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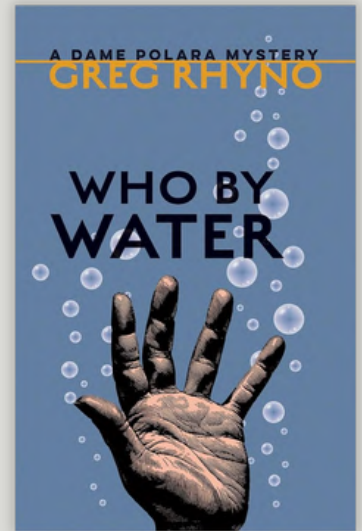
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FICTION

WHO BY WATER

Greg Rhyno

- The second novel in the Dame Polara mystery series (3 volumes)
- A wry sleuth delves into the suspicious drowning case that took her ex-husband's life, uncovering evidence that her old enemy is pulling the strings



April 2025



Greg Rhyno is the author of *To Me You Seem Giant*. This debut novel was nominated for a ReLit Award and an Alberta Book Publishing Award. His writing has appeared in a number of journals including *Hobart*, *Riddle Fence*, and *Prism International*. He completed an MFA at the University of Guelph and lives with his family in Guelph, Ontario.

Rights Sold

World English & Canada-
French (Cormorant Books)

After barely surviving her last case, Dame Polara has traded in the life of a part-time private eye for one of a single working mom. But when the police name her a suspect in her ex-husband's mysterious drowning, Dame has no choice but to investigate his death herself and work alongside Rachel Suarez, the former friend who ruined her marriage.

Dame's sleuthing brings her to the city's dive bars, industrial ports, and eventually, to Toronto Island, where she encounters a community of secretive artists and reclusive musicians. Soon, Dame uncovers sinister evidence that an old enemy has resurfaced, and she realizes that before she can discover what happened to the man she once loved, she'll have to confront the woman who once tried to destroy her.



Book 1 of the Dame Polara mystery series

WHO BY FIRE

Haunted by a childhood of picking locks and tailing suspects with her private-eye dad, Dame Polara desperately wants to leave the mysteries behind and lead an average life with average ambitions: to preserve heritage buildings through her job at City Hall, to care for her father's mounting health complications, and to one day raise a family of her own. But when her landlord serves her an eviction notice, Dame agrees to investigate his wife's infidelity in exchange for keeping the apartment. A simple domestic case, or so Dame believes, until her investigation uncovers a serial arsonist targeting the very buildings she's fighting to preserve.

Publication: April 2024

Rights Sold: World English & Canada- French (Cormorant Books)

REAL BAD, REAL SOON

Eric Beetner

- The second novel in the Carter McCoy crime Series (3 volumes)
- A slow burn thriller featuring Carter, an old guy diagnosed with terminal cancer who stands up to bring justice



February 2025



Eric Beetner is a cult favourite writer amongst many bestselling crime authors, known for his work reminiscent of old school crime thrillers but with modern touches. He was co-host of 300 episodes of the Writer Types podcast that featured interviews with major writers like Lee Child, Sara Paretsky, Ian Rankin, Joe Lonsdale, Megan Abbott and others. Outside of writing, Eric is a five-time Emmy nominated editor who's worked on many US network TV shows including *The Amazing Race*, *Top Gear America*, *Fear Factor*, *The Bachelorette* and others.

Rights Sold

World English (Level Best Books)

Audio (Tantor)

In *Real Bad, Read Soon*, Carter McCoy is still alive, but not for long.

A man with nothing to lose, he can help the helpless. A reluctant killer, his skills are used by the police now to balance the scales of justice. But killing doesn't sit well on Carter and he wants to live out his last days in peace.

"Beetner has spun another notable tale here. Noir at its best."
—David Swinson, author of *The Second Girl and Sweet Thing*



Book 1 of the Carter McCoy crime series

THE LAST FEW MILES OF ROAD

Widowed Carter McCoy is diagnosed with terminal cancer and has months to live. Though his life has been good, Carter has one regret: the man responsible for this daughter's death years ago is still alive. So, with his dog Chester at his side, 72-year-old Carter McCoy starts planning a murder, despite his lack of military or police training. His quest for vengeance, however, gets complicated by a blackmail attempt, rural cops pressured to clear their first murder in years, local drug dealers, plus Carter's guilt for killing another human being.

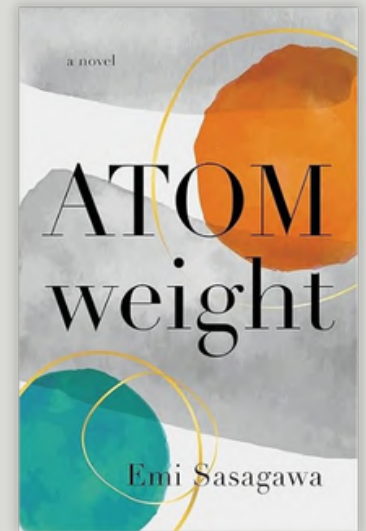
Publication: February 2024

Rights Sold: World English (Level Best Books)/Audio (Tantor)

ATOMWEIGHT

Emi Sasagawa

- LGBTQ2S+ coming-of-age novel about a young Japanese-Latina woman who struggles with the need to reconcile competing cultures, traditions, and values through exploring issues of sexual identity and violence



May 2023



Emi Sasagawa is an immigrant, queer woman of colour who has just completed a Creative Writing MFA at the University of British Columbia. She is also an award-winning journalist whose writing has appeared in publications ranging from the *Washington Post* to *Room*. A resident of Vancouver, *Atomweight* is her first novel.

