

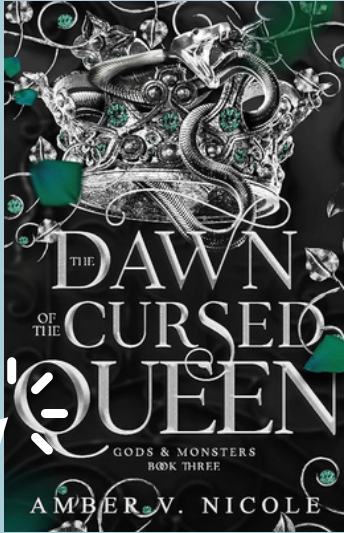


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**BookTok's new dark
romantasy obsession.**

Rose and Star Publishing

May, 2024

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BISAC Codes:

FICTION / Fantasy / Dark
FICTION / Fantasy / Romantic

DAWN OF THE CURSED QUEEN

Ask her, boy. Ask her what she begged the stars for and what lives now. Ask her what she ripped from the very heavens. And then ask her if she cares. The old blood runs through her veins. Nismera and her legions rule the realms as Samkiel's power fills the sky. With him gone, she strives to solidify her spot on the throne, no matter the cost. Dianna struggles beneath the weight of half-truths, lies, and deceptions. After overcoming what she thought was her hardest battle, she soon learns she is at risk of losing everything. Samkiel strives to heal, but he has more on his plate than ever before.

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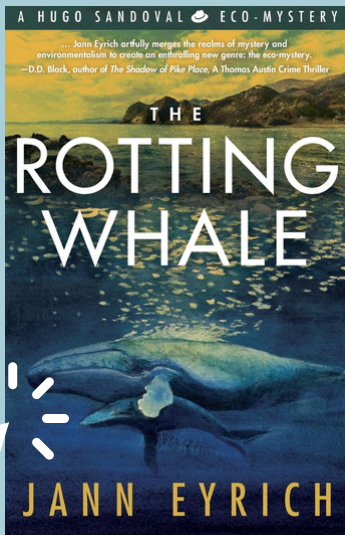
“Perfection, absolutely an amazing read. Continues to grip me and pull me into the world and story. Fantastic worlds building, dynamic characters and a talented way of writing each POV with true discerning characteristics. I can't get enough!”—Amazon Review



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Amber V Nicole

Amber V Nicole is a dark fantasy writer with a touch of horror added into the mix. When she is not writing new and fantastic ways to devastate her readers she is probably playing video games or obsessing over anime. Amber loves morally gray characters with their flaws and all and is always dreaming of far off places with dragons, magic, and swords. She loves a good villain and plans to tell many stories showcasing them in the spotlight.



When the natural world and the
build world collide, the earth
needs a good building inspector...

Sibylline Press
September 2023
Trim Size: 8.4in x 5.2in
Page Count: 212
Retail Price: \$13.70
ISBN: 9781736795439
BISAC Codes:
FICTION / Noir Fiction

THE ROTTING WHALE

In this first case in the new *Hugo Sandoval Eco-Mystery* series, an old-school San Francisco building inspector must reluctantly venture outside his beloved city and find his sea legs before he can solve the mystery of how a 90-ton blue whale became stranded, twice, in a remote inlet off the North Coast. Set on the turbulent Mendocino Coast against the backdrop of a failing fishing fleet and illegal cannabis grows, Sandoval encounters roadblocks and lies as he grapples with the connection between a red tag posted on the historic Chicken Cove ranch and the decomposing marine mammal at the foot of its cliffs.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- HUGO SANDOVAL ECO-MYSTERY (BOOK 1 OF 2)
- HUGO SANDOVAL IS A PEOPLE'S HERO, FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT IN A MODERN ERA

"Jann Eyrich's characters are so compelling, I would follow inspector Hugo Sandoval and his friends through any amount of coastal fog and North Coast shenanigans! I am looking forward to reading *The Blind Key* next year."—Kathy Wollenberg, Author of *Far Less*—*Kirkus Reviews*



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jann Eyrich

As a transplant from Cincinnati, Jann Eyrich worked as an independent contractor in San Francisco for twenty years. While living perched above the city in the legendary shacks of *Telegraph Hill*, she experienced a unique view of life in the city and developed insight into the characters she now creates.



