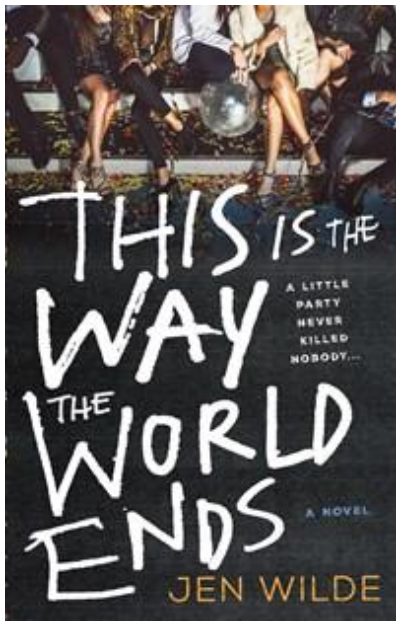




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This Is the Way the World Ends

A Novel

Jen Wilde

Fans of *One of Us Is Lying* and *The Hazel Wood* are cordially invited to spend one fateful night surviving an elite private school's epic masquerade ball in *This is the Way the World Ends*.

Summary

As an autistic scholarship student at the prestigious Webber Academy in New York City, Waverly is used to masking to fit in—in more ways than one. While her classmates are the children of the one percent, Waverly is getting by on tutoring gigs and the generosity of the school's charming and enigmatic dean. So when her tutoring student and resident "it girl" asks Waverly to attend the school's annual fundraising Masquerade disguised as her, Waverly jumps at the chance—especially once she finds out that Ash, the dean's daughter and her secret ex-girlfriend, will be there.

The Masquerade is everything Waverly dreamed of, complete with extravagant gowns, wealthy parents writing checks, and flowing champagne. Most importantly, there's Ash. All Waverly wants to do is shed her mask and be with her, but the evening takes a sinister turn when Waverly stumbles into a secret meeting between the dean and the school's top donors—and witnesses a brutal murder. Before she can escape or contact the authorities, a mysterious global blackout puts the entire party on lockdown. Waverly's fairy tale has turned into a nightmare, and she, Ash, and her friends must navigate through a dizzying maze of freight elevators and secret passageways if they're going to survive the night.

And even if they manage to escape the Masquerade, with technology wiped out all over the planet, what kind of world will they find waiting for them beyond the doors?

Contributor Bio

Jen Wilde (she/they) is the queer, disabled author of *Queens of Geek*, *The Brightsiders*, and *Going Off Script*. They write unapologetically queer stories about unlikely heroes, awkward romantics and chosen families. Jen's books have been praised in *Teen Vogue*, *Buzzfeed*, *Autostraddle*, *Vulture* and *Bustle*. Originally from Melbourne, Jen lives in Brooklyn with her wife, where she collects books, candles and foster cats. When she isn't writing, Jen spends her time shouting about queer books on TikTok.

Quotes

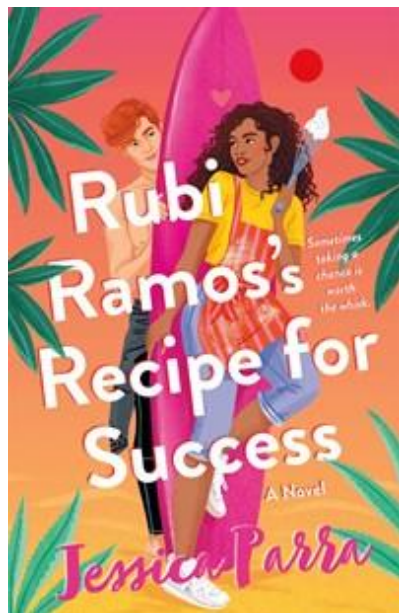
"Quickly grabs your attention and doesn't let go...a thrilling tale about privilege, power, and the different routes our future may take, depending on who has the controls."

-Vincent Ralph, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Lock The Doors*

"Propulsive [and] unique, [with] a main character that jumps off the page." --**Goldy Moldavsky, author of *The Mary Shelley Club***

"Dark academia turns sideways in this compelling, suspenseful, romantic thriller."

-Wendy Heard, author of *She's Too Pretty To Burn*



Rubi Ramos's Recipe for Success

A Novel

Jessica Parra

A Cuban Girl's Guide to Tea and Tomorrow meets *You Have a Match* in this joyful book filled with swoony romance, jaw-dropping baked goods, and the journey of what it means to define yourself.

Summary

Graduation is only a few months away, and Rubi Ramos's "recipe for success" to get into prestigious Alma University is already off track.

When Alma waitlists Rubi's application, Rubi will need to be distraction-free to make the grade and keep her parents—who have wanted this for her for years—from finding out. Which means falling for her cute surfer-slash-math tutor, Ryan, definitely won't work. And neither will breaking her mother's ban on baking—her parents didn't leave Cuba so she could bake just like them.

But some recipes are begging to be tampered with.

When the First Annual Bake Off comes to town, Rubi's passion for baking goes from subtle simmer to full boil. Add to the mix her crush on Ryan may be turning into a full-fledged relationship and Rubi's life is suddenly so different from what it was. She's not sure if she has what it takes to win the Bake Off, or where the relationship with Ryan is going, but there's only one way to find out—even if it means going against her parents' priorities.