Good girl, good student, good daughter: Aki has always done what her loving but demanding multiracial family expects. Far from her Vancouver home, she adjusts to life in London—studies, friends and a relationship with a wealthy but closeted Asian woman. Life is demanding, but Aki is coping until a violent incident triggers an unexpected response in the young Japanese-Latina-Canadian woman. She discovers that brutal bar-fighting relieves her stress and she begins a dangerous dual existence—obedient and accommodating by day and brawling by night.

“Everybody has a plan until they get punched in the mouth,” Mike Tyson once said. In Emi Sasagawa’s bold and searing *Atomweight*, we meet a young woman who makes her plans with her fists, sparring as a way to push away her doubts about her family, sexuality and relationships. Sasagawa writes like a fighter: nimble and devastating.

— KEVIN CHONG, author of *The Double Life of Benson Yu*

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North American English
(Tidewater Press)

#New #Horror

MASTODON

Steve Stred

- A creature thriller following a teenage boy whose parents mysteriously went missing in the wilderness, where the deepest, darkest fears await him



January 2022



Steve Stred is an award-winning author, living in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, with his wife and son. Known for his novels, *Mastodon*, *Churn the Soil*, and his series *Father of Lies*, his work has been described as haunting, bleak and is frequently set in the woods near where he grew up. His novel *Churn the Soil* won the Best Horror Novel award in the 2024 Indieverse Awards, and he is a 2x Splatterpunk Award nominee.

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World English (Black Void Press)

Italian (Independent Legions Publishing)

Czech (Golden Dog)

17 years ago, Tyler Barton was born in the Rocky Mountains, while his parents were on a hike. On that day, his mother disappeared, never to be seen again. Now, history repeats itself. On the 17th anniversary of her disappearance, Tyler's father is flying home when the plane he's on disappears – in the same area where his mother was last seen. Undeterred by officials, Tyler decides to hike into the area in search of his father, hoping to find him alive and bring him back to safety. But there's a reason that area is prohibited to enter and even though Tyler doesn't care, he'll soon find out that the wilderness can hide some of the deepest, darkest fears known to man.

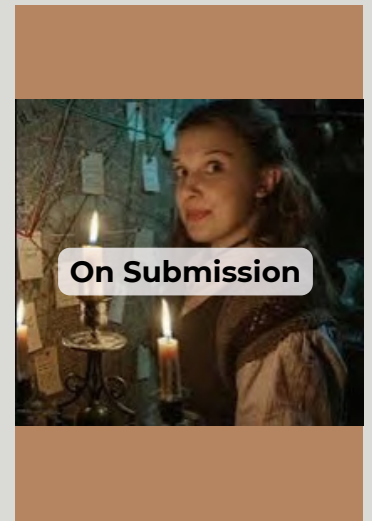
"An old-school creature thriller told with crisp pacing and kick-ass set pieces, Steve Stred's *Mastodon* is a monster-in-the-woods tale with some choice surprises and plenty of rampaging fun."

— Andrew Pyper, author of *The Residence*, *The Damned* and *The Demonologist*

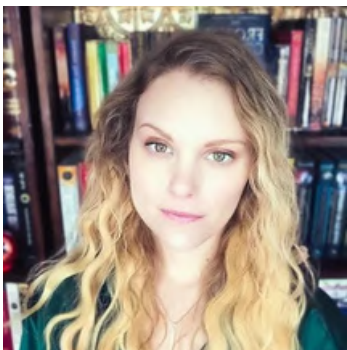
THE TEN THOUSAND DEATHS OF LIBERTY BANE

Greta Kelly

- A romantasy with duology potential
- After the Uncanny Liberty Bane is murdered, she must team up with a straight-laced detective to unravel the mystery of the key she stole before two nations go to war, or worse, she falls in love



*This is a reference image



Greta Kelly is the author of the critically-acclaimed adult fantasy novels *THE FROZEN CROWN* and *THE SEVENTH QUEEN* (Harper Voyager). Her third book, *THE QUEEN OF DAYS*, was released in October 2023 (Harper Voyager) and was picked as the lead title for the Fall 2023 LitJoy special edition book box. Her writing has also appeared in *Nerdist*, *i09*, and *Writer's Digest*.

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On Submission

Just because Liberty Bane cannot truly die, that doesn't mean she appreciates being murdered.

In and out; it should have counted as a success. Too bad she caught a bullet to the head before she could make the handoff.

It's a good thing she still has the key since it's her only bargaining chip in this cat-and-mouse game through the coal-scented streets of New Aedenine.

With her self-appointed sidekick, the annoyingly honorable Inspector Justice Tenpenny, at her side, Liberty must unravel the mysteries of the key and the Uncanny magic it contains.

Could it unlock the secrets of Liberty's very long and forgotten past? Or will it push two nations to the brink of war?

Liberty has a choice to make because saving the friends who've gotten caught up in this mess might mean sacrificing her one chance of ever finding home.

And the place she truly belongs.

