



WEDNESDAY
BOOKS



Oxford Blood

Rachael Davis-Featherstone

A *Good Girl's Guide to Murder* meets *Ace of Spades* in this YA thriller where a girl has to navigate the cutthroat world of academia to uncover the truth behind her best friend's death.

Summary

High-achieving state-school pupil Eva has one dream – reading English at Oxford. If she gets in, not only will she receive a world-class education at an elite university, but she will gain some independence from her father, the overprotective Inspector Dawkins. Getting into Oxford is a pass to freedom, otherwise it's a London university and most likely living with Dad.

At the same school, best-friend George studies hard. The attraction between him and Eva is undeniable, but they've agreed to put any romance on hold until their places at Oxford are secured. Eva cannot be distracted from her goal – although when they are both invited for interview week, their long-awaited first kiss feels oh-so close.

Until George shows up dead.

Eva discovers his body on the stone steps of the defaced statue of Charles Greville, a controversial slave owner and benefactor of the college, and George's ancestor. Because George has been lying about who he really is – a posh boy from an aristocratic family with close ties to Oxford's illustrious alumni. Eva suspects George was murdered, but with suspicion falling on her, can she clear her name, catch the killer and stick to the plan by landing a place at Oxford? All eyes are now on Eva, including the anonymous posters behind OxSlay, a gossip social media forum exclusively for Oxford students. But amongst the conspiracy theories, could there be hidden clues to solving the mystery...

Contributor Bio

RACHAEL DAVIS-FEATHERSTONE is a mixed-raced Black children's author and co-founder of Creative Roots Studio. She grew up in a low-income single-parent family and studied Mathematics at Oxford University before doing a masters in English Literature at Surrey University. Rachael has published over 20 books for children. She writes inclusive and empowering books for children of all ages, both fiction and non-fiction, and is passionate about showcasing diversity, STEM and mental wellbeing. Her debut picture book, *I am NOT a Prince*, illustrated by Beatrix Hatcher (Hachette), was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Rachael is a Trustee for English PEN which fights for the freedom to write and the freedom to read around the world. She lives in Hampshire, England with her two daughters.

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Rules for Fake Girlfriends

Raegan Revord

Debut YA rom-com from the Young Sheldon star Raegan Revord, about an American girl's first year abroad and the relationships she finds along the way.

Summary

Rom-com obsessed but perpetually single Avery Blackwell abandons her plans to attend Columbia in favor of spending her freshman year at her recently deceased mother's alma mater in a seaside town in England. On the train, Avery makes a deal straight out of one of her beloved romance books with a charming local girl named Charlie: if Avery will pretend to be her girlfriend to make her ex jealous, Charlie will help Avery solve the scavenger hunt her artistic, free-spirited mother left behind on campus decades ago.

As their quest takes them all over Brighton, Avery finally starts to connect with the mother she always loved but never really understood. Before long, pretending to be Charlie's girlfriend starts to feel like more than just an illusion. But when long-hidden secrets come to light, Avery grapples with an uncertain future and whether or not love is worth the risk.

Contributor Bio

RAEGAN REVORD starred in the CBS hit series Young Sheldon and its spinoff, Georgie and Mandy's First Marriage, in the breakthrough role of Missy Cooper. Raegan is a dedicated writer and avid reader who launched the hugely popular book club, Read With Raegan, in 2022. A San Diego native, Raegan now lives in Los Angeles with five rescue pets.

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Balancing Act

Balancing Act

Paula Chase

A *Sweet Valley High* for a new generation, a dishy, dazzling YA drama set against the backdrop of an elite charter school where stars are made—or fade.

Summary

When Chyna gets a scholarship to the newest, most prestigious sports school in the city, it's the best opportunity to do the gymnastics she loves. But between caring for her ailing mother and dealing with the elitist girls on her gymnastics team, she's not sure she belongs.

Meanwhile, Jamaal is reeling from the death of his brother—who was also secretly Chyna's boyfriend. Becoming star of the Power Panthers basketball team is his way to honor his brother's memory and nothing's going to stand in his way. Not even his health.

Filled with gossip, high-stakes sports drama, and tons of heart, ***BALANCING ACT*** is the first in a riveting new series about teens fighting for their dreams in a city where picking a side is no game.

