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**LITERARY &  
CONTEMPORARY  
FICTION**

FICTION - LITERARY



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** La Trace Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** L'herbier de Jeanne (Club)  
Terra Incognita (orig. Edition)

**VOLUME(S):** 1

**PAGES:** 424

**WORDS:** 110,000

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**PUBLICATION:** 22/12/2023

**RIGHTS HELD**

World exclusive, domestic, translation

**DOMESTIC RIGHTS SOLD**

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**TRANSLATION RIGHTS SOLD**

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## TERRA INCOGNITA

By Isabelle Chavy

### KEYNOTE

An orphaned peasant girl, Jeanne Barret is fortunate enough to be introduced to botany by an apothecary in Dijon, where she meets the famous naturalist Philibert Commerson. He is soon commissioned to take part in an expedition led by Antoine de Bougainville. This is an achievement he cannot imagine experiencing without Jeanne.

### SELLING POINTS

- **Translated into Italian by Giunti.**
- **A best-selling author, also published by Pocket.**
- Inspired by a true story.
- A powerful novel set in the footsteps of the great discoveries of the Bougainville expedition.
- A love story that challenges the conventions of the time.

### DESCRIPTION

1752. Jeanne Barret is an orphaned peasant girl from the Morvan region of France, who is lucky enough to be introduced to botany by an apothecary in Dijon, where she works as a housekeeper. It is there that she meets the famous naturalist Philibert Commerson. As a young widower, he urgently needs a nanny for his newborn son. Jeanne, clever and sharp, quickly becomes his secretary, his most trusted confidante and, ultimately, his lover. A love they cannot live out in the open. When Jeanne becomes pregnant, the couple move to Paris. There, Commerson rubs shoulders with the scientific elite of the time. He is soon asked to take part in a round-the-world expedition led by Antoine de Bougainville. An achievement he cannot imagine experiencing without Jeanne. As women are not allowed on board, she decides to dress as a man, and pass herself off as his valet. The journey ahead will be difficult and perilous for everyone, but especially for Jeanne...

### REVIEWS

"A story that shows us that when we believe in ourselves and find the means, everything can become possible, despite the trials and difficulties. A beautiful life lesson." - Nouchkette

### AUTHOR

Isabelle Chavy was born in 1974. After studying modern literature at the Sorbonne University, she became a school teacher. She now lives in Niort with her husband and their three children. She is the author of 4 best-selling books, *L'orpheline de Saint-Aubin* (The Orphan of Saint-Aubin, 2015), *Le choix d'une vie* (The Choice of a Lifetime, 2018), *Le secret d'Alix* (Alix's Secret, 2021) and *Les dames de la Villandière* (Ladies of the Villandière, 2021).

**A PERFECT DATE**

By Martina Chyba

**NEW**

MARTINA CHYBA

*Un rendez-vous  
particulier*

**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Favre Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Un rendez-vous  
particulier

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 288  
**WORDS:** 87,000  
**ISBN:** 9782828922924  
**PUBLICATION:** 11/11/2025

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World exclusive, translation, domestic,  
derivative

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**KEYNOTE**

A dating-app mistake leads a fifty-something journalist to an unexpected love story in Paris. Funny, bold, and deeply honest, this novel explores love, desire, and reinvention in midlife — when real life begins after the happy ending.

**SELLING POINTS**

- **5,000+ copies sold in just 3 months.**

- A comforting and uplifting novel that balances laughter and emotion.
- A successful blend of sharp humor and emotional depth, exploring love, anxiety, and art as a form of therapy.
- A highly relatable story that resonates with readers across generations and life experiences.

**DESCRIPTION**

On the steps of Sacré-Cœur in Paris, a dating-app mistake leads a fifty-year-old woman to meet a stranger. She agrees to the date convinced she might be taking the biggest risk of her life — and ends up sleeping with him on the first night. Against all expectations, this is the beginning of a relationship. Or at least, an attempt at one. Because in real life, the story doesn't end with the final kiss — that's when the real trouble begins. When the man proposes to her, she is swept into a journey filled with moments of intense joy and unexpected tragedy. With humor, honesty, and no taboos, the novel follows a heroine in her fifties who refuses to feel “past her expiry date.” Love, friendship, work, motherhood, grief, health, and the passing of time collide in her daily life. Between soup nights with friends, existential crises, and sessions with an unusual therapist who prescribes works of art instead of antidepressants, she tries to stay fully alive. Inspired by the author's own experiences, this novel blends humor and emotion while celebrating the healing power of art and human connection. Readers praise the novel for its witty, honest voice, its perfect balance of humor and emotion, and its refreshing, relatable take on love and reinvention in midlife.

**AUTHOR**

Martina Chyba is a Swiss journalist, television producer and writer, born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1965. She came to Geneva in 1968, at the age of three, when her family decided to go into exile after the Prague Spring. She began her career as a journalist in 1989 at Swiss French-language television (TSR). In addition to her television career, Martina Chyba is the author of several books, including “Helvetic Park: une (pré)histoire de couple” (2010), “Vie en rose et chocolat noir” (2014) and “Impoliquement correct: Chroniques coups de griffe” (2016). She is also a columnist for various print media, including Migros Magazine. She is a regular speaker at conferences such as TEDxMartigny, where she shares her thoughts on a variety of topics ranging from art to contemporary society.

**1466: THE AGE OF WITCHES**

By Philippe Favre

**NEW**

**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Favre Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** 1466 le temps des sorcières

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 368  
**WORDS:** TBC  
**ISBN:** 9782828923280  
**PUBLICATION:** 22/11/2025

**RIGHTS HELD**  
 World exclusive, translation, domestic, derivative

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**TRANSLATION RIGHTS SOLD**  
 Czech (Argo)

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**KEYNOTE**

In 1466, in a remote Alpine valley, fear of the devil spreads and ignites a new wave of witch hunts. When a respected notary chooses to defend an accused widow, his family becomes the next target in a society ruled by superstition, rivalry, and fear.

**SELLING POINTS**

- **5,000+ copies sold in just 2 months.**
- A gripping historical novel set during the early European witch hunts.
- Inspired by real events and inquisitors' records, bringing authenticity and depth.
- Explores timely and universal themes: fear, manipulation, injustice, and persecution.
- A powerful story about how rumors and personal interests can turn a community against itself.

**DESCRIPTION**

In 1466, in a remote Alpine valley, fear of the devil spreads and ignites a new wave of witch hunts. Young Antoine dou Torrènn sees his life turned upside down when his father, a respected notary, decides to defend Anthonia, a widow accused of witchcraft and coveted for her land. In a society ruled by superstition, jealousy, and rivalry, this choice puts the entire family in danger. Suspicion spreads quickly, accusations multiply, and the first stakes are lit. Behind religious fervor lie ambition, power struggles, and greed. In this climate of fear, every gesture can become evidence and every word a sentence. Inspired by real events and inquisitors' archives, this historical novel immerses readers in an Alpine community facing one of Europe's darkest periods, revealing how fear and personal interests fueled a persecution in which women were the primary victims. A powerful historical novel about fear, manipulation, and the mechanics of persecution.

**AUTHOR**

Philippe Favre is a Swiss author and former teacher with a lifelong passion for history. His previous novels include *1352: A Doctor Against Tyranny* (2014), a bestseller reprinted several times and translated into Czech, *381: Mauricius or the Theban Legion* (2019), and *The Celtic Princess* (2023), all widely praised by readers and the media. Committed to historical accuracy, he conducts extensive archival research and collaborates with specialists to ensure his stories remain faithful to documented events while delivering gripping, immersive narratives. Through his work, he brings forgotten chapters of European history to life, focusing on the social tensions, beliefs, and power struggles that shaped past societies. *1466: The Age of Witches* continues this approach, revisiting one of the darkest episodes of European history through compelling storytelling grounded in historical research.

**BECOMING BUSTER KEATON**

By Stéphane Botti

**NEW****LANGUAGE:** French**PUBLISHER:** La Trace Editions**ORIG. TITLE:** Dans la peau d'un Buster Keaton**VOLUME(S):** 1**PAGES:** 220**WORDS:** TBC**ISBN:** 9782487261433**PUBLICATION:** 13/01/2026**RIGHTS HELD**

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**KEYNOTE**

A painfully shy young man accepts an unexpected challenge: to reinvent himself as a modern-day Buster Keaton to win the girl of his dreams. But what begins as a romantic bet soon becomes a life-changing journey of self-discovery and unexpected talent.

**SELLING POINTS**

- **A heartfelt tribute to silent film legend Buster Keaton, celebrating the timeless magic of physical comedy and cinema history.**

- A warm and uplifting novel exploring self-discovery, resilience, and the transformative power of art.

- A touching portrait of an unlikely hero who turns his greatest weakness into an unexpected strength.

**DESCRIPTION**

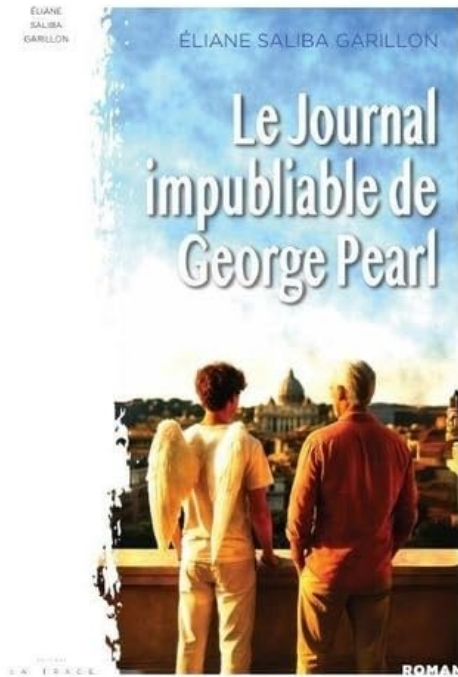
Hector Follet suffers from crippling shyness. Lacking confidence, he becomes awkward and nearly speechless whenever he finds himself around women. Convinced he has nothing special to offer, he has long stopped believing that love might one day find him. But on his eighteenth birthday, an unexpected encounter changes everything. Solène, amused by Hector's clumsy charm, sees something in him that he cannot see in himself. To Hector, meeting her feels like an improbable gift from fate. Yet convinced that someone like her could never truly be interested in him, he accepts the playful challenge she sets him: to step outside his comfort zone and become someone else. Determined to impress her, Hector decides to transform himself into a lookalike of the legendary silent film star Buster Keaton. What begins as a romantic bet soon becomes a journey of self-discovery. As Hector immerses himself in the art of physical comedy and performance, he uncovers an unexpected talent for the stage—and a new way of facing the world. With humor and tenderness, Stéphane Botti portrays a young man discovering his own potential, in a charming romantic comedy that celebrates the transformative power of art and pays tribute to the genius of silent film icon Buster Keaton.

**AUTHOR**

Stéphane Botti is a French writer and theatre artist based in Normandy. A trained actor and mime, he studied at the Florent School and holds a Master's degree in Theatre from Paris VIII University. A performer, stage director, and puppeteer, he has been creating shows and leading theatre workshops since 2015 with the Théâtre de l'Étoile Pliante. He has also worked as a television screenwriter and directed several produced short films. His books include the children's novel *Peau d'âne et la princesse qui-pue-du-bec* (2020), a humorous retelling of classic fairy tales addressing school bullying, and the young adult novel *À un poil près* (Calicot, 2022), selected for the Kibookin list. His short story *D'un instant à l'autre* was also published in the collective anthology *Émergences* (2018).

**GEORGE PEARL'S UNPUBLISHABLE JOURNAL****NEW**

By Éliane Saliba Garillon

**KEYNOTE**

A cynical New York architect retreats to Rome, determined to live far from the world he despises. But when a mysterious visitor begins appearing in his apartment without explanation, his carefully guarded solitude starts to unravel.

**SELLING POINTS**

- **An award-winning novel, recipient of the Prix du Cercle de l'Union Interalliée.**
- A witty and thought-provoking novel about solitude, human connection, and the illusion of misanthropy.
- A narrative blending humor, philosophical reflection, and subtle mystery, as a supernatural visitor begins to challenge the protagonist's worldview.
- An engaging portrait of an aging man confronting his past, his contradictions, and the unexpected ways life continues to surprise him.

**DESCRIPTION**

Renowned New York architect George Pearl sells his firm and moves to Rome, determined to enjoy a quiet retirement far from the world he claims to despise. Cynical and proudly misanthropic, he records in a journal the many interruptions that disturb his carefully chosen solitude—from family members back in the United States to a colorful circle of acquaintances in Rome. But one visitor unsettles him more than the rest. Laurel appears in George's apartment without warning, arriving and disappearing in ways that defy explanation. As these strange encounters multiply, George's carefully built detachment begins to crack, forcing him to question his solitude—and the life he thought he had chosen.

**AUTHOR**

Eliane Saliba Garillon is a Lebanese author who writes in French. She holds a Master's degree in Management from HEC at Saint Joseph University in Beirut and lived through the years of the Lebanese civil war. She began her career in advertising, working for four years at RSCG before founding and running her own agency for a decade. She eventually left the industry to devote herself fully to writing. Her second novel, *Le journal impubliable de Georges Pearl* (Arléa, 2015), received the Prix du Cercle de l'Union Interalliée in 2016 and was praised by Bernard Pivot as "caustic, original, and charming." In 2021, she published *Ça ne pouvait pas tourner autrement*. After spending time in the United States, she now lives in the Lebanese mountains with her husband and their four children. She has published several books in France.

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**PUBLISHER:** La Trace Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Simple d'esprit

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## SIMPLE-MINDED

By Jean-Claude Lefebvre

### KEYNOTE

Jean-Noël grows up marked by hardship and difference. Mocked by others yet guided by his mother's wisdom and the rhythm of nature, he discovers love, fatherhood, and betrayal—but remains unwavering in his values, faithful to life, and to love itself.

### SELLING POINTS

- For lovers of Jean Giono and Henri Bosco comes a gem in the tradition of great rural and poetic novels.
- A portrait of resilience against mockery, hardship, and isolation.
- Both harsh and salvific, nature becomes a central force in the characters' lives.
- Beautiful, powerful, and deeply moving, the book leaves a lasting impression.