Now Rubi must differentiate between the responsibility of unfulfilled dreams she holds and finding the path she's meant for.

A joyful novel of first romance, new possibilities, and the chance to define yourself, *Rubi Ramos's Recipe for Success* is a novel that will find its way into your heart and never leave.

Contributor Bio

As a lawyer and daughter of Guatemalan and Cuban bakers, Jessica C. Parra never objects to an extra slice of cake. She's a Los Angeles native who loves to write about Latinas with big hair (and even bigger dreams), complicated families, cats living their best lives (all nine of them), and the healing magic of acceptance. When she isn't drafting books you can find her sipping kombucha, cuddling with her kitties, or co-piloting the Millennium Falcon at Disneyland's Galaxy's Edge.

Quotes

"My heart rooted for Rubi as she rose to each challenge—college admissions, falling in love, baking & debate contests, & of course, sharing her true self with her parents."
—Romina Garber, author of *Lobizona*

"An earnest, charming coming-of-age story that will come for your heart *and* your appetite." —*New York Times* bestselling author Emma Lord

"With so many things to enjoy, this book brings new layers with every bite." —Jesmeen Kaur Deo, author of *TJ Powar Has Something to Prove*

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Girls Like Girls

Hayley Kiyoko

Trailblazing pop star, actor and director, Hayley Kiyoko debuts her first novel, a coming-of-age romance based on her breakthrough hit song and viral video, GIRLS LIKE GIRLS.

Summary

It's summertime and 17-year-old Coley has found herself alone, again. Forced to move to rural Oregon after just losing her mother, she is in no position to risk her already fragile heart. But when she meets Sonya, the attraction is immediate.

Coley worries she isn't worthy of love. Up until now, everyone she's loved has left her. And Sonya's never been with a girl before. What if she's too afraid to show up for Coley? What if by opening her heart, Coley's risking it all?

They both realize that when things are pushed down, and feelings are forced to shrivel away, Coley and Sonya will be the ones to shrink. It's not until they accept the love they fear and deserve most, that suddenly the song makes sense.

Based on the billboard-charting smash hit song and viral music video GIRLS LIKE GIRLS, Hayley Kiyoko's debut novel is about embracing your truth and realizing we are all worthy of being loved back.

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 LGBT rights. Her debut novel, *Girls Like Girls*, is based on her hit single and music video of the same name.



Darkhearts

A Novel

James L. Sutter

Perfect for fans of Alice Oseman and *Red, White, & Royal Blue*, *Darkhearts* is a hilarious, heartfelt, enemies-to-lovers romance about love, celebrity, and what happens when the two collide.

Summary

When David quit his band, he missed his shot at fame, trapped in an ordinary high school life while his ex-best friend, Chance, became the hottest teen pop star in America.

Then tragedy throws David and Chance back into contact. As old wounds break open, the boys find themselves trading frenemy status for a confusing, secret romance—one that could be David's ticket back into the band and the spotlight.

As the mixture of business and pleasure becomes a powder keg, David will have to choose: Is this his second chance at glory? Or his second chance at Chance?

Contributor Bio

JAMES L. SUTTER is a co-creator of the best-selling Pathfinder and Starfinder roleplaying games. He's the author of the young adult romance novel *Darkhearts*, as well as the fantasy novels *Death's Heretic* and *The Redemption Engine*. His short stories have appeared in *Nightmare*, *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, the #1 Amazon best-seller *Machine of Death*, and more. James lives in Seattle, where he's performed with musical acts ranging from metalcore to musical theater.

Quotes

"Laugh-out-loud and tearful at the same time, Sutter's *Darkhearts* combines real characters, smart prose, and an emotional journey into one fantastically relatable read." - Charlie N. Holmberg, bestselling author of *The Paper Magician* series and *You're My I.T.*

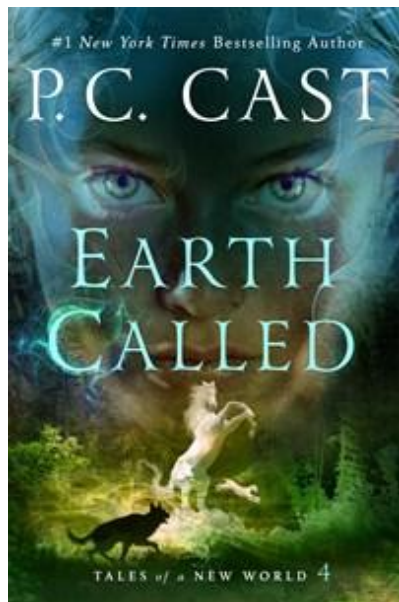
"A messy, joyful story about what happens when rockstars meet reality, and about finding the part of yourself that makes you whole. These boys and their love story filled up my heart—I couldn't stop reading, and I didn't want to." - *New York Times* bestselling author Amie Kaufman

"*Darkhearts* is a delightful, boy-centric YA that doesn't shy away from Romance with a capital R. Chance is a soulful, ethereal mystery to the reader, and David a down-to-earth, weighty mystery to himself, but wherever your tastes lie, you'll find it in *Darkhearts*. Sutter has created a world that will feel starkly familiar to teens, layered with exploration and an unflinchingly real glimpse into the sometimes elusive world of the teen boy. Top everything off with an insta-fave quirky best friend, and a setting steeped with musicians' culture—Sutter is an author to watch." - Aprilynne Pike, #1 *New York Times* Bestselling author of the *Wings* series

"Sutter's breezy, warm-hearted prose feels almost like a trick: blink and you'll catch yourself surprised by the more emotional moments in the book. A fantastic, slow-burn romance both sweet and poignant, hilarious and brilliant." —Cassandra Khaw, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Nothing But Blackened Teeth*

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Earth Called

Tales of a New World

P. C. Cast

Summary

Mari, Nik, their newly formed Pack and the Wind Riders are in danger as Thaddeus and the God of Death march ever closer in their quest to destroy and conquer everything and anyone who stands in their path.

