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Frontlist

RUN BABY RUN

by Melissa Lenhardt

From the author of *The Secret of You and Me*, Melissa Lenhardt's new novel *Run Baby Run* is a journey into the heart of a mother and daughter's relationship, with a queer love story, high stakes feels, a road trip gone awry...and tons of very big secrets.

Praise for Previous Titles

"A compelling story of second chances and being true to yourself." - Harper Bliss, on *THE SECRET OF YOU AND ME*

"An emotional landslide of a novel that kept me gripped from first page to last." - Clare Lydon, on *THE SECRET OF YOU AND ME*

"An all-out women-driven, queer, transgender, multiracial takeover ... that's exactly what Melissa Lenhardt delivers in her unapologetically badass Western, *Heresy*." - *New York Times*

Lenhardt has created a bold new story...where wit, wisdom, and wiles could mean the difference between life and death, and where the fellowship of women bested every challenge." - Kathleen Kent on *HERESY*

"Packs a big punch with grit and raw passion...A GRAND SLAM OUT OF THE PARK." - RT Book Reviews on *SAWBONES*

About Melissa Lenhardt

A lifelong Texan, Melissa Lenhardt writes women's fiction, mystery, and historical fiction. The *New York Times* called her sixth novel, *HERESY*, "An all-out women-driven, queer, transgender, multiracial takeover of the Old West". *HERESY* is in development as a TV drama on TNT.

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Fiction - Women's Fiction
Graydon House
Summer 2023

UK English: Mills & Boon
All Other Translations Available

EVERYDAY REPARATIONS

by Robert Turner

For most people, reparations is a taboo topic. Questions like, “Do I really need to repay for what my ancestors did?”, “How much is 40 acres and a mule, really?”, or “Will this raise my taxes?” are common, and misconceptions surrounding reparations. People get caught up in the financial complexities of reparations, but Turner wanted to show this moral debt can be repaid in meaningful ways that don't always involve taxes or checkbooks.

Activist and Pastor, Dr. Robert Turner’s hits you with the truth, dispels the myths, and gives you actionable steps towards everyday reparations. Turner offers several different opportunities to reparations: on an individual level, a societal level, an institutional level, and even a spiritual level. For example, decolonizing your bookshelf and seeking more Black owned businesses is a great place to take immediate action on an individual level. Meanwhile, participating in letter writing campaigns to pharmaceutical companies and healthcare institutions whose policies have affected the lives of Black Americans involved in the Tuskegee Experiment and their living descendants with devastating consequences is a way to engage at an institutional level.

About Robert Turner

Turner is the pastor of the Historic Vernon AME Church in Tulsa, OK and has been fighting for justice for the victims of the 1921 Race Massacre. Every Wednesday you can find him with his Bible and Bullhorn to call on the city to recognize what they did in 1921, to repent and repair. Turner’s efforts has been featured in The Washington Post, NPR, The New York Times, History Channel, CNN, and dozens of other media outlets.



Nonfiction - Guide
Westminster John Knox
2023

All Translations Available

RETURN OF THE BISON

by Roger Di Silvestro

The bulky, shaggy-haired bison brings to mind America in days gone by. Indeed, this animal once roamed the plains by the millions, until it was hunted to near extinction in the late 19th century, leaving the United States with only a few dozen wild bison. The Return of the Bison is the story of what happened next, a saga of adventure and commitment, across the overlapping lives of the people who saved the bison, which today has a population of more than 400,000.

Beginning in the 1880s, early naturalists fought to protect the bison from poachers, market hunters, and land grabbers. Over the course of the 20th century, professional biologists stepped in, with a scientific understanding of the species and its habitat. Alongside these efforts, The Return of the Bison weaves in the formation of the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the field of wildlife management, all of which demonstrate how bison protection is part of a larger story about the birth of modern wildlife conservation.

Conservationists have managed to save this large herding mammal from poachers, and that success offers hope for similar species like the elephant and the rhinoceros. But the job isn't finished, and Di Silvestro dives into the latest challenges facing the bison: the spread of disease between bison and livestock, a lack of genetic diversity, and perhaps most looming of all, the lost frontier. Now that the population has grown, where will they roam?

Praise For Previous Titles

Di Silvestro draws on a number of cutting-edge ecotheories to fashion this strong critique of our nation's pitiful handling of its wild areas. A wealth of current ecological thinking that will prove a gold mine. - Kirkus on RECLAIMING THE LAST WILD PLACES

"If you don't have any other book on Native America on your bookshelf, get this book. It's full of truth. It's going to tell you a lot of things that you don't know, a lot of things that have been kept hidden from all of you since 1890." - The Night Wolf Show, WPFW radio, on IN THE SHADOW OF WOUNDED KNEE

"Not since Peter Matthiessen's *Wildlife in America* has there been such a readable, engaging book on the history of American wildlife issues." - *BioScience* on THE ENDANGERED KINGDOM

About Roger Di Silvestro

Roger started writing short stories when he was seven or eight years old. At eleven, he decided he wanted to be a naturalist like writer/artist Ernest Thompson Seton and, in later years, George Schaller. He abandoned work on a doctorate in zoology, however, to get a second master's in journalism to fulfil his life-long desire to write.

Wildlife and its protection have been at the center of virtually all of his writing, including ten books and myriad magazine articles. He has worked as a writer, editor, communications director, and major-donor proposal writer for various wildlife conservation groups. Roger is the author of Theodore Roosevelt in the Badlands along with seven other nonfiction books and two novels.



Nonfiction - Narrative
Mountaineers Books
Fall 2023

All Translations Available

HOW TO BE A KENTUCKIAN

by Cameron M. Ludwick & Blair Thomas Hess

Kentucky is known around the world for its fried chicken, its bourbon, and its horses. But some aspects of Kentucky culture seem strange even to her oldest living residents. Why do we wear big hats to horse races? Why do we make our whiskey with corn? Why can most kids ramble off a college basketball team's starting lineup stats? Why does a blanket of roses receive an annual police escort, and what exactly is burgoo?

This light-hearted, illustrated guide shares traditions and historical details that even the proudest Kentuckians may not know. Outlining ways of living, dressing and celebrating that non-natives and folks from other places may find strange, this book will serve as an ambassador for these traditions—some long-standing, some new—and for the state. With plenty of personal anecdotes, this guidebook to living like a Kentuckian celebrates all of the things that make The Bluegrass state unique.

Praise for previous titles

"Cameron M. Ludwick and Blair Thomas Hess take the reader on a very personal, very interesting, and very enjoyable tour of the Bluegrass State." -- James C. Klotter, The State Historian of Kentucky on *Presidents, Battles, and Must-See Civil War Destinations*

"An essential addition to the library of anyone considering a trip to Kentucky to explore bourbon country, and a must have for any Kentuckian who will inevitably have out of town guests looking for bourbon related adventures. Cheers!" — New York Journal of Books on *The State of Bourbon*

About the Authors

Cameron M. Ludwick and Blair Thomas Hess have co-authored four travel books about Kentucky. Both Kentucky natives, Cameron works for a university press in Austin, Texas, while Blair works for a national non-profit and resides in Frankfort, Kentucky with her family.

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Nonfiction - Lifestyle
University Press of Kentucky
Spring 2023

All Translations Available
Proposal Available

IN MY DNA

by Lindsey Wade

In 1986, a young girl in Tacoma, Washington, Jennifer Bastian, went out for a bike ride in a local park and never came home. Later her body was found, mutilated and lifeless, but the case went cold, and Jennifer's killer was free.

The senseless killing of an innocent girl left an indelible black cloud over Tacoma for three decades and was seared into the memory of young Lindsey Wade, also from Tacoma, who went on to become the detective who would crack the case.

Horrifying crimes against women and girls motivated Wade's twenty-one-year law enforcement career and ignited her relentless pursuit of justice for victims. Her unique perspective as a biracial female detective gives Wade a special connection to the victims and families she's helped over the years.

Journey with Detective Wade as she investigates shocking sex crimes and homicides in the Tacoma area, where she has been crucial in bringing new DNA evidence into each cold case. From serial rapists to cold blooded killers, Wade never backs down from the challenges these investigations present--even adding Ted Bundy's DNA to the national database. At the heart of every lead and DNA test throughout the book, Lindsey's desire to find Jennifer Bastian's murderer never relents.

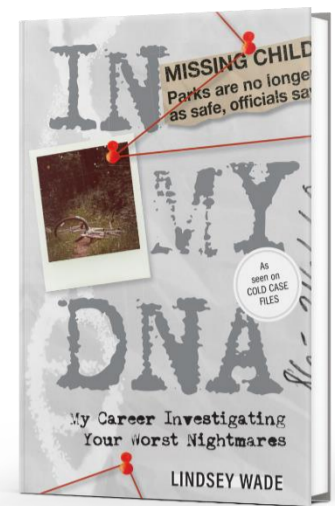
Finally, in 2018, dogged determination along with her unwavering passion for solving cold cases using DNA ultimately lead Wade and her team to the truth behind the thirty-two-year old mystery of who killed Jennifer Bastian.