Contributor Bio

Co-founder of the award-winning blog, The Brown Bookshelf, PAULA CHASE is a longtime advocate for diversifying the type of fiction featuring Black characters. Chase is the author of nine critically acclaimed Upper Middle Grade and YA novels and a winner of NCTE's Assembly on Literature for Adolescents (ALAN) Konigsberg Award.



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Moonsick

Tom O'Donnell

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Safe in her home, with its state-of-the-art lockdown system to keep the monsters out, Heidi expects to wait out the night. But when two intruders show up to loot what they think will be an empty home, the life of privilege, ease, and safety that Heidi has taken for granted comes crashing down. Suddenly exposed to the realities of this virus and the way that the rest of the world has been living all this time, Heidi embarks on a dark adventure accompanied by the mysterious--but alluring--boy who broke into her house. But as she fights to survive the underbelly of a post-pandemic society, she'll learn that not all monsters have fangs.

With flourishes of Wes Craven and *The Purge*, this comedic horror novel is perfect for fans Grady Hendrix, Adam Cesare, and things that go bump in the night.

Contributor Bio

TOM O'DONNELL is the author of the HOMEROOMS & HALL PASSES and HAMSTERSAURUS REX book series. He's written for The New Yorker and McSweeney's and for film and TV. Repped by Verve Talent & Literary and Circle of Confusion. Find him @tomisokay.

Quotes

Praise for *Hamstersaurus Rex*:

"Funny, lighthearted." — *School Library Journal* (starred review)

"A certain pleaser." - *Kirkus*

"[A] brisk-moving and entertaining story." - *Publishers Weekly*



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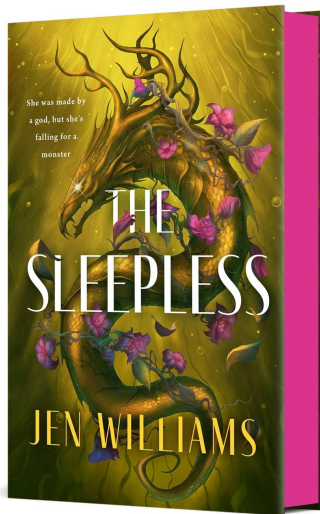
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The Sleepless

Jen Williams

Godkiller meets *Powerless* in this epic gods-and-monsters romantic fantasy from British Fantasy Award-winning author Jen Williams.

Summary

Welcome to a world where gods and monsters roam the earth . . .

Elver is the guardian of the wild and dangerous monster forest. Saved from the brink of death by a god, her skin will poison anyone she touches.

Artair is on a mission - one that takes him face-to-face with Elver at her most ruthless. But her defenses are useless when she discovers he's the only human impervious to her deadly gift. For Artair isn't human: he's one of the Sleepless, cursed to share his body with an evil spirit.

Lucian inhabits their body while Artair sleeps, and he is hell-bent on manipulating Elver for his dark purposes. But Elver is harbouring secrets too, and she has her own reasons for feigning an alliance with these two souls.

Caught in the crossfire of gods, monsters, and a dangerous magic they can barely understand, it is only a matter of time before the paths the three of them choose to take will set alight the very foundations of their world.

With a love triangle like you've never seen it, incredible world-building, brilliant writing, and high-stakes swoony romance, *The Sleepless* will have you spellbound.

Contributor Bio

JEN WILLIAMS is a writer from London currently living in Bristol with her partner and a dramatically fluffy cat. A fan of grisly fairy tales since her youth, Jen has gone on to write dark, unsettling horror thrillers with strong female leads and character-driven fantasy novels with plenty of adventure and magic. The *Winnowing Flame* trilogy twice won the British Fantasy Award for best novel, and the first volume of the *Talon Duology*, *Talonsister*, picked up the same award in 2024. She is partially responsible for the creation of the long-running social event Super Relaxed Fantasy Club, and her first thriller, *Dog Rose Dirt*, was optioned for television by Gaumont. When not writing books Jen enjoys video games, tabletop roleplaying games and watching scary movies. She also works as a freelance copywriter and illustrator.