The Pack and the Wind Riders must find a way to stop the God of Death before all is lost.

There is one hope: Ralina, Death's Storyteller. The woman meant to be by his side, recording all his feats of greatness. Instead Ralina's heeds the call of the Goddess of Life, the only one who can defeat Death and escapes to warn the Pack and the Wind Riders.

In the this last installment of the Tales of a New World series, love and godness are put to the ultimate test as gods, humans, and animals come together to save everything they hold dear.

Contributor Bio

P.C. Cast is the author of the House of Night novels, including *Marked*, *Betrayed*, *Chosen*, and *Untamed*. She was born in the Midwest, and grew up being shuttled back-and-forth between Illinois and Oklahoma, which is where she fell in love with Quarter Horses and mythology. After high school she joined the United States Air Force and began public speaking and writing. After her tour in the USAF, she taught high school for 15 years before retiring to write full time. Ms. Cast is a #1 New York Times and USA Today Best-Selling author and a member of the Oklahoma Writers Hall of Fame. With more than 20 million copies in print in over 40 countries, her novels have been awarded the prestigious: Oklahoma Book Award, YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award, the Prism, Holt Medallion, Daphne du Maurier, Booksellers' Best, and the Laurel Wreath. Ms. Cast lives in Oregon surrounded by beloved cats, dogs, horses, and family.

Quotes

"...Series fans will be happy to read this entry and hang on for more." – Booklist on Wind Rider

"While many fantasy series style themselves as epic, this one may actually be worthy of the description. Fantasy lovers who are fans of Cinda Williams Chima's "Seven Realms" novels will fall in love with Mari and Nik." – School Library Journal

"Cast's fans should find much to be pleased with in this new venture" – Kirkus

"...engaging characters and a fast-paced narrative" – Publishers Weekly

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Going Bicoastal

Dahlia Adler

A queer *Sliding Doors* rom-com in which a girl must choose between summer in NYC with her dad (and the girl she's always wanted) or LA with her estranged mom (and the guy she never saw coming).

Summary

Natalya Fox has twenty-four hours to make the biggest choice of her life: stay home in NYC for the summer with her dad (and finally screw up the courage to talk to the girl she's been crushing on), or spend it with her basically estranged mom in LA (knowing this is the best chance she has to fix their relationship, if she even wants to.) (Does she want to?)

How's a girl supposed to choose?

She can't, and so both summers play out in alternating timelines - one in which Natalya explores the city, tries to repair things with her mom, works on figuring out her future, and goes for the girl she's always wanted. And one in which Natalya explores the city, tries to repair things with her mom, works on figuring out her future, and goes for the guy she never saw coming.

In Dahlia Adler's *Going Bicoastal*, there's more than one path to happily ever after.

Contributor Bio

DAHLIA ADLER is an editor by day, a freelance writer by night, and a Young Adult author at every spare moment in between. She is the founder of LGBTQReads, editor of several anthologies, and author of many novels, including *Cool for the Summer* and *Home Field Advantage*. She lives in New York with her family and an obscene number of books.

Quotes

Praise for *Home Field Advantage*:

"Adler's magnificent new romance is a glorious touchdown of a book." - *Buzzfeed*

"[A] winning queer take on the classic meet-cute." - *Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"Readers hungry for more sapphic love stories will give this fully fleshed sports-centric romance full marks." - *Booklist*

"A swoonworthy romance about breaking the glass ceiling and being true to yourself, Adler's *Home Field Advantage* is a fun, queer twist on the quarterback/cheerleader trope that will suck you in from the very first page." - *The Nerd Daily*

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Cool for the Summer

Dahlia Adler

Lara finally lands the guy of her dreams, only to have her unexpected(ly female) summer fling transfer to her school, in Dahlia Adler's beloved award-winning queer romance, now in paperback!

Summary

Lara's had eyes for exactly one person throughout her three years of high school: Chase Harding. He's tall, strong, sweet, a football star, and frankly, stupid hot. Oh, and he's talking to her now. On purpose and everything. Maybe...flirting, even? No, wait, he's definitely flirting, which is pretty much the sum of everything Lara's wanted out of life.

Except she's haunted by a memory. A memory of a confusing, romantic, strangely perfect summer spent with a girl named Jasmine. A memory that becomes a confusing, disorienting present when Jasmine herself walks through the front doors of the school to see Lara and Chase chatting it up in front of the lockers.

Lara has everything she ever wanted: a tight-knit group of friends, a job that borders on cool, and Chase, the boy of her literal dreams. But if she's finally got the guy, why can't she stop thinking about the girl?

Dahlia Adler's *Cool for the Summer* is a story of self-discovery and new love. It's about the things we want and the things we need. And it's about the people who will let us be who we are.