About Lindsey Wade

Lindsey served as a Tacoma Police Officer for twenty-one years. She has an impressive track record of utilizing her keen investigative instincts to solve violent crimes. During her fourteen years as a detective, she investigated sexual assaults, child abuse, missing persons, and homicides. She retired in 2018 as the Tacoma Police Department's cold case detective.

After retiring from the Tacoma Police Department, Lindsey joined the Washington State Attorney General's Office as a Senior Investigator assigned to the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative to pursue her passion—using DNA to solve cold cases. In 2019, Lindsey worked with state legislators to pass a new DNA law in Washington known as Jennifer & Michella's Law.

As a subject matter expert, Lindsey has been a speaker at numerous law enforcement conferences around the country, lecturing on cold cases, sex crimes, DNA, and child abduction response. Lindsey has been featured on CNN, Dateline NBC, On the Case with Paula Zahn, and Find Our Missing.



Nonfiction – True Crime
One Idea Press
Spring 2023

Audio: Tantor Media

THE ALCHEMY OF MOONLIGHT

by David Ferraro

A retelling of the seminal gothic novel, *The Mysteries of Udolpho*—where *A Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* meets *What Big Teeth*—this story builds on the original with roiling fog, secret passages, and literal monsters. *THE ALCHEMY OF MOONLIGHT* by David Ferraro is a Young Adult romantic gothic mystery with LGBTQ characters.

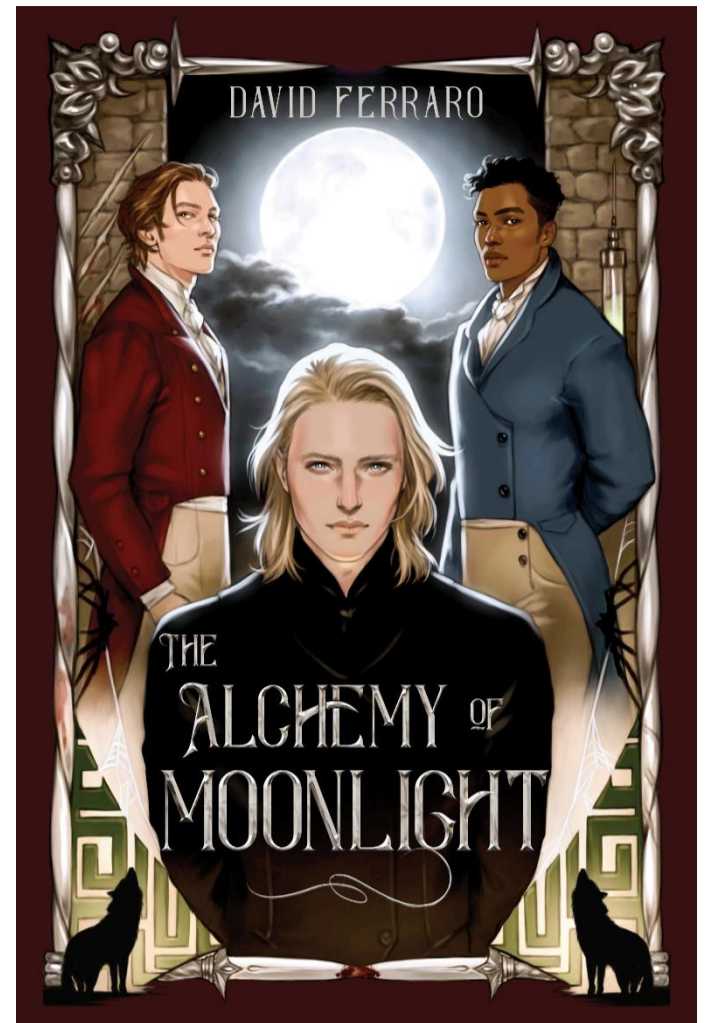
After Emile St. Aubert's aunt gives him an ultimatum—marry to preserve the family name or face being locked away for being gay—he chooses to escape his ancestral home and hides as a servant at Chateau-le-Blanc, the distinguished mansion owned by the enigmatic Montoni family. While trying to lay low, a gruesome discovery on the estate grounds puts Emile in the middle of a mystery that endangers his livelihood in more ways than one. And drawing the attention of a charming medical apprentice, Bram Valancourt, and Count Montoni's charismatic nephew, Henri, Emile risks exposing himself and the real reason he's hiding.

As Emile uncovers disturbing secrets about the family, who all suffer a strange affliction requiring round-the-clock care during a full moon, he also struggles with his own heart. With ravaged bodies popping up on the estate, Emile becomes convinced that the increasingly volatile Count is somehow behind everything as questions arise regarding Emile's continued employment. It all culminates with his aunt's arrival at the chateau.

With Emile's identity as a runaway marquis revealed, the Count forces everyone to depart to Udolpho Castle, a remote Alpine location with constant surveillance and no room for escape. There, Emile confronts horrifying realizations and ghostly apparitions, knowing that the life he wants most—to love freely—is worth fighting for. Unfortunately, it will take combining forces with the unlikeliest of allies to overcome it all and Emile will have to risk his life if he wants to live another day with his true love.

About David Ferraro

David Ferraro grew up in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, where he was raised on a steady diet of comic books, horror movies, and YA novels. He won *Library Journal's* SELF-e Award for Best Fantasy in 2015 for his novel *Yokai*. He graduated with a B.A. in English and creative writing from St. Cloud State University and currently resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with his boyfriend and a very spoiled tortoise.



Fiction – Young Adult
Page Street Kids
2023

Brazil: Faro

All Other Translations Available

Backlist

The Matched Series by Amy Kathryn Jones

BEHIND THE SCENES

Ambitious producer Ginger Moon lives and breathes the hit reality show Matched. All her work is about to pay off with an executive gig overseas—if she can produce one more happy ending. Only problem? This season’s star was her last season’s crush, and when the show wrapped, Ginger took her fantasy with the now-famous bad boy too far.

America adored him, but Elliot Hale left last season heartbroken. Trusting his panel of family and friends to keep him from blindly falling in love again, Elliot returns for the Matched guarantee: marriage with a compatible partner. His insufferably hot producer promises that and more, but she has rules: trust the process, take her calls, and never ever mention their night together.

When shooting starts, on-screen romances fall flat as the chemistry behind the scenes reaches a boiling point. To save the season, Ginger is forced to create a twist that will make her career but break her own heart by matching the man she loves with someone else.

FLIPPING THE SCRIPT

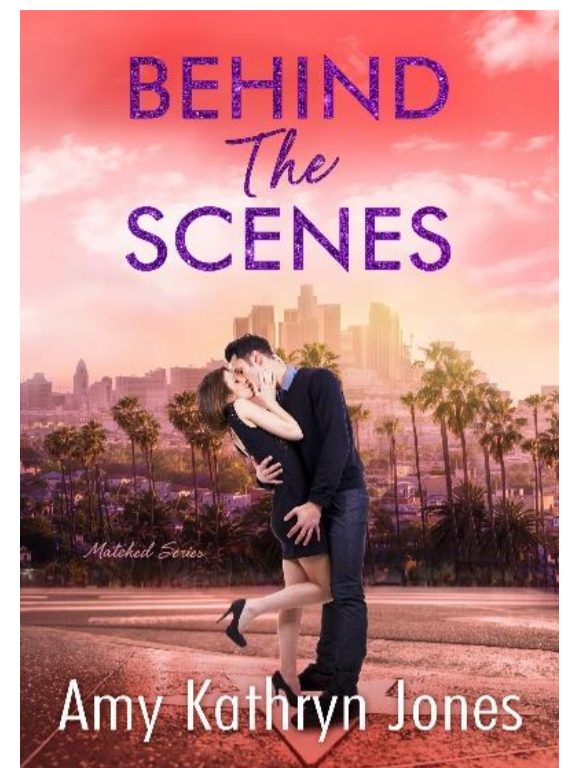
Field producer Kat Kramer needs a bold, last-ditch idea to save her job and the show she loves. Her boss and former lover dangles an overseas promotion, but Kat knows he’s really trying to get rid of her to appease his estranged wife. Kat wants to stay in L.A—she doesn’t want to live in a city where her best friend, coworker, and secret love isn’t.

Matt Corrado has enough drama. Next season’s intended star won’t commit, the show’s relationship expert wants to quit, and his sullen teenage daughter has taken over his sofa, determined to reunite her divorced parents. While Matt will do almost anything for his kid—like staying in a loveless marriage for years, even as he secretly pined for Kat—he’s determined to finally move forward.

