short story published in *Woman's World* and has provided relationship insights for an article on Match.com. A frequent speaker at regional and national writing conferences, she enjoys sharing her insights about writing and marketing books. Joanne has an M.A. in Literature from the University of Louisville and has taught writing, fiction, and film at college programs in KY, UT and NY. Learn more at [joannerock.com](http://joannerock.com)



**TRADITIONAL WIFE** by Saratoga Schaefer

**March 24, 2026** | Fiction - Horror

**A 'traditional wife' influencer allows a strange being to impregnate her in this unnerving horror novel, perfect for fans of *Nightbitch* and *Mary*, from the author of *Serial Killer Support Group*.**

***Every #tradwife needs a baby. She'll get one at any cost.***

When Camille isn't cooking, cleaning, or homesteading in her picture-perfect country farmhouse, she's posting about her traditional wife lifestyle for her online followers. She aspires to one day be as influential as Mara Shoemaker, *the #tradwife*, but Camille's following has been stagnating, and comments asking when she and her husband are planning to have a baby are multiplying by the day. Camille fears that without a baby, her lifestyle will never be what it's

supposed to be—and her following will never grow out of its infancy.

Bored and alone at home, Camille ventures into the woods behind her home that her neighbors and husband have warned her to stay away from. There, she discovers a strange, decrepit well in the woods and makes a wish for a baby. She begins to dream of a massive eye demanding to know why she wants a baby. After asking her devout husband about Biblical angels, Camille convinces herself that the dreams are angelic in nature, and when a humanoid creature comes to the house, she lets it impregnate her.

Her pregnancy announcement gets more engagement than anything she's ever posted—and even a comment from Mara Shoemaker. Camille's life is finally falling into place. Never mind that her pregnancy is developing freakishly rapidly and she has a sudden craving for raw meat.

*Rosemary's Baby* for the digital age, this is one disturbing horror novel you'll want to devour in just one bite.

**Materials Available to Read:** Available

**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation



**Saratoga Schaefer** has a background in marketing, content creation, film, and art, and has been writing stories about murder for as long as they can remember. In addition to telling stories and acting as an alcohol-free ambassador, Saratoga climbs rocks, teaches yoga, and hikes mountains. Originally from Brooklyn, Saratoga now lives in upstate NY with an anxious dog and a very possessive cat.



**OUT OF THE LOOP** by Katie Siegel

**February 10, 2026** | Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Amateur Sleuth

For 760 days, Amie Teller has been in a time loop reliving September 17th. When she wakes up and it's finally September 18th, she finds herself having to solve a murder with clues only she can recall. Told in chapters that shift between the present and Amie's endless loop days, *Out of the Loop* by Katie Siegel is a queer mystery that explores the unique aftermath of a traumatic and unbelievable experience.

There seemed to be no rhyme or reason as to why Amie was caught in a time loop or how she finally escaped. As she ventures out into the world on a new day, she struggles to reacclimate to normal life and learns her neighbor and local menace, Savannah Harlow, was found murdered early that morning. Grappling with the decision whether to pursue Ziya, the woman she fell for during her days in the loop, Amie gets a call from her friend David. He's been arrested for Savannah's murder.

Since the crime took place during Amie's time loop day, every choice Amie made, every door she picked to open, created a series of events that may have led to one woman's death. Dealing with the stress of not knowing what's going to happen next for once, her only solace is Ziya. Though she can't quite believe Amie's fantastical story, Ziya does help her investigate Savannah's murder. The two become even closer as they attempt to clear David's name and keep Amie safe from the killer.

**Materials Available to Read:** Available

**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation

**Author previous sales:** UK/Commonwealth(Headline)

**Rights sold for *Out of the Loop*:** Italy (Newton Compton)

**\*\*612K followers on TikTok, 35.7K followers on Instagram, 8.62K followers on YouTube\*\***

#### **Praise for Katie Siegel**

"[A] rollicking debut...Charlotte is a delight."  
—*The New York Times*

"Charming...Not since Lisa Lutz's *The Spellman Files* has there been such a delightful literary marriage of endearingly quirky characters and deliciously dry wit."  
—*Library Journal* starred review



**Katie Siegel** (she/they) is a former wannabe kid detective who eventually realized that writing mysteries was more fun than trying (and failing) to solve them. In addition to writing books, she loves creating comedy sketches and working on her fantasy podcasts. When Katie's not doing all of that, she's either struggling to keep up with her yearly reading goal, listening to comedy podcasts, or playing TTRPGs with her friends.





**HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DOG ABOUT MURDER** by Emily Soderberg

DEBUT

**October 21, 2025** | Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - Animals

**Dogs are better behaved than people in this new cozy mystery where a pet behaviorist finds herself the prime suspect in an upscale murder, perfect for fans of Eva Gates and Victoria Gilbert.**

Nikki Jackson-Ramanathan is struggling to get her pet behaviorist business off the ground, making ends meet as a dog walker while keeping her eyes peeled for greener pastures. An appointment in a rich suburb of Saint Louis seems to be her ticket to success. The wealthy Mrs. Van Meer wants Nikki to help the family's old hound dog who is grieving the loss of his owner. But then Mrs. Van Meer turns up dead.

With a multitude of suspects like the sketchy landscaper, the judgy housekeeper, and the rest of Mrs. Van Meer's money-obsessed family members, Nikki's happy to sit back and let the police will solve the crime. Until she learns that Mrs. Van Meer's will leaves Nikki in charge of a sizable amount of money and the police start dogging her every step.

Life would be a lot easier if she just had to deal with the animals, but Nikki resolves to catch the real culprit and convince the cops they're barking up the wrong tree.

**Materials Available to Read:** Available

**Rights Available:** Foreign English, Translation



**Emily Soderberg** was born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas, and has spent her adult life in St. Louis. In college, she studied Religious Studies and German, which has come in handy exactly twice in her professional career. Once she was asked to write ad copy for a Bavarian prince's winery, and once when trying to troubleshoot a giant machine. These days, she spends her free time up in the air, as a trapeze and aerial hoop coach.



**MURDER TWO DOORS DOWN** by Chuck Storla

DEBUT

**October 14, 2025** | Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Cozy - General

**Welcome to the Estates at Chestnut Lake, home of perfect lawns, matching houses, and an inconvenient murder or two.**

**This hilarious and compelling whodunnit mystery has the “crime close to home” feel of *Only Murders in the Building* and is perfect for readers who loved *Everyone on This Train Is a Suspect* and *Finlay Donovan Is Killing It*.**

Brad Hanson’s life in his suburban Atlanta subdivision is unremarkable. He investigates insurance fraud, which is as dull as it sounds, though if he’s able to get a good bonus this year, his wife Rhonda will finally get to have her new kitchen. His highest achievement in life is being secretary and de facto parliamentarian on the homeowners association board, which is the center of all the neighborhood drama.

As frustrating—and heated—as the arguments over tennis court resurfacing and dog droppings may be, much like his subdivision compatriots, Brad would never kill a neighbor, but... he might enjoy thinking about it from time to time. (Who hasn’t?)

When someone murders cranky old Inga Oskarsdotter—a frequent source of complaints to the HOA board—a literal smoking gun turns Brad into the chief suspect. But Brad is not waiting around to be arrested—after all, he is an investigator by trade—and he takes it upon himself to find the real killer. Then the body count starts to rise.

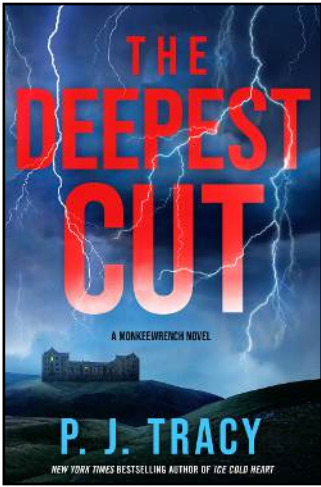
One thing is sure: A murderer on the block is not good for property values.

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**Chuck Storla** has spent much of his life trying to get people to laugh. He has been successful on a few occasions. Wanting to expand his audience, he joined the Atlanta Writers Club and soon learned the benefits of a critique group where a small group of writers work together to improve their craft. Meeting with other authors each week has helped drive his growth as a novelist and resulted in many friendships. Chuck and his wife live in a suburb of Atlanta that provides endless material for his writing. They have three adult children and two grandchildren who have inherited the family’s habit of “joking you.”



**THE DEEPEST CUT** by P.J. Tracy

**September 9, 2025** | Fiction - Mystery & Detective - Police Procedural

**The Monkeewrench team is back in a brand-new nail-biting thriller from *New York Times* bestselling author P.J. Tracy.**

Minneapolis homicide detectives Leo Magozzi and Gino Rolseth arrest a sadistic pair of killers for the murder of several women with the help of Monkeewrench, their eccentric, cyber-sleuth friends and partners. One of the killers dies in custody and the other, Wolfgang Mauer, is sent to a maximum security mental hospital in a rural corner of Minnesota.