Contributor Bio

DAHLIA ADLER is an editor by day, a freelance writer by night, and a Young Adult author at every spare moment in between. She is the founder of LGBTQReads, editor of several anthologies, and author of many novels, including *Cool for the Summer* and *Home Field Advantage*. She lives in New York with her family and an obscene number of books.

Quotes

"With its summery vibes and rollercoaster of queer confusion, *Cool for the Summer* is the sexy, sweet and steamy beach read of the year!" - *The Nerd Daily*

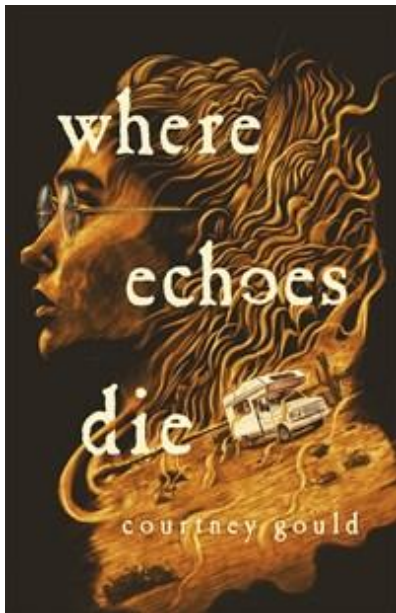
"As bright and sweet as its cover and poignantly explores queer identity and self-discovery." - *Buzzfeed*

"This book is a gamechanger for queer Jewish teens." - *Alma*

"[S]trung through with humor, warmth, and sensuality, this romance will speak to any reader who has ever struggled to know their own heart." - *Booklist* (starred review)

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Where Echoes Die

A Novel

Courtney Gould

Two sisters travel to an isolated Arizona town to investigate its connection to their mother's death, but uncover more than they anticipated in this supernatural thriller.

Summary

Beck Birsching has been adrift since the death of her mother, a brilliant but troubled investigative reporter. She can't stop herself from slipping into memories of happier days, longing for a time when things were more normal. So when a mysterious letter in her mother's handwriting arrives in the mail that reads *Come and find me*, pointing to the small town at the center of her last investigation, Beck hopes that it may hold the answers.

But when Beck and her sister Riley arrive in Backravel, Arizona, it's clear that something's off. There are no cars, no cemeteries, no churches. The town is a mix of dilapidated military structures and new, shiny buildings, all overseen by a gleaming treatment center high on a plateau. No one seems to remember when they got there, and when Beck digs deeper into the town's enigmatic leader and his daughter, Avery, she begins to suspect that they know more than they're letting on.

As Beck and her sister search for answers about their mother, she and Avery are increasingly drawn together, and their unexpected connection brings up emotions Beck has fought to keep buried. Beck is desperate to hold onto the way things used to be, but when she starts losing herself in Backravel—and its connection to her mother—she risks losing her way back out.

In *Where Echoes Die*, Courtney Gould draws readers into a haunting desert town to explore grief, the weight of not letting go of the past, first love, and the bonds between sisters, mothers and daughters.

Contributor Bio

COURTNEY GOULD writes books about queer girls, ghosts, and things that go bump in the night. She graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in 2016 with a Bachelor's degree in Creative Writing and Publishing. She was born and raised in Salem, OR, where she continues to write love letters to the haunted girls and rural, empty spaces. She is the author of *The Dead and the Dark*.

Quotes

"An intoxicating, dream-like mystery, as hazy as the desert heat, and a poignant story about the transformative power of trauma and grief...a stunning achievement." --**Ava Reid**, author of *The Wolf and the Woodsman*

"Eerie, tender, and inventive...with atmosphere as stark and ruthless as the Arizona heat and a masterfully unspooling mystery." —**Allison Saft**, author of *Down Comes the Night*



The Prince & The Apocalypse

A Novel

Kara McDowell

An American teen stranded in London is forced to team up with the British crown prince if she wants to make it back home before the end of the world in this delightfully rompy high-stakes rom-com.

Summary

Wren Wheeler has flown five thousand miles across the ocean to discover she's the worst kind of traveler: the kind who just wants to go home. Her senior-year trip to London was supposed to be life-changing, but by the last day, Wren's perfectly-planned itinerary is in tatters. There's only one item left to check off: breakfast at The World's End restaurant. The one thing she can still get right.

The restaurant is closed for renovations—of course—but there's a boy there, too. A very cute boy with a posh British accent who looks remarkably like the errant Prince Theo, on the run from the palace and his controlling mother. When Wren helps him escape a pack of tourists, the Prince scribbles down his number and offers her one favor in return. She doesn't plan to take him up on it—until she gets to the airport and sees cancelled flights and chaos. A comet is approaching Earth, and the world is ending in eight days. Suddenly, that favor could be her only chance to get home to her family before the end of the world.

Wren strikes a bargain with the runaway prince: if she'll be his bodyguard from London to his family's compound in Santorini, he can charter her a private jet home in time to say goodbye. Traveling through Europe by boat, train, and accidentally stolen automobile, Wren finds herself drawn to the dryly sarcastic, surprisingly vulnerable Theo. But the Prince has his own agenda, one that could derail both their plans. When life as they know it will be over in days, is it possible to find a happy ending?