### DESCRIPTION

Jean-Noël came into the world on a stormy Christmas night at the end of the nineteenth century. The birth was long and perilous: the snow fell in heavy silence, the doctor had to be fetched across frozen paths with a mule and a sled, and when he finally arrived, he used the forceps that would leave their trace forever. Jean-Noël survived, but not without scars—one eye sealed shut, his face marred for life, his breath slow to come, leaving him fragile and delayed. It is in his own voice that we hear his tale. He remembers the taunts of children, the fleeting years of school, the fury rising in him at every humiliation. Yet his mother, gentle and wise, taught him another way: to meet cruelty with a smile, to give nothing to the malice of others. Words became his refuge—words he never dared to speak aloud, but which bloomed within him, rich and beautiful, born from his closeness to the land and his unspoken emotions. His days unfold in simplicity, guided by the rhythm of the seasons, the steady step of Néan, his Poitou donkey, his companion and confidant. He lives in harmony with nature—sometimes tender as honey, sometimes unyielding as stone, and, when wounded, vengeful against those who exploit it. Then comes love: Marie, an orphan cast aside, his true reflection, as wounded and as strong as he is. Together they find joy and raise a son, his greatest pride. But life tests him with abandonment, with the betrayal of infidelity, and finally with the sorrow of Marie's death. Through every trial, Jean-Noël remains unwavering—faithful to his love, steadfast in his values, and always true to himself.

### AUTHOR

Jean-Claude Lefebvre is the author of several novels, including "Barnabé et le Vieux Fou", "Ils m'appelaient Doctor John", and "Le Banquet des Dinosaures". In his latest work, he returns to the mountains to inhabit the voice of a young "simple-minded" character, whose thoughts flutter like wild seeds in the alpine winds. Beyond literature, Jean-Claude Lefebvre is also a physician—"retired, though not always"—who has continued to serve on humanitarian missions with Médecins Sans Frontières in Syria, Libya, and across Africa. His writing reflects both his deep human experience and his profound connection to the natural world.

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# Promets-moi, Émile



LA TRACE

ROMAN

**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** La Trace Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Promets-moi Émile

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## PROMISE ME EMILE

By Bénédicte Rousset

### KEYNOTE

In 1912, Clemence, the daughter of a wealthy family, is forced to seek the help of Emile, a mentally challenged young man, to escape a forced marriage. With World War I about to break out, she is forced to throw herself headlong into the drama and suffering of war...

### SELLING POINTS

- **By the author winner of the 2021 Dora Suarez Award.**
- A moving novel that conveys the reality of anonymous people's lives, tossed into history by choice or fate.

### DESCRIPTION

In 1912, Clemence Panas de Prinveaux, daughter of a wealthy family, dreams of true love and freedom. Disfigured on one side of her face by a dog when she was a child, her parents see little chance of marrying her off. But at a time when her father's business is in the doldrums, an arrangement comes about to unite her with the only son of close friends, a mentally challenged young man. But Clemence can't bring herself to go through with the marriage; secretly in love with her cousin's fiancé, she will set her own conditions, study at the Salpetriere to become a nurse and follow her cousin Pauline, thus gaining two years... Taking advantage of Emile's weakness, the marriage is called off, but her growing guilt, the echoes of war and a promise that will commit her far beyond her wildest dreams, force her to throw herself headlong into the drama and suffering of war.

### REVIEWS

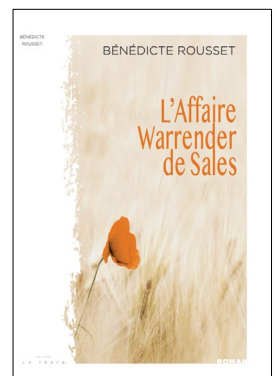
"This moving novel, full of contrasts, where carefreeness and gravity, fantasy and poetry mingle, recounts an incredible and touching love story, a story on many levels, hampered by war, hatred and the foolishness of men who remain seated on leather armchairs." - Babelio

### AUTHOR

Bénédicte Rousset grew up in the Vaucluse between her father's small printing workshop and her mother, a schoolteacher. As a teacher of Modern Letters, writing has enabled her to explore hitherto unknown corners of herself. Passionate about detective plots, she draws her inspiration from the works of Maupassant and Yasmina Khadra, as well as Italian literature (Buzzati, Sciascia, Pirandello). The Portrait of Humphrey Back is her eighth novel.

### NOTES

- This novel is part of a **trilogy**:
- Volume 2: March 2025
  - Volume 3: March 2026



MARTINA CHYBA

# Rendez-vous



roman  
FAVRE

**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Favre Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Rendez-vous

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 208  
**WORDS:** 57,000  
**ISBN:** 9782828920210  
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**RIGHTS HELD**  
World exclusive, translation, domestic, derivative

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Pocket-book (in-house)

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**DERIVATIVE RIGHTS SOLD**  
Point Prod Production (Film)

## THE DATE

By Martina Chyba

### KEYNOTE

A novel that skillfully blends humor, introspection, and art therapy to provide a stimulating and comforting read for those going through or about to go through the upheavals of middle age.

### SELLING POINTS

- **Film rights sold.**
- **9,000+ copies sold.**
- **The novel introduces the original concept of "artistic prescription,"** in which works by masters such as Vincent Van Gogh, and Pablo Picasso become sources of comfort and inspiration.
- The author tackles serious subjects with biting humor and lively prose, making for a read that is both entertaining and profound.

### DESCRIPTION

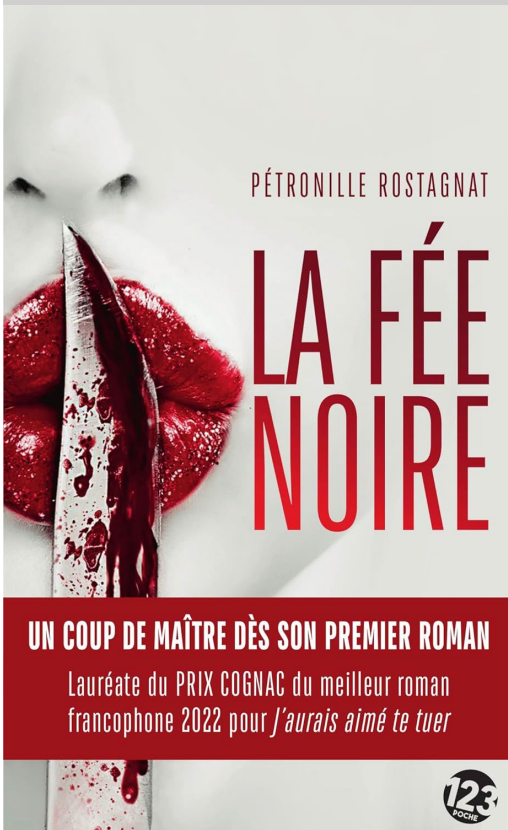
I have a date. With a man. At the bottom of the steps of the Sacré-Cœur in Paris. I don't know him; a dating site put us in touch by mistake. He could cut me into pieces and my body will never be found. Or he could spend the night with me and disappear. It's not a sure thing. But it's not a lost cause. I have to try. I belong to a pathetic generation, angry about nothing but tired of everything, convinced we're 30 in our minds and bodies but desperate because we're 50 in our arteries and at work. I have a date. With myself. And to help me, I see a therapist. Like most therapists, he prescribes remedies. But it's not antidepressants, anxiety pills, sleeping pills, herbal teas, trips to a clinic, or meditation classes. My therapist only prescribes art. He asks me to go to museums and look at them and ask myself one question: How can what I see give me strength? The protagonist of this novel, inspired by the author's own life, juggles many roles and challenges, including work, children, grief, the passage of time, moving house, and finding love again. She has only one goal: to keep living, always, and to focus on what really matters. To accomplish this, she invites the reader, with humor, emotion, and empathy, to explore the healing power that some works of art can have when we allow ourselves to feel their full intensity.

### AUTHOR

Martina Chyba is a Swiss journalist, television producer and writer, born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1965. She came to Geneva in 1968, at the age of three, when her family decided to go into exile after the Prague Spring. She began her career as a journalist in 1989 at Swiss French-language television (TSR). In addition to her television career, Martina Chyba is the author of several books, including "Helvetic Park: une (pré)histoire de couple" (2010), "Vie en rose et chocolat noir" (2014) and "Impoliquement correct: Chroniques coups de griffe" (2016). She is also a columnist for various print media, including Migros Magazine. She is a regular speaker at conferences such as TEDxMartigny, where she shares her thoughts on a variety of topics ranging from art to contemporary society.

**THRILLERS,  
SUSPENSE,  
MYSTERY  
& COSY-MYSTERY**

FICTION - THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Editions du 123  
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Russian (Clever Media)

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## THE DARK FAIRY (ALEXANE LAROCHE #1)

By Pétronille Rostagnat

### KEYNOTE

An innocent pact between three childhood friends turns into a murderous nightmare twelve years later. Major crime novelist Pétronille Rostagnat's first novel republished in mass-market paperback.

### SELLING POINTS

- **A bestselling series with 140,000+ copies sold.**
- **By the author winner of the 2022 Cognac Award for best Francophone novel and the 2023 Grand Prix de l'Iris Noir Bruxelles.**
- The theme of friendship pacts and their tragic consequences is explored in an original way, raising questions about life choices.

### DESCRIPTION

Versailles, France. July 2000. Three childhood friends, Capucine, Emma and Louise, meet at a bar to celebrate their school Leaving Certificate results. Over a beer, they make a pact to become mothers before they turn 30. July 19, 2012. Twelve years later. Alexane Laroche, head of the Paris Crime Squad, pays Capucine a visit. Her friend Nathan has just been found brutally murdered and mutilated in a Place Vendôme parking lot. The letter "P" engraved on his left ring finger. July 24, 2012. Five days later. Capucine receives an enigmatic message, bearing obscure news: "Nathan is gone. You have a second chance... P." The novel has been praised for its fast pace and breathless suspense. The short chapters and fluid writing hold the reader's attention and make the story hard to put down. The characters are well developed, each with motivations and secrets that add depth to the plot. In particular, the character of Alexane Laroche is appreciated for her complexity and humanity, offering an interesting perspective on the life of an investigator. The theme of friendship pacts and their tragic consequences is explored in an original way, raising questions about life choices.

### REVIEWS

"A great novel, in which a story of alliances between girlfriends is followed by one bloody murder after another and a fast-paced investigation." - Babelio, JustReadDarling

### AUTHOR

Pétronille Rostagnat is a French author of crime novels. A globetrotter, she held several marketing positions before taking up writing in 2015. In just seven novels, she has established herself as one of the leading lights of the French crime genre. Awarded the Cognac 2022 award for best French-language novel for *J'aurais aimé te tuer* and the Grand Prix Iris Noir Bruxelles 2023 for *Quand tu ouvras les yeux*, she is currently working on the TV adaptation of her two latest novels. *La Fée noire* is her first novel.



FICTION - THRILLER

FLORIAN DENNISSON



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** L'Oiseau Noir Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Rien que le froid

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**COLD RUNS DEEP**

By Florian Dennisson

**NEW**

**KEYNOTE**

A chilling video. A blood-soaked cave. A necklace of human ears. When a series of brutal murders is linked to a disgraced journalist haunted by her sister's death, an impossible clue resurfaces—dragging the past back into the light.

**SELLING POINTS**

- **By the author of the successful Maxime Monceau series, which sold over 300,000 copies and was translated into 4 languages.**
- A gripping police procedural intertwined with family secrets and psychological trauma.
- A plot driven by manipulation, buried truths, and shocking twists.

**DESCRIPTION**

"If you're watching this video, I'm probably already dead..." A scream tearing through a microphone. A blood-soaked hand. A necklace made of human ears. What appears to be a nightmare recorded in a frozen cave is only the first shockwave in a series of murders of chilling brutality. In Paris, Captain Janssen and Commander Drezen are assigned to the case. Their prime suspect is Siana, a fallen journalist whose life shattered the day her sister died during the filming of an extreme survival reality show. Since then, Siana has lived in the shadow of guilt, grief, and unanswered questions. But when investigators discover around a victim's neck the very medallion Siana once gave her sister—an object lost thousands of miles away in the wilderness—the investigation veers into the impossible. How did it resurface at the center of such a meticulously staged crime scene? Is someone manipulating the evidence... or rewriting the past? As the inquiry deepens, layers of deception unravel. Family secrets resurface. Old traumas bleed into the present. And beyond the city, in a hostile and unforgiving landscape where every step can mean death, a darker truth waits beneath the ice. In this relentless thriller, the cold is more than climate—it is a force, a memory, a threat that creeps beneath the skin and settles in the bloodstream. And once it takes hold, it never lets go. Readers praise Cold Runs Deep as a chilling, high-intensity thriller that grips from the very first page. They highlight its relentless pacing, shocking twists, and deeply layered characters, as well as the icy atmosphere that seeps into every scene.

**AUTHOR**

Florian Dennisson has been dedicated to writing full-time since 2015, following an international career as a professional musician. Known for crafting intense, immersive thrillers, he takes readers on journeys that are at once unsettling and thought-provoking, driven by psychologically complex characters and unexpected twists. Author of the bestselling Maxime Monceau investigations and published in paperback by J'ai Lu, Dennisson has been translated into five countries and continues to expand his international readership. He now lives in Annecy, in the French Alps—an evocative landscape that often serves as the backdrop for his gripping, atmospheric novels.

FICTION - THRILLER

« Une peinture  
juste et glaçante  
des monstres  
du quotidien. »  
CHRISTEL DUCHAMP



# le sacrifice des papillons

NATHALIE LECIGNE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** L'Oiseau Noir Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Le Sacrifice des papillons

**VOLUME(S):** 1

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## THE SACRIFICE OF THE BUTTERFLIES

By Nathalie Lecigne

NEW

**KEYNOTE**

She ran from a violent man. Now she must outrun the memories he left behind. But when reality begins to crack, how do you know which danger is real?

**SELLING POINTS**

- **Award-Winning Author – Winner of the Prix Découverte Iris Noir 2025 and the Prix de la Plume Assassine 2025.**

- A high-concept psychological suspense where the external threat is as terrifying as the internal one.

- Blends domestic suspense with psychological unraveling, appealing to both mainstream readers and literary noir audiences.

- A tight, escalating narrative structured like a countdown, driving page-turning momentum.