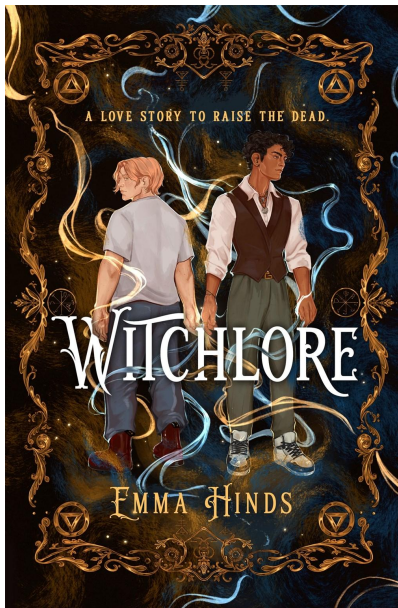
Quotes

Praise for Jen Williams:

"Absolutely phenomenal fantasy." - Adrian Tchaikovsky on *The Bitter Twins*

"Incredible heroines... incredible fantasy... Escapism at its finest." Stylist on *The Bitter Twins*

"Fantasy adventure at its very best." - *Starburst* on *The Ninth Rain*



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Witchlore

Emma Hinds

Holly Black meets Lex Croucher in this contemporary fantasy about a love story to raise the dead.

Summary

At Demdike College of Witchcraft, Orlando is an outcast. Not just for being the only shapeshifter in a college of witches. Not just for being a really *bad* shapeshifter, with no control over their magic or when their body switches between male and female forms. But because their girlfriend Elizabeth died - and it was Lando's fault.

Then charming new boy Bastian arrives with a proposition: he knows a spell that can raise Elizabeth from the dead. It's dangerous but Lando will try anything. But as Lando's attraction to Bastian grows, questions start to arise. Who is Bastian? What does he really want? And who will survive the resurrection spell?

For fans of V.E. Schwab and Lex Croucher, Emma Hinds' *Witchlore* is a spellbinding contemporary fantasy where the passion is as real as the magic.

Contributor Bio

Emma Hinds is a queer writer living and working in Manchester who is passionate about writing queer fantasy that explores the depth of British magical folklore. She has a Masters degree in Theology and the Arts from the University of St Andrews and is the author of *The Knowing* as well as the well-known fan fiction series, *The Heir to the House of Prince*, which currently runs at over a million words and over a million hits. *Witchlore* is her first novel for YA readers.

Quotes

"Genuine and surprising. Hinds has created a witchy, magical fantasy that explores grief, self-love, gender expression, and societal expectations with nuance and care."—F.T. Lukens, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Spell Bound*

Praise for *The Knowing*:

"A Violent, disturbing gothic tale compellingly told."— *The Guardian*

"Vivid, visceral and utterly immersive. Extraordinary." Liz Hyder, author of *The Gifts*

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A Dark Forgetting

A Novel

Kristen Ciccarelli

New York Times bestselling author **Kristen Ciccarelli** weaves the epic love story of a magical girl, the boy she left behind, and a deadly curse, now in paperback!

Summary

No matter how far she runs, the forest always comes for Emeline Lark. She is haunted by its mysterious disappearances and the tales of fae magic lurking in its depths.

But when her grandfather goes missing, the stories Emeline has always scoffed at suddenly seem less foolish. She enters the forest she has spent years trying to escape, only to have Hawthorne Fell, a handsome and brooding tithe collector, brutally try to dissuade her from searching, even as a magnetic spark ignites between them.

Refusing to be deterred, Emeline finds herself in the court of the fabled Wood King. She makes a deal?her voice for her grandfather's freedom. Little does she know, she's stumbled into a curse that threatens the existence of this eerie world she's now trapped in, as well as the fiery Hawthorne, who she's so helplessly drawn to.

In Kristen Ciccarelli's devastatingly romantic fantasy, *A Dark Forgetting*, everything has a cost, especially love.

Contributor Bio

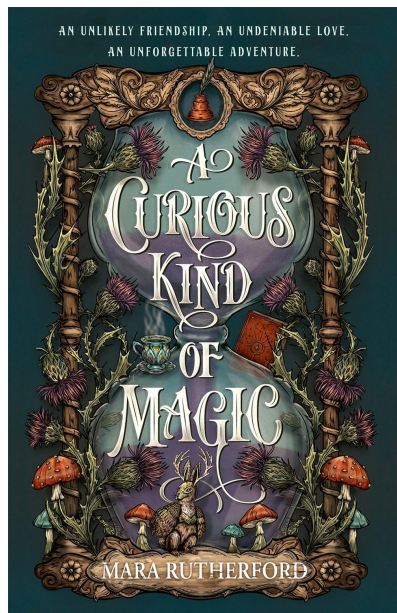
Kristen Ciccarelli grew up on a grape farm, dropped out of college, and worked various jobs before becoming an author. Some of her previous trades included: baker, potter, L'Arche assistant, and community bread oven coordinator. Kristen lives in Canada's Niagara Peninsula with her husband and daughter. She is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Heartless Hunter*, *Edgewood (A Dark Forgetting)* and the Iskari series.