Contributor Bio

KARA MCDOWELL is the author of *The Prince & The Apocalypse*, *One Way or Another*, *This Might Get Awkward*, and *Just for Clicks*. She lives with her husband and a trio of rowdy boys in Mesa, Arizona, where she divides her time between writing, baking, and wishing for rain.

Quotes

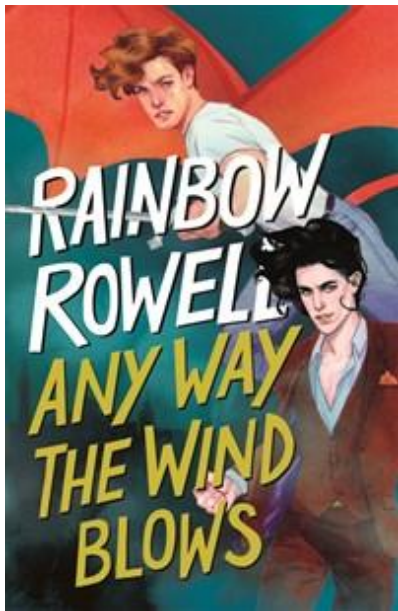
"This book is just pure *fun*, romance and action swirled together in one wild, adrenaline-fueled package...A royally perfect romp!" --**Rachel Lynn Solomon, NYT bestselling author of *See You Yesterday***

"A page-turning rom-com utterly unlike any other, full of heart, humor and huge surprises...[a] wonderfully whimsical, genre-mashing royal romance." --**Emily Wibberley & Austin Siegemund-Broka, bestselling authors of *The Roughest Draft***

"Kara McDowell is—hands down—my favorite rom-com author of all time...an absolutely perfect blend of romance, humor, and adventure. Wren and Theo are going to live rent-free in my heart forever!" --**Kass Morgan, bestselling author of *The 100***

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Any Way the Wind Blows

Rainbow Rowell

The conclusion to *New York Times* bestselling author Rainbow Rowell's epic fantasy, the Simon Snow trilogy-- now in paperback!

Summary

In *Carry On*, Simon Snow and his friends realized that everything they thought they understood about the world might be wrong. And in *Wayward Son*, they wondered whether everything they understood about *themselves* might be wrong.

In *Any Way the Wind Blows*, Simon and Baz and Penelope and Agatha have to decide how to move forward.

For Simon, that means deciding whether he still wants to be part of the World of Mages -- and if he doesn't, what does that mean for his relationship with Baz? Meanwhile Baz is bouncing between two family crises and not finding any time to talk to anyone about his newfound vampire knowledge. Penelope would love to help, but she's smuggled a cursed American Normal into London, and now she isn't sure what to do with him. And Agatha? Well, Agatha Wellbelove has had *enough*.

Any Way the Wind Blows takes the gang back to England, back to Watford, and back to their families for their longest and most emotionally wrenching adventure yet.

This book is a *finale*. It tells secrets and answers questions and lays ghosts to rest.

Carry On was conceived as a book about Chosen One stories; *Any Way the Wind Blows* is an ending about endings. About catharsis and closure, and how we choose to move on from the traumas and triumphs that try to define us.

Contributor Bio

RAINBOW ROWELL lives in Omaha, Nebraska, with her husband and two sons. She's also the author of *Carry On*, *Landline*, *Fangirl*, *Eleanor & Park*, and *Attachments*.

Quotes

Praise for Rainbow Rowell

"At last! A sequel to *Carry On*...every fine as fine as the first. ...overall excellence of a book in which every vista pleases and every character delights. Carefully plotted, the book is a classic page-turner right to the open ending which, o frabjous day, promises a sequel to the sequel! One can hardly wait." - *Booklist* (Starred Review) on *Wayward Son*

"Rowell imbues her magic with awe and spectacle. It's a powerful, politically minded allegory about sexual, ethnic and class identity - with a heady shot of teenage lust." —*New York Times Book Review* on *Carry On*

"It's a brilliantly addictive, genuinely romantic story about teenagers who can't be neatly sorted into houses, coping with stress and loss and the confusion of just trying to be who they are. It's as if Rowell turned the Harry Potter books inside out, and is showing us the marvelous, subversive stuffing inside." —*Time Magazine* on *Carry On*

"The funny, wised-up dialogue, the tumultuous, sweet, and sexy love story— is grade-A Rowell...almost impossible to put down." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review) on *Carry On*

"Stock up on copies—this one begs to be reread." —*Booklist* (starred review) on *Carry On*

"With rock-solid worldbuilding, a sweet and believable romance subplot, and satisfying ending, *Carry On* is a monumentally enjoyable reading experience. Hand this to fans of Rowell, Harry Potter, love stories, and magic." —*School Library Journal* (starred review)

"*Carry On* is a triumph. Thrilling and sexy, funny and shocking, deeply moving and very, very magical. Trust me, you have never, ever seen a wizard school like this."
—Lev Grossman, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Magicians* trilogy



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Ghosted

A Northanger Abbey Novel

Amanda Quain

***Never Have I Ever* meets *The X-Files* in this gender-bent contemporary retelling of the Jane Austen classic, *Northanger Abbey*.**

Summary

Hattie Tilney isn't a believer. Yes, she's a senior at America's most (*allegedly*) haunted high school, Northanger Abbey. But ever since her paranormal-loving dad passed away, she's hung up her Ghostbusters suit, put away the EMF detectors, and moved on. She has enough to worry about in the land of the living: taking care of her younger brother, Liam, while their older sister spirals out and their mother, Northanger's formidable headmistress, buries herself in her work. If Hattie just works hard enough, keeps that overachiever mask on tight through graduation, maybe her mom will finally see her.