**DESCRIPTION**

One summer night, Sarah runs. She takes her six-year-old son, Nathan, and leaves behind a house with barricaded windows, a husband lying unconscious on the floor... and years of silence, fear, and control. She doesn't look back. She drives toward the Pyrenees—the place where it all began—convinced that distance will finally set her free. But freedom is not the same as safety. In the isolated house where she seeks refuge, the past begins to seep through the cracks. Memories sharpen, distort, and rearrange themselves. Familiar rooms feel hostile. Old voices echo in the present, blending with her son's laughter, with the wind against the walls, with the sound of her own heartbeat. The line between memory and reality starts to blur. And Fabien has not said his last word. He knows Sarah's weaknesses. He knows her fears. He knows exactly where to strike. Whether he is miles away or closer than she dares imagine, his presence lingers like a shadow she cannot outrun. As tension coils tighter with each passing day, Sarah is forced to confront a terrifying possibility: what if the real danger is not the man who might be coming for her... but the fractures already widening inside her own mind? Dark, claustrophobic, and relentlessly suspenseful, *The Sacrifice of the Butterflies* is a psychological thriller where every heartbeat sounds like a countdown—and escape may be the most dangerous illusion of all.

**AUTHOR**

Nathalie Lecigne is a Paris-based author and teacher. Passionate about literature from an early age, she began writing after earning recognition in several literary competitions. She published her first thriller in 2022 and quickly established herself as a rising voice in psychological noir. Winner of the Prix Découverte Iris Noir 2025 and the Prix de la Plume Assassine 2025, Nathalie Lecigne crafts immersive, emotionally charged suspense marked by atmospheric settings and psychological depth.

FICTION - THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** L'Oiseau Noir Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** L'ultime randonnée

**VOLUME(S):** 1

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**THE FINAL HIKE**

By Vincent Ortis

**NEW**

**KEYNOTE**

Fresh out of prison, Penny Baxter heads into the frozen wilds of Montana to find her missing son—but when bodies surface in her wake, a relentless manhunt begins. A tense psychological thriller where predator and prey blur, and redemption comes at a deadly price.

**SELLING POINTS**

- **Award-winning author – a Grand Prix des Enquêteurs winner, with a strong reputation in psychological suspense.**
- **Over 30,000 readers for his previous novel, confirming solid commercial potential.**
- Cinematic wilderness setting with the frozen landscapes of Montana for a visually striking, high-tension backdrop.

**DESCRIPTION**

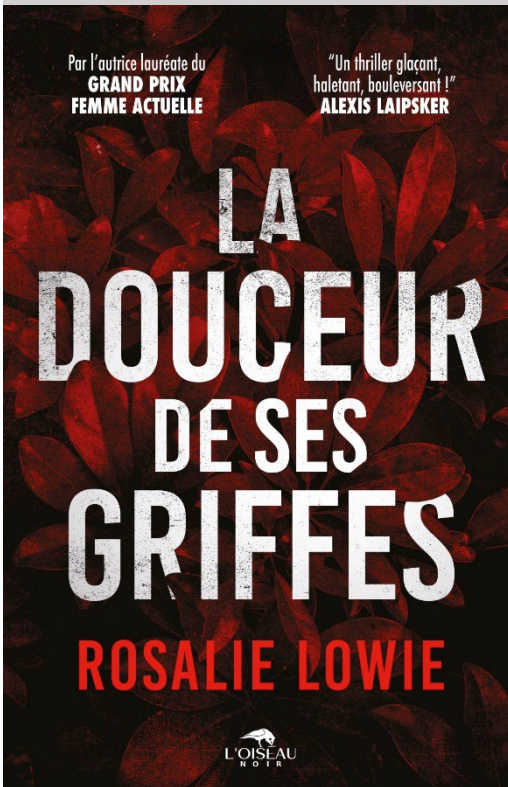
Eight years in prison. Eight years to replay the past. Eight years to plan her return. The day Penny Baxter is released, she wastes no time. Freedom means only one thing: finding her missing son, Antonio, and giving him the future that was stolen from them. She heads for the vast wilderness of Montana, where icy forests stretch for miles and survival is never guaranteed. But the mountains remember. When bodies begin to surface along her route, suspicion falls quickly. A relentless manhunt is launched, and Penny finds herself at the center of a tightening net. Is she a mother in search of justice—or a fugitive fleeing the consequences of something far darker? Meanwhile, Judge MacCarthy reappears after a brutal ordeal in the snow that left him the sole survivor of a deadly trek. Haunted and weakened, he returns to the wilderness to track down the man who accompanied him to his final breath. Yet his determination raises troubling doubts: is he seeking redemption—or trying to silence the truth? As police forces mobilize, activists interfere, and long-buried secrets claw their way back into the light, the chase intensifies across a landscape as unforgiving as the human heart. In *The Final Hike*, Vincent Ortis delivers a high-tension psychological thriller where guilt and innocence blur, predator and prey exchange roles, and redemption always demands a devastating price.

Readers praise *The Final Hike* as a gripping, atmospheric thriller that is impossible to put down. They highlight its relentless tension, morally complex characters, and the haunting wilderness setting that amplifies every twist.

**AUTHOR**

Vincent Ortis began his career in software development before turning to creative writing, crafting songs, screenplays, and stage plays. He gained national recognition when his debut thriller, *Pour seul refuge*, won the prestigious Grand Prix des Enquêteurs among 150 competing manuscripts. With subsequent novels published by La Bête Noire (Robert Laffont) and later in paperback by Pocket, Ortis has built a loyal readership drawn to his psychologically intense, claustrophobic narratives. Now based in the South of France, he continues to write gripping thrillers where oppressive atmospheres, moral ambiguity, and mental manipulation drive the suspense.

FICTION - THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** L'Oiseau Noir Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** La douceur de ses griffes

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 372  
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## THE SOFTNESS OF HIS CLAWS

By Rosalie Lowie

NEW

### KEYNOTE

Plunge into the heart of a cult where indoctrination crushes souls and destroys wills. In the face of a murderous network, the line between investigator and prey is blurred. As hell closes in, only one choice remains: flee or die.

### SELLING POINTS

- **A bestselling author, totaling 30,000+ copies sold, also published by Pocket (Editis Group).**
- **A multi-awarded author, winner of the Femmes Actuelles Grand Prix, and the Nordist Crime Award.**
- A fast-moving plot driven by infiltration, escalating violence, and a race against time.
- Explores cult dynamics, psychological manipulation, and coercive control.
- A couple pushed to the brink, where love becomes both a strength and a vulnerability.

### DESCRIPTION

Undercover journalist Zoé Rousseau thought she could expose the truth without getting her hands dirty—until she infiltrated Entre-Soi, a training center with sinister methods, where isolation and psychological manipulation are disguised as self-improvement. Indoctrination is its currency, and broken souls are its prey. But Zoé was wrong to believe she could stay detached from those who run it. A few miles away, her boyfriend Marcus Kubiak is following a trail of blood: a young woman murdered, a suspect vanished, then two more bodies that expose a far darker network. With each step, Marcus draws closer to a terrifying realization—Zoé is no longer an agent in control of her cover... she has become the hunted. Inside the cult's walls, there is no exit. No ally she can trust. No one who can hear her screams. As readers have raved, *The Softness of His Claws* is a gripping plunge into psychological terror and cultic manipulation, blending tightly wound suspense with startling twists. What begins as an investigation becomes a battle for survival—where loyalty is weaponized, trust is a trap, and escape may cost everything. A relentless thriller that will keep you breathless until the very last page.

### AUTHOR

Rosalie Lowie lives on the Opal Coast in Northern France and devotes her time to writing. Her novels range from thrillers and noir to contemporary literature, short stories, children's books and plays. The author was first introduced to the public in 2017 with her debut novel "Un bien bel endroit pour mourir" (A Beautiful Place to Die), published by Les Nouveaux Auteurs (Prisma Media Group) and then by Pocket (Editis Group), which won the Femme Actuelle Grand Prix. Her subsequent thriller "Dernier été sur la côte (Last Summer on the Sea Side)", published in 2021, won the 2022 Nordist Crime Fiction Award, sponsored by Olivier Norek.

FICTION - THRILLER

CHRISTOPHE VASSE

CELLES  
QUI  
SORTAIENT  
DE L'OMBRE

Par l'auteur lauréat du  
GRAND PRIX POLAR Femme Actuelle

**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** L'Oiseau Noir Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Celles qui sortaient de l'ombre

**VOLUME(S):** 1

**PAGES:** 372

**WORDS:** 97,000

**ISBN:** 9782494715509

**PUBLICATION:** 16/06/2025

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## THOSE WHO STEPPED OUT OF THE SHADOWS

By Christophe Vasse

### KEYNOTE

Bones buried under the snow, secret experiments on children, lives shattered by lies... What if the truth were more deadly than the worst predator? A no-holds-barred thriller where survival is the only option.

### SELLING POINTS

- **A bestselling author, totaling 30,000+ copies sold over 2 books.**
- **An author, winner of the Femmes Actuelles mystery prize.**
- Women scarred by violence and silence step into the light, bringing depth, emotional power, and resilience to the narrative.
- Family vengeance, scientific manipulation, hidden crimes, and unbearable truths collide in a web of lies stretching across decades.

### DESCRIPTION

When human bones are discovered beneath the snow in the Pyrenees, Lieutenant Marc Darbanville finds himself drawn into an investigation that unearths forty years of buried secrets. What begins as a simple case spirals into a labyrinth of shadows, deceit, and chilling revelations that span countries and generations. In Belgium, young Sofia searches for answers about her father's disappearance—only to uncover that her entire life is built upon lies. At a remote mountain research center, children are subjected to disturbing experiments under the eye of a neuroscientist whose growing doubts threaten to expose a horrifying truth. Meanwhile, Gabrielle, a French gendarme captain turned fugitive after avenging her partner's death, must confront the predators hunting her in the dark. At the core of this web of intrigue lie women scarred by violence, betrayal, and silence—once invisible, now stepping out of the shadows. Their stories intertwine with vengeance, survival, and the desperate fight for truth. But in a world where science manipulates, families fracture, and secrets kill, every step closer to the light pushes them nearer to madness. This book is a relentless, haunting thriller about the resilience of the human spirit, the cost of uncovering the past, and the thin line between hunter and prey.

### REVIEWS

"This noir novel grabbed me from the start. The way he explores deep emotions and hidden realities behind appearances is powerful—and the story of Isabelle resonates with so many who feel trapped in similar situations. He gives voice to the silenced." – Booknode review

### AUTHOR

Christophe Vasse was born and lives in Toulouse. An engineer, he devotes his free time to writing. He published his first novel with Nouveaux Auteurs (Prisma Media Group) in 2017: "Celle qui ne pleurait jamais" (She who never cries), which won the Femme Actuelle mystery prize. It was followed by "La porte de Bosch" (Bosch's Door) in 2019, by "Celle qui ne pardonnait pas" (The Unforgiven) in 2021, which won the Coquelicot Noir Award, and "La stratégie du papillon" (The Butterfly's Strategy) in 2023. His last novel, "L'enfant qui apprenait à nager avec les buffles" (The child who learned to swim with the buffalo), was published in April 2024 by Éditions Héloïse d'Ormesson (Editis Group).

FICTION – THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** L'Oiseau Noir Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Notre petit secret

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## OUR LITTLE SECRET

By Pierre Vergeat

### KEYNOTE

When Fanny receives an anonymous letter confessing to the murder of a young girl who disappeared 20 years earlier and was found on a station platform with no memory of her 5 years in captivity, she will do everything in her power to find out who's behind this strange letter.

### SELLING POINTS

- **By the bestselling author of "L'homme de la cave" (The man in the cellar) with 15,000+ copies sold.**
- **A book longlisted for the 2025 l'Embouchure award.**
- **By the author winner of the 2023 Plume Indé Award in the horror/thriller category.**
- A thriller set in the Pyrenees, with a mountain setting and a strong heroine.
- The author creates a web of clues and false leads that keeps the reader on the edge of his seat right up to the last page.

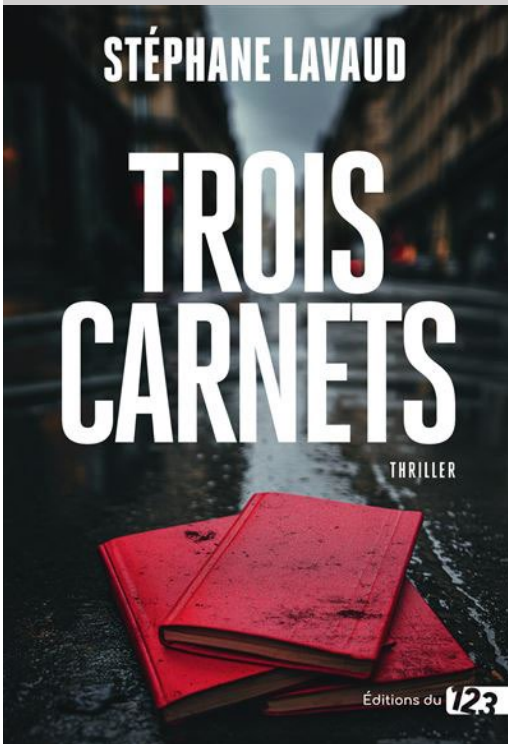
### DESCRIPTION

In Sombreal, a small town nestled in the heart of the Pyrenees, Fanny struggles to put her life back together. After losing her son in a terrible house fire, she's back at the Pau Crime Department. But the tragedy not only shattered her soul, it also left its mark on her body. After undergoing several skin grafts and the amputation of her right hand, the policewoman is sidelined because of her appearance. One night, a stranger breaks into her home and makes a confession that is as shocking as it is chilling: he confesses to the murder of Osana Storm, a young girl who disappeared 10 years earlier and was found on a station platform with no memory of her 2 years in captivity. Osana is alive and well, and now has a partner and children of her own. However, Fanny has never really believed in this miraculous return and has always doubted the identity of the young girl who didn't seem to have grown up during her imprisonment.

### AUTHOR

Author of crime novels and thrillers since 2018, Pierre Vergeat has been writing since his earliest childhood memories. Also a screenwriter, this suspense enthusiast enjoys immersing his readers in stories with mysterious atmospheres, crafted characters, and unexpected twists and turns. His addictive pen and cinematic style have already won over many readers. Specialising in the exploration of the darker sides of human nature, Vergeat masterfully builds complex, intriguing plots where secrets are slowly revealed, keeping the audience on edge until the very last page. Known for his psychological depth and ability to manipulate tension, his works, such as "*Notre petit secret*" (*Our Little Secret*), has made him a significant figure in contemporary crime fiction in France. With his talent for blending suspense with rich character development, Pierre Vergeat continues to captivate and surprise his readers with each new release.