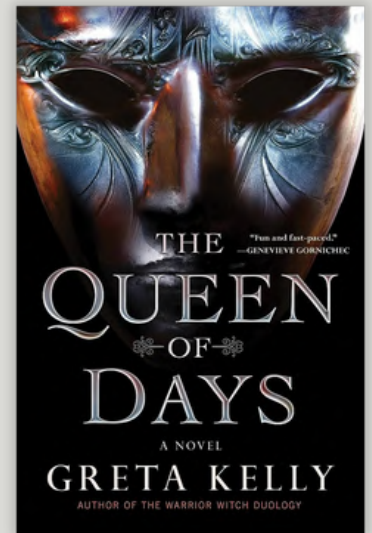
Perfect for readers who've enjoyed V.E. Schwab's *THE INVISIBLE LIFE OF ADDIE LA RUE*, Constance Sayer's *A WITCH IN TIME*, the twisting Victorian-era *VERONICA SPEEDWELL MYSTERIES* series, as well as the spectacle and fun of TV shows and movies like *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*, *Murder on the Orient Express*, and *Miss Scarlett & The Duke*.

THE QUEEN OF DAYS

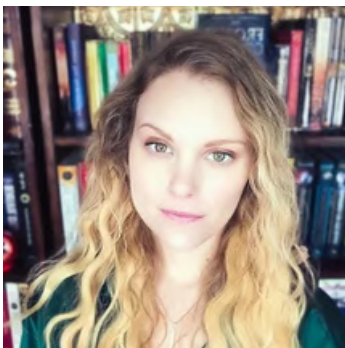
Greta Kelly

✦ Picked as the lead title for the Fall 2023 LitJoy special edition book box

- An epic adventure that weaves together a flawed-but-lovable family of thieves, a battle between fallen gods, and stakes high enough to cause vertigo
- Perfect for fans of *The Lies of Locke Lamora* and *Six of Crows*.



October 2023



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World English (Harper Voyager)

Arabic (Mobtada Publishing)

For Balthazar and his family of thieves, stealing a statue during the annual celebration of the god Karanis was just a good bit of fun...or a way to stick it to the governor who murdered his parents. And yeah, the small fortune in reward doesn't hurt—even if his boss also hired the mysterious Queen of Days to join the crew as “the weapon of last resort...”

Whatever that means.

But Bal doesn't know the ceremony isn't simply empty words and dusty tradition; it's true magic. The kind of magic that rips open a portal for the god himself. Only the idol that Karanis planned on using for a body now lies broken at the Queen of Days' feet. And half of it is missing.

With the aid of a lovable brawler, a society lady turned bomb maker, a disgraced soldier, and a time-eating demon, Bal must hunt down the missing half of the statue if he has any hope of earning his money, keeping his crew alive...and perhaps even saving all of humanity. But as his journey sends him racing through the city—and across realities—he discovers that doing all this might just doom the city.

The city be damned. It's time to kill a god.

“Kelly is an efficient storyteller, instantly establishing the relationships among her close-knit characters, and crafting thrilling action scenes.”
— *Kirkus Reviews*

THE BLACK HUNGER

Nicholas Pullen

- A spine-tingling, queer gothic horror debut where two men are drawn into an otherworldly spiral, and a journey that will only end when they reach the darkest part of the human soul
- Perfect for fans of Clarke's *Jonathan Strange And Mr Norrell* and Miéville's *The Last Days of New Paris*



October 2024



Nicholas Pullen was born and raised in Toronto, and educated at Oxford and McGill. A writer since early childhood, Nicholas now fashions stories out of shadows, madness, and historical truths. Outside of writing, his professional life has been spent working toward Truth and Reconciliation in the Canadian Public Service, as a treaty negotiator with Indigenous Peoples. A Canada Council for the Arts Grant Recipient, his short fiction has appeared in the *Toronto Star* (Famous Blue), the *Copperfield Review* (Hellulandsaga), and *Anti-Heroine Chic* (Relapse/Grindr).

John Sackville will soon be dead. Shadows writhe in the corners of his cell as he mourns the death of his secret lover and the gnawing hunger inside him grows impossible to ignore.

He must write his last testament before it is too late.

It is a story steeped in history and myth—a journey from stone circles in Scotland, to the barren wilderness of Ukraine where otherworldly creatures stalk the night, ending in the icy peaks of Tibet and Mongolia, where an ancient evil stirs.

"A terrifying gothic journey to the place where the very cruellest, hungriest creatures hide in the snow, and wear our faces. This is a magisterial debut."

— Michael Rowe, author of *Wild Fell*

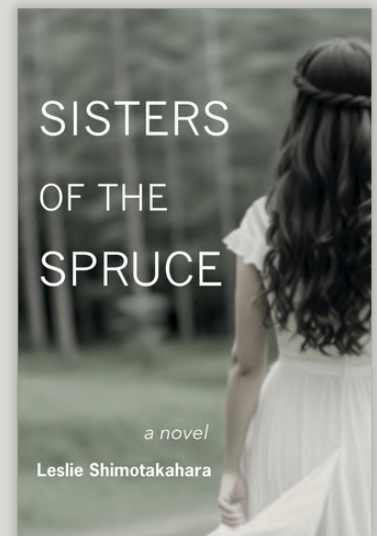
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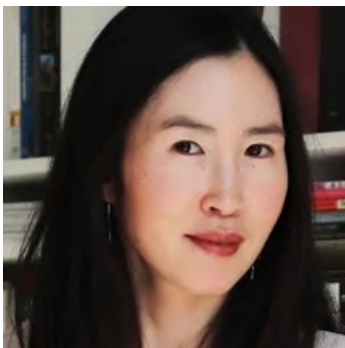
SISTERS OF THE SPRUCE

Leslie Shimotakahara

- An enthralling story of female adventure, friendship, and resilience, set against the majestic landscape of a WWI-era logging camp in northern British Columbia



February 2024



Leslie Shimotakahara's memoir, *The Reading List*, won the Canada-Japan Literary Prize, and her fiction has been shortlisted for the KM Hunter Artist Award. She has written two critically acclaimed novels, *After the Bloom* and *Red Oblivion*. *After the Bloom* received a starred review from Booklist and is Bustle's number one choice in "50 Books To Read With Your Book Club," while Kirkus Review praised *Red Oblivion* for displaying "virtuosity in this subtle deconstruction of one family's tainted origins."