But the mask starts slipping when Hattie's assigned to be an ambassador to Kit Morland, a golden retriever of a boy who's transferred to Northanger on—what else—a ghost-hunting scholarship. The two are partnered up for an investigative project on the school's paranormal activity, and Hattie quickly strikes a deal: Kit will present whatever ghostly evidence he can find to prove that campus is haunted, and Hattie will prove that it's not. But as they explore the abandoned tunnels and foggy graveyards of Northanger, Hattie realizes Kit might be the kind of person that makes her want to believe in something—and someone—for the first time.

With her signature wit and slow burn romance, Amanda Quain turns another Austen classic on its head in this sparkling retelling that proves sometimes the ghosts are just a metaphor after all.

Contributor Bio

AMANDA QUAIN is a writer, indie bookseller, and general life enthusiast. When she's not shouting about her favorite new books, she loves theatre, baking, rock climbing, marching band, and the overall pursuit of adventure. If forced to choose, Amanda's favorite Austen hero is Edward Ferrars, though she'll always have a soft spot for Mr. Bingley. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with her husband and their cat. She is the author of *Accomplished* and *Ghosted*.

Quotes

Praise for *Accomplished*:

"Move over, Lizzie Bennet—Georgiana Darcy's about to steal your heart!" —**Ashley Poston**

"An incredible debut and hilariously heartwarming addition to the *Pride & Prejudice* canon." --**Jennifer Dugan**

"An iconic, fresh and funny retelling...*Accomplished* has bewitched us." —**Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka**



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Accomplished

A Georgie Darcy Novel

Amanda Quain

Georgiana Darcy gets the spotlight she deserves in this sparkling *Pride & Prejudice* retelling, featuring a healthy dose of marching band romance, banter, and Charles Bingley as a ripped frat boy.

Summary

It is a truth universally acknowledged that Georgiana Darcy *should* have been expelled after The Incident with Wickham Foster last year – at least if you ask any of her Pemberley Academy classmates. She may have escaped expulsion because of her family name, but she didn't escape the disappointment of her big brother Fitz, the scorn of the entire school, or, it turns out, Wickham's influence.

But she's back for her junior year, and she needs to prove to everyone – Fitz, Wickham, her former friends, and maybe even herself – that she's more than just an embarrassment to the family name. How hard can it be to become the Perfect Darcy? All she has to do is:

- Rebuild her reputation with the marching band (even if it kills her)
- Forget about Wickham and his lies (no matter how tempting they still are), and
- Distract Fitz Darcy — helicopter-sibling extraordinaire — by getting him to fall in love with his classmate, Lizzie Bennet (this one might be difficult...)

Sure, it's a complicated plan, but so is being a Darcy. With the help of her fellow bandmate, Avery, matchmaking ideas lifted straight from her favorite fanfics, and a whole lot of pancakes, Georgie is going to see every one of her plans through. But when the weight of being the Perfect Darcy comes crashing down, Georgie will have to find her own way before she loses everything permanently—including the one guy who sees her for who she really is.

Contributor Bio

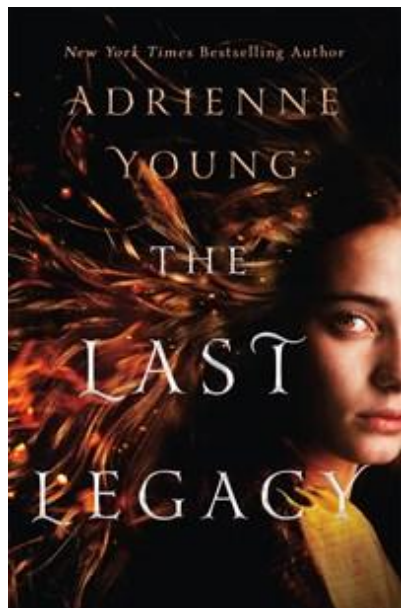
AMANDA QUAIN is a writer, indie bookseller, and general life enthusiast. When she's not shouting about her favorite new books, she loves theatre, baking, rock climbing, marching band, and the overall pursuit of adventure. If forced to choose, Amanda's favorite Austen hero is Edward Ferrars, though she'll always have a soft spot for Mr. Bingley. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with her husband and her cat. ACCOMPLISHED is her first novel.

Quotes

"Move over Lizzie Bennet, Georgiana Darcy's about to steal your heart!" —**Ashley Poston, bestselling author of *Geekerella***

"A heroine in possession of her own side of the story must be in want of an iconic, fresh and funny retelling...*Accomplished* has bewitched us." —**Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka, authors of *If I'm Being Honest***

"An incredible debut and hilariously heartwarming addition to the *Pride & Prejudice* canon." --**Jennifer Dugan, author of *Hot Dog Girl***



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The Last Legacy

A Novel

Adrienne Young

Now in paperback, *The Last Legacy* is a captivating standalone in the Narrows world about family and blood ties, reinventing yourself, and controlling your own destiny.