Quotes

"Lush, dark, and romantic. I could have remained lost in the woods forever." - Isabel Ibañez, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *What the River Knows*

"Darkly gorgeous and moving... full of curses and fae magic that will capture your heart and wrap it in thorns before setting you free again, forever changed." - Evelyn Skye, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Crown's Game*

"Precise in construction and style, with an elegant and eerie music motif, this easily earns a place on Stiefvater fans' TBR lists." - *The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books* (starred review)



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A Curious Kind of Magic

Mara Rutherford

***Howl's Moving Castle* meets *Little Thieves* in this cozy fantasy about the teenage owner of a (mostly fake) magical curiosity shop and a girl cursed to turn everything she touches into magic.**

Summary

Everyone in Ardmuir knows that Willow Stokes is a charlatan, including Willow herself. Her father's shoppe hasn't sold anything magical in decades, and it's only hanging on by the skin of the fake dragon's teeth Willow sells as charms, along with "enchanted" ostrich eggs, taxidermied chimeras, and talismans made of fools' gold.

Until outlander Brianna Hargrave appears and turns Willow's fakes into exactly what they're purported to be. But try as Willow might to enlist Bri's help, she wants nothing to do with Willow and her curiosities.

Because Brianna is harboring a secret of her own: *everything* she touches turns to magic, and the consequences have chased her all the way to Ardmuir. All she wants to do is find a particular missing grimoire, which contains a spell that can finally put an end to her curse.

Desperate to keep her father's shoppe, Willow proposes a bargain that could save them both. Together with the frustratingly handsome printer's assistant, the girls will uncover a plot that goes far deeper than either could have imagined. But when Willow is forced to participate in an ambitious collector's quest for the rarest magical object in the world—a quest that risks almost-certain death—she learns that not all treasure is for sale, and that true magic is closer than she ever could have imagined.

Contributor Bio

MARA RUTHERFORD began her writing career as a journalist but quickly discovered she far preferred fantasy to reality. A triplet born on Leap Day, Mara has lived all over the world with her diplomat husband and two sons, and currently resides in Brussels, Belgium. Her favorite days involve books, tea, and Mishka (a small red muppet often mistaken for a dog). She is the author of YA fantasy novels including the Crown of Coral and Pearl duology, *The Poison Season*, and *A Multitude of Dreams*.

Quotes

"*A Curious Kind of Magic* enchanted me from the first page...a book for readers who want to root for their heroines and soak in the coziness of a slow burn fantasy. I adored it." —Erin A. Craig, #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of *House of Roots and Ruin*

"Heartwarming and whimsical, *A Curious Kind of Magic* is packed full of scams, schemes, adventure, and love of every kind. At its heart, it is—as all my favorite stories are—about the power of friendship. Don't miss this one!" —Allison Saft, *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of *A Fragile Enchantment*

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Final Cut

Olivia Worley

Scream meets *The Reappearance of Rachel Price* in this pulse-pounding and unforgettable mystery-thriller of twisty murder and shocking secrets from Olivia Worley.

Summary

When recent high school graduate Hazel Lejeune gets the lead role in a slasher film, it feels like a dream come true. This is her chance to break into the industry, build her reel, and prove to her mom that this “gap year” can turn into a career. So what if it’s set in the nothing town of Pine Springs, Louisiana—the same place her father, the Pine Springs Slasher, was convicted of a series of murders fifteen years ago?

But when Haze arrives on set, she gets much more than she bargained for. The shoot is plagued with suspicious “accidents.” Mentions of her dad dot the entire script. And then, a gruesome murder shocks everyone to the core. Now, it’s clear there’s a real killer on set—one who’s determined to finish the film at all costs. But is this merely a copycat, or is the wrong Slasher behind bars?

As the body count rises and reality blurs with fiction, Haze must unmask the killer before she becomes a real-life final girl...or before the killer flips the script and makes her the next victim.