Rights Sold

North American English
(Caitlin Press)

World War One is in high gear. Fourteen-year-old Khya moves with her family to a remote, misty inlet in northern British Columbia, known for its Sitka spruces, which were desperately needed for the Allies' aircrafts in Europe. At a logging camp on the inlet, Khya's father assumes a position of leadership among the Japanese and Chinese workers.

But the arrival of a group of white loggers throws off balance the precarious life that Khya and her family have begun to establish. When a quarrel between her father and a white man known as "the Captain" escalates, leading to the betrayal of her older sister and humiliation for the family, Khya embarks on a perilous journey with her one friend—a half-Chinese sex worker, on the lam for her own reasons—to track down the man and force him to take responsibility.



Also by the Author

THE READING LIST: A MEMOIR

Leslie Shimotakahara, a young, disenchanted English professor, struggles to revive her childhood love of reading. Returning home to rethink her life, she bonds with her father Jack over discussions about the lives, loves and works of the novelists on their shared reading list. But when their conversations about literature unearth some heartbreaking, deeply buried family secrets surrounding Jack's own childhood—growing up Japanese-Canadian in the aftermath of World War II—Leslie's world is changed forever.

Publication: October 2012

Rights Sold: Japanese (Kitakarasuyama Henshu-shitsu)

MONSTER LAWYER SERIES

Royce Buckingham

- A fast-paced blend of contemporary fantasy and legal thriller from a best selling German author
- *Better Call Saul* meets *Lucifer*, with a witchy twist, at 94,000 words
- Screen rights for the series are currently being considered by American and German companies



October 2022 / 2023

Royce Buckingham is a Washington-based fantasy writer with an English degree and a law degree. He worked as an attorney for over twenty years; he now writes full-time. Royce hit the bestseller list in Germany with *Demonkeeper*, which sold over 100,000 copies for Random House. He has since published numerous successful middle grade and adult fantasy novels. *Monster Lawyer's* German language translation has already sold over 20,000 copies (Penguin/Random House, Blanvalet). Its sequel, released in October 2023, has already sold over 8,000, and Blanvalet recently made an offer for the third book, which will be Royce's fifteenth novel with a major publisher.

Rights Sold

All English Rights &
Translation Rights Available
excl. German (Blanvalet)

Danny Becker, high-powered Seattle lawyer, is finally offered the case that will make him partner. It would be the crown jewel of his career, if only Danny wasn't facing mid-life newly divorced and living a single dad's lifestyle on his aging boat. But this partnership is what he's sacrificed everything for, isn't it? It's all going to be worth it.

That same night, however, Danny receives a visit from the terror of his childhood—the monster from under his bed. The creature has claws, fangs, scaly skin... and grown-up Danny's first thought is to dive under his covers. But the monster isn't there to kill him. It faces a supernatural trial and an eternity of imprisonment for a crime it swears it didn't commit—and it desperately needs a lawyer.

Against his better judgment, Danny puts his old life on the line. Soon, he becomes increasingly embroiled in the world of the supernatural, and an unwitting player in an international witch conspiracy. To save himself, the city of Seattle—and perhaps, the world—Danny must decide what kind of lawyer (and man) he wants to be.

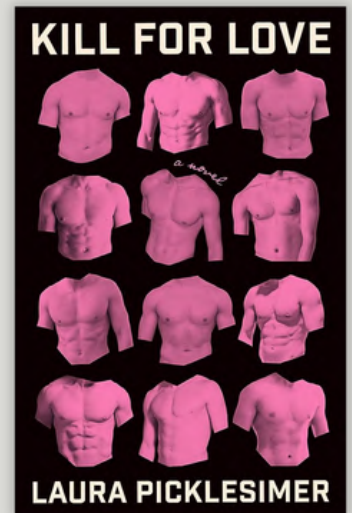
Buckingham takes a clever look at the fallacies surrounding traditional male values, power, and success, and explores how, in turn, our lives can be rebuilt when we take the time to face our demons.

***Book 1&2 are available as of February 2025 while Book 3 is in progress**

KILL FOR LOVE

Laura Picklesimer

- A transgressive, satirical novel about a privileged Los Angeles sorority sister who's struggling to keep her sadistic impulses at bay
- UK Rights available!



September 2023

Laura Picklesimer's fiction has been featured in the *Santa Ana River Review*, *Bookwoman*, *Gold Man Review*, the *Pomona Valley Review*, and the *California Current Writers Series*, and more. She was the grand prize winner of *Enizagam Journal's* 2018 Fiction Contest, won third place in the 2021 Rougarou Fabulism & Speculative Fiction Contest, received third place in the Women's National Book Association's 2018 YA Fiction Contest, and was a finalist for the 2018 Speculative Literature Foundation Diverse Worlds Grant.

Rights Sold

North American English
(Unnamed Press)

Audio (Tantor)

Portuguese in Brazil (Buzz
Editora)

Italian (Nottetempo Edizioni)

The boys on the row are only after one thing, but that bullshit's for pledges. Tiffany's on the hunt for something more.