Summary

When a letter from her uncle Henrik arrives on Bryn Roth's eighteenth birthday, summoning her back to Bastian, Bryn is eager to prove herself and finally take her place in her long-lost family.

Henrik has plans for Bryn, but she must win everyone's trust if she wants to hold any power in the delicate architecture of the family. It doesn't take long for her to see that the Roths are entangled in shadows. Despite their growing influence in upscale Bastian, their hands are still in the kind of dirty business that got Bryn's parents killed years ago. With a forbidden romance to contend with and dangerous work ahead, the cost of being accepted into the Roths may be more than Bryn can pay.

Contributor Bio

ADRIENNE YOUNG is a foodie with a deep love of history and travel and a shameless addiction to coffee. When she's not writing, you can find her on her yoga mat, sipping wine over long dinners or disappearing into her favorite art museums. She lives with her documentary filmmaker husband and their four little wildlings in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. She is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling Sky in the Deep duology and the Fable duology.

Quotes

"This fast-paced tale with a Victorian feeling is filled with an abundance of scandal, high fashion, intrigue, and, of course, romance... the delightfully swoonworthy love story will keep readers engaged and the pages turning eagerly as they hurtle toward the book's satisfying conclusion. An entertaining story of forbidden love, family drama, and elegant couture." - *Kirkus*

"In this sumptuously rendered historical novel, Young deftly explores concepts of family, loyalty, and growing into one's destiny." - *Publishers Weekly*



Tilly in Technicolor

Mazey Eddings

Tilly in Technicolor is Mazey Eddings's sparkling YA debut about two neurodivergent teens who form a connection over the course of a summer.

Summary

Tilly Twomley is desperate for change. White-knuckling her way through high school with flawed executive functioning has left her burnt out and ready to start fresh. Working as an intern for her perfect older sister's start up isn't exactly how Tilly wants to spend her summer, but the required travel around Europe promises a much-needed change of scenery as she plans for her future. The problem is, Tilly has no idea what she wants.

Oliver Clark knows exactly what he wants. His autism has often made it hard for him to form relationships with others, but his love of color theory and design allows him to feel deeply connected to the world around him. Plus, he has everything he needs: a best friend that gets him, placement into a prestigious design program, and a summer internship to build his resume. Everything is going as planned. That is, of course, until he suffers through the most disastrous international flight of his life, all turmoil stemming from lively and exasperating Tilly. Oliver is forced to spend the summer with a girl that couldn't be more his opposite—feeling things for her he can't quite name—and starts to wonder if maybe he doesn't have everything figured out after all.

As the duo's neurodiverse connection grows, they learn that some of the best parts of life can't be planned, and are forced to figure out what that means as their disastrously wonderful summer comes to an end.

Contributor Bio

MAZEY EDDINGS is a neurodiverse author, dentist, and (most importantly) stage mom to her cats, Yaya and Zadie. She can most often be found reading romance novels under her weighted blanket and asking her boyfriend to bring her snacks. She's made it her personal mission in life to destigmatize mental health issues and write love stories for every brain. With roots in Ohio and Philadelphia, she now calls Asheville, North Carolina home. *Tilly in Technicolor* is her first YA novel.

Quotes

"So freaking cute. *Tilly in Technicolor* will have you aching with love for these characters while swooning at their awkward adorableness together. I want to hug this book to my chest." —Chloe Gong, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *These Violent Delights*

"A tender, heartfelt, and effortlessly inclusive feel-good YA romance with one of the best (read: hilarious) disaster-cutes I've ever witnessed, *Tilly in Technicolor* captures the giddy thrill of finding the person who sees you, who gets you, and who, ultimately, adores you exactly as you are. I loved Mazey Eddings's YA debut—the equivalent of a firm bear hug—from the very first page, and by the time I reached the last, I felt loved back. This is an affirming and joyful novel about rediscovering yourself outside of boxes, expectations, and comfort zones." —Lillie Vale, author of *Beauty and the Besharam*

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Unexpected

A Novel

Jen Bailey

Juno meets *Heartstopper* in this poignant and emotional story about found family, what it means to be a parent, and falling in love.

Summary

Benjamin Morrison is about to start junior year of high school and while his family is challenging, he is pretty content with his life, with his two best friends, and being a part of the robotics club. Until an experiment at science camp has completely unexpected consequences.

He is going to be a father. Something his mother was not expecting after he came out as gay and she certainly wasn't expecting that he would want to raise the baby as a single father. But together they come up with a plan to prepare Ben for fatherhood and fight for his rights.

The weight of Ben's decision presses down on him. He's always tired, his grades fall, and tension rises between his mom and stepfather. He's letting down his friends in the robotics club whose future hinges on his expertise. If it wasn't for his renewed friendship (and maybe more) with a boy from his past, he wouldn't be able to face the daily ridicule at school or the crumbling relationship with his best friends.

With every new challenge, every new sacrifice he has to make, Ben questions his choice. He's lived with a void in his heart where a father's presence should have been, and the fear of putting his own child through that keeps him clinging to his decision. When the baby might be in danger, Ben's faced with a heart-wrenching realization: sometimes being a parent means making the hard choices even if they are the choices you don't want to make...