Contributor Bio

OLIVIA WORLEY is an author born and raised in New Orleans. A graduate of Northwestern University, she now lives in New York City, where she spends her time writing thrillers, overanalyzing episodes of *The Bachelor*, and hoping someone will romanticize her for reading on the subway.

Quotes

Praise for Olivia Worley:

“Compulsive and page-turning, this will keep you up late, biting your nails over the fates of these girls caught in a patriarchal stranglehold in the depths of upper-class New Orleans. What’s been happening for generations is still being done, but the girls are fighting back!” – Wendy Heard, author of *She’s Too Pretty To Burn* on *The Debutantes*

“Mysteries unravel and secrets spill in this Gen Z thriller.” – *Kirkus Reviews* on *People to Follow*



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What the River Knows

A Novel

Isabel Ibañez

The #1 *New York Times* bestseller, now in special edition paperback!

Summary

The Mummy meets *Death on the Nile* in this lush, immersive historical fantasy set in Egypt filled with adventure, a rivals-to-lovers romance, and a dangerous race...where everything is on the line!

Bolivian-Argentinian Inez Olivera belongs to the glittering upper society of nineteenth century Buenos Aires, and like the rest of the world, the town is steeped in old world magic that's been largely left behind or forgotten. Inez has everything a girl might want, except for the one thing she yearns the most: her globetrotting parents—who frequently leave her behind.

When she receives word of their tragic deaths, Inez inherits their massive fortune and a mysterious guardian, an archeologist in partnership with his Egyptian brother-in-law. Yearning for answers, Inez sails to Cairo, bringing her sketch pads and an ancient golden ring her father sent to her for safekeeping before he died. But upon her arrival, the old world magic tethered to the ring pulls her down a path where she soon discovers there's more to her parent's disappearance than what her guardian led her to believe.

With her guardian's infuriatingly handsome assistant thwarting her at every turn, Inez must rely on ancient magic to uncover the truth about her parent's disappearance—or risk becoming a pawn in a larger game that will kill her.

What the River Knows is the first book in the thrilling Secrets of the Nile duology.

Contributor Bio

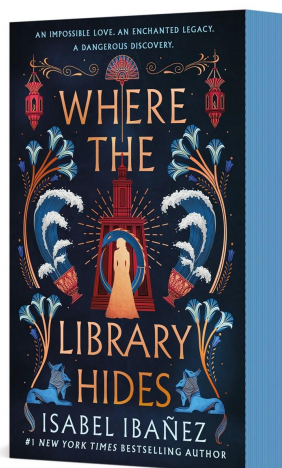
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Quotes

"Expertly plotted, explosively adventurous, and burning with romance." —Stephanie Garber, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

"Take a plucky heroine, a historically grounded Indiana Jones-esque adventure through Ancient Egypt, and add a surprising dollop of magic — it's a recipe for a delightful read." —Jodi Picoult, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

"Phenomenal. This is a book that truly deserves that word. *What the River Knows* has it all—page-turning mystery, adventure, intrigue, laugh-out-loud banter, and slow-burn romance. —Mary E. Pearson, *New York Times* bestselling author



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Where the Library Hides

A Novel

Isabel Ibañez

The stunning conclusion to the story that started in *What the River Knows*, now in paperback!

Summary

A lush immersive historical fantasy set in Egypt filled with adventure, and a rivals-to-lovers romance like no other.

Inez Olivera traveled across the world to Egypt, seeking answers into her parents' recent and mysterious deaths. But all her searching led her down a perilous road, filled with heartache, betrayal, and a dangerous magic that pulled her deep into the past.

When Tío Ricardo issues an ultimatum about her inheritance, she's left with only one option to consider.

Marriage to Whitford Hayes.

Former British soldier, her uncle's aide de camp, and one time nemesis, Whit has his own mysterious reasons for staying in Egypt. With her heart on the line, Inez might have to bind her fate to the one person whose secret plans could ruin her.