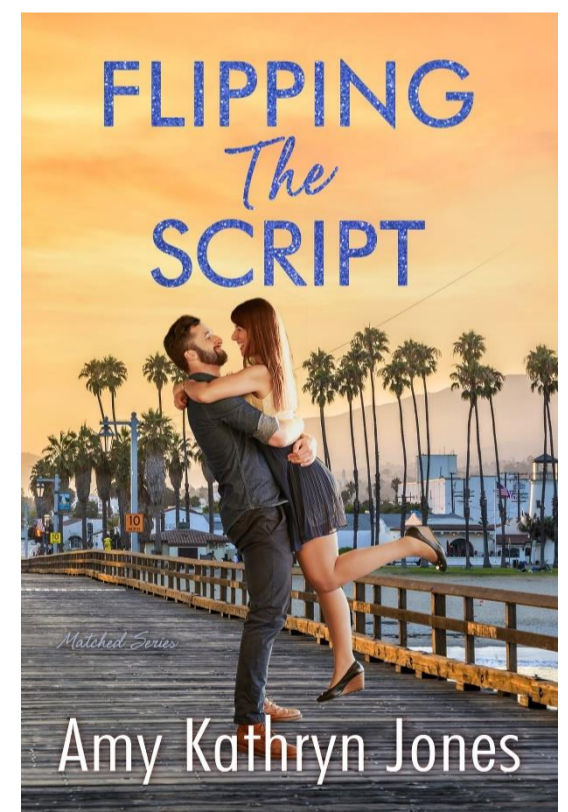
Kat’s solution to the show’s problem is bold: produce a winter wedding special featuring last season’s controversial match. The solution to Matt and Kat’s personal drama is even bolder: fake a relationship to convince everyone that they’re in love.

CUT TO THE CHASE

It’s time for fan favorite Cassie Monroe to sign on the dotted line and become the star of the hit reality show Matched, where a Panel of family and friends help determine the star’s happy ending. Except Cassie’s Panel member search has reached a dead end. Until her family-friend-turned-nemesis Dr. Nick Morgan, in an attempt to talk her out of doing the show, offers to drive her to L.A.



Fiction – Contemporary Romance
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Fiction – Contemporary Romance
Tule
May 2022
All Translations Available

Things heat up when one wrong turn throws the entire trip off schedule. Cassie gets to know the Nick behind the smirk and snark and, to her dismay, discovers another side of him—a side she likes. Yes, he’s rational and rigid, but he has an alluring warmth, and he kisses like no man she’s ever known.

Nick and Cassie don’t check any of the others’ boxes, but these longtime haters are somehow falling in love. As the opt-out deadline nears, Cassie will only have a few days to decide if she should risk her new feelings on a relationship that won’t come with Matched’s famous guarantee.

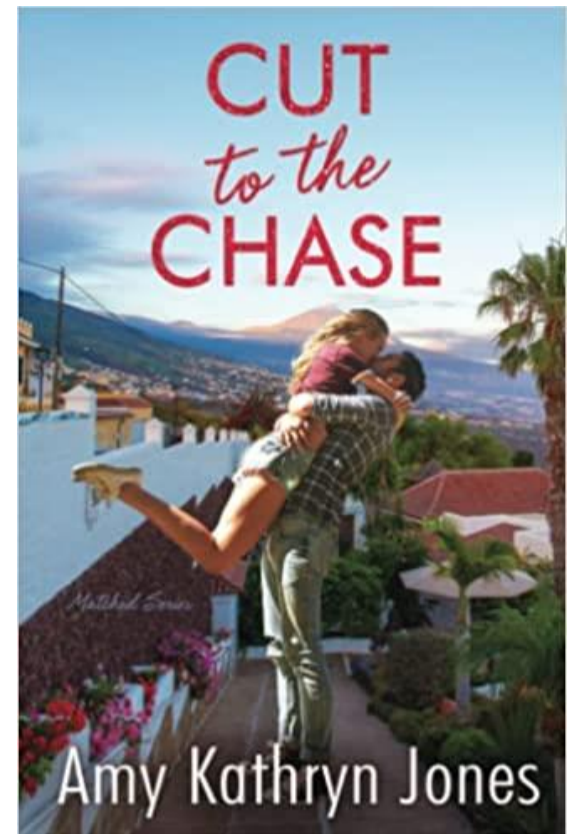
About Amy Kathryn Jones

Amy Kathryn Jones is the author of steamy contemporary romance featuring a wide variety of swoon-worthy heroes and the women who never saw them coming. A labor and delivery nurse by trade, she’s no stranger to happy endings and new beginnings. She moonlights as a married mother of two and part-time pet wrangler, but she loves nothing better than quiet time at her home in Dallas, Texas.

After being showcased in Pitch Wars, she went on to become a 2018 Golden Heart Finalist in the contemporary romance category.

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Fiction – Contemporary Romance

Tule

August 2022

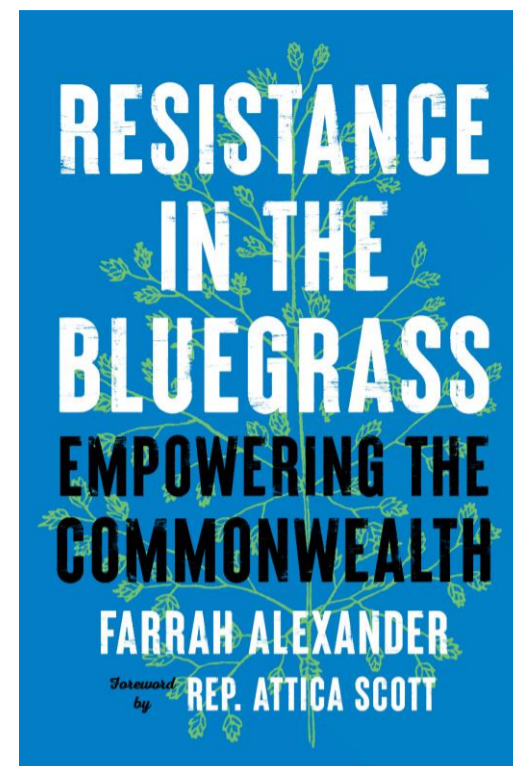
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RESISTANCE IN THE BLUEGRASS

by Farrah Alexander

From the anti-segregation sit-ins of the 1960s to the protests in response to the killing of Breonna Taylor, the rest of the nation – and often the world – has watched as Kentuckians boldly fought against instances of injustice. In *Resistance in the Bluegrass*, Farrah Alexander outlines the ways in which Kentucky's citizens have been models in the fight against intersectional issues of racial injustice, economic inequality, education, climate change, immigration, political representation, LGBTQ+ rights, and women's rights, while exploring and celebrating decades of Kentucky's contributions to social justice movements and the names behind them.

Resistance in the Bluegrass gives engaged citizens—or those wishing to become more engaged—both inspiration and guidance on how they too can make a difference across the commonwealth. Together with interviews and issue-by-issue action items, Alexander reminds her readers that at the heart of all social change are everyday citizens who step up to make a difference. Optimistic and accessible, this people's history and guide calls Kentuckians of all backgrounds to action.



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Praise For Resistance In The Bluegrass

"In a tornado of news that seems to be getting worse all the time, it's easy to miss all the good things happening in your community. Farrah Alexander captures them by telling the stories of unsung heroes with wit, grace, and compassion. *Resistance in the Bluegrass* is a clear-eyed, hopeful assessment of the problems facing middle America, and an essential read for would-be changemakers."—Dan Canon, author of *Pleading Out: How Plea Bargaining Creates a Permanent Criminal Class*

All Translations Available

About Farrah Alexander

Farrah Alexander is an activist and writer whose work focuses on feminism, parenting, social justice, politics, and current events. Her work has been featured in Huffington Post, BUST, and Scary Mommy. Her commentary has been discussed in Scientific American, BuzzFeed, Refinery 29, Yahoo, Hello Giggles, Woke Sloth, Cosmopolitan, Elle, Perez Hilton, Daily Mail, BBC, and others.

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HOLD ME CLOSER, TONI DANZIG by Laura Henry

Fall in love with this funny, festive queer rom com brimming with heart and holiday magic!

Toni Danzig is a dirt bag—literally. There’s nothing she enjoys more than being out in the mountains leading adventure tours. On a well-deserved break over Thanksgiving weekend, she’s DJ-ing karaoke at the Dew Drop Inn when Audrey Adams takes the stage to sing the greatest middle finger break-up song ever, dedicated to her ex-girlfriend. It’s a perfect night that culminates in a transcendental experience in bed...before Audrey rushes out in the morning.

Monday morning, the holidays are in full swing when Audrey’s worst nightmare comes true. After the most memorable night of her life, she’s thrust together with the one woman who she hasn’t been able to forget—on a strictly-professional consulting project for her family’s business.

Meanwhile, Toni can’t believe her luck. Now she has the unexpected chance to win Audrey over, and she sets a goal to be someone worthy of this woman’s love and respect. Will they crash and burn like a bad karaoke performance—or will they be singing a duet before the holiday season is over?



Fiction - Contemporary Romance
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All Print and Epub Translations
Available Starting December 2022

THE STRANGE CASE OF ISAAC CRAWLEY

by James Markert

Isaac Crawley has just returned home from London and is obsessed with the Jekyll and Hyde play, which has opened at Macaulay's Theater in Louisville, Kentucky. On the fourth night of the show, a body is found on the riverbank, butchered like Jack the Ripper's first victim, and the police think Isaac may be the Ripper himself.

More bodies are found, eerily linked to the Ripper, and as evidence points toward Isaac, his former alienist, Dr. Blackwood, steps in, locking him away in the Lakeland Asylum in a desperate effort to keep him safe.

What Dr. Blackwood discovers in Isaac's mind needs to be destroyed to save Isaac, but it also holds the key to finding the real killer.