Kill for Love is a searing satirical thriller about Tiffany, a privileged Los Angeles sorority sister who is struggling to keep her sadistic impulses—and haunting nightmares of fire and destruction—at bay. After a frat party hookup devolves into a bloody, fatal affair, Tiffany realizes something within her has awoken: the insatiable desire to kill attractive young men.

As Tiffany's bloodlust deepens and the bodies pile up, she must contend with mounting legal scrutiny, social media-fueled competing murders, and her growing relationship with Weston, who she thinks could be the perfect boyfriend. A female-driven, modern-day *American Psycho*, *Kill for Love* exposes modern toxic plasticity with dark comedy and propulsive plot.

"In her clear and visceral sentences that evoke a world both like and unlike our own, Picklesimer places you completely in the narrator's haunting, singular journey."

— Rachel Khong, author of *Goodbye, Vitamin*

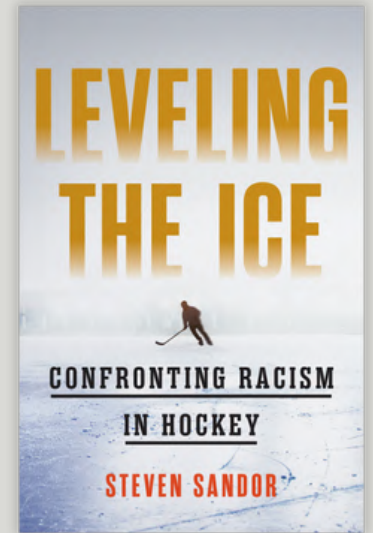
NONFICTION

LEVELING THE ICE

CONFRONTING RACISM IN HOCKEY

Steven Sandor

- A deep dive into the institutional racism and prejudice in the sport of hockey that persists across all levels—and how it will impact the future of the sport



September 2025



Steven Sandor is an author and the award-winning editor of *Edify Magazine* in Edmonton; his work has appeared in over 100 magazines and newspapers around the globe. He's the author of eight YA books and two books of sports non-fiction. He also works behind the mic, with experience calling games that have been broadcast on Sportsnet, Citytv, CBC, OneSoccer and TSN.

Rights Sold

World English & Audio
(Beacon Press/Penguin
Random House)

While professional sports leagues claim to promote diversity and inclusivity, institutional racism remains apparent in all sports, but especially hockey. In *Leveling the Ice*, sportswriter Steven Sandor challenges the perception that hockey is open to everyone and the idea that the hockey establishment wants more inclusion and diversity.

Featuring interviews with NHL players of color like Darnell Nurse, Matt Dumba, Nazeem Kadri, Zach Whitecloud, Ethan Bear, Jason Robertson, Sandor reveals their stories of exclusion to highlight the deeply ingrained racism in the sport. The players share insights into the racism they faced while they built their careers as well as the racism, they still face today from the hockey establishment

From hockey's racist past to the ongoing reluctance of the hockey establishment to embrace grassroots diversity initiatives, Sandor delves into how members of communities of color (who only make up 5% of the NHL) are being driven away from the sport to more inclusive ones like soccer and basketball, despite the NHL's expansion to new markets and demographics with billion-dollar TV deals. Comprehensive and timely, *Leveling the Ice* grapples with how the institutional racism in hockey will directly affect the future of the sport.

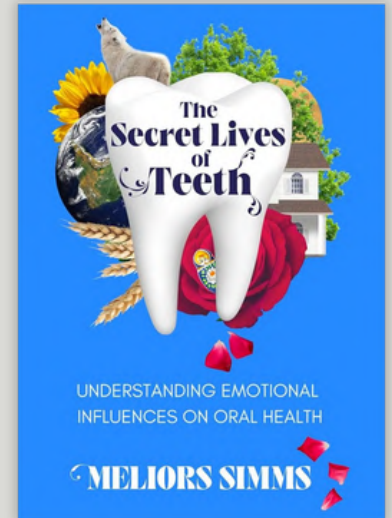
THE SECRET LIVES OF TEETH

UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONAL INFLUENCES ON ORAL HEALTH

Meliors Simms

✦ Winner of the Bronze Medal in the Global Book Awards 2023
(Health Mind and Body Category)

- A compassionate and comprehensive guide to energetic influences on the mouth, offering clear, actionable advice to help people enjoy better oral health and achieve positive outcomes from dental intervention



May 2023



Meliors Simms is the Holistic Tooth Fairy, a natural oral health coach who has worked with hundreds of clients worldwide to avoid unnecessary dental procedures and have better experiences with the necessary ones. After a diverse career (from research to counselling to arts) and a lifetime of terrible teeth, she stumbled on an Alt Oral approach which prevented what would have been her 7th root canal. That inspired years of independent research and experimentation, eventually resulting in her uniquely holistic approach to oral health.

Rights Sold

World English (Holistic Tooth Fairy/self-publishing)
Dutch (AnkhHermes)

Do your gums recede despite periodontal intervention? Do you struggle to make sense of tooth decay? Does your mouth often feel like a mystery you can never understand? While helping hundreds of people all over the world to achieve better dental outcomes, holistic oral health coach Meliors Simms observed that the key to healing is not necessarily physical but influenced by a range of metaphysical effects including stress, generational trauma, social patterns and spiritual influences.