By the the award-winning author of *Typecast*.

Girl Friday Productions
October 2024
Trim Size: 8.5in x 5.5in
Page Count: 336
Retail Price: \$18.95
ISBN: 9781959411703
BISAC Codes:
FICTION / Romance
Family Life / Siblings

DEAR ELIZA

Eliza's world broke apart when she was sixteen and her mom died of cancer. Now, years later, she has rebuilt her life to include a director-of-development job at a nonprofit, a Manhattan apartment, and an easy-on-the-eyes bedroom buddy—just the kind of no-strings relationship she wants, even if it's less than her best friend, Mo, thinks she deserves. But when Eliza's dad dies unexpectedly, her beloved aunt Claude arrives at the shiva with a letter from her mom—to be opened only after her father's death. Inside the letter? A bombshell.

Suddenly, all of Eliza's relationships are upended.

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- TEN YEARS AFTER HER MOTHER'S DEATH, ELIZA LEVINGER NEVER IMAGINED SHE'D HEAR FROM HER AGAIN. BUT THEN THE LETTER ARRIVED

Perfect for fans of Emily Giffin, Katherine Center, and Jennifer Weiner, *Dear Eliza* explores the meaning of family, the complexities of grief, and the beauty in finding your way again.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Andrea J. Stein

Born in Brooklyn, she was raised in New Jersey before attending a small, quirky liberal arts college and a large, preppy university, both in New York State. A book publicist by profession, she lives with her husband and sons in suburban New Jersey.

She spends an inordinate amount of time taking pretty photos of books. Things that make her happy include strong tea, turtles, sunshine, sheep, and the ocean.



Inspired by true events involving one of Baltimore's most powerful families

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ISBN: 9781959411727

BISAC Codes:

FICTION

Mystery & Detective / Historical

THE GRAYS OF TRUTH

In Reconstruction-era Baltimore, members of the city's elite keep turning up dead. Below the polished surface of high society, there are illicit affairs, jilted lovers, financial hardships, and countless motives for murder. When Jane Gray Wharton's husband, Ned, dies unexpectedly while overnighting at his brother's home, Jane has no reason to question the circumstances of his death. But on a visit to the same house a few weeks later, both Jane and her daughter fall gravely ill, and Jane begins to suspect foul play. Jane is haunted by a history of delusion, loss, and institutionalization. As the unexpected and devastating deaths begin to multiply, Jane's grip on reality starts to slip.

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- FROM BESTSELLING HISTORICAL TRUE-CRIME AUTHOR SHARON VIRTS COMES A GRIPPING TALE OF MURDER AND DECEIT

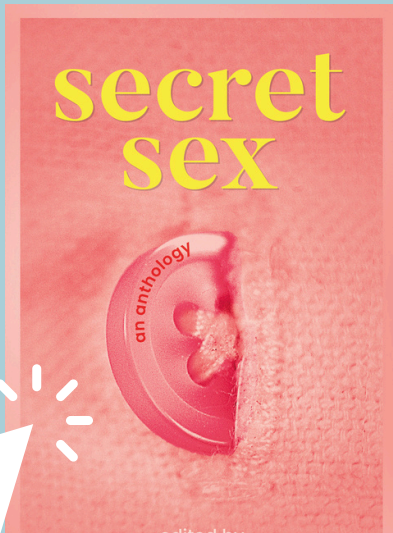
Inspired by true events involving one of Baltimore's most powerful families, *The Grays of Truth* is the story of one woman's quest for answers in her fight for redemption—and to save the man she loves.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sharon Virts

Bestselling historical fiction author Sharon Virts is a successful entrepreneur and visionary who, after more than twenty-five years in business, followed her passion for storytelling. Sharon is a gifted visual artist, intertwining her artistic expression with extraordinary storytelling to breathe life into intricate characters and vivid settings that captivate the heart and ignite the imagination. She has authored two bestselling novels, *Masque of Honor* and *Veil of Doubt*.