There, Mauer plots his escape—and his vengeance. With the help of his mother, a former militia leader and assassin living an extravagant, reclusive life, he schemes to get out of the mental hospital and hunt down the detectives and the Monkeewrench crew that got him a life sentence.

When Mauer successfully escapes, an inexperienced county sheriff is thrown head-first into a massive manhunt for the murderer. When she finds three bodies and discovers that Mauer has kidnapped a young boy, she realizes that Mauer's escape was just the beginning. With many lives on the line, Magozzi, Gino, and Monkeewrench join in the desperate search effort. The longer he's at large, the more people will die, and Mauer is on a mission to find those who sentenced him, so they all have targets on their backs.

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**P. J. Tracy** was the pseudonym of mother-daughter writing team P. J. and Traci Lambrecht. Traci spent most of her childhood riding and showing horses. She graduated with a Russian Studies major from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, where she also studied voice. Her aspirations of becoming a spy were dashed when the Cold War ended, so she began writing to finance her annoying habits of travel and singing in rock bands. Much to her mother's relief, she finally realized that the written word was her true calling. They had a long, prolific career together in multiple genres before P. J.'s passing in December 2016. Traci continues to write.



**THE BETTER MOTHER** by Jennifer Van Der Kleut

**February 24, 2026** | Fiction - Thrillers - Domestic

***The Better Mother* is a modern twist on “Fatal Attraction” meets “The Hand that Rocks the Cradle,” and will appeal to fans of *The Housemaid* by Frieda McFadden and *The Last Mrs. Parrish* by Liv Constantine, as well as readers of Shari Lapena.**

Savannah Mitchell has just barely managed to put her life back together after a devastating breakup when she realizes that, after years of struggling with infertility, the unthinkable has happened: she’s pregnant from a casual fling. It’s true that she always wanted to be a mother—she just never imagined it would happen like this.

Determined to do the right thing by her little miracle, Savannah breaks the news to her fling, Max, who not only takes it well, but seems excited about forming a healthy co-parenting relationship with Savannah—as long as his girlfriend Madison can be involved, too. Willing to do anything to provide her baby with a happy, stable, life, Savannah agrees. Thankfully, Madison seems lovely, if a little overbearing.

Then, the little annoyances begin. Madison sends endless texts. Pops by uninvited. Demands that Savannah make certain lifestyle changes. Max insists Madison has the best of intentions... but it doesn’t stop there. Soon, Madison starts posting on social media about the baby as if it were hers, not Savannah’s. The harassment escalates from there—a shadowy stalker. Slashed tires. Threatening messages.

As her due date looms, Savannah becomes convinced that Madison is trying to sabotage her life by making Savannah look like an unfit mother. Children’s Services shows up at her door, warning her that she could lose custody of her baby if Madison’s allegations about her drunken lifestyle prove to be true. Finally, Savannah is framed for serious crimes that could land her in prison, and it becomes clear that Madison has much more sinister plans in mind than just co-parenting.

She has no plans to co-parent at all.

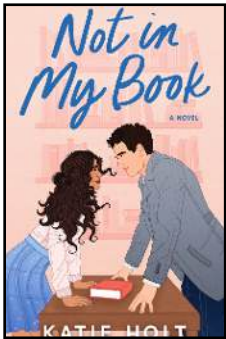
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**Jennifer van der Kleut** graduated from the School of Journalism, Mass Communications, and Public Relations at San Jose State University in Northern California, and went on to have a ten-year career as a journalist. Her works have appeared in countless print and digital publications including *The Huffington Post*, the *San Jose Mercury News*, *Silicon Valley Community Newspapers*, and *Alexandria Living Magazine*, among others, and she has had several articles picked up or quoted by the *Washington Post*. She worked as a Web Editor & Producer for WJLA, the Washington, D.C. affiliate of ABC7 News, before leaving the news industry in 2014. Since then, she has worked in small business management and marketing at the Washington, D.C. area’s busiest winery, The Winery at Bull Run.