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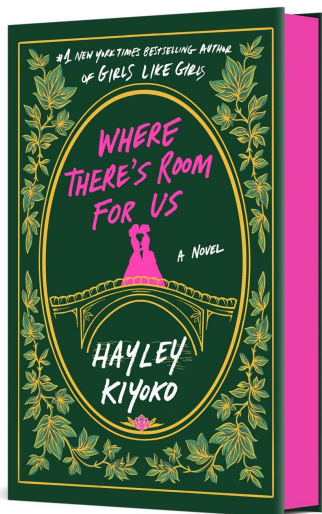
Quotes

Praise for *What the River Knows*:

"A historical adventure ripe with delicious twists, swoony angst, and sassy wit.." —J. Elle, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wings of Ebony*

"A sweeping historical fantasy brimming with adventure, romance, and richly researched lore... A treasure of a book.." —Elizabeth Lim, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Six Crimson Cranes*

"Luminous and enchanting. A romantic, spellbinding adventure." —Rebecca Ross, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Divine Rivals* and *Ruthless Vows*



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Where There's Room For Us

Hayley Kiyoko

Casey McQuiston meets *Bridgerton* in this breathtaking queer regency romance by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Hayley Kiyoko--featuring beautiful stained edges

Summary

The next ya novel from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *GIRLS LIKE GIRLS*.

Contributor Bio

HAYLEY KIYOKO is an award-winning American singer, dancer, and actress. "At the forefront of an unapologetically queer pop movement" according to *Rolling Stone*, Hayley is a passionate advocate for LGBTQIA+ rights. Her debut novel, *Girls Like Girls*, is based on her hit single and music video of the same name.

Quotes

Praise for *Girls Like Girls*:

"Kiyoko is able to tap deep into the heart of what makes queer women tick, what drives us, and what it is we love about other women. Her dialogue is fresh and alive, especially when it's between queer girls." - THE ADVOCATE

"Inspired by Kiyoko's breakthrough song and viral music video, *Girls Like Girls* will embolden you to embrace yourself and accept love." - B&N READS, "Our Most Anticipated YA Books of May 2023"



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My Roommate from Hell

Cale Dietrich

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Summary

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A deal is struck, and the two start pretending to be in a relationship where they each have agendas of their own. Only Owen has a secret—dating his mortal enemy, even if it's fake, is the most fun he's ever had.

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Contributor Bio

CALE DIETRICH is a YA devotee, lifelong gamer, and tragic pop punk enthusiast. He was born in Perth, grew up on the Gold Coast, and now lives in Brisbane, Australia. He is the author of *The Love Interest*, which was a 2018 Rainbow List Selection, *The Pledge*, *If This Gets Out*, and *Rules of Royalty*.

Quotes

Praise for *The Rules of Royalty*:

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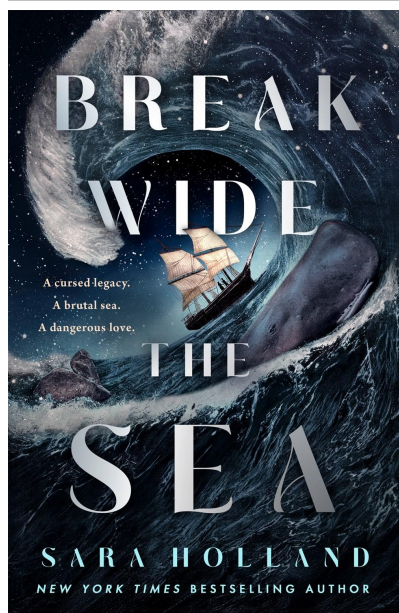
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Break Wide the Sea

Sara Holland

A centuries-old curse forces one young woman to choose between love and the legacy her parents left behind.

Summary

The seafaring humans of Kirkrell have always been plagued by finfolk—bloodthirsty fae who haunt the seas, sinking ships and cursing bloodlines. Yet it's only by hunting magical whales that Kirkrell can prosper. Nineteen-year-old Annie is heir to the Fairfax Whaling Company, but their family's success came at a cost: a curse by which heartbreak turns Fairfaxes slowly into monsters. And six years ago, the shipwreck that killed Annie's parents left her with scales spreading up her arms, claws sprouting from her fingertips.

The love of her fiancé, August, salved her heart for a while—but when she learns August is maneuvering to take over the company, the curse worsens. Fearing her time is running out, she strikes a bargain with a disreputable young captain, half-finfolk and half-human Silas Price: on a voyage to hunt whales in the far north, Silas will take Annie to the finfolk queen, who can lift the curse in return for a promise to end whaling forever.