FICTION – CONTEMPORARY



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Editions du 123  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Trois carnets

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 384  
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**ISBN:** 9782376101840  
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## THREE NOTEBOOKS

By Stéphane Lavaud

### KEYNOTE

Pierre Duroc's life changes the day an abandoned manuscript turns him into an overnight literary sensation — for a book he did not write. Trapped in a lie he never meant to sustain, he watches his success grow as his fear of exposure tightens its grip.

### SELLING POINTS

- **An award-winning author.**
- A fast-paced psychological tension driven by escalating stakes.
- Explores timely themes: authorship, legitimacy, impostor syndrome, media exposure.
- Strong commercial crossover potential (literary thriller / upmarket fiction).

### DESCRIPTION

Pierre Duroc, an unassuming IT specialist, stumbles upon three abandoned notebooks by the side of a country road. Captivated by the raw intensity of the writing, he begins copying them out for himself, with no intention of ever publishing them. Everything changes when his partner, Sonia, discovers the manuscript. Convinced that Pierre is the author and impressed by his hidden talent, she secretly submits it to a publisher. Caught off guard, Pierre fails to correct the misunderstanding. One silence leads to another, and before he can stop it, events spiral out of control. The book is published — and becomes an instant literary sensation. Overnight, Pierre is transformed into a celebrated writer. But behind the acclaim lies constant dread. Every interview, every public appearance deepens his fear of exposure. His success rests on a lie. Then the real author resurfaces — and demands answers. Cornered, Pierre faces an impossible choice: confess and lose everything, or continue the deception and risk total ruin. A gripping psychological novel about identity, guilt, and the intoxicating danger of sudden success — where a single uncorrected lie sets off an unstoppable chain reaction.

### REVIEWS

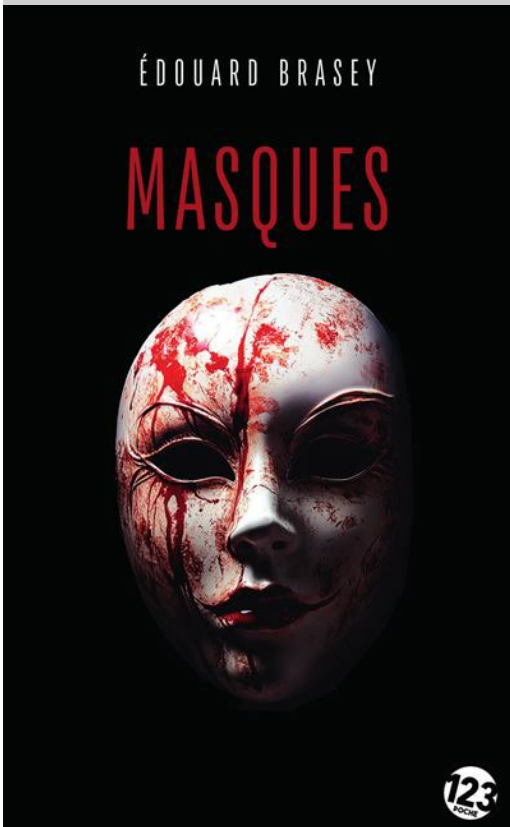
“A brilliant premise carried by constant psychological pressure.” - monBestSeller.com (reader platform)

“The moral dilemma feels painfully real. You keep asking yourself: what would I have done?” - monBestSeller.com (reader platform)

### AUTHOR

Born in the 1970s in the Paris suburbs, Stéphane Lavaud began writing at an early age. He is the recipient of the Authors' Prize from the readers' platform monBestSeller.com, which connects writers directly with their audience. In 2022, he published his debut novel, *Le Môme*. Through his fiction, Lavaud explores questions of identity, moral ambiguity, and the fragile boundary between truth and fiction. His work combines psychological tension with emotional depth, focusing on ordinary individuals confronted with extraordinary ethical dilemmas.

FICTION – THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Editions du 123  
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## MASKS

By Edouard Brasey

### KEYNOTE

Ten strangers accept a dream invitation to the Venice Carnival — but the masked role-playing game they've agreed to play turns deadly when the “murders” become real. Trapped in a city of disguises where their unseen host pulls the strings, they must unmask the killer among them before the next victim falls.

### SELLING POINTS

- **An award-winning author.**
- Classic Agatha Christie-style structure with a contemporary edge.
- Themes of identity, disguise, manipulation, and voyeurism.
- Psychological suspense driven by paranoia within a confined group.
- International appeal through iconic European location.

### DESCRIPTION

Ten strangers receive an irresistible invitation: an all-expenses-paid stay during the Venice Carnival. There is only one condition — they must take part in an immersive role-playing game inspired by the Commedia dell'Arte, each embodying one of its iconic masked characters. Upon arrival, they discover they will never meet their host, the elusive Baron Corvo. Instead, they are welcomed by his butler to a Venetian palazzo. Each evening, a prerecorded message from the Baron invites them to participate in a costumed murder party, where one guest must “eliminate” another as part of the game. But the line between fiction and reality shatters when the murders become real. Four guests are killed — in broad daylight, in Venice's most iconic locations, hidden in plain sight among the masked carnival crowds. Trapped in a city where everyone wears a disguise, the remaining guests realize the killer is among them. And the real game has only just begun. A gripping, high-concept thriller blending closed-circle suspense with the intoxicating, dangerous beauty of Venice at Carnival.

### REVIEWS

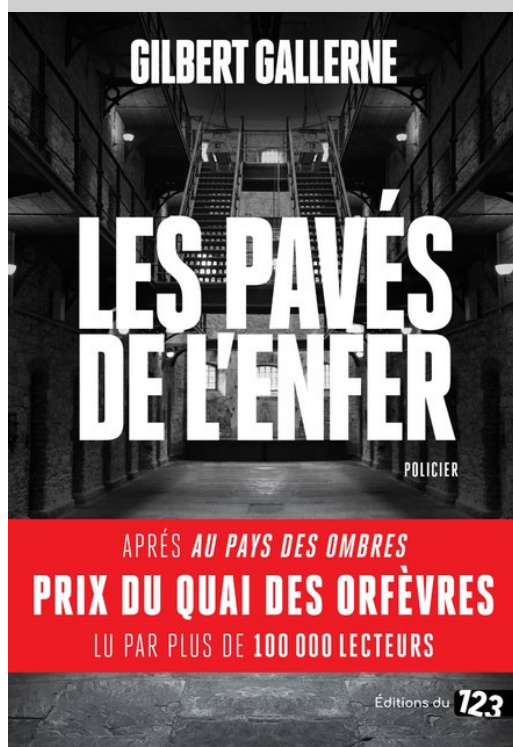
“The suspense is relentless, the concept strikingly original, and the psychological undertones genuinely disturbing. I closed the book shaken — and deeply impressed.” – Amazon review

“Blending contemporary anxieties with the theatrical beauty of the Commedia dell'Arte, this is an immersive and gripping read. I finished the novel wanting to book a trip to Venice — and to rethink every mask I see.” – Amazon review

### AUTHOR

Born in 1954 in Marseille, Édouard Brasey is a prolific French novelist and screenwriter who has published more than 80 books since 1987. Now primarily devoted to fiction, he is the author of several contemporary thrillers, including *Anonymous* and *Anonymous: Apocalypse*, as well as crime novels such as *Le Dernier pape*, which anticipated Pope Benedict XVI's resignation and generated over 5,000 digital downloads. Award-winning and widely read, Brasey combines fast-paced storytelling with a deep knowledge of myth, symbolism, and hidden histories. His work blends high-stakes suspense with rich cultural settings, establishing him as a distinctive voice in French thriller fiction.

FICTION – NOIR NOVEL



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## THE COBBLESTONES OF HELL

By Gilbert Gallerne

### KEYNOTE

When disgraced officers are thrown behind bars with the criminals they once hunted, vengeance ignites and the prison erupts into war. To make it out alive, they'll have to decide: become monsters—or hold on to what's left of their humanity.

### SELLING POINTS

- By the author of "Au pays des ombres" which sold over 100,000 copies.
- By the author winner of the 2010 Quai des Orfèvres Award for "Au pays des ombres" (The land of shadows) and of the 2009 Médiathèque du Grand Cognac Award for Best Noir Novel for "Mauvaise main" (Poor hand).
- The novel explores the marginalization of the weakest and the abuses of a judicial system influenced by political and media pressure.
- Loïc Redon, a moving anti-hero: tormented by the guilt of his past, he embodies the moral dilemmas and invisible scars of a life in the service of justice.

### DESCRIPTION

After a string of tragic blunders shakes public trust, six police officers are handed an unforgiving sentence: five years behind bars. Stripped of their badges and cast into the very world they once policed, they find themselves surrounded by six hundred criminals—many of them eager for revenge. Inside this brutal microcosm, rules are written in blood. Rival gangs clash for dominance, vendettas simmer, and every corridor becomes a potential battlefield. The six former cops, already marked men, must navigate a relentless storm of hatred and violence. But the deeper the prison sinks into chaos, the sharper their dilemma becomes: surrender to brutality in order to survive, or cling to the fragile remnants of their humanity. In this claustrophobic hell, each day is not just a sentence—it's a fight to stay alive.

### REVIEWS

"Gilbert Gallerne delivers a taut, relentless noir novel that lays bare the flaws of the prison system and man's most brutal instincts." – Amazon review

### AUTHOR

Gilbert Gallerne is an acclaimed French author of crime and noir fiction whose work combines sharp psychological insight with gripping narrative tension. Over the course of his career, he has established himself as one of the distinctive voices in contemporary French thrillers. His talent has been recognized with major awards, including the 2010 Quai des Orfèvres Prize, one of France's most prestigious honors for crime writing, and the 2009 Médiathèque du Grand Cognac Award for Best Noir Novel. Beyond his own novels, Gallerne has contributed to the literary world as a critic and as a translator, introducing French audiences to several American bestsellers such as "Dances with Wolves" and "Basic Instinct". With his blend of experience as both writer and critic, Gallerne crafts stories that not only entertain but also probe the darker corners of justice, morality, and human nature.

FICTION – THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Editions du 123

**ORIG. TITLE:** La femme la plus dangereuse du monde

**VOLUME(S):** 1

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## THE MOST DANGEROUS WOMAN IN THE WORLD

By Philip Le Roy

### KEYNOTE

When Sergeant Aliana Kelly returns from Mali, she carries one last mission from her dying captain: deliver a letter to his brother in Lyon. But in the space of a heartbeat, Aliana is hunted across Paris and Marseille, caught in a deadly conspiracy that transforms her into the most dangerous woman in the world.

### SELLING POINTS

- By the author of "Le dernier testament" which sold over 40,000 copies.

- Winner of the 2023 Bob Morane Award for best French novel

- By the author winner of the 1998 Polar de Toulouse Award for "Pour adultes seulement" (For adults only) and of the 2005 Grand Prix de Littérature Policière for "Le Dernier Testament" (The Last Will)

- An intense psychological thriller with a cinematic atmosphere and a frenetic pace that will plunge the reader right into the heart of the action.

### DESCRIPTION

Sergeant Aliana Kelly has returned to France after serving with Operation Barkhane in the Sahel, carrying invisible wounds: the scars of post-traumatic stress. But one last duty binds her to the battlefield she left behind. Her captain—mortally wounded in Mali after saving her life—entrusted her with a simple mission: deliver a sealed letter to his brother in Lyon. What should have been a gesture of honor becomes a descent into chaos. The moment Aliana sets foot on French soil, she is caught in a chain of violence and betrayal that will send her fleeing across the country, from the boulevards of Paris to the backstreets of Marseille. Pursued, hunted, and forced to fight with the instincts of a soldier, she discovers that the past she carries is far more explosive than she imagined. In a matter of days, Aliana Kelly is no longer just a veteran haunted by war. She has become the most dangerous woman in the world.

### REVIEWS

"A thrilling book that you devour eagerly—its narrative is addictive, the style energetic, and the plots fascinating." - LeLittéraire

### AUTHOR

Born in Toulouse, Philip Le Roy has lived many lives before dedicating himself to writing. A graduate of a Paris business school, he first pursued a cosmopolitan career that took him across continents and professions: businessman in New York, salesman in Lyon, and advertising copywriter in Nice. A true globetrotter, he drew from these diverse experiences a keen eye for people, places, and the hidden forces that shape their destinies. More than twenty years ago, Le Roy turned to his true calling: storytelling. Since then, he has built a reputation as a novelist, screenwriter, and blues lyricist, crafting narratives that blend pace, suspense, and human depth. His international background and multifaceted career continue to feed his imagination, making him one of the most distinctive voices in contemporary French thrillers.

**OLDFOREST**

By Pierre-Yves Touzot

**NEW****LANGUAGE:** French**PUBLISHER:** La Trace Editions**ORIG. TITLE:** Oldforest**VOLUME(S):** 3**PAGES:** 392**WORDS:** 81,000**ISBN:** 9782487261211**PUBLICATION:** 17/04/2025

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**KEYNOTE**

Haunted by the death of his partner a decade ago, Anton returns to the Canadian wilderness—only to glimpse her face in a remote village. In the frozen silence of Oldforest, grief, love, and mystery intertwine in a tense search for truth.

**SELLING POINTS**

- A moving story of grief, memory, and the impossible hope of finding a lost love.
- The Canadian wilderness and the ancient forest are portrayed as living, almost mystical characters.
- A lyrical prose that immerses the reader in wild landscapes and extreme climates.
- Combines psychological thriller, supernatural intrigue, and poetic nature writing.

**DESCRIPTION**

Ten years after the accident that tore his life apart, Anton Reed returns to the Canadian wilderness carrying only grief and unanswered questions. The death of his beloved Déborah left him scarred, yet in the isolated village of Hell Town, on the edge of the immense Oldforest, he suddenly sees her face again — or the haunting image of it. This fleeting apparition reopens the deepest of wounds. Is Déborah truly gone, or has the forest preserved a secret that defies reason? Unable to turn away, Anton embarks on a desperate search, torn between hope and despair. By his side, Alaska, a solitary photographer rooted in this harsh land, becomes both witness and reluctant ally. As winter closes in, the forest seems to breathe with its own will, guarding mysteries as old as time. Each step forward forces Anton to confront not only the silence of the community and its hidden fears, but also the ghosts of his own heart. Oldforest is more than a thriller — it is a story of grief and resilience, of love that refuses to vanish, and of the fragile line between memory and obsession. In the frozen immensity of the Canadian wild, Anton's quest becomes a battle to reclaim not just the truth, but also the possibility of healing.