Can a few, precious insights transform our reality?

Dundurn Press
January, 2024
Trim Size: 8.5in x 5.5in
Page Count: 272
Retail Price: \$21.99
ISBN: 9781459752429
BISAC Codes:
FICTION / Erotica
Collections & Anthologies

SECRET SEX: AN ANTHOLOGY

If authors could write their sex scenes anonymously, would they be less reticent? Would they include the stuff they didn't want their mom, or the newspapers, to read? Here are twenty-four original short pieces of fiction on the theme of sex, by twenty-four prominent authors living in Canada. The pieces are uncensored, unpredictable; they veer from graphic to subtle to surreal. There is straight sex and gay sex. There is frustrated sex. There is sex that happens entirely through text messages. Secret Sex is a book of erotic imaginings by some of Canada's most sophisticated and respected writers, working in total freedom, secretly.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- TWENTY-FOUR ORIGINAL SHORT PIECES OF FICTION ON THE THEME OF SEX, BY TWENTY-FOUR PROMINENT AUTHORS

“At turns funny, often tinged with sadness, each story explores the messiness of pleasure and the struggle to live our dirtiest, filthiest lives in a world that would prefer we keep it secret. A fun and sexy read.”—Julie S. Lalonde, author of *Resilience is Futile*



ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Twenty-four prominent authors living in Canada

Featuring Angie Abdou, Jean-Marc Ah-Sen, Tamara Faith Berger, Jowita Bydlowska, Xaiver Campbell, K.S. Covert, francesca ekwuyasi, Anna Fitzpatrick, Drew Hayden Taylor, Victoria Hetherington, Marni Jackson, Andrew Kaufman, Michael LaPointe, Pasha Malla, Sophie McCreesh, Lisa Moore, Heather O'Neill, Lee Suksi, Susan Swan, Heidi von Palleske, Aley Wat.



**It's an honor to bring light
to the dark.**

North Star Editions

May, 2024

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ISBN: 9781635830989

BISAC Codes:

FICTION / Thriller

THE LAMPLIGHTER

The nineteenth-century whaling village of Warbler is famous for its lucky ship figureheads—and infamous for people disappearing into the nightly fog. In this murky locale, the lamplighter is synonymous with safety and protection, and it's a position Temperance assumes when her father is found hanging from one of the lampposts. Though Tempe proves competent, the town is still hesitant to let a woman handle this responsibility. When a girl disappears after two lamps go out, Tempe discovers unsettling truths about the famous Warbler figureheads and her own beloved father.

But her warnings of a monster are ignored, even by her own family.

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- EVOCATIVELY RENDERED
CHARACTERS
- EDGE-OF-THE-SEAT PLOTTING

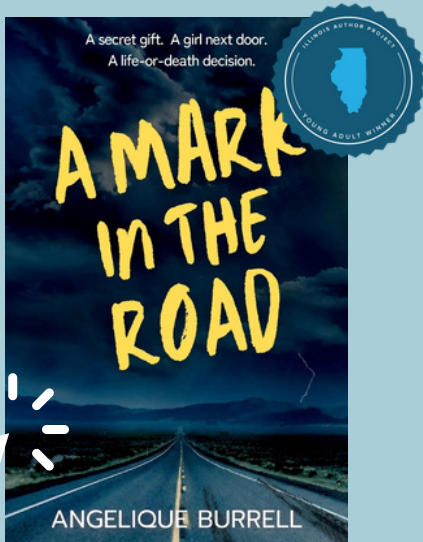
“Temperance's struggles to prove herself in her male-dominated society are explored with depth and nuance, making this chilling mystery feel at once like a classic folktale and a sharp allegory for the obstacles of modern women.”—*Publishers Weekly*



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Crystal J. Bell

Crystal J. Bell is a writer and videographer who calls the Rocky Mountains her home. After graduating from Colorado State University with her BA, she began writing in earnest and hasn't looked back since. When she isn't drinking up autumn like the elixir of life, she can be found on the back patio with her laptop and a book, out on the reservoirs on her stand-up paddleboard, or cooking in the kitchen with her husband. Most likely pasta.