In the vein of *The Body Keeps the Score* and *When the Body Says No*, *The Secret Lives of Teeth* presents a well-researched and no-nonsense approach to teeth and gum healing, offering a groundbreaking system of tooth archetypes that explains each individual tooth's emotional vulnerabilities, self-help exercises for over-coming both acute and chronic issues, and dynamic interpretations for mouth issues such as abscesses, bruxism, cavities, gingivitis, and tartar.

The Secret Lives of Teeth is an essential resource for understanding the metaphysical anatomy of your mouth, helping practitioners learn and respond more holistically to oral health and provides a revolutionary approach to teeth and gum healing.

SPEAKING ON CLIMATE

A GUIDE TO SPEECHWRITING FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Rune Kier Nielsen

- A much-needed guide that gives young people the tools to become public speakers in the climate activism movement and more



April 2025



Rune Kier Nielsen is a social anthropologist living in Denmark. He has worked as a government speechwriter for mayors in the Danish Capital of Copenhagen, the Danish Ministry for Climate and Energy as well as the Ministry for the Environment. He's won two of the prestigious Cicero Speechwriting Awards while also writing for activists and idealists as part of the Danish Climate Movement and TEDx. He is currently the Climate Action Communication Coordinator for the United Nations Environment Programme.

Rights Sold

World English (Zest Books)

What makes a good speech? Better yet, what makes an effective speech?

A speech can inform, entertain, educate. But effective speeches inspire an audience to act and build a sense of community. The climate crisis is a pressing issue, and the ability to successfully communicate about it is crucial to bring people together to make meaningful change.

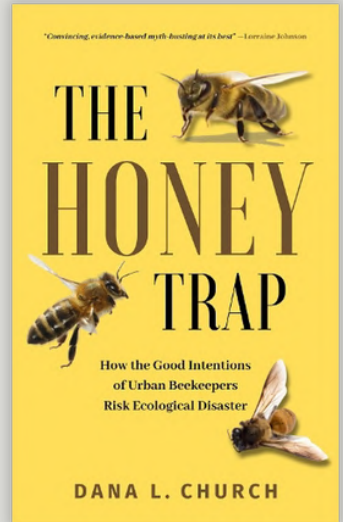
Discover how to stand up, speak your mind, and encourage your audience past climate silence. By analyzing speeches and how they worked, social anthropologist and professional speechwriter Rune Kier Nielsen breaks down nine common flaws of climate rhetoric and how to fix them in this thorough, engaging guide to speechwriting toward climate action.

THE HONEY TRAP

HOW THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF URBAN BEEKEEPERS RISK ECOLOGICAL DISASTER

Dana L. Church

- An engaging science nonfiction that exposes the misguided assumptions behind an altruistic trend of urban beekeeping



September 2024



Dana L. Church is an author with a PhD in animal cognition, and merges her passion for animals with a talent for storytelling to make science accessible for all ages. Her debut book, *The Beekeepers: How Humans Changed the World of Bumble Bees* was published in 2021 by Scholastic Focus, and explores the intricate relationship between humans and bumble bees. She currently resides in Waterloo.

Rights Sold

World English (Sutherland House)

Audio (Recorded Books)

The last decade has seen an explosion of urban beekeeping in the US, Canada, and Europe, a well-intentioned response to perceived threats to the global honey bee population. Many thousands of people have taken up this seemingly environmentally friendly hobby, tending backyard and rooftop hives (or paying a company to do so) and encouraging honey bees to make honey and pollinate flowers. What could be wrong with that?

Quite a lot, in fact. In *The Honey Trap*, scientist and author Dana Church demonstrates that despite reports to the contrary, honey bees are nowhere near extinction. Rather, their nurturing by urban beekeepers is having far-reaching and potentially devastating consequences for the 19,999 other species of bees on the planet, with knock-on effects for plants, both cultivated and wild, and our ecosystems more generally.

With engaging storytelling and a wealth of knowledge about bees and their ways, Church unravels the complexities of human interactions with our winged friends and demonstrates how dangerously selfish our thinking can be. It's a wake-up call for humanity to embrace sustainable practices and protect these vital pollinators before it's too late.

#Lifestyle #Bestseller

THE GLOW CODE

A CHEAT SHEET FOR FEELING, LOOKING,
AND BEING YOUR BEST AT ANY AGE

Michelle McIvor

◆ *Toronto Star and The Globe and Mail Bestseller*

- A smart, cheeky, and inspiring guide for aging joyfully, where a journalist tries out all the expert advice to sometimes hilarious effect



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MICHELLE McIVOR is a journalist on a mission to age gratefully. A former columnist with the *Calgary Herald*, she has written for *Maclean's*, *Chatelaine*, and *Best Health*, among others, and she ghostwrote the #1 Canadian bestseller *Forever Terry: A Legacy in Letters*. Michelle lives in Calgary with her husband and kids.

Rights Sold

World English (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers)

Audio (Tantor)

When I was forty-one, I learned how to wash my face. Turns out I'd been doing it wrong. (Hint: ditch cleansing wipes!) This made me wonder what else I didn't know. Like: Cardio or weights? Why can't I sleep? Is there a trick to ordering good wine? Or buying art? I figured if I still had questions about how to adult and age like a superwoman, maybe you did too.