**REVIEWS**

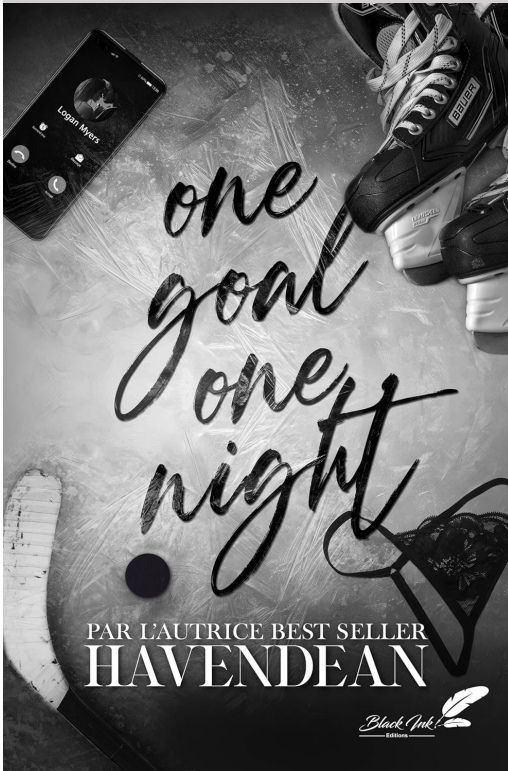
"A dangerous pursuit through cold and snow in a primordial forest, when the blizzard breathes an Indigenous legend that reads like a philosophical fable." - Benzine Magazine

**AUTHOR**

Pierre-Yves Touzot is a French director and writer originally from Canada. After studying at the Institut des hautes études économiques et commerciales in Paris, he has since worked in film and television, producing, directing and distributing. Since 2008, Pierre-Yves Touzot has published novels, often focusing on humanity and nature, convinced that our reconnection with our environment, in our imaginations as well as in our daily lives, is one of the essential keys to our survival.

**ROMANCE,  
ROMANTASY,  
SUSPENSE ROMANCE,  
YA ROMANCE**

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Black Ink Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** One goal, one night

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## ONE GOAL, ONE NIGHT

By Cynthia Havendean

NEW

### KEYNOTE

Hockey was my life — until it was taken from me. Now I'm stuck working for my father's team, pretending I don't notice the way two of his star players look at me like I'm the trophy. Logan plays dirty. Aleksander plays to win. I told myself I could handle the tension. I was wrong.

### SELLING POINTS

- **A best-selling author totaling 1.55+ million copies sold, followed by over 58k followers on Instagram and more than 19k on Tik Tok.**
- High-heat hockey romance set in the ultra-popular North American sports scene.
- Love triangle / why-choose tension between two rival teammates.
- Forbidden dynamic (coach's daughter / team proximity).
- Competitive alpha heroes with distinct archetypes (reckless bad boy vs. controlled top scorer)

### DESCRIPTION

After a career-ending injury shatters my future as a university hockey player in Toronto, I retreat to Alberta to support my father — head coach of the Calgary Dark Demons, a team as dominant on the ice as they are irresistible off it. Surrounded by powerful, media-favorite athletes, two players stand out. Logan Myers, a reckless, hot-tempered defenseman who thrives on chaos. Aleksander Fjör, the team's top scorer — controlled, calculating, and relentlessly focused on winning. Two opposites. Two storms circling dangerously close. Getting involved is not an option. I need to stay professional. But during a decisive game, with defeat looming, I jokingly raise the stakes: whoever scores gets one night with me. The problem? They both score. An addictive, high-heat sports romance where rivalry, desire, and competition collide — and breaking the rules might cost everything.

### AUTHOR

Cynthia Havendean is a Canadian author of dark, psychologically driven romance. Raised among mountains and dense forests, she developed an early fascination with autumn atmospheres, horror films, anti-heroes, and the haunting allure of Halloween — influences that continue to shape her distinctive storytelling. With an academic background in psychocriminology, she brings rare depth and authenticity to her work, drawing on expertise in forensic science, criminal sociology, offender profiling, and dissociative personality disorders. Her novels probe the most complex and unsettling corners of the human mind. She debuted in 2016 with *Isaac Cole*, an instant bestseller exploring bullying and violence, followed by the successful *Somber Jann* saga and *Monster* (2020), her third bestseller, praised for pushing the boundaries of dark fiction in traditional publishing. To date, she has sold over 1.55 million copies, establishing herself as a major voice in contemporary dark fiction, with new titles forthcoming.

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Black Ink Editions  
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## BLACK SWORD #1 BEAUTY AND HER BEAST

By Anna Triss

NEW

### KEYNOTE

Her virginity was sold to the highest bidder. A ruthless killer bathed in blood claimed her instead. Now she must decide if she's the Beast's next victim... or the only woman he'll ever kneel for.

### SELLING POINTS

- **A best-selling author totaling 150,000+ copies sold.**
- Dark, contemporary Beauty and the Beast retelling with a morally grey anti-hero.
- Powerful protector trope: "he burns the world for her" energy.
- Tropes: forced proximity, touch her and die, forbidden desire.

### DESCRIPTION

Belle's nightmare begins the moment her virginity is placed on auction before a room of powerful men who see innocence as a commodity. Surrounded by predators willing to pay any price, she realizes she is nothing more than a transaction waiting to happen. Then the doors open. And blood follows. Kylian Rice steps out of the shadows like a reckoning. Ruthless. Precise. Untouchable. In a single violent sweep, he dismantles the nightmare and claims her freedom — leaving behind bodies and a warning no one will forget. Her late father's adoptive brother. A man she barely knows. A man she should fear... not crave. Dangerous and devastatingly magnetic, Kylian takes her to his secluded estate under the guise of protection. But the sprawling mansion is less sanctuary than fortress. Behind its gates lies a world ruled by discipline, loyalty, and calculated brutality. Because Kylian is known by another name. Beast. He leads the Sword — a covert syndicate of elite assassins who execute criminals for profit. They operate outside the law, beyond morality, bound by only one unbreakable rule: never harm an innocent. Everything else is fair game. Inside Beast's domain, Belle begins to understand the man who saved her is far more terrifying than the monsters he slaughtered. Control is his language. Possession is his instinct. And yet, beneath the steel exterior lies a darkness that calls to her own hidden fractures. Protection slowly turns into proximity. Proximity turns into hunger. And hunger into something neither of them can easily stop. But loving a monster means accepting the blood on his hands. In a world built on power, violence, and obsession, Belle must choose: step fully into the Beast's kingdom and become untouchable at his side... or run before she loses herself to the very darkness that now feels like home. An addictive, high-heat dark romance where morality blurs, obsession burns, and salvation wears the face of a monster.

### AUTHOR

Anna Triss was born in Annecy and discovered her love of fantasy as a teenager — a turning point that sparked her enduring passion for storytelling. Now based in La Rochelle with her husband and young son, she holds a degree in Art History and Archaeology and channels her vivid imagination into intense, emotionally charged fiction. Her novels feature charismatic, psychologically complex heroes and bold, immersive worlds where darkness and desire collide. A bestselling author with more than 150,000 copies sold, Anna Triss has built a strong readership drawn to her powerful, character-driven stories.

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Mafia Segreta

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## MAFIA SEGRETA

By Victoria O. Bright

NEW

### KEYNOTE

She was raised for war. He was born to rule. When rival mafia heirs are forced under the same roof, seduction becomes strategy... and love becomes the deadliest betrayal of all.

### SELLING POINTS

- **A proven online success with over 2 million reads on Wattpad.**
- Explosive chemistry, psychological power play, and addictive pacing.
- A high-tension enemies-to-lovers romance with forced proximity.
- Trending tropes: he falls first (and hard), touch her and die, morally gray hero, villain gets the girl, found family.

### DESCRIPTION

Being the daughter of the most feared mob boss in the country makes you a target. But Giulia Pavarotti was raised to survive war — not run from it. Sharp-minded, strategic, and utterly fearless, she's learned from the best. Her mission is simple in theory: infiltrate one of the most powerful criminal empires in the United States and bring it down from within. Her weapon of choice? Seducing its cold, merciless heir. When the Stan family "kidnaps" her, Giulia doesn't resist. This is her way out from under her father's iron grip. And if she has to play the enemy to win her freedom, so be it. Nereo Stan is next in line to rule. But before he can take the throne, he must destroy Julien Pavarotti. And what better way than using his daughter? Forced under the same roof, Nereo keeps Giulia close — watching, challenging, provoking — determined to break her control. What follows is a ruthless game of power, where King and Queen circle each other with equal hunger and ambition. Yet as secrets surface and desire ignites, the boundaries between strategy and surrender begin to crumble. Because when two heirs raised for war collide... love may be the most dangerous move of all.

Readers praise the intense enemies-to-lovers dynamic and the gripping power struggle between two equally strong protagonists. The strategic heroine, charismatic anti-hero, and explosive chemistry are frequently highlighted, along with the addictive pacing and high-stakes mafia atmosphere.

### AUTHOR

Victoria O. Bright is a dark romance author known for crafting high-stakes love stories set in dangerous, power-driven worlds. With a passion for morally complex characters and strategic heroines, she creates intense enemies-to-lovers romances where power, desire, and ambition collide. Her breakout novel Mafia Segreta has captivated a wide online audience, surpassing 2 million reads on Wattpad and building a dedicated international fanbase eagerly awaiting its official publication. Victoria's writing blends psychological tension, addictive pacing, and explosive chemistry, establishing her as a rising voice in the mafia romance genre.



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**PUBLISHER:** Happily Ever After

**ORIG. TITLE:** Masked Man T1

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## MASKED MAN #1

By Marie Rnd

NEW

#### KEYNOTE

When Ivy Miller inherits her father's powerful drug empire, she becomes the target of a masked organization seeking revenge against him. But as she's forced into a dangerous alliance with their ruthless leader, hatred begins to blur into something far more dangerous.

#### SELLING POINTS

- **A viral dark romance sensation on Wattpad, with over 1.5 million reads.**
- **An author with a strong online presence: 10K followers and more than 1M likes on TikTok, as well as 1.6K followers on Instagram.**
- A gripping dark romance set in the dangerous world of crime and revenge.

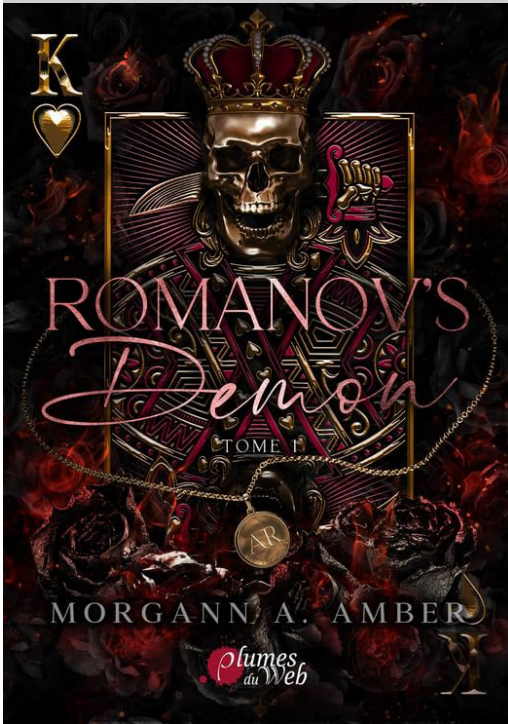
#### DESCRIPTION

When her father suddenly disappears, Ivy Miller unexpectedly inherits the largest drug empire in the United States. A role she never wanted, and one that ties her forever to a man she has spent her life fearing and hating. But stepping into his world proves more dangerous than she ever imagined. Before Ivy can even secure her position, she is kidnapped by a mysterious organization whose members all hide behind masks. Their leader, Silas, wears the most terrifying mask of all. Cold, relentless, and driven by a deep, personal hatred, he has devoted his life to destroying the man responsible for his suffering. Ivy's father. Silas has only one demand: Ivy must help him bring the empire down. Forced into an uneasy alliance, Ivy and Silas are drawn into a dangerous game of secrets, revenge, and shifting loyalties. As Ivy begins to uncover the truth about the empire she has inherited, she realizes that the man she hated may have left behind far more than power and enemies. And behind Silas's frightening mask may be more than a ruthless enemy. A wounded man shaped by betrayal. An unlikely ally. Perhaps the only one who understands the darkness she carries within her.

#### AUTHOR

Marie Rnd is a French author from the south of France who studied in the field of publishing. Writing quickly became an obvious path for her, driven by her passion for storytelling and for exploring different lives through her characters. Her debut novel, *Masked Man*, was first published on Wattpad, where it built a strong and engaged readership with more than 1.4 million reads. Marie Rnd has also developed a growing online presence, with over 10K followers and more than 1 million likes on TikTok, as well as 1.6K followers on Instagram, where she connects with a dedicated community of readers.

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions  
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## ROMANOV'S DEMON

By Morgann A. Amber

NEW

### KEYNOTE

A mafia princess steps out of the shadows to claim the empire she was never meant to inherit. A ruthless enforcer—her father's most loyal weapon and the man she secretly loves—stands in her way. As revenge, ambition, and forbidden desire collide, only one of them can rule... and love may cost them everything.

### SELLING POINTS

- **A highly followed author on social media (119K on TikTok, 56K on Instagram), supported by major influencers and a strong, engaged community.**
- **A dark romance loosely inspired by a reimagined version of the Romanov family myth and history.**
- A dark, psychological universe filled with manipulation, moral ambiguity, and shocking plot twists that keep readers on edge.
- A fierce, ambitious heroine and a forbidden, slow-burn romance.