Can he race against the clock and drive 2,000 miles before the skid mark disappears?

The Purcell Agency
October, 2023

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Page Count: 286

Retail Price: \$15.99

ISBN: 9781957656199

BISAC Codes:

FICTION / Teen & Young Adult
Contemporary Romance

A MARK IN THE ROAD

Every tire track tells a story. At least that's what accident experts say. And there's no better expert than eighteen-year-old Mason. Mason dreads the skid marks left by braking tires. Every mark - every near miss, dead animal, injured person - plays like a soundless documentary in his mind. When Mason's on-again-off-again crush Addie begs him to drive cross-country to help her move, he must face what he thought was his greatest fear - the open road. But a tire mark left near a missing woman's car on the Loneliest Road in America changes everything. As Mason searches for clues, he and Addie drive closer to trouble and risk losing everything.

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- 2023 ILLINOIS AUTHOR PROJECT AWARD WINNER
- FOR FANS OF MEGAN MIRANDA AND JENNIFER LYNN BARNES

"This is an intelligent depiction of teenage life... made ever more dramatic with a crime story and an element of the supernatural."—*Kirkus Reviews*

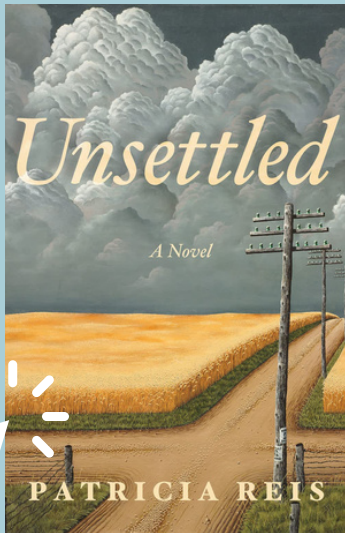


ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Angelique Burrell

With an English teacher as a father and a librarian as a mother, it's no surprise that Angelique grew up loving to read. Now, she teaches high school English and creative writing in a suburb of Chicago, working to bring her love of reading and writing to high school students.

She is blessed to have a supportive husband, daughter, and son, who don't mind her binge writing, an extended family who encourage her creativity, and a dog who keeps me company late into the night.



***Unsettled* is an old-fashioned novel, filled with characters as familiar as family pictures, as touching and as terrifying.**

Sibylline Press

October, 2023

Page Count: 363

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5.25 x 8.5 in

ISBN: 9781736795484

BISAC Codes:

FICTION / Historical Fiction

UNSETTLED

Family Secrets. A genealogical quest takes Van back 100 years to the Iowa prairie in search of an ancestor no one has claimed. As Van Reinhardt clears out her father's belongings, she comes across a request penned by her father prior to his death. Examining the family portrait of her German immigrant ancestors that he has left her, Van's curiosity grows about one of the children portrayed there.

Meanwhile in the 1870s, Kate is a German immigrant newly arrived in America with only her brother as family. When she and her brother split, she eventually finds her way back to him, but with a secret.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- A COMPELLING WORK THAT EXPLORES THE FRAGILITY OF FAMILY HISTORY

“One chapter to the next feels like walking, step by step, into a haunted house. A great read: Once you start, it’s hard to stop. Even when you meet a ghost.”—Michael Lesy, author of *Wisconsin Death Trip*



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Patricia Reis

Patricia Reis is a writer and author of *The Dreaming Way*, *Daughters of Saturn*, and *Through the Goddess*, and the creator/producer of the DVD, *Arctic Refuge Sutra*. She has held positions as faculty, lecturer, and dissertation advisor and has mentored and facilitated many artists and writers in bringing their work to fruition. She appeared in the film, “Signs Out of Time,” by Starhawk and Donna Read, a documentary on the life of Neolithic archaeologist, Marija Gimbutas.