Praise for James Markert

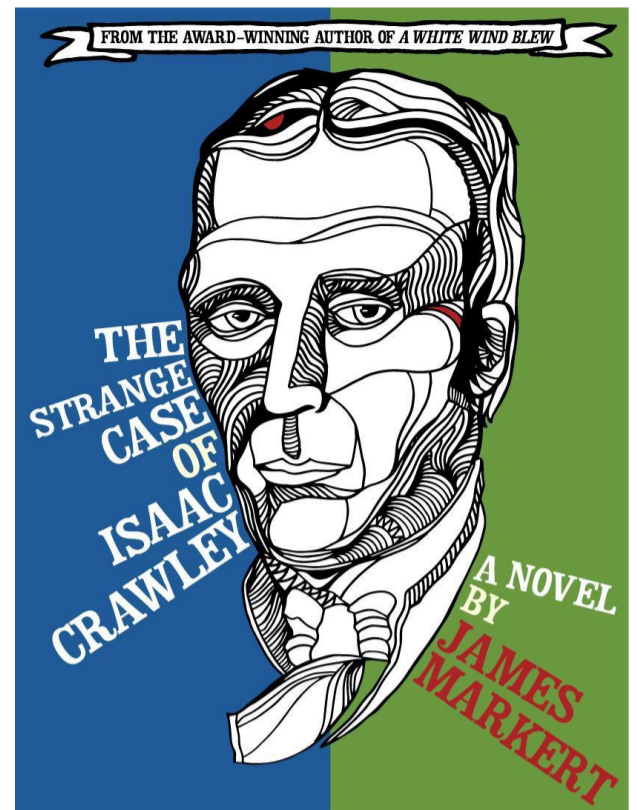
"James Markert takes readers on a whirlwind tour of late 19th century Louisville, a bustling river city populated by rogues from every strata of society. ISAAC CRAWLEY is a richly textured tale of murder, deception, and opium. Lots of opium." — Andrew Shaffer, NYTimes bestselling author of HOPE NEVER DIES

"James Markert's THE STRANGE CASE OF ISAAC CRAWLEY is a vividly detailed and richly researched historical thriller that grabbed me the same way Caleb Carr's THE ALIENIST did. It brings a forgotten time and forgotten incidents to three-dimensional life and had me turning pages late into the night. Don't miss this smashing tale!" — David Bell, USA Today Bestselling Author of KILL ALL YOUR DARLINGS

About James Markert

James Markert was raised in a household where creativity thrived, paintings and stained-glass windows beautified the walls, and the arts were as regular as the seasons. This upbringing will forever be his muse. James has a history degree from the University of Louisville, where, in his senior year, he was awarded a scholarship as the school's most outstanding history major. He won an IPPY Award for his debut, *The Requiem Rose*, which was later published by Sourcebooks as *A White Wind Blew*. Since then his novels have run the gamut of history from time periods and topics like Jekyll and Hyde, Prohibition, the Dust Bowl, the Sixties, and World War I.

James is the writer and co-producer of the feature film/tennis comedy *2nd Serve*, starring several actors from popular television shows like *Scandal*, *The Big Bang Theory*, *Gotham*, *Cougar Town*, *Shameless*, and *Ray Donovan*. James is also a USPTA tennis pro, and has coached dozens of kids who've gone on to play college tennis in top conferences like the Big 10, the Big East, and the ACC. He lives with his wife and two children in Louisville, KY.



Fiction - Historical Thriller
Holland-Brown Books
October 2021

All Translations Available

NEBULA AWARDS SHOWCASE #55

Edited by Catherynne Valente



Since 1965, selections of the winning pieces of the Nebula Awards for the best novel, novella, novelette, and short story of the year, along with several finalists, are published in the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America (SFWA)'s annual Nebula Awards Showcase Anthology.

This year's 55th annual anthology will be edited by *New York Times* bestselling author Catherynne Valente and will include the following Nebula winners:

Novel

★ *A Song for a New Day*, Sarah Pinsker (Berkley)

Novella

★ *This Is How You Lose the Time War*, Amal El-Mohtar & Max Gladstone (Saga; Jo Fletcher)

Novelette

★ *Carpe Glitter*, Cat Rambo (Meerkat)

Short Story

★ "Give the Family My Love", A.T. Greenblatt (Clarke's World Magazine 2/19)

Ray Bradbury Nebula Award for Outstanding Dramatic Presentation

★ Good Omens: "Hard Times", Neil Gaiman (Amazon Studios/BBC Studios)

Andre Norton Nebula Award for Middle Grade and Young Adult Fiction

★ *Riverland*, Fran Wilde (Amulet)

Best Game Writing

★ *The Outer Worlds*, Leonard Boyarsky, Kate Dollarhyde, Paul Kirsch, Chris L'Etoile, Daniel McPhee, Carrie Patel, Nitai Poddar, Marc Soskin, Megan Starks (Obsidian Entertainment)

Praise for previous volumes of the Nebula Awards Showcase

"Nearly every story, essay, and excerpt featured here is demonstrative of speculative fiction at its very best."—
Tor.com

"Each of these tales offers something compelling and the collection will appeal to a wide range of tastes."—
Publishers Weekly



Fiction - Sci-fi/Fantasy
Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of
America (SFWA)
September 2021

Audio: Podium Audio
All Translations Available
Manuscript Available

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE GUN

by Kathy Stearman

A former FBI Special Agent recounts the global experiences that shaped her life—and the mixed feelings she now holds about the sacrifices she made to survive in a man's world.

In her more than twenty-six years as an FBI Special Agent, Stearman evolved into an assertive woman, working her way up the ranks and across the globe to attain the position of Legal Attaché, a position few women have held. And yet, even at the height of her career, Stearman had to check herself to make sure she never appeared weak, inferior, and afraid. The accepted attitude for women in power has long been cool, calm, and in control—even though Stearman herself was funny, personable, and empathetic.

Stearman changed for the FBI, but she longs for a different path for future women of the Bureau. If the system changes, then women can remain constant, valuing their female identity and nurturing the people they truly are.

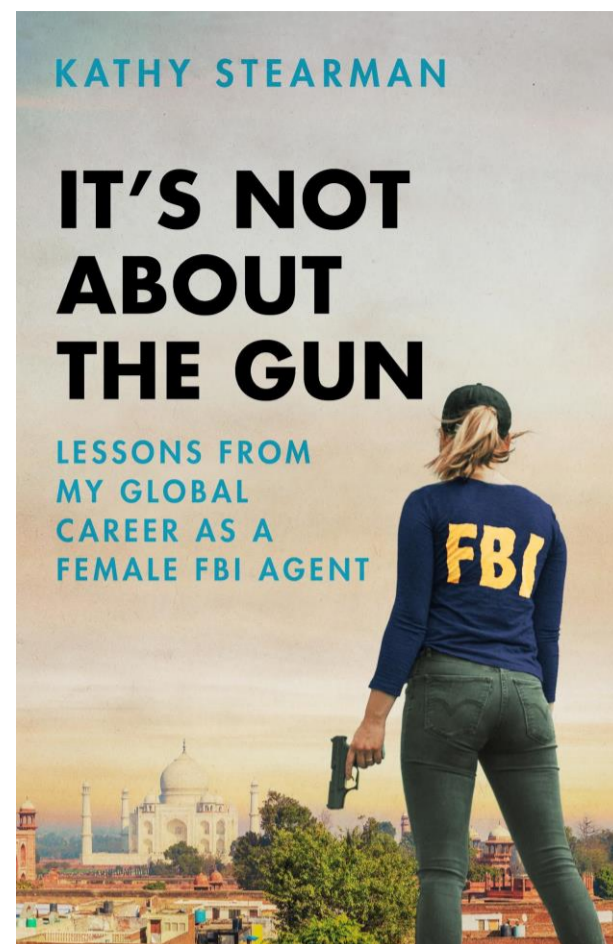
From the rolling hills of Kentucky to the rigors of training camp, from the chaos of New Delhi to the fog and intrigue in Beijing, *It's Not About the Gun*, paints a vivid picture of life as a woman in the FBI, and reveals how Stearman's perception of her country and the FBI has evolved as America—and the world—continues to change.

Praise

*"In *It's Not About the Gun*, Kathy Stearman chronicles, with raw honesty, her experiences in the male-dominated culture of the FBI.*

Kathy demonstrates the toughness required to be a female FBI agent, while maintaining the sensitivity needed in the investigative environments in which she found herself throughout her career. I cannot overstate the profound respect I feel for Kathy and what she has accomplished." —Tom Fuentes, former FBI Assistant Director, Interpol Executive Committee, and Senior Law Enforcement Analyst for CNN

"Stearman's story will engross readers." —Booklist



Nonfiction - Memoir

Pegasus Books

June 2021

Audio: Dreamscape

Polish: Bellona

Other Translations Available

Manuscript Available

THE SECRET OF YOU AND ME

by Melissa Lenhardt

True love never fades—and old secrets never die...

Nora hasn't looked back. Not since she fled Texas to start a new life. Away from her father's volatile temper and the ever-watchful gaze of her claustrophobically conservative small town, Nora has freed herself. She can live—and love—however she wants. The only problem is that she also left behind the one woman she can't forget. Now tragedy calls her back home to confront her past—and reconcile her future.

