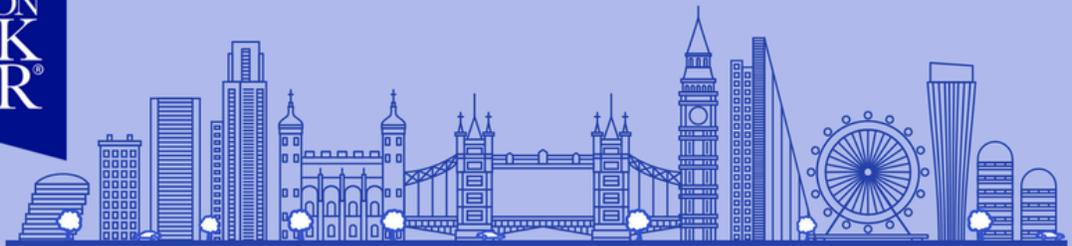


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