It would make wonderful grist for any book club discussion.

Koehler Books
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ISBN: 9798888243015
BISAC Codes:
FICTION / Historical Fiction

YET, HERE WE ARE

It is 1948. Feeling trapped within her farm-life existence as a young wife and mother, Elizabeth harbors a fervent desire to escape to the city of Chicago for a brief respite. While there, she is met with both profound love and devastating loss-experiences that will haunt her for years to come.

It is 1975. An unexpected visitor from Elizabeth's past in Chicago upends her quiet life. Meanwhile, one of her daughters finds herself unwittingly caught up in the counterculture battle for control over the emerging Twin Cities' food co-op community, and the other begins to experience mysterious visions.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- TALE OF A TUMULTUOUS TIME IN OUR HISTORY THAT CHANGED THE COURSE OF FOOD CO-OPS

"A deeply evocative novel that stays with you long after turning the final page."—Pamela Hamilton, author of the award-winning novel *Lady Be Good*



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Brenda K. Massman

Brenda K. Massman is a debut author and a former award-winning magazine editor/senior writer with Adams Publishing Group. She now writes novels set in the mid-1900s, with a focus on female protagonists and environmental issues of the time.



It invites readers to question pre-conceived notions and experience hope and resistance amid the dangers of totalitarian leadership.

Common Deer Press
September 2024
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Trim Size: 6 x 9 in
ISBN: 9781988761947
BISAC Codes:
FICTION / Dark Fantasy

THE GREAT & THE SMALL

Where is the line between good and evil? Deep below the market, in the dark tunnels no human knows exist, a war has begun. Led by the charismatic Beloved Chairman, a colony of rats plots to exterminate the ugly two-legs who have tortured them in labs, crushed them with boots, and looked at them with disgust for as long as anyone can remember. When the Chairman's nephew is injured and a young two-leg nurses him back to health, however, doubt about the war creeps in. Now the colony is split—obey the Chairman and infect the two-legs with the ancient sickness passed down from the Old Ones, or do the unthinkable... Rebel.

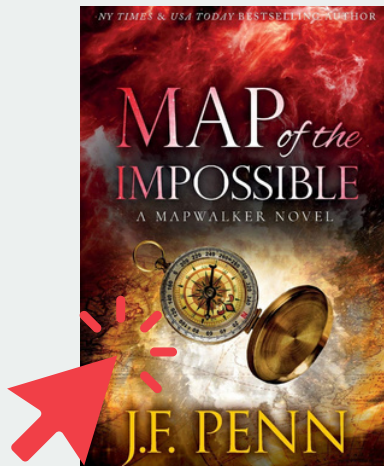
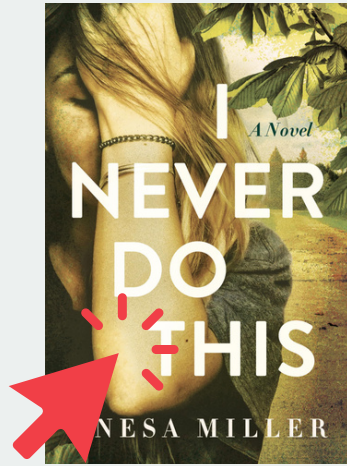
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- A MODERN CLASSIC
- WITNESS A TALE OF OPPRESSION AND HEROISM




ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Andrea Torrey Balsara

Andrea Torrey Balsara is an award-winning children's and young adult author/illustrator, motivational speaker, and energy medicine practitioner. Her passion is to inspire joy through storytelling and energy healing, helping young people and adults to walk "the Hero's Journey" in real life. She writes and illustrates for young children under her full name, Andrea Torrey Balsara, and for young adults under A.T. Balsara.



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