Sophie seems to have everything—a wonderful daughter, a successful husband and a rewarding career. Yet underneath that perfection lies an explosive secret. She still yearns for Nora—her best friend and first love—despite all the years between them. Keeping her true self hidden hasn't been easy, but it's been necessary. So when Sophie finds out that Nora has returned, she hopes Nora's stay is short. The life she has built depends on it.

But they both find that first love doesn't fade easily. Memories come to light, passion ignites and old feelings resurface. As the forces of family and intolerance that once tore them apart begin to reemerge, they realize some things may never change—unless they demand it.

Praise for *The Secret of You and Me*

"At turns sweet, sexy, and always respectful of these characters and their journeys to their most authentic selves, Lenhardt's wonderful book is highly recommended for all fiction collections." —*Booklist*

"Lenhardt convinces in her portrayal of the conflict between desire and control." —*Publishers Weekly*

"An emotional landslide of a novel that kept me gripped from first page to last." —Clare Lydon, the bestselling author of *Before You Say I Do*



Fiction - Women's Fiction

Graydon House

August 2020

UK English: Mills & Boon

All Other Translations Available

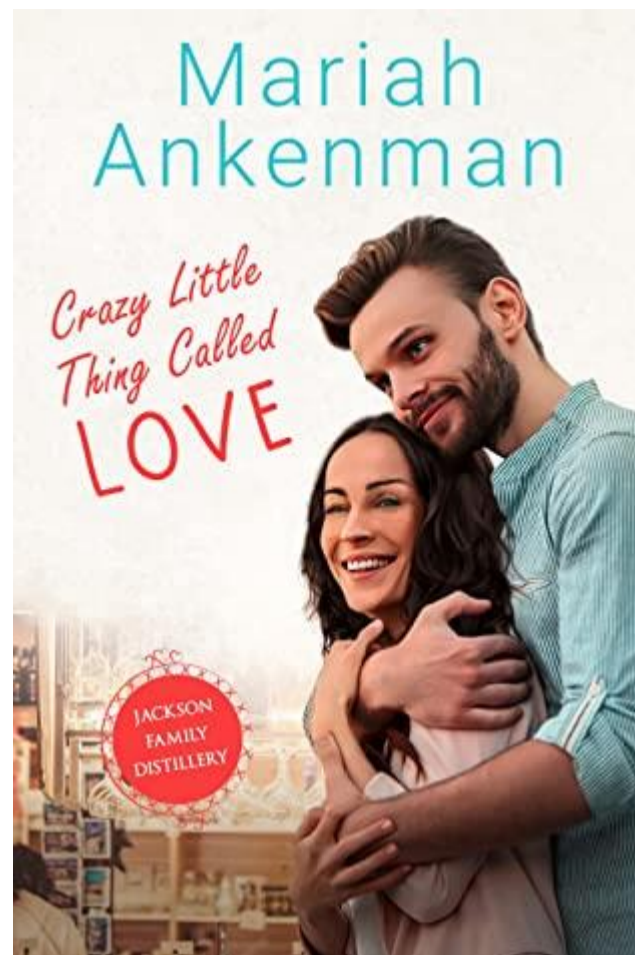
CRAZY LITTLE THING CALLED LOVE **by Mariah Ankenman**

Cassandra Brown is desperate. Thanks to her grandmother's last wishes, she has six months to nab a husband or she'll lose Gran's house, the only place she's ever called home. But is she desperate enough to accept Delta Jackson's offer of marriage? She can't marry her best friend's little brother...can she?

Del knows Cassie is in a pickle, but so is he. He wants to expand the family distillery and open a restaurant. It's his one chance to prove he's not the unambitious bartender his family believes he is. He just needs cash, a task that proves harder than he imagined. Marriage could solve both their problems. Del will play the doting fiancé and husband, and Cassie will give him the startup money he needs. It's a business agreement. A temporary ruse. Totally fake...Until it isn't. After years of bickering and avoiding their true feelings, Cassie and Del find themselves facing a volcanic attraction that's poised to explode, taking their fake relationship into very real territory.

About Mariah Ankenman

Bestselling author Mariah Ankenman lives in the beautiful Rocky Mountains with her two rambunctious children and loving spouse who is her own personal spell checker when her dyslexia gets the best of her. Mariah loves to lose herself in a world of words. Her favorite thing about writing is when she can make someone's day a little brighter with one of her books.



Fiction - Romance
City Owl Press
March 2020

SALT + STILETTOS by Janet Walden-West

Trading her red-dirt roots for the title of Miami's go-to image consultant, Brett Fontaine refuses to let anything jeopardize her new life.

...Not an influential client-turned-stalker who's up for parole...
...Not post-kidnapping panic attacks...
...And certainly not the stubborn, attention-phobic chef with the tempting *tataus* she's been challenged to transform into a celeb in ninety days.

Will Te'o can almost taste the dream he sacrificed American Samoa, culture, and cherished family ties for—opening a four-star restaurant in the most cut-throat culinary location in North America.

Unfortunately, that requires navigating its equally ruthless social scene. When his first public performance ends in a social media spectacle, his only option is turning to the stiletto-wearing nemesis who has invaded his kitchen.

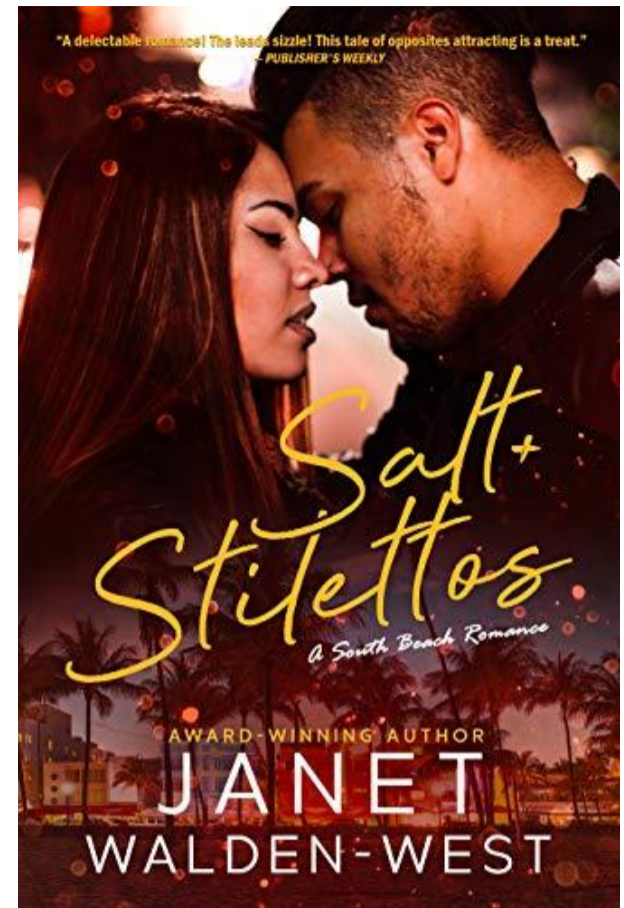
Neither expected to share anything but barbs, yet somewhere between accidentally bonding over comfort food and office-wrecking sex, they're named South Beach's hottest pairing!

Until Brett's stalker engineers an image-shattering reveal and the fallout trashes her reputation. She may be going down, but she's not taking Will's dreams with her.

Now Will is pulling out all his new skills and cooking up a last-ditch event. Will it prove to Brett that relying on the right person makes for the perfect recipe? Or will he be left heartbroken in the spotlight?

About Janet Walden-West

Janet Walden-West lives in the Southeast with a pack of show dogs, a couple of kids, and a husband who didn't read the fine print. A Weird Dog Show Chick in her downtime, she's also a founding member of The Million Words craft blog, a 2X PitchWars alum and current Mentor, and a Golden Heart® finalist. She writes intersectional sexy-times romance and boss-girl fantasy heroines.



Fiction - Romance
City Owl Press
April 2020

THE MURDER OF MARION MILEY

by Beverly Bell

In the fall of 1941, Marion Miley was an internationally renowned golf champion, winning every leading women's tournament except the elusive national title. This unassuming twenty-seven-year-old woman was beloved by all she met, including celebrities like jazz crooner Bing Crosby. It seemed she was headed for greatness.

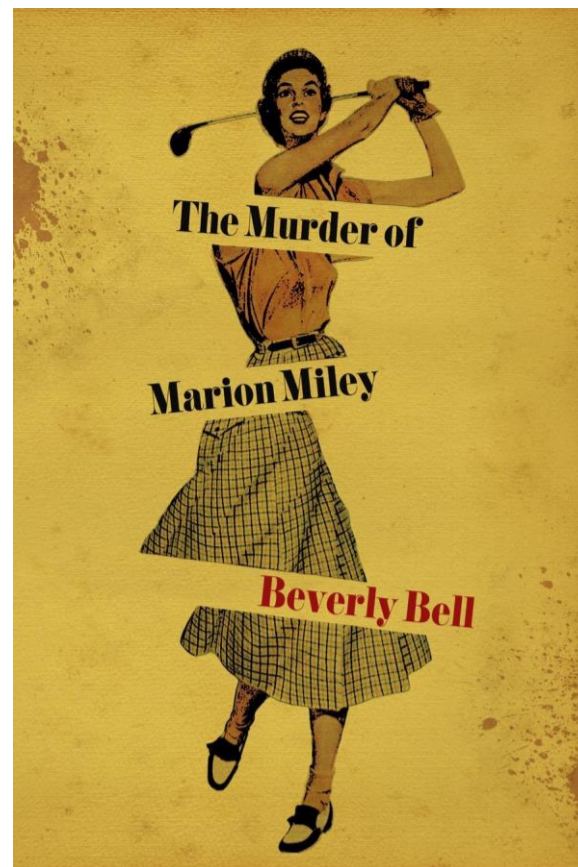
But on September 28, 1941, six gunshots broke through the early morning stillness of the Lexington Country Club. Marion had been brutally murdered. News of her death spread quickly, headlining major papers such as the *New York Times*. Support flooded in, spurring police in the hunt for her killers. However, the bombing of Pearl Harbor less than two months later would redirect public attention and sweep Marion's story to a forgotten corner of time—until now.