Contributor Bio

JEN BAILEY is an office drone by day and author of Young Adult and New Adult LGBTQ romance by night. She's a firm believer that everyone, no matter their gender, age, sexual orientation, or paranormal affiliation, deserves a happy ending.

Quotes

"*Unexpected* tells a heartfelt coming-of-age story, full of tears, laughter, and every feeling in between." —ZR Ellor, author of *May the Best Man Win*



Guardians of Dawn: Zhara

S. Jae-Jones

Sailor Moon meets *Cinder* in the start of a new, richly imagined fantasy series from S. Jae-Jones, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wintersong*.

Summary

Magic flickers.
Love flames.
Chaos reigns.

Magic is forbidden throughout the Morning Realms. Magicians are called abomination, and blamed for the plague of monsters that razed the land twenty years before.

Jin Zhara already had enough to worry about—appease her stepmother’s cruel whims, looking after her blind younger sister, and keeping her own magical gifts under control—without having to deal with rumors of monsters re-emerging in the marsh. But when a chance encounter with an easily flustered young man named Han brings her into contact with a secret magical liberation organization called the Guardians of Dawn, Zhara realizes there may be more to these rumors than she thought. A mysterious plague is corrupting the magicians of Zanhei and transforming them into monsters, and the Guardians of Dawn believe a demon is responsible.

In order to restore harmony and bring peace to the world, Zhara must discover the elemental warrior within, lest the balance between order and chaos is lost forever.

Contributor Bio

S. JAE-JONES (called JJ) is an artist, an adrenaline junkie, and the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wintersong* and *Shadowson*. Born and raised in Los Angeles, she now lives on the wrong coast, where she can’t believe she has to deal with winter *every year*. When not writing, JJ can be found working toward her next black belt degree, building her BTS shrine, or indulging her in her favorite hobby—collecting more hobbies.

Quotes

"A treasure of a book that combines spellbinding fantasy with wit, charm, and a heartwarming romance. Nods to beloved fairy tales and fandoms blend seamlessly with demon possession and dark magic, creating a read that is both joyful and riveting. I can't wait to see what other surprises this series has in store!" —Marissa Meyer, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Lunar Chronicles*

"Tender and bewitching, joyous and thoroughly transporting. Zhara and Han are not just protagonists you root for, but characters you feel you've known your whole life." —Roshani Chokshi, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Gilded Wolves* and *Aru Shah*

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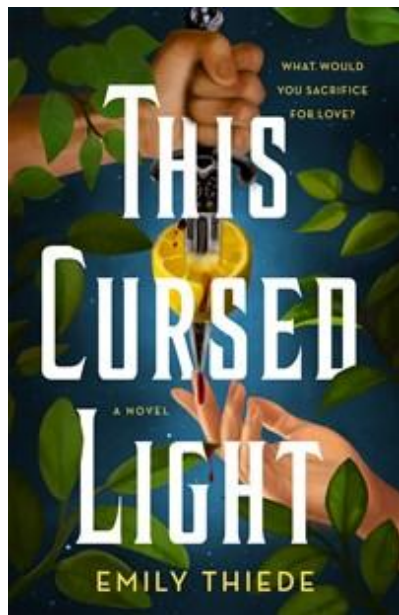
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This Cursed Light

Emily Thiede

The highly-anticipated sequel to the epic romance hailed as one of the best fantasies of the year!

Summary

When the gods make the rules, the players must choose: Sacrifice their love to save the world, or choose love and let it burn?

Six months after saving their island from destruction and almost losing Dante, Alessa is ready to live happily ever after with her former bodyguard. But Dante can't rest, haunted by a conviction that the gods aren't finished with them yet. And without his powers, the next kiss from Alessa could kill him.

Desperate for answers, Dante enlists Alessa and their friends to find the exiled ghiotte in hopes of restoring his powers and combining forces with them to create the only army powerful enough to save them all. But Alessa is hiding a deadly consequence of their last fight--a growing darkness that's consuming her mind--and their destination holds more dangers than anyone bargained for. In the mysterious city of the banished, Dante will uncover secrets, lies, and ghosts from his past that force him to ask himself: Which side is he on?

When the gods reveal their final test, Dante and Alessa will be the world's last defense. But if they are the keys to saving the world, will their love be the price of victory?

In *This Cursed Light*, Dante and Alessa face their most daunting challenge yet when the Gods demand they prove their worth by choosing the ultimate sacrifice to save humanity, once and for all.

Contributor Bio

EMILY THIEDE spent her childhood daydreaming and reading in trees. A former public school teacher, she teaches creative writing and serves on the board of Writer House, a local writing nonprofit, is a cohost for the Basic Pitches podcast, and has mentored aspiring writers through the Pitch Wars mentorship program. Emily enjoys fostering rescue kittens and getting lost in the woods of central Virginia, where she lives with her family. She is the author of *This Vicious Grace* and *This Cursed Light*. Find her on Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok.

Quotes

"One of the best fantasies of the year." - *Buzzfeed* on *This Vicious Grace*

"...a near-perfect blend of fantasy romance magic, one that will leave readers both thoroughly satisfied and eager for a sequel...A lush setting sprinkled with an irresistible Italian flavor and worldbuilding that hints at much more historical and political depth than we're allowed to see on the page, *This Vicious Grace* is effortlessly romantic, thrillingly immersive, and more than worth your time this summer." - *Paste Magazine*