# Recent Foreign Sales: Alcove Press



## Not in My Book

Katie Holt

**Foreign Sales:** UK (Transworld); Germany (LYX); Poland (Foksal); Russia (Eksmo); Brazil (Paralela); Czech (Dobrovsky); Ukraine (Potiah); Spain (Newton Compton); Italy (Mondadori); Slovakia (IKAR); Turkey (Artemis); The Netherlands (Zomer and Keuning)



## The Irish Goodbye

Amy Ewing

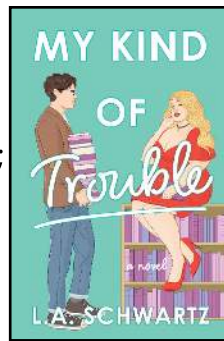
**Foreign Sales:** UK/Commonwealth (Eriu / Bonnier UK); Germany (HoCA); France (HarperCollins); Romania (Litera); Czech (Alpress)



## A Dark and Secret Magic

Wallis Kinney

**Foreign Sales:** Poland (Niezwykle); Germany (KiWi); Italy (Il Castoro); Russia (Mann, Ivanov, and Ferber); Ukraine (Ranok)



## My Kind of Trouble

L. A. Schwartz

**Foreign Sales:** UK/Commonwealth (Headline / Hachette UK); Netherlands (De Fontein)



## Haunt Your Heart Out

Amber Roberts

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## The Gods Time Forgot

Kelsie Sheridan Gonzalez

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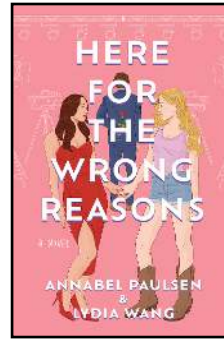


## Every Wish Way

Shannon Bright

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**#1 Amazon UK Bestseller - Erotic Fantasy**

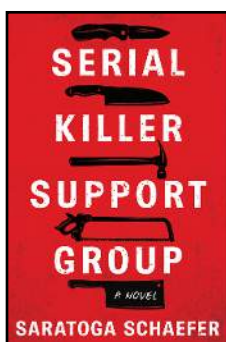


## Here for the Wrong Reasons

Annabel Paulsen and Lydia Wang

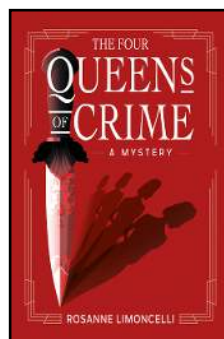
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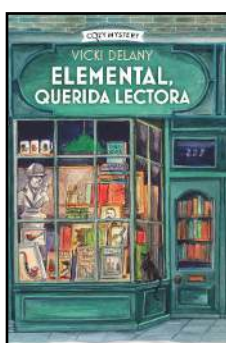
## Serial Killer Support Group

Saratoga Schaefer  
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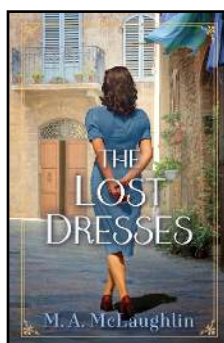
## The Four Queens of Crime

Rosanne Limoncelli  
**Foreign Sales:** Russia (Azbooka); Ukraine (Ranok)



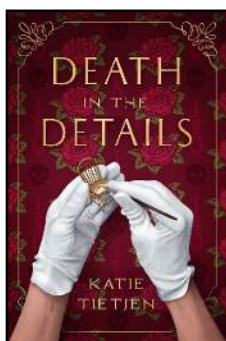
## Elementary, She Read

Vicki Delany  
**Foreign Sales:** Spain (Editora Alma); Italy (Newton Compton)



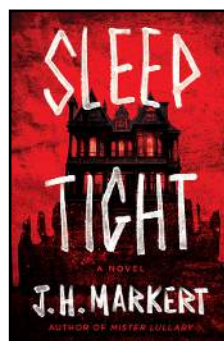
## The Lost Dresses of Italy

M. A. McLaughlin  
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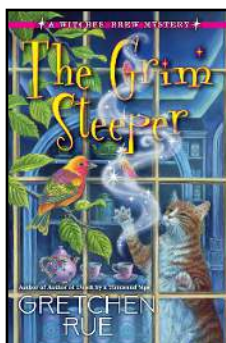
## Death in the Details

Katie Tietjen  
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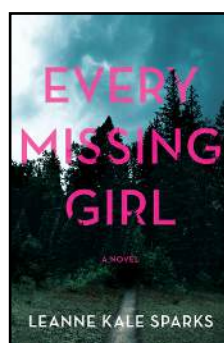
## Sleep Tight

J. H. Markert  
**Foreign Sales:** Russia (AST); Harde (Poland); Dobrovsky (Czech); Turkey (Alfa Kitap)



## Witches Brew Mysteries

Gretchen Rue  
**Foreign Sales:** UK (Head of Zeus / Aria); Russia (Mann, Ivanov, Ferber)  
**Top 50 Amazon UK Bestseller - Cozy Mystery**



## Every Missing Girl

Leanne Kale Sparks  
**Foreign Sales:** Brazil (Editora Bookmarks); Arabian (Dar Tabashir)