The Murder of Marion Miley recounts the ensuing manhunt and trial, exploring the impact of class, family, and opportunity in a world where steely determination is juxtaposed with callous murderous intent. As the narrative voice oscillates between Marion's father, her best friend, and one of her killers, it conjures an ever-present specter of what could have been—not just for Marion, but for all those affected by her tragic death.

Praise for The Murder of Marion Miley

“Beverly Bell's engaging and meticulously researched book...*The Murder of Marion Miley* is a story all golf fans should know.” —Michael Trostel, USGA Historian and author of *Great Moments of the U.S. Open*

“Don't let Beverly Bell fool you: she must have been reporting live in 1941 from the scene of Lexington's most notorious crime. Bell writes with a golden erudition and preternatural imagination that keep the wide-eyed reader up all night—think Truman Capote.” —Patty Friedmann, author of *Where Do They All Come From?*



Fiction - Crime
University of Kentucky Press
May 2020

Audio: MMB Media
All Translations Available

HILLBILLY HUSTLE by Wesley Browne

Knox Thompson thinks he's working a hustle, but it's a hustle that's working him. Trying to keep his pizza shop and parents afloat, he cleans out a backroom Kentucky poker game only to be roped into dealing marijuana by the proprietor—an arrangement Knox only halfheartedly resists.

Knox's shop makes the perfect front for a marijuana operation, but his supplier turns out to be violent and calculating, and Knox ends up under his thumb. It's not long before more than just the pizza shop is at risk.

Praise for *Hillbilly Hustle*

"A top-notch debut with a winning narrative voice and unexpectedly multidimensional characters." — *Kirkus*

"Browne's wry, thrilling debut...will appeal to fans of Daniel Woodrell and Charles Portis." — *Publishers Weekly*

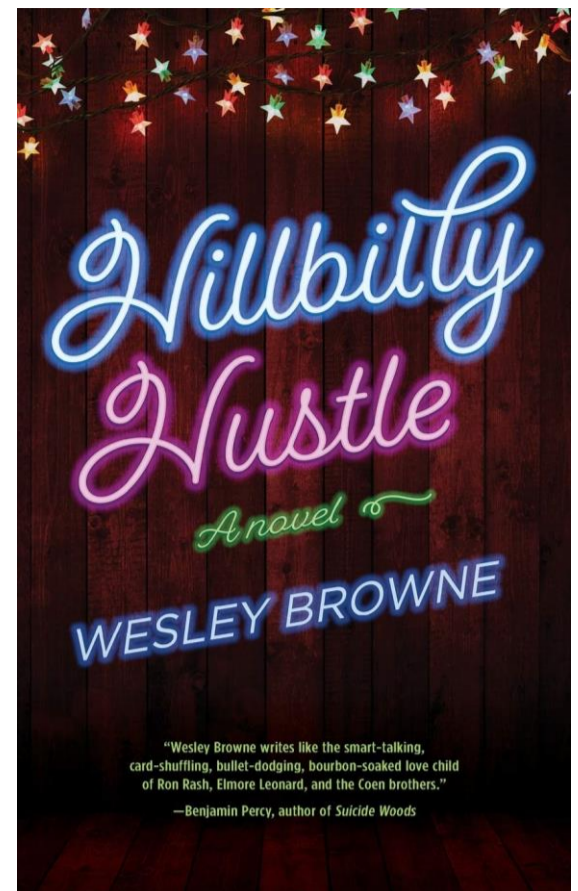
"Hilarious, exhilarating, utterly gripping. I loved every minute of this book. *Hillbilly Hustle* is required reading." — Kayla Rae Whitaker, author of *The Animators*

"This *tour de force* deftly walks the tightrope of being both a page-turner and a language-driven debut that firmly establishes a solid new voice. Cinematic, lyrical, and often very funny, *Hillbilly Hustle* is ripe with memorable characters and a vivid sense of place that sheds light on a whole new kind of Appalachia that's never been seen before." — Silas House, author of *Southernmost*

"Wes Browne's *Hillbilly Hustle* is clever as hell, funny as hell, genuine as hell. Read it and feel alive." — Hannah Pittard, author of *Visible Empire*

About Wesley Browne

Wesley Browne is the founder and host of Pages & Pints Reading Series at Apollo Pizza in Richmond, Kentucky. He lives with his wife and two sons in Madison County, where he practices law, co-owns and helps manage local restaurants and a music venue, and coaches sports. His debut novel HILLBILLY HUSTLE was named one of Merriam-Webster's 17 recommended pandemic reads.



Fiction - Crime
University of Kentucky Press
May 2020

All Translations Available

BLOOD ROGUE SERIES

by Linda J. Parisi

BLOOD ROGUE

There is the blood and can only ever be the blood. So, how will love survive in a world of pain?

Vampire Charles Tower never knew anything sweeter than the taste of Stacy Morgan's lips.

He never imagined anything crueler than her being marked for death by the only father he's ever known.

Mikhail reared him. Taught him how to survive. Now he's gone rogue and it's up to Charles to put the man down.

But can he convince himself, and Stacy, that love between them is impossible?

That's hard to do with a woman like her, especially when she offers herself up as bait.

Now they must fight against the centuries-old customs that bar them from being together and the rogue vampire who wants every last drop of Stacy's blood.



Fiction – Urban Fantasy
City Owl Press
August 2020

HONORABLE ROGUE

As a Roman gladiator and slave, vampire Hunter Pierce only knew death and destruction. Never love.

Dr. Victoria Roberts only knew love and safety, never fear or death, until the day her life was shattered with a home invasion that destroyed her world.

Now Hunter and Tori's worlds collide, with Blood Rogues continuing to menace both human and vampire alike.

Tori is in danger and it's all Hunter's fault. To keep watch over the clever scientist, the vampire enlists her to aid in finding a cure for Nirvana, the dangerous poison rogue vampires are using to kill.

When Tori is kidnapped, Hunter faces his corrupt former master and a race against the clock to save his own life.

But can a vampire who has only watched out for himself risk his life, and his immortality, for the love of a human?

Can a woman who has lost everything rebuild her shattered heart with a man who thinks he hasn't got one?

Only love, trust, and an Honorable Rogue can save them all.



Fiction – Urban Fantasy
City Owl Press
July 2021

DESTINY'S ROGUE

Vampire queen Samira Anai Se-Bat would do anything for her family—even make promises to a clever scientist.

When Samira turns Cordell Stuart into a vampire, it comes with a promise to help find and protect his daughter Kayla.

But the queen wants something in return: a cure for Nirvana, the drug being used to create deadly vampire rogues.

Cord stumbled on Nirvana while trying to save Kayla's life. He never thought his research would create an army of deadly rogue vampires. Now he is caught between his promise to save a race he neither trusts nor understands, and the need to find and save his daughter.

With Samira's murderous brother, Antu, pitting vampire factions against each other, war is brewing, and Samira is caught between her promise to save Kay and her need to protect her people. But a vision shows both thrones blending into one until they are no more.

If Sam follows the vision and sacrifices herself, will Antu subjugate the world?

In a race against time and destiny, Sam and Cord discover what they must to do. But the cost will be their new found love—and their lives.

Or will it?



Fiction – Urban Fantasy

City Owl Press

September 2022

HOUSE OF ASH AND BRIMSTONE

by Megan Starks

Hell has come to collect...

...but Gisele Walker has no plans to pay the debt.

As a half-demon paranormal bounty hunter, Gisele is used to flirting with death, but stealing a curio and opening a portal to Hell's demon court is more than your average day job.

Now, she's partnered with an infuriatingly handsome demon, Shade, who has more levels of grey than she can count.

Who can she trust to help save the city as Baltimore burns to the ground and ghouls roam the streets?

With a white-hot attraction burning between them and secrets blocking their path, Gisele must face her past and venture into the twisted heart of the demon royal court.

But with no memory of her past...

...will she be able to save their future?