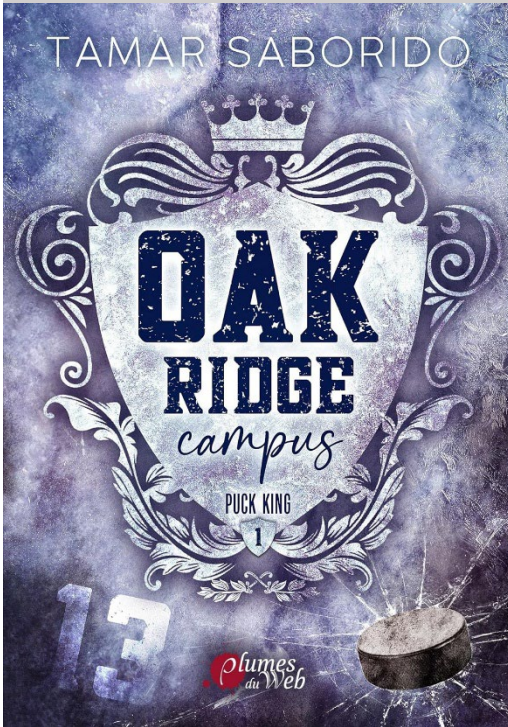
### DESCRIPTION

In hell, there is room for only one demon. Ana Romanov has spent her life underestimated. Daughter of Russia's most powerful mafia boss, she was raised among kings—but never meant to become one. Intelligent, composed, and sharper than anyone suspects, Ana knows that in her father's empire, power is inherited by sons... not daughters. When Vladimir Romanov announces his retirement, Ana refuses to stand aside while men carve up her legacy. To prove she is more than a pawn, she takes on the one mission that has haunted her family for years: finding the man who murdered her mother—the ghost her father never managed to catch. There is just one problem. Zakar. Her father's most trusted enforcer. His shadow. His weapon. The orphan he forged into something merciless. And the only man Ana has ever wanted. Eight years older. Bound by loyalty. Raised to protect the throne she intends to claim. As Ana digs deeper into the past, truths unravel, alliances shift, and desire ignites into something far more dangerous than either of them anticipated. In a world ruled by blood and betrayal, loving the wrong person can be fatal. Because to rise to power, Ana may have to destroy the demon her father created... even if it means losing the only man who has ever truly seen her. A dark, addictive mafia romance blending ambition, revenge, forbidden love, and a heroine determined to seize her crown—no matter the cost.

### AUTHOR

Morgann A. Amber writes dark, emotionally charged romances where power, obsession, and forbidden desire collide. Fascinated by morally grey characters and psychological tension, she crafts intense love stories set in ruthless, high-stakes worlds. Drawing inspiration from history, myths, and complex family dynasties, she reinvents legendary legacies through a modern, dangerous lens. Her stories explore ambition, loyalty, betrayal—and the fine line between love and destruction. Followed by a strong and engaged community on social media, Morgann A. Amber has become a rising voice in dark romance, captivating readers who crave fierce heroines, dominant anti-heroes, and slow-burn passion that lingers long after the final page.

FICTION – ROMANCE



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**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions  
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## OAK RIDGE CAMPUS

By Tamar Saborido

NEW

### KEYNOTE

He's the campus hockey king on his last chance. She's a former figure skating star desperate to stay out of the spotlight. When rivalry turns into irresistible tension, they'll have to choose between protecting their future... or risking everything for each other.

### SELLING POINTS

- **Strong early success on Wattpad: the author has reached 1.6 million views on her previous saga, and the first book of Oak Ridge Campus has already surpassed 400,000 reads.**

- An irresistible push-and-pull dynamic: sharp banter, rivalry, tension, and undeniable chemistry that keeps readers hooked from page one.  
- A series concept built for loyalty, with each installment focusing on a different sport, following the rhythm of university seasons and championships.

### DESCRIPTION

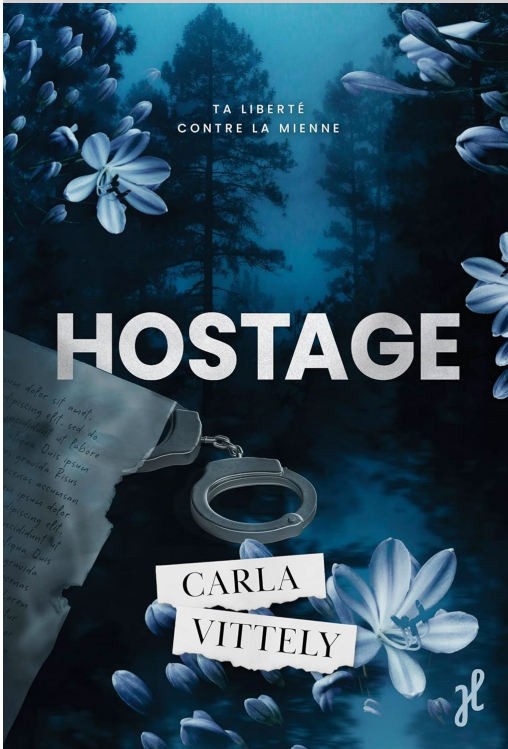
Fierce on the ice. Proud in victory. On the rink, Asher Kingston never doubts himself. Star forward of the Black Hawks, he has one goal: win the national college hockey championship. But after a series of reckless choices, his captain's warning is final—one more mistake and he's out. No more indiscipline. No more scandals. This season is his last shot. Brooke Greene only wanted a fresh start. A quiet year. A degree. No more spotlights, no more figure skating competitions, no more men capable of tearing down her reputation in a heartbeat. She didn't plan on Asher King. Their first meeting? A disaster. The second? Even worse. The third? An explosive duel where every look and every word ignites a tension neither of them is willing to admit. She wants to ignore him. He should do the same. But some encounters feel inevitable. Between strict ultimatums, unresolved wounds, and a chemistry that threatens to shatter everything they've worked for, Asher and Brooke will have to choose: keep their distance... or let it all fall apart.

Oak Ridge Campus launches a campus romance series where each book highlights a different sport, unfolding with the rhythm of university seasons and championship dreams.

### AUTHOR

Tamar Saborido is a rising voice in contemporary New Adult and sports romance. Passionate about emotionally driven stories, she writes about ambition, rivalry, and the kind of love that grows in the most competitive environments. With a strong presence on Wattpad, she has captivated over 1.6 million readers with her previous saga published by Nisha et Caetera. The first installment of Oak Ridge Campus alone has surpassed 400,000 reads, confirming her ability to build engaged and loyal communities. Through sharp banter, slow-burn tension, and heartfelt "found family" dynamics, Tamar Saborido delivers campus romances that resonate with today's readers—fierce on the field, intense off it, and unforgettable to the last page.

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Happily Ever After  
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## HOSTAGE

By Carla Vittely

NEW

### KEYNOTE

When her boyfriend is sent to prison for the murder of her tormentor, Harper refuses to believe he's guilty. But when his letters suddenly stop, she begins a search that will uncover secrets far darker than she ever imagined.

### SELLING POINTS

- **By the author of *Omerta* (Black Ink Editions), which has reached over 1.2 million Wattpad reads.**
- A gripping psychological romance partly set in the prison world, blending emotional intensity with a suspenseful investigation.
- Tackles powerful themes such as school bullying, loyalty, and resilience.

### DESCRIPTION

For Harper, high school has always been a nightmare. Day after day, she endures insults, threats, and humiliation from the same group of bullies. The only bright spot in her life is Lyle — her fiercely devoted boyfriend and the one person who makes her feel safe. But everything changes when one of Harper's tormentors is found dead. Lyle is accused of the murder and sent to prison, shattering the fragile world they had built together. Separated by prison walls, Harper and Lyle cling to the only thing they have left: letters. Through these words filled with love, hope, and promises for the future, they hold on to each other despite the distance. Until the letters suddenly stop. Refusing to accept the silence, Harper begins searching for answers. What starts as a desperate attempt to find out what happened to the boy she loves quickly turns into a far darker investigation than she ever imagined. Because the truth behind the murder is far more complex than it seems. Hidden beneath the surface are family secrets, lies, and betrayals that someone is determined to keep buried. And the closer Harper gets to the truth, the more dangerous her search becomes. If she wants to find Lyle, she will have to uncover what really happened, no matter the cost.

### AUTHOR

Carla Vittely is a rising voice in dramatic romance. Since 2022, she has captivated readers with emotionally charged stories that combine intensity, heartbreak, and resilience. With *Hostage*, her second novel, she further showcases her talent for crafting powerful narratives and deeply human characters, delivering a story that lingers with readers long after the final page. She currently lives in the Vaucluse region in southern France.

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
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## VERMELHO

By Marina M. L.

NEW

### KEYNOTE

He came to Rio to eliminate his target — not to fall into her arms. When a contract killer discovers the woman he desires is the arms dealer he's meant to destroy, passion turns into a deadly game of deception.

### SELLING POINTS

- **Set in the same universe as *Le Serpent et la Mule* (40,000+ print copies sold), but fully standalone and spoiler-free.**
- High-concept hook: a hitman unable to kill his assigned target — the heroine.
- Intense cat-and-mouse dynamic with high tension and layered mysteries.

### DESCRIPTION

When Red, a legendary contract killer, lands in Rio for his latest assignment, he never expects his next mark to be Veronica Ribeiro — a powerful arms trafficker feared across continents. Nor does he expect to spend a blazing night in her bed before realizing who she truly is. What begins as a Carnival-fueled fling under neon lights and samba rhythms quickly turns into a lethal game of pursuit and deception. Because when identities are revealed, desire becomes a liability. Forced to work together to stay alive — and to protect the people they can't afford to lose — Red and Nica enter a fragile alliance built on necessity, not trust. Behind the masks they wear lie haunted pasts soaked in blood, buried secrets, and broken loyalties. But in a world ruled by betrayal and bullets, passion is the most unpredictable weapon of all. And when love and survival collide... who will pull the trigger first?

Readers praise the book for its explosive chemistry and relentless tension between the protagonists. The cat-and-mouse dynamic, built on power shifts and psychological games, is frequently highlighted as one of the novel's strongest assets.

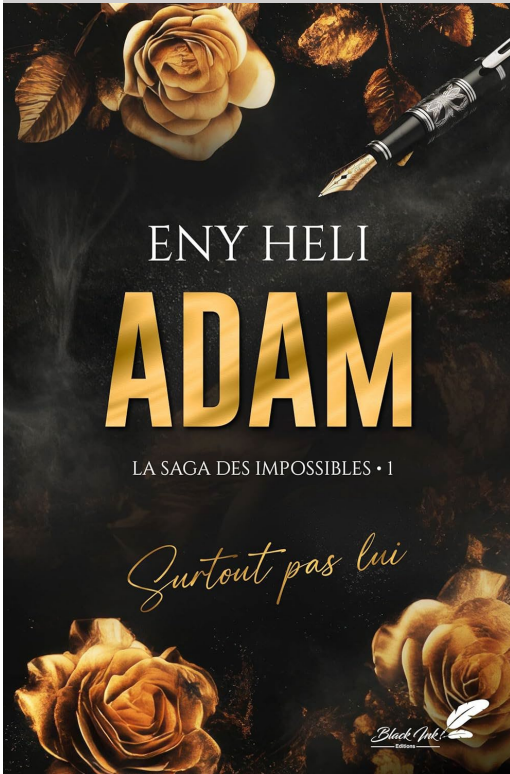
### AUTHOR

Marina M. L. is a bestselling French author specializing in dark romance, renowned for her intense character dynamics, morally grey heroes, and powerful heroines who command the narrative. Her novel *Le Serpent et la Mule*, set in the same universe as her other works, has sold over 40,000 print copies, firmly establishing her as a commercial success in the romance market. Blending psychological tension, high emotional stakes, and addictive chemistry, Marina M. L. masterfully navigates the codes of dark romance. With a loyal and growing readership, she delivers gripping, high-impact stories where danger and desire collide.

### NOTES

Trigger Warnings: this book contains graphic violence and murder, disturbing scenes, and explicit sexual content. It also explores psychological manipulation involving minors, as well as sensitive themes including depression, self-harm, suicide attempt, and sexual violence (including abuse of minors).

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Black Ink Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Adam (La saga des impossibles T1)

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## ADAM (THE IMPOSSIBLE #1)

By Eny Heli

NEW

### KEYNOTE

She's his teacher. He's her most dangerous student. What begins as intellectual sparring turns into a tension neither of them can ignore. Crossing the line could cost her everything — but walking away may be impossible.

### SELLING POINTS

- **10,000+ copies sold for book 1.**
- **Exceptionnal Amazon ratings (4.8/5 on over 400 reviews).**
- High-stakes forbidden romance set in an elite Parisian high school.
- Intense teacher–student dynamic driven by intellectual chemistry and emotional tension.
- Complex, wounded male lead with strong psychological depth.
- Morally conflicted heroine torn between ethics, desire, and self-preservation.

### DESCRIPTION

Clara has just landed her dream job: teaching history at a prestigious Parisian high school. She expects a demanding but predictable year — lesson plans, exams, and disciplined classrooms. Then Adam Dragannah walks in. Eighteen. Gifted. Defiant. Unsettling. His arrogance is a shield. Behind it lies a fractured past and a quiet rage he barely controls. He is her student. She is his teacher. The line is clear. It should never be crossed. Yet week after week, their exchanges grow charged — intellectually at first, then dangerously personal. What begins as confrontation shifts into something neither of them can fully contain. Clara knows that one misstep could cost her everything. But some connections refuse to obey the rules. She thought she was here to teach history. Adam may change the course of her own. An emotionally intense, boundary-pushing romance about forbidden desire, vulnerability, and the irreversible consequences of crossing the line.

### REVIEWS

“Profoundly human and emotionally authentic, Adam is carried by unforgettable characters. Wounded yet mature, fragile yet fiercely loving, Adam feels heartbreakingly real. The slow, sincere connection between him and Clara unfolds with rare emotional truth. Eny Heli’s delicate, fluid prose captures complex feelings with striking simplicity. A deeply moving story of healing, love, and the kind of connection that changes a life.” – Amazon review

### AUTHOR

Eny Heli discovered her passion for writing as a teenager, first through playwriting before turning to fiction. Though she long devoured romance novels in private, it took years before she dared to write her own. Her debut novel, published in January 2023, explored a forbidden teacher–student relationship and quickly gained attention. She is also the bestselling author of *Inside Mac*, which has sold over 20,000 copies, was acclaimed by critics upon release, and holds an exceptional 4.8/5 rating on Amazon based on more than 400 reviews. Eny Heli writes emotionally intense stories driven by complex, conflicted characters whose desires and inner turmoil ignite every page.

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Santa Cruise

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 320  
**WORDS:** TBC  
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## SANTA CRUISE

By Flora Péony

NEW

### KEYNOTE

He doesn't believe in second chances. She believes in nothing else. Trapped together on a glitter-soaked Christmas cruise, sparks fly between a guarded ex-con and the sunshine woman determined to prove him wrong.