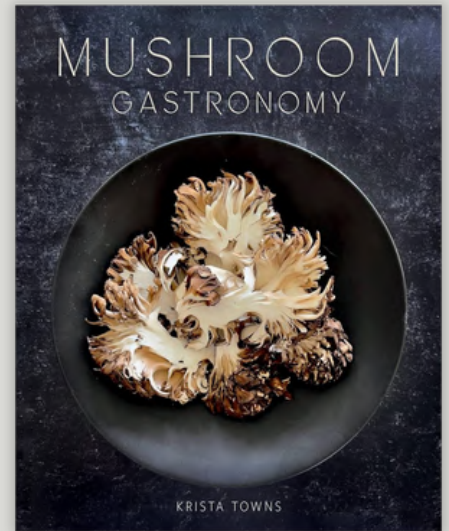
The Glow Code provides all the answers you need to feel, look, and live better in midlife and beyond. Rich in advice from top scientists, psychologists, makeup artists, fitness and nutrition authorities, and others, this book offers strategies and tips for better fitness, friendships, sex, creative practices, and more. And to make sure it works, I've tested it all—with sometimes hilarious results.

Fun, practical, and inspiring, *The Glow Code* is the manifesto to aging joyfully. For all of you with minimum free time but maximum ambition to rock this next stage of life, welcome to your cheat sheet.

MUSHROOM GASTRONOMY

Krista Towns

- A cookbook exploring 25 of the most edible and delicious mushrooms with over 100 recipes, full of stunning photographs



June 2024



Krista Towns is devoted to improving our personal health and the environment by incorporating mushrooms into our diet. She is the culinary editor of *Fungi* magazine, the highest circulation mushroom publication in North America, and the culinary advisor and recipe developer for Circular Farm—a premier mushroom farm located in Jackson, SC. She holds a Mushroom Foraging Certification for food service in 18 states and is an active member of the North American Mycological Association.

Rights Sold

World English (Gibbs Smith)

Whether you forage for elusive mushrooms in the woods, at your local grocery, or farmers market, or are new to cooking with them, *Mushroom Gastronomy* is a long-awaited new cookbook that will prepare you for an exciting culinary journey into the world of edible mushrooms.

The book explores 25 of the most popular edible and delicious mushrooms. Stunning photographs introduce each variety, including their unique nutritional values, ideal cooking methods, culinary tips, and flavor pairings, making this book a go-to resource for anyone interested in cooking with mushrooms.

Written by a mushroom expert and culinary writer, *Mushroom Gastronomy* contains over 100 easy-to-execute, innovative, and classic recipes to please vegetarians and carnivores alike, for appetizers, soups and broths, main dishes, desserts, and even cocktails—all celebrating the delicious and mysterious mushroom.

Indulge with comfort food recipes like Black Trumpet Mushroom and White Bean Bisque, or Shiitake with Baked Corn and Cheddar Grits. Celebrate Italian style with Lion's Mane Bolognese, and top off your evening with a Candy Cap Cream Martini. Morel Mini Quiche, Chicken of the Woods Saltimbocca, and Matsutake Tempura with Yuzu-Lemongrass Aioli are just a few samplings of the many delicious recipes you'll enjoy preparing.

You'll also appreciate the valuable tips for selecting, storing, and preserving mushrooms to help keep your favorite mushrooms at their very best!

MORE: A MEMOIR OF OPEN MARRIAGE

Molly Roden Winter

✦ Featured in *NY Times* / *The Washington Post* / *The Financial Times* / *The Guardian* / *The New Yorker* and many more

✦ Sold in 9 territories & translated into 7 languages

- An intimate memoir of love, desire, and personal growth that follows a happily married mother as she explores sex and relationships outside her marriage



January 2024



Molly Roden Winter was raised in Chicago and lives in Park Slope, Brooklyn, with her husband and two sons. Her personal essays have appeared in *Motherwell*, *Pangyrus*, and *Capsule Stories*. Her website is www.mollyrodenwinter.com.

Rights Sold

NA English (Doubleday USA)

UK English (Ebury)

Brazil (Buzz)

Israel (Tchelet)

Hungary (OpenBooks)

Turkey (Okuyan)

Latvia (Zvaigzne ABC Publishers)

Russia (Bombora Publishers - Eksmo)

Traditional Chinese (Faces Publications)

"This book about open marriage is going to blow up your group chat"
—*The Washington Post*

Molly was a mother of small children with a husband, Stewart, who often worked late. One night when Stewart missed the kids' bedtime—again—she stormed out of the house to clear her head. At a bar, she met Matt, a flirtatious younger man. When Molly told her husband that Matt had asked her out, she was surprised that Stewart encouraged her to accept.

So began Molly's unexpected open marriage and, with it, a life-changing journey of self-discovery. Molly signs up for dating sites, enters into passionate flings, and has sex in hotels and public places around New York City. For Molly it's a mystery why she wants what she wants. In therapy sessions, fueled by the discovery that her parents had an open marriage, too, she grapples with her past and what it means to be a mother and a whole person.

Molly and Stewart, who also begins to see other people, set ground rules: Don't date an ex. Don't date someone in the neighborhood. Don't go to anyone's home. And above all, don't fall in love. In the years that follow, they break most of their rules, even the most important one. They grapple with jealousy, insecurity, and doubts, all the while wondering: Can they love others and stay true to their love for each other? Can they make the impossible work?