Praise for House of Ash and Brimstone

"Starks doesn't waste a moment launching readers into the heady, paranormal world of her action-packed debut. The complex mythology and feisty characters will hold readers' attention. An enjoyable fantasy from an author with a lot of promise." - Publishers Weekly

"A fun mix of action, romance, and demonic intrigue, full of memorable characters and sultry tension. Fans of urban fantasy: here's your next binge read." - Hayley Stone, Author of the Machinations series and Make Me No Grave

About Megan Starks

Megan Starks is the award-winning author of the Gatewalkers urban fantasy series and a game writer at Obsidian Entertainment working on The Outer Worlds. A Romance Writers of America Golden Heart® finalist, Writers Guild of America award nominee, and Pitch Wars alumna with an MFA in fiction, Megan enjoys reading and writing paranormal romance, urban fantasy, and fantasy novels. Whether it's dark demons, brooding vampires, howling werewolves, or feisty witches, Megan loves it all.

When she's not penning novels about magic and strong, kick-butt heroines, she enjoys playing video games and spending time with her husband and their cat, Sushi, in California.



Fiction – Urban Fantasy
City Owl Press
October 2019

Building Love Series by Stacy Hoff

BETTING ON LOVE IN VEGAS

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Book Boyfriends wrote: "This book is fun, light hearted and full of surprises. I'd recommend this wholeheartedly."

Real estate businesswoman Cat manages to get the attention of tough, powerful, gorgeous hotel magnate Ty Orland. Unfortunately, his interest in her is for all the wrong reasons. Instead of wanting Cat, this debonair CEO only wants her land—a parcel he desperately needs for his next big development deal. But romancing the land from her is not easy when love gets in the way. The woman is as beautiful as she is beguiling. And Ty no longer knows which prize is more valuable.

HOTTER THAN THE CARIBBEAN

Finalist in the 2018 Las Vegas Romance Writers "I Heart Indie" contest

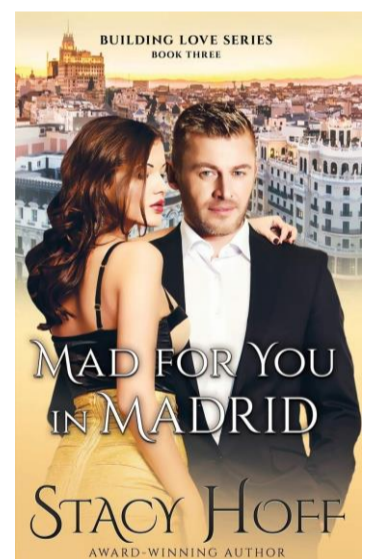
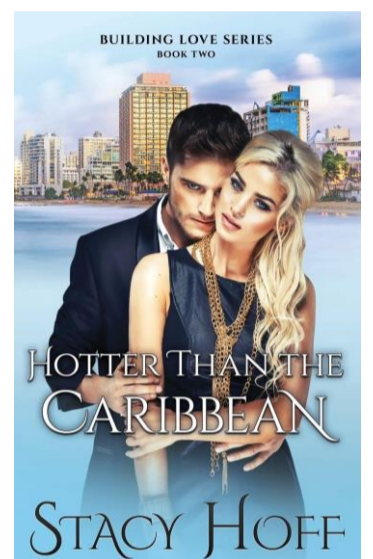
Luis Serrano, the unwanted love child of a hotel construction magnate, finds himself pitted against his half-brother to complete the Caribbean construction project for control over their ailing father's company. Melanie Merritt has always been second best to her older sister, the "golden child" of the family interior design firm. Melanie is tasked to implement a complex project for Luis Serrano under an impossibly short deadline. Completing work on time won't be easy. Especially when dual sibling rivalries threaten to destroy the project, and a passion hotter than the Caribbean.

MAD FOR YOU IN MADRID

Lori Cayne has a new PR job convincing American tourists to stay at a Madrid hotel. Unfortunately, Lori knows little about public relations and even less about the hotel industry. Dealing with the client, however, will be the real challenge. Hotel magnate Daniel Vega is rich, uber-sexy, and the one-night stand that wasn't.

Daniel Vega is none-too-pleased to learn that Lori will be handling his new hotel's publicity campaign. Yet shutting her out is hard to do when the woman is full of surprises and an even fuller heart. Her good nature makes her willing to do anything for anybody. When Daniel's brother, Elias, asks Lori to be his fake-fiancée at an important event, Daniel is not surprised when Lori agrees. What he is surprised by is the pang of jealousy.

When news of the fake engagement creates a scandal, both businesses may be damaged beyond repair. The damage done to their hearts, however, may be a whole lot worse.



Fiction - Contemporary Romance
Soulmate Publishing, 2018

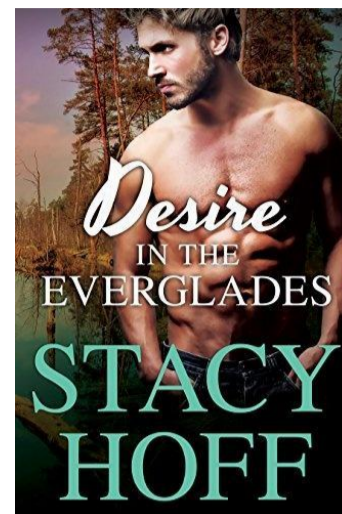
The Desire Series by Stacy Hoff

DESIRE IN THE EVERGLADES

Nominated as a "Rising Star" by BTS e-mag for the 2015 Red Carpet awards

Stephanie Lang is a successful television producer who has lost hope in finding true love. At least she has professional confidence to fall back on; she is ready to produce the company's next hit show. But when the show is a survival documentary starring a sexy hunk, Stephanie's life is turned upside down.

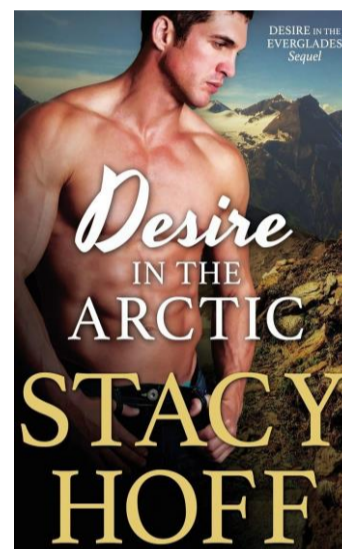
Colin Brandt, billed as "The Evergladiator," will tackle Florida's Everglades with nothing more than his bare hands and a knife. Stephanie, instantly attracted to rugged, enigmatic Colin, worries he will not survive his twelve-day odyssey. If he does, he'll win a million dollars. If he fails, his beloved family's farm will go into foreclosure. Can Colin conquer the Everglades? And can he conquer her heart?



DESIRE IN THE ARCTIC

Finalist in the 2016 Las Vegas Romance Writers 2016 "I Heart Indie" contest

Television producer Ana Davis's newest show is one she's forced to star in herself. Despite being a city slicker with no wilderness experience, she'll have to survive in the Arctic Circle for twelve days. The stakes are high. She could lose her very life. Good thing she's been paired with expert survivalist William "Redd" Redding, a mysterious, solitary, and very sexy man. Worse than snowstorms, predators, and a scarcity of food is an even greater danger—fighting off their attraction to each other.

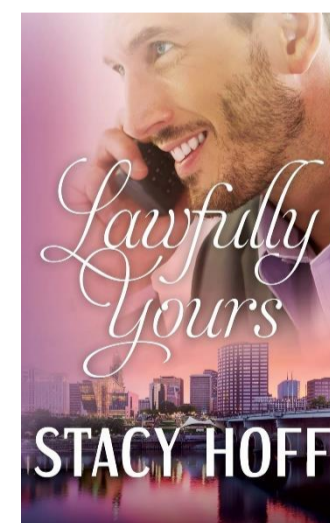


LAWFULLY YOURS by Stacy Hoff

The prestigious Connecticut law firm of Grovas & Cleval has always been rife with office drama and crazy clients. But an office affair between a young associate and a powerful partner—her boss—might be the biggest scandal of all.

Quirky, quiet Sue Linkovitch is Jordan Grant's newest hire. Barely out of law school and hired on a fluke, she has no idea what she's gotten herself into. Unfortunately, Jordan isn't sympathetic to her professional "growing pains." In fact, he's downright frosty. The only time he thaws is when he's around his five-year-old daughter. So why is she so attracted to him?

Jordan Grant sees Sue as bright, bookish, and a terrible temptation. Yet he knows not to get involved with a woman again—he learned this from his divorce. And if that hard-knock lesson wasn't enough, he's been falsely accused of sexual harassment in the past. If a colleague even thinks he's interested, it will be the death of his career—and hers.



Fiction - Contemporary Romance
Soulmate Publishing, 2016

Fiction – Contemporary Romance
Soulmate Publishing, 2015

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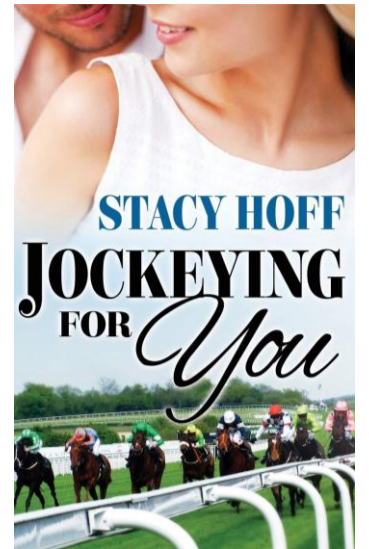
by Stacy Hoff

Stable owner Jake Carter may have bought a troubled horse, but he's determined to prove his family wrong and hired a "horse whisperer," to get his horse back on track. Ryder Hannon, a thoroughbred horse trainer, has a big problem—fighting her fear of racing again. When Jake's jockey gets injured, he wants Ryder to race. He knows deep down she wants to live up to her family's legacy. So why does she keep fighting him—and her destiny?