As Annie, August and Silas sail north, she is determined to uphold her family's legacy, but the threat of the finfolk tests her resolve. Lies corrupt her relationship with August; meanwhile a dangerous connection with Silas blooms—but he's keeping secrets too, and his might be the most dangerous of all.

As heartbreak looms, Annie must choose between saving herself and her family's legacy—and hope it doesn't cost her everyone she loves.

Contributor Bio

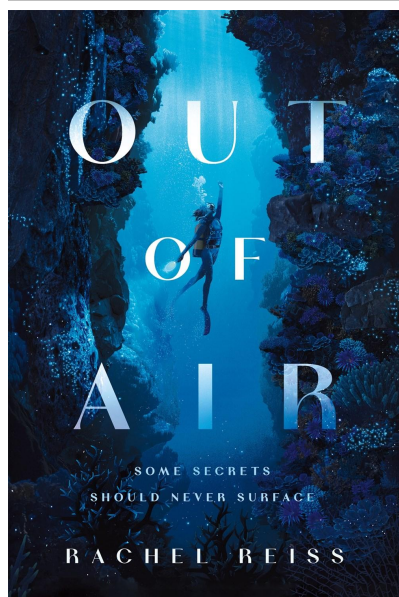
SARA HOLLAND is the author of *Havenfall* and the New York Times bestsellers *Everless* and *Evermore*. She grew up in small-town Minnesota and has held jobs in a tea shop, a dentist's office, and a state capitol building, to name a few. She now lives in New York, where she can be found exploring bookstores or finding new ways to put caffeine in her bloodstream.

Quotes

Praise for Sara Holland:

"Sara Holland is a fierce storyteller." - Stephanie Garber, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Caraval*

"Readers will lose themselves in [Holland's] stunning prose for hours on end and be hungry for more when they reach the last page." - Laura Sebastian, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Ash Princess*



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Out of Air

Rachel Reiss

The underwater thriller is now in paperback! *Wilder Girls* meets *Outer Banks* where a group of scuba diving friends stumbles across lost treasure, a legendary cave, and a new type of power... that comes at a price.

Summary

The underwater thriller is now in paperback! *Wilder Girls* meets *Outer Banks* where a group of scuba diving friends stumbles across lost treasure, a legendary cave, and a new type of power... that comes at a price.

Phoebe "Phibs" Ray is never more at home than when she's underwater. Six months ago, she and her four closest friends found social media fame after discovering a handful of ancient gold coins in the Florida Keys. Now, their final summer together after high school, they're taking one last trip to a distant Australian island to do what they love most – scuba dive.

While diving a local reef, Phibs discovers a spectacular underwater sea cave, rumored to be a lost cave with a buried treasure. But when Phibs and her best friend Gabe surface from the cave, they notice that they're undergoing strange changes. Oozing gashes that don't heal. Haunting whispers in their heads... Something has latched onto them, lurking beneath their skin, transforming them from the inside out.

When treasure hunters arrive, desperate to find the location of the cave and hold Phibs' group for ransom, she'll do anything to keep her friends safe. In the process she learns that, of all the dreadful creatures of the sea, she might be the most terrifying of them all.

Contributor Bio

RACHEL REISS is an experienced scuba diver who has explored marine reefs around the world. She's been published in national outlets including *The Los Angeles Times*, *Us Weekly*, *Yahoo!*, *Access Hollywood*, and *Huffington Post*, and was a Segment Producer for late night network talk shows. She currently lives in Southern California with her family and her rambunctious dog, Ozzy.

Quotes

"Like the ocean, this book is at once both beautiful and terrifying: the romance shimmers, the mystery deepens, the suspense threatens to pull you deep under. A read you won't want to surface from." —Harriet Reuter Hapgood, author of *The Square Root of Summer*

"Gripping, compelling, and fantastic, *Out of Air* submerges you in an underwater thriller that will take your breath away. I couldn't put it down!" —Sarah Beth Durst, award-winning author of *The Lake House*

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The Last Vampire

Romina Garber

***Pride & Prejudice* meets *Crave* where a young girls attends a new boarding school expecting to find her own Mr. Darcy but accidentally wakes up the worlds last vampire!**

Summary

Pride comes before the fall.

When a boarding school opens in a once-condemned Victorian manor buried in the woods of New Hampshire, Austen-loving Lorena Navarro enrolls in hopes of finding her own Mr. Darcy. Instead, she stumbles across a coffin and accidentally awakens the world’s last vampire.