### SELLING POINTS

- **Established self-published author with a strong commercial track record: nearly 10,000 copies sold for her latest title and 30,000+ copies sold since 2022.**

- Strong commercial tropes: grumpy x sunshine, forced proximity, redemption arc, slow-burn tension.

- Feel-good setting with depth: festive atmosphere contrasted with heavier themes (reintegration, judgment, second chances).

### DESCRIPTION

A Christmas cruise. Three former inmates. One very public second chance. To prove that rehabilitation and holiday magic can go hand in hand, an organization invites three ex-cons aboard a cruise ship decked out from bow to stern in Christmas sparkle. Twinkling lights, daily Advent-style challenges, enforced cheer—the perfect backdrop for a feel-good success story. But behind the glossy smiles, the scars run deep. He has no intention of playing poster boy for redemption. Guarded, sharp-tongued, and still shadowed by his past, he wants nothing to do with forced festivities or fake goodwill. Until he meets Alexie, the woman in charge of the onboard program. Warm, radiant, and relentlessly optimistic, she truly believes in the power of second chances. When a man who trusts no one collides with a woman who sees the best in everyone, sparks are bound to fly. And amid the glitter, the tension, and the ghosts of yesterday, this Christmas cruise might just become the most unexpected journey of all. A bold, emotional holiday romance where love may be the greatest redemption of all.

Readers praise the book as a warm and immersive holiday romance. They especially appreciate the cozy Christmas atmosphere aboard the cruise, the emotionally sincere and slow-building love story, and the elegant, sensory writing style. Many describe it as both comforting and reflective, blending festive charm with themes of second chances and personal growth.

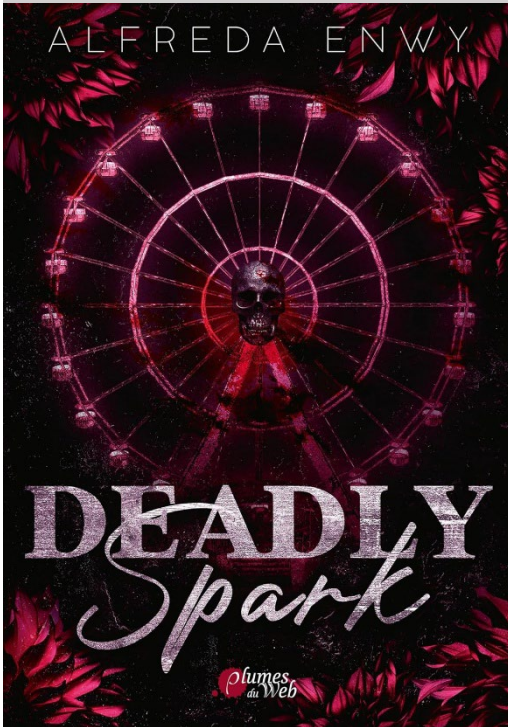
### REVIEWS

"A delightful Christmas romance; funny, light, heart-warming and perfect for escaping everyday life." - Booknode reader

### AUTHOR

Flora Péony is a French contemporary romance author known for blending emotional intensity, sharp dialogue, and feel-good settings with deeper themes such as redemption and second chances. A successful self-published writer, she has sold nearly 10,000 copies of her latest title and more than 30,000 copies since 2022. Backed by a strong and engaged reader community, she has built a solid presence in the commercial romance market. Her stories combine heartfelt emotion, slow-burn tension, and compelling character dynamics, offering readers both comfort and depth.

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Deadly Spark

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 480  
**WORDS:** TBC  
**ISBN:** 9782381512501  
**PUBLICATION:** 14/11/2025

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## DEADLY SPARK

By Alfreda Enwy

NEW

### KEYNOTE

She has a kill list. He kills for a living. When a vengeance-driven heroine collides with a morally grey assassin, sparks turn deadly. In a world of blood and secrets, falling in love might be the most dangerous mission of all.

### SELLING POINTS

- **A highly popular author on social media and firmly established in bookstores with bestselling titles such as Rebel University (Hugo Publishing) and Troublemaker (HarperCollins).**
- Popular tropes: forced proximity, touch her and die, revenge plot, forbidden attraction.
- Explosive chemistry and tension-filled slow burn.
- Strong crossover appeal for dark romance and romantic suspense readers.

### DESCRIPTION

Since her sister's brutal death, Molly has been living on borrowed time. Grief didn't break her — it forged her. She has a list. Five names. And she fully intends to cross them out in blood. Casey is a professional. An elite assassin working for a covert organization that thrives on precision and control. He's handled countless executions without hesitation — until he walks into a crime scene that isn't his. Instead, he finds her: dressed in pink, knife in hand, eyes blazing with vengeance. And the man he was supposed to eliminate? Already dead at her feet. Where he represents discipline, she is chaos. Where he kills on command, she kills for revenge. What starts as a collision turns into a dangerous alliance. Pressured by his superior and bound by the rigid ideology of the organization he serves, Casey agrees to help Molly hunt down the remaining names on her list. But the deeper they descend into violence and secrets, the more their dynamic shifts. Between shadowy executions, forbidden desire, and clashing loyalties, Molly and Casey circle each other like predators — testing, provoking, wanting. Because on the path to vengeance, the most dangerous spark isn't a bullet. It's love.

Readers praise the book for its explosive chemistry, morally grey hero, fierce and unapologetic heroine, and a tension-filled slow burn that crackles on every page. The sharp banter, high-stakes missions, and relentless pacing keep the story addictive, while the emotional undercurrent gives weight to the darkness.

### AUTHOR

Alfreda Enwy is a bestselling French romance author known for her emotionally intense stories, magnetic anti-heroes, and addictive romantic tension. Blending passion, danger, and sharp dialogue, she has built a strong reputation in both contemporary and dark romance. Widely appreciated by the general public, she is highly popular on social media and firmly established in bookstores, with bestselling titles such as the Rebel University saga and Troublemaker. Her novels combine compelling character dynamics, high emotional stakes, and powerful chemistry, captivating a loyal and ever-growing readership.

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Editions du 123  
**ORIG. TITLE:** London Calling

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 300  
**WORDS:** 60,000  
**ISBN:** 9782298189803  
**PUBLICATION:** 30/10/2025

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## LONDON CALLING

By Melissa Bellevigne

NEW

### KEYNOTE

Convinced her love life is cursed, Alice heads to England to confront the first man who broke her heart. But chasing the past may just lead her to the most unexpected future...

### SELLING POINTS

- **By the author of the bestselling “Paranoia” and “Mirror” duology, which sold 25,000+ copies.**
- **An author also published by Hachette and Larousse.**
- Alice is witty, flawed, and lovable, making readers root for her misadventures and self-discovery.
- Combines laugh-out-loud situations with touching moments about friendship, healing, and second chances.
- From Paris to London, the cross-Channel setting adds charm and a sense of adventure.

### DESCRIPTION

After one heartbreak too many, Alice is convinced she's cursed in love. And she knows exactly who to blame: Justin, her very first boyfriend across the Channel, who years ago dumped her without so much as an explanation. Ever since, nothing in her romantic life has gone right. Pushed by her therapist and cheered on by her best friend, Alice decides it's time to break the spell once and for all. Armed with determination (and a touch of desperation), she boards a train to England on a mission to confront her childhood sweetheart—the man she's sure is the root of all her troubles. But tracking down the past is never as simple as it sounds. Between missed trains, awkward encounters, and surprises she could never have scripted, Alice is about to discover that love—and life—rarely follow the plan. After all, what could possibly go wrong?

### REVIEWS

*Not yet released*

### AUTHOR

French author Melissa Bellevigne, born in 1990, has been a lover of fantasy since she could string two words together. Her duology 'Paranoia' and 'Mirror', a Young Adult (YA) psychological thriller with a romance background, was published by Hachette Romans and sold over 25,000 copies. A mother of 4 with a passion for motherhood, she has also written a guide to pregnancy, *Bientôt Maman* (Soon to be a Mother), published by Larousse Pratique in 2019. Nowadays, she juggles the duties of mom and author, much to her delight. She lives in Folkestone, England, with her husband and their four boys.

### NOTES

Exclusive release with France Loisirs Book Club, before the official premiere on 30/10/2025.

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Black Ink Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** In blood we trust

**VOLUME(S):** 2  
**PAGES:** 500  
**WORDS:** 112,000  
**ISBN:** 9782379938344  
**PUBLICATION:** 12/02/2026

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## IN BLOOD WE TRUST #1

By Koko Nhan

NEW

### KEYNOTE

She swore to kill the vampire king who destroyed her family. Infiltrating his court was supposed to be her final act. Falling for him was never part of the plan.

### SELLING POINTS

- **By the bestselling author of the “Kalliopée” series, which sold over 15,000+ copies.**
- A dark vampire court romantasy with enemies-to-lovers tension.
- A gothic palace atmosphere with blood politics and hierarchical vampire society.
- A revenge-driven heroine.
- A strong “who is the real monster?” thematic arc.
- Tropes: enemies to lovers, touch her and die, morally grey, villain gets the girl, court intrigue, forced proximity.

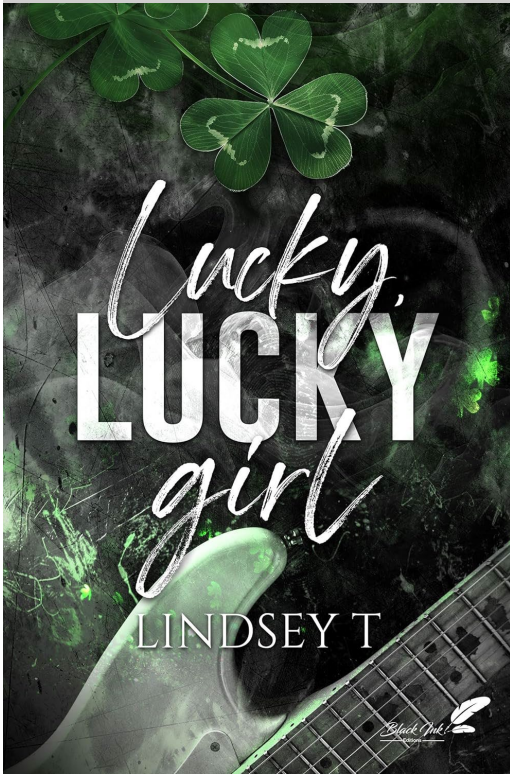
### DESCRIPTION

Madelynn Ripley has lived her entire life with one obsession: avenge her family, slaughtered by Rasmus IV — the vampire king known as the Slasher. Since that night, she has trained for a mission she does not expect to survive. To approach a vampire king is to accept death. But dying has never frightened her. Failing has. When her name is drawn to join the Kysk — the humans selected as blood reserves for the royal court — Madelynn sees her opportunity. Infiltrate the palace. Earn the monster’s trust. Destroy him from within. For the Fangless, the human resistance she has sworn to serve, she is ready to sacrifice everything. But the vampire court is a stage of deception and shifting loyalties. Soon, Madelynn realizes she has been sent into the heart of power without knowing the full truth. The lines between enemy and ally begin to blur. And the king she vowed to kill is not the beast she imagined. Her hatred falters. Desire betrays her. What if the monster she was meant to destroy is the one who could remake her? A dark, seductive romantasy where vengeance collides with forbidden desire in a ruthless vampire kingdom.

### AUTHOR

With a deep passion for reading — particularly New Romance — Koko Nhan wrote her first novel in 2019. Since then, storytelling has become her most powerful form of expression, allowing her to create emotionally charged narratives and unforgettable characters. She gained recognition in the romance market with her Kalliopée series, which has sold over 15,000 copies and established her as a rising voice in contemporary romance. Her novels explore intense emotions, complex relationships, and characters driven by desire, vulnerability, and personal growth. Koko Nhan lives in the south of France with her husband — her very first love story — their two young daughters, an Akita, and a rescued stray cat. When she isn’t writing, she continues to draw inspiration from the emotional depth and passion that define her work.

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Black Ink Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Lucky, lucky girl

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 428  
**WORDS:** 122,000  
**ISBN:** 9782379938702  
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## LUCKY, LUCKY GIRL

By Lindsey T.

NEW

### KEYNOTE

He's the stepbrother she's wanted since she was fifteen. Now she's nineteen, homeless in London — and he's the only one offering her a bed. Some temptations were never meant to feel this inevitable.

### SELLING POINTS

- **12,000+ copies sold.**
- High-demand step-sibling / almost taboo romance with no blood relation.
- Age gap dynamic adding emotional and power imbalance stakes.
- London glam setting (music industry backdrop).
- Tropes: forbidden tension, touch her and die, childhood crush, second-chance longing, alpha protector.

### DESCRIPTION

They've called me Lucky since I was a kid. Funny, considering I've just landed in London at nineteen — broke, homeless, and sitting under fluorescent lights in a police station with nowhere left to go. Then a sleek black Jaguar glides to a stop outside. The window rolls down. And Leo Auster looks at me like temptation dressed in sin and confidence. Twenty-seven. Rising music producer. Effortlessly powerful. The kind of man who doesn't ask — he takes. And the son of my father's wife. My stepbrother. Well... not really. No blood ties. No shared childhood bedrooms. No real rules broken. That's what I've been telling myself since I was fifteen — the first time my heart betrayed me. Since then, I've fallen for him more times than I can count. And I've hated him just as fiercely. Because Leo has always been fire. And I've always been the girl standing too close. Now I have nowhere to sleep. No plan. No pride left. And he's offering me his home. Which would be harmless... if we'd ever known how to act like family. Living under the same roof means proximity. Proximity means temptation. And temptation has always been our weakness. Set against the seductive backdrop of London's music scene, this addictive New Adult romance explores forbidden attraction, unresolved obsession, and the kind of chemistry that doesn't fade — it ignites.

### AUTHOR

Passionate about books since childhood, Lindsay T grew up devouring romance before deciding to bring her own stories to life. Writing quickly became her creative refuge — a space where emotion, tension, and desire intertwine. She is the bestselling author of *Lucky Lucky Girl*, with over 12,000 copies sold, and *Law of Love*, which has surpassed 10,000 copies. Through her novels, she crafts intense, character-driven romances set in worlds that are sometimes chaotic, always passionate, and irresistibly romantic. Lindsay T writes with one ambition: to offer readers unforgettable hours of escape filled with longing, vulnerability, and love that refuses to follow the rules.

FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Happily Ever After

**ORIG. TITLE:** Liens de sang

**VOLUME(S):** 1

**PAGES:** 360

**WORDS:** 90,000

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**BLOOD TIES**

By Maryna Koshkina

**NEW**

**KEYNOTE**

Elena, a rebellious art student and magnetic dancer, becomes the target of Aleks Romanov, an enigmatic professor seeking revenge. But as manipulation turns into obsession, the line between predator and prey begins to blur.

**SELLING POINTS**

- **By the author of 'The Organisation', which has sold 10,000+ copies.**
- A gripping dark romance blending obsession, revenge, and forbidden attraction.
- Set in the seductive world of elite art schools and underground nightlife, where passion, power, and secrets collide.

**DESCRIPTION**

By day, Elena is a gifted yet rebellious student at one of the country's most prestigious art schools. By night, she becomes an intoxicating dancer, commanding every gaze with a magnetic presence she uses as both armor and escape. Behind her defiance and reckless attitude lies a past scarred by trauma — wounds that refuse to heal. Elena doesn't trust. She doesn't hope. She survives. Until Aleks Romanov enters her life. Brilliant, charismatic, and dangerously enigmatic, Aleks is the new professor everyone admires — and no one truly knows. But behind his polished façade lies a carefully guarded secret and a single, burning purpose: revenge. And Elena is at the center of his plan. Cold and calculating, Aleks intends to get close to her, study her weaknesses, and slowly destroy her from the inside out. But Elena is nothing like the broken girl he expected. Fierce, unpredictable, and impossible to control, she challenges him at every turn. What begins as a game of manipulation soon spirals into something far more dangerous. Between them, hostility ignites into raw attraction. Every encounter is a clash of power, every word a provocation. Desire grows where hatred once ruled, and the line between predator and prey begins to blur. Because the closer Aleks gets to Elena, the more his carefully crafted vengeance threatens to collapse. And the deeper Elena falls into this dark connection, the closer she comes to discovering the truth about the man who wants to ruin her. In a world of secrets, obsession, and forbidden desire, their relationship could destroy them both... or become the only thing powerful enough to set them free.

**AUTHOR**

Maryna Koshkina is a French author who captured the attention of dark romance readers with her debut novel, *The Organisation*, which has sold over 10,000 copies. Known for her intense storytelling and emotionally charged plots, she crafts gripping stories where passion, obsession, and power collide. Her novels feature complex characters and addictive, high-tension relationships that keep readers turning the pages. Blending romance, suspense, and psychological intensity, Maryna Koshkina is quickly establishing herself as a rising voice in dark romance.

FICTION – YA ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** The Devil's Sons

**VOLUME(S):** 5

**PAGES:** 456

**WORDS:** 126,000

**ISBN:** 9782381511085

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## THE DEVIL'S SONS #1

By Chloé Wallerand

### KEYNOTE

Joining a gang? Avalone would have never thought of that. Finding a family in the midst of all this violence? Even less likely. And yet...

### SELLING POINTS

→ **600,000+ copies sold.**

→ **Translated into 7 languages, at auctions.**

→ **Finalist of the 2023 Babelio Award for best French romance.**

→ **One of the biggest hits on the French Wattpad platform, with over 7.5 million readers.**

→ A strong, independent heroine, faithful to her ideas.

### DESCRIPTION

I thought my first year of college would be ordinary—lectures, exams, a couple of friends, maybe even some freedom for the first time in my life. Instead, it became a descent into a world I never imagined. I should have known better. Being best friends with the sister of a Devil's Son—one of the most feared pagan gangs in Michigan—was bound to lead to trouble. But I never expected this: to be dragged into their violent, lawless circle, to watch my life unravel as loyalty and fear closed in around me. Suddenly, I'm surrounded by men who live by their own rules, bad boys armed with guns and secrets. And against my will, I'm forced to help them. The more I fight, the deeper I sink. Worse still, I can't deny the pull I feel toward Clarke Taylor. Reckless, volatile, and dangerous, he is the last person I should be drawn to—and the one person I can't seem to stay away from. Now I'm trapped between two worlds: the normal life I longed for and the outlaw family that refuses to let me go. My heart and my safety are on the line. And in the Devil's Sons, once you're in, there's no way out.

### REVIEWS

"We are totally in Love with The Devil's Sons! The Idea to match the Viking mythology and a college setting is really great, and a perfect mix. And we are all intrigued with dark romance, and can't wait to have great dark romance books for our list." – HARPERCOLLINS GERMANY

### AUTHOR

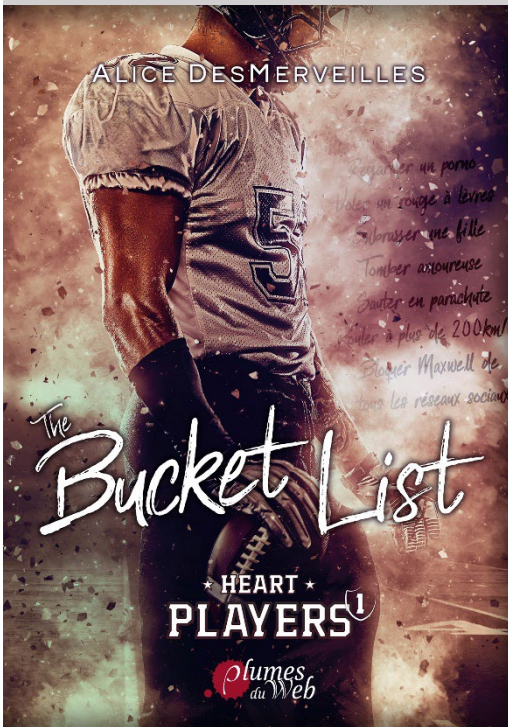
Chloé Wallerand lives in the south-east of France. A passionate reader after discovering the Harry Potter series and a dreamer, she started writing when she was fourteen years old. She began the Wattpad adventure a few years later, where she experienced a huge craze with her romance The Devil's Sons, which reached more than 7.5 million readers. She escapes through the tumultuous relationships of her characters and into crafting imaginary worlds that she secretly keeps to herself. And What does she love most of all? Hope. Because even in the darkest places, all it takes is a spark to break the obscurity.

### NOTES

**Book 5 released** on 27/06/2025



FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Heart Players

**VOLUME(S):** 3 + 1 spin off

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## THE BUCKET LIST (HEART PLAYERS #1)

By Alice DesMerveilles

### KEYNOTE

Maël is the rising star of a successful American football team. When his teammate's little sister comes into the picture, she hates him. And that makes him smile... Until he needs her help...

### SELLING POINTS

→ **122,000+ copies sold, 3+ million Wattpad readers.**

→ **Pocket-Book & Polish rights sold at auction.**

→ **Highly acclaimed author: nearly 22K fans on Tiktok**

→ An addictive romance, set in the world of American soccer, both sexy and witty.

### DESCRIPTION

Lily has everything she needs to be happy: good college scores, a healthy family environment, and a career as a doctor in the making. But she's too quiet, too serious, unlike her brother, Kyllian, who's been on a rampage since their father died. So, her best friend decides to make her a bucket list... Adored, despised, Maël is a rising soccer star, quarterback of the most successful American football team. But appearances are sometimes misleading, and if there's one thing he knows, it's that success doesn't always come with happiness. When his teammate's little sister comes into the picture, he quickly realizes that she hates him. And that makes him smile... a lot. Until he has to babysit her. And he needs her help... Should he consent to her blackmail? He has no choice. Should he accept that she moves in as the football players' roommate? The new is instantly a lot less fun. But Maël is not the kind of person who will let himself be pushed around, and he intends to show her that he won't give in to her whims...

### REVIEWS

"From anger to puzzlement, from laughter to tears, in just a few pages. Some revelations may be expected, while others come as a complete surprise." - Booksandrap

### AUTHOR

24 year old Alice, flight attendant at day and writer at night, has always been dreamy, and there's nothing better than to travel through the many stories dormant in her mind. She started posting the first chapters of The Bucket List on Wattpad in early 2022 to share her passion and never expected such a buzz. 3 million readers later, Alice is an author overwhelmed by the love and support of her fans. And what is it she loves most of all? To make people dream and knowing that her stories will provide comfort in everyday life that is sometimes full inescapable difficulties.

### NOTES

**Spin off released** on 16/06/2025

Each book is an independent story.

NEW



FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** The South Girl #1

**VOLUME(S):** 2 + 1 spin-off

**PAGES:** 500

**WORDS:** 135,000

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## THE SOUTH GIRL #1: KING'S UNIVERSITY

By Aya Estrela

### KEYNOTE

When a Chicago South Side princess attends the country's most prestigious university to track down the despicable rapist terrorizing female students, sparks are bound to fly...

### SELLING POINTS

- **1+ million Wattpad readers, 120,000 copies sold.**
- **A popular author on TikTok, with 8000+ fans.**
- A hard-hitting, immersive dark academia romance.
- Tough topics such as addiction, child abuse and mental health are addressed with great sensitivity, adding depth to the story.

### DESCRIPTION

Nineteen-year-old Elvira Petrova is stunned when a lawyer at the renowned King's University approaches her with a most unexpected offer in exchange for a "small" favor. The deal is risky, but far too appealing for her to turn down. And now, in exchange for her brother Amon's parole, she must agree to track down the man responsible for the terrible attacks on campus. Like a budding detective, she throws herself wholeheartedly into the investigation, dragging her neighbors and field hockey team members along in her wake. And most especially their captain, a man she loathes, Abel Ryder. But time is running out, and Elvira will have to face up to her terrible discoveries. All the more so when the perpetrator turns the tables and approaches her, making her his new target. Tick-tick-tick... "Let the game begin, Detective Petrova".

### REVIEWS

"I fell in love with this intense, hard-hitting story ... turning your brain upside down... The bitchy queen enters the fray and it takes your hair off!" – Babelio reviewer

"The South Girl is an addictive story where we don't get bored thanks to its captivating plot and multiple revelations. This first volume is a real favorite and I can't wait to discover the rest." BooksbySarahMD - Babelio reviewer

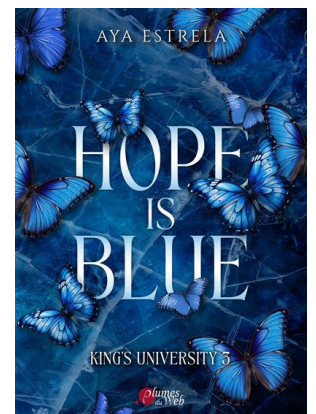
### AUTHOR

Aya Estrela lives in France's Seine Maritime region with a 6-year-old princess, and Aya is the first three letters of her first name. She began writing The Southgirl on Wattpad in September 2022, where the story has reached over a million reads. She enjoys developing the psychological side of her characters, and dealing with complex topics ranging from addictions to mental disorders.

### NOTES

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FICTION – ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Editions du 123  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Le Cadeau parfait

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## THE PERFECT GIFT

By Solenne Hernandez

NEW

### KEYNOTE

A luxury gift consultant is hired to find the one present that will make a man fall in love — but getting close to her client's target was never part of the plan. This Christmas, the perfect gift might cost her not just her reputation... but her heart.

### SELLING POINTS

- An irresistible premise: can love be engineered through the “perfect” gift?
- Glamorous backdrop of ultra-wealthy clients.
- A sharp, capable heroine whose investigative skills meet unexpected emotional stakes.
- Slow-burn romantic tension with a charismatic, enigmatic male lead.

### DESCRIPTION

Julianne is no ordinary gift consultant — she is a true “Sherlock Holmes of presents.” Hired by ultra-wealthy clients, she specializes in finding the one gift that can change a life. With sharp intuition, investigative flair, and boundless creativity, she has built a flawless reputation. Until Valentine de Belliveau, a powerful heiress used to getting everything she wants, gives her an unprecedented assignment: find the gift that will make a man fall in love with her. What begins as an intriguing challenge soon turns into a dangerous emotional game. To succeed, Julianne must get close to the “target” — Alexandre, a man as enigmatic as he is captivating. But the more she learns about him, the harder it becomes to separate business from desire. What if the perfect gift isn't something you can buy? A sparkling, feel-good romantic comedy filled with charm, secrets, and festive magic — perfect for the holiday season.

### REVIEWS

“Heartwarming, emotional, and impossible to put down, this is the perfect Christmas read to enjoy under a blanket with a cup of hot chocolate.” – Amazon review

### AUTHOR

Solenne Hernandez is a French author who has established herself in contemporary fiction with her successful series *La Rumeur* and several acclaimed short stories. Passionate about writing from an early age, she is dedicated to crafting stories that are both compelling and deeply moving. Her work blends emotional intensity with engaging storytelling, offering readers heartfelt narratives driven by strong characters and relatable themes.

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## TUESDAYS OR NOTHING

By Coralie Rose

NEW

### KEYNOTE

One lunch break a week. No strings. No future. Until the man she promised not to love vanishes — and Tuesday suddenly means everything.

### SELLING POINTS

- A relatable, modern heroine torn between career ambition and emotional vulnerability.
- Slow-burn emotional awakening that evolves from physical attraction to genuine love.
- Contemporary urban setting reflecting today's work-driven lifestyles
- Themes of control, intimacy, trust, and the courage to let go.

### DESCRIPTION

Jade lives for her career. A workaholic in the communications industry, she spends her days — and most nights — glued to her laptop, leaving little room for anything else. Love is a distraction she cannot afford. Then she meets Nino. The attraction is immediate. To avoid complications, they set one strict rule: no strings attached. Just one weekly encounter — every Tuesday at lunchtime, in the same discreet hotel. Simple. Controlled. Safe. Until one Tuesday, Nino doesn't show up. With no explanation, he disappears. And Jade is forced to confront a truth she never wanted to face: this was never just physical. Determined to find him, she realizes she knows almost nothing about the man she has fallen for. Blending passion with emotional suspense, *Tuesdays or Nothing* is a contemporary romance about vulnerability, risk, and the courage to choose love over control.

### REVIEWS

"A beautifully written and deeply moving novel that reads effortlessly. What begins as a light, engaging story builds to a powerful ending that left me speechless and overwhelmed with emotion. Thought-provoking and heartfelt, it lingers long after the final page. I can't wait to read more from this author." – Amazon review

### AUTHOR

Born in 1985, Coralie Rose lives in Nantes with her partner and their two children. After studying film and cultural project management, she built a career in communications, working for ten years as a web copywriter. In 2020, during the lockdown, she retrained as a fitness and dance instructor — her other great passion. She came to wider attention in 2023 after winning a literary competition with *Tuesday or Nothing*, her debut novel.



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