About Stacy Hoff

Stacy Hoff has seven full-length novels published by Soul Mate Publishing, Inc. She is also an attorney with twenty-five years of experience. Writing professionally is what she does, although novels are a lot more fun to draft than contracts.

Stacy's books have won many awards, including the Gayle Wilson Award for Excellence (awarded by Southern Magic RWA) and the "I Heart Indie" contest where she is a three-time finalist (awarded by Las Vegas Romance Writers). She is a member of CTRWA (Connecticut RWA), where she currently serves as VP of Programming. Stacy was selected to speak at RWA's national meeting in New York in 2018, teaching: "More Than a Hashtag: How To Get Published Via Twitter." She teaches similar workshops to other RWA chapters as well.



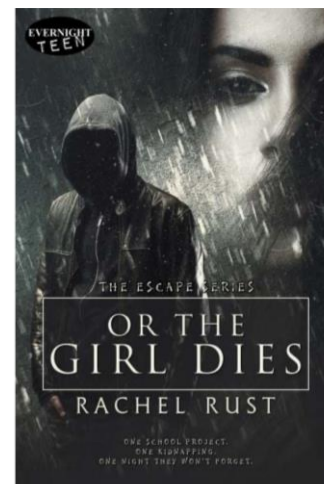
Fiction - Contemporary Romance
Soulmate Publishing, 2016

The Escape Series by Rachel Rust

OR THE GIRL DIES

~Editor's Pick~ | 2018 Raven Award Finalist | May 2017 Book of the Month – Long & Short Reviews-YA

Natalie is an honors student with perfect grades. Victor is a drug dealer with a cryptic past. When a school assignment forces them to work together, things quickly spiral out of control. Over the course of one night—while dodging bad guys and trying not to inhale—Natalie must choose between preserving her perfect academic future and helping Victor escape his troubled past.



THE WATCHED GIRL

2018 Raven Award Nominee

After barely surviving a dangerous school project, Natalie is relieved to have her normal life back. Until she's terrorized by a vengeful associate of the drug trafficker she helped arrest. Along with Eddie and the FBI, Natalie fights to save herself, but outrunning the watchful eyes of her new enemy may prove impossible.



A GIRL SCORNED

On her first day of college, Natalie finds herself on the kill list of criminal mastermind Sergei Romanov. She flees and goes into hiding with Eddie, who is wanted by both Sergei and the FBI. Natalie discovers Sergei's sinister connection to her past, and, armed with vengeance and a gun, she re-enters the criminal world where old secrets are exposed and not everyone is who they seem. As the line between right and wrong starts to blur, Natalie must decide how far she'll go to save herself, her family, and the man she loves.

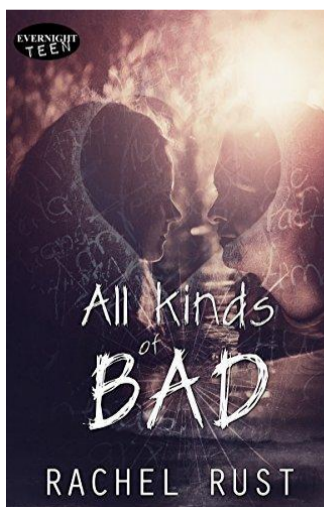


ALL KINDS OF BAD by Rachel Rust

2017 RONE Nominee

Lydia's life is jolted when she's nearly killed in a drive-by shooting. Things take another crazy turn when she meets Nathan, a hottie with a killer smile—and a delinquent past. Romance ignites between Nathan and Lydia, but when Nathan's accused of firing the bullet that almost killed her in the drive-by shooting, Lydia's convinced he's being framed. But as she creeps closer to uncovering local secrets, someone lurks on the sidelines, ready to silence her. With her life and Nathan's freedom on the line, she must expose the truth behind the crimes, even if it means breaking the law herself.

Fiction - Young Adult
Evernite Teen, 2017



Fiction - Young Adult
Evernite Teen, 2016

THE SCIENCE FICTION HALL OF FAME: VOLUME I

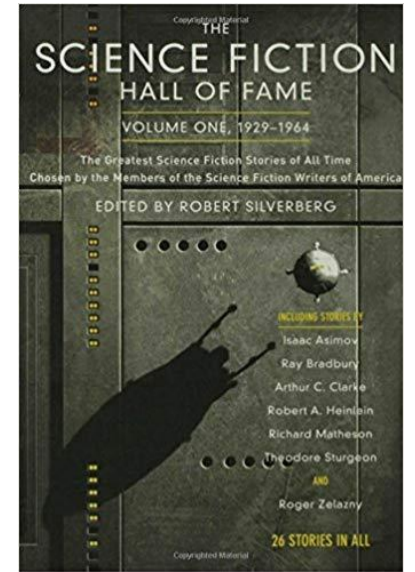
Edited by Robert Silverberg

The definitive collection of the best in science fiction stories between 1929-1964. This book contains twenty-six of the greatest science fiction stories ever written, as chosen by the Science Fiction Writers of America. The contributed pieces have shaped the body and heart of modern science fiction, inspiring and astounding new generations of writers and fans.

Korean: Woongjin ThinkBig

Chinese: Dook Media Group

All Other Translations Available



Fiction - Sci-fi/Fantasy

TOR, 2005

THE SCIENCE FICTION HALL OF FAME: VOLUME IIA

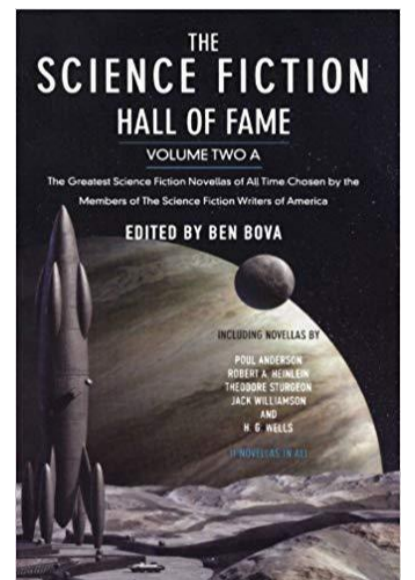
Edited by Ben Bova

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Fiction - Sci-fi/Fantasy

TOR, 2009

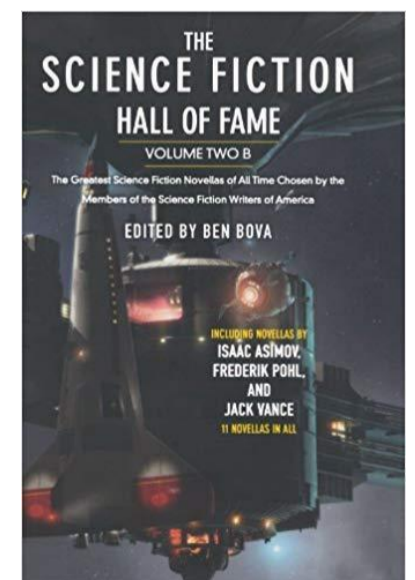
THE SCIENCE FICTION HALL OF FAME: VOLUME IIB

Edited by Ben Bova

The definitive collection of the best in science fiction novellas between 1929-1964. This book, a companion to Volume 2A, contains an additional eleven essential classics of science fiction novellas, as chosen by the Science Fiction Writers of America.

Chinese: Dook Media Group

All Other Translations Available



Fiction - Sci-fi/Fantasy

TOR, 2010

URSULA'S GIFT

by Roger Di Silvestro

Attempting to cope with life as a werewolf, young insurance executive Stanley Merriwether gets engaged, begins therapy with a psychiatrist who moonlights as a murderer, avoids his big-game-hunter father, and meets a motherly vampire.

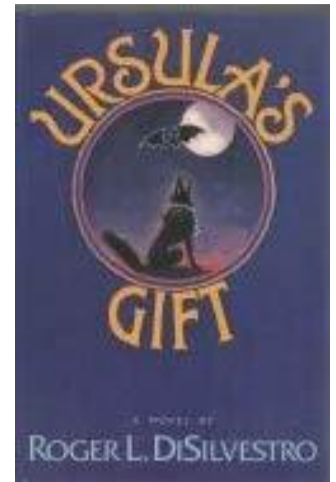
Praise for Ursula's Gift

DiSilvestro's first novel is a rarity -- a comic horror novel." -Kirkus Reviews

"Former zoo curator DiSilvestro turns out a romp worthy of such comic fantasy masters as Frederic Brown and, when he wants to be funny, Stephen King. Fraught with hilarious plot twists, the story lurches along toward a horribly happy ending. Terrific entertainment." -Booklist

"A hooker gives a hickey to a young insurance broker who turns into a werewolf. Outrageously silly, funny, and one of the top books in its class so far this year." -Morse Press New/Transpacific New Service

"Sprightly...wonderful." -Orlando Sentinel



**Fiction – Action/Adventure/SFF
Dutton, 1988**