After hibernating for nearly three centuries, William Pride is desperate to find his family—and clueless about the modern world. Relying on Lorena for more than just blood, he enrolls at the school to catch up on all he’s missed.

Soon, William uncovers a chilling truth: He is the last hope for his kind’s return to power. Torn between protecting the humans around him and fulfilling his fate, William must make a choice that could change everything. Will he sacrifice his species for love . . . or will he embrace his dark destiny at last?

***Crave* meets *Pride and Prejudice* in this thrilling romantic fantasy filled with romance, intrigue and of course... vampires!**

Contributor Bio

Romina Garber is a *New York Times* and international bestselling author whose books include *Castle of the Cursed*, *Lobizona*, *Cazadora*, & the ZODIAC quartet. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and raised in Miami, Florida, Romina landed her first writing gig as a teen—College She Wrote, a weekly Sunday column for the *Miami Herald* that was later picked up for national syndication—and she hasn’t stopped writing since. She is a graduate of Harvard College and a Virgo to the core. www.rominagarber.com?

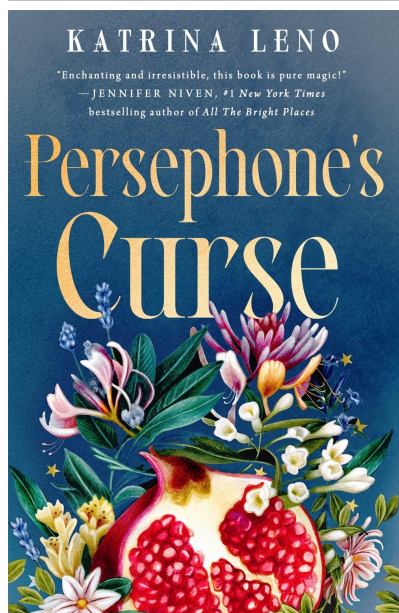
Quotes

Praise for *Castle of the Cursed*:

"Romantic, unexpected, and deliciously unsettling, *Castle of the Cursed* is a page-turner from start to finish." —Latinx in Publishing

"The plot, family secrets, gorgeous vampire, and creepy castillo will draw readers looking for atmospheric thrills and requisite paranormal romance." —*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"Deliciously atmospheric and darkly romantic, *Castle of the Cursed* was one of my favourite novels of the year. I absolutely loved it." —Melissa Marr, *New York Times* bestselling author



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Persephone's Curse

Katrina Leno

***The Hazel Wood* meets Laini Taylor in this gorgeous speculative tale of sisterhood, ghosts, and old family curses.**

Summary

Are the four Farthing sisters *really* descended from Persephone? This is what their aunt has always told them: that the women in their family can trace their lineage right back to the Goddess of the Dead. And maybe she's right, because the Farthing girls do have a ghost in the attic of their Manhattan brownstone — a kind and gentle ghost named Henry, who only they can see.

When one of the sisters falls in love with the ghost, and another banishes him to the Underworld, the sisters are faced with even bigger questions about who they are. If they really are related to Persephone, and they really are a bit magic, then perhaps it's up to them to save Henry, to save the world, and to save each other.

Contributor Bio

KATRINA LENO is the author of seven young adult novels, including *Horrid* and *Summer of Salt*. Her first middle grade novel, *The Umbrella Maker's Son*, was published in 2023. She was born on the East Coast and spent four years in New York City — though never once saw a ghost in her attic. She currently lives in Los Angeles. Still no ghost.

Quotes

"Truly stunning - the perfect alchemy of page-turning mystery, complex family drama, and first love set against the sparkling backdrop of New York City. I could not put this book down!" —Mackenzi Lee, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* and *Loki: Where Mischief Lies*

"Practical Magic meets *Little Women* in this moving and beautifully written story of sisterhood, growth, and discovering one's true power. Leno weaves Greek mythology with the mythology within families to dazzling effect as she explores ancestral secrets, ghosts, and the healing balm of love." —Jennifer Niven, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *All The Bright Places*

"I literally loved every page." —Kerry Kletter, critically acclaimed author of *The First Time She Drowned*

"Lyrical, tender, evocative . . . page by page, I fell in love with the Farthing sisters and their beautiful ghost, Henry. This story is a gentle salve for the soul that will both break & mend its reader's heart." —*New York Times* bestselling author Romina Garber