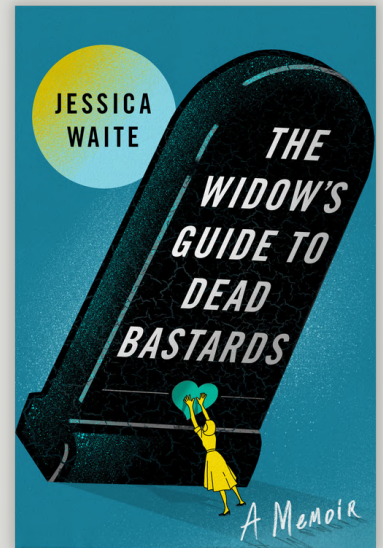
#Memoir #Bestseller

THE WIDOW'S GUIDE TO DEAD BASTARDS

Jessica Waite

◆ *Toronto Star* Bestseller

- A widow's life is turned upside when she uncovers the truth about her late husband in this lyrical, witty, and deeply moving memoir of tragedy and betrayal



July 2024



Jessica Waite is an educator, mentor, and single mom. When life handed her a riveting, horrifying, and unexpectedly beautiful story, she transformed herself into a writer. In 2022, Jessica received the Jon Whyte Memorial Essay Award. Her essays and works of short fiction have been anthologized in the USA, UK, & Canada. This is her debut memoir. Jessica lives with her teenage son and their enormous, cuddly rescue dog in Calgary, AB on the ancestral lands of the people of Treaty 7 in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies.

Rights Sold

World English & Audio (Atria)

Brazil (Buzz)

In the midst of mourning her husband's sudden death, writer Jessica Waite discovered shocking secrets that undermined everything she thought she knew about the man she'd loved and trusted. From uncovered affairs to drug use and a pornography addiction, Waite was overwhelmed reconciling this devastating information with her new reality as a widowed single mom. Then, to further complicate matters, strange, inexplicable coincidences forced her to consider whether her husband was reaching back from beyond the grave.

With her signature candor and unflinching honesty, Waite details her tumultuous love story and the pain of adjusting to the new normal she built for herself and her son. A riveting, difficult, and surprisingly beautiful story, *The Widow's Guide to Dead Bastards* is also a lyrical exploration of grief, mental health, single parenthood, and betrayal that demonstrates that the most moving love stories aren't perfect—they're flawed and poignantly real.

I'M SO GLAD WE HAD THIS TIME TOGETHER: A MEMOIR

Maurice Vellekoop

- ◆ Toronto Book Awards 2024 Winner
- ◆ Selected for *The Guardian's* Best Graphic Novels 2024 & *Publisher's Weekly's* Best Comics 2024
- An epic graphic memoir about a gay boy born into a suburban Christian family who explores his true self in the spirit of *Fun Home* by Alison Bechdel and *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe



February 2024



Maurice Vellekoop was born in 1964 in a suburb of Toronto. A prolific artist and illustrator, he has worked non-stop for the last three decades. In addition to publications, his corporate clients include Swissair, Abercrombie & Fitch, Air Canada, Smart Car, LVMH, and Bush Irish Whiskey. He lives on Toronto Island with his partner Gordon Bowness.

Rights Sold
World English
(Pantheon/Penguin Random House)

Maurice Vellekoop is really, really gay. He grew up in the 1970s in a blue-collar suburb of Toronto and was unaccepted by his Christian Reform family, setting the course for a long estrangement. It's not until Maurice attends the Ontario College of Art in the early 1980s that he finds a welcoming community of artists and bohemians, including a brilliant, flamboyantly gay professor who encourages him to come out. But just as he's dipping his toes into the waters of gay sex and love, a series of romantic disasters, followed by a violent attack, sets him back severely. And then the shadow of the AIDS era descends.

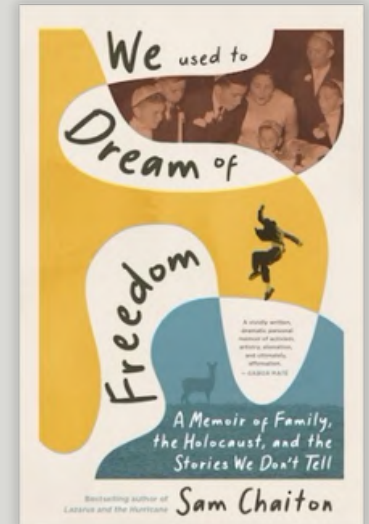
Maurice reacts by satisfying his emotional needs with film- and theatre-going, music, boozy self-medication, and prolific art-making. When these tactics inevitably fail, Maurice at last embarks on a journey towards his heart's true desire. In psychotherapy, the spiderweb of family, faith, guilt, sexuality, mental health, French Formula Hairspray, and much more begins to untangle. But it's going to be a long, messy, and occasionally hilarious process.

WE USED TO DREAM OF FREEDOM

A MEMOIR OF FAMILY, THE HOLOCAUST,
AND THE STORIES WE DON'T TELL

Sam Chaiton

- A gripping memoir exploring legacy of trauma inherited from the author's parents who survived the Holocaust



September 2024



SAM CHAITON is one of the Canadians who helped wrongfully imprisoned Rubin Carter gain his freedom. Co-author of the international bestseller *Lazarus and the Hurricane*, he is portrayed in the film *The Hurricane* by Liev Schreiber. A founder of Innocence Canada, Sam lives in Toronto.

Growing up in Toronto, Sam Chaiton and his four brothers knew their parents had been prisoners in Bergen-Belsen. But what their parents wouldn't share about their history—including that they had also survived Auschwitz—ended up shaping their children's lives.

We used to Dream of Freedom touches on the biggest concerns of our time: what a family is or could be, the psychology of survivors and the impact of survivor silence, the responsibility of second generations from traumatized communities to share knowledge drawn from their own histories to help alleviate the suffering of others. Irreverent, moving, and tragic, often all at once, at its heart it is a story of a man who disappeared on his family, his quest to understand why he had to leave, and the long-overdue discovery about his parents that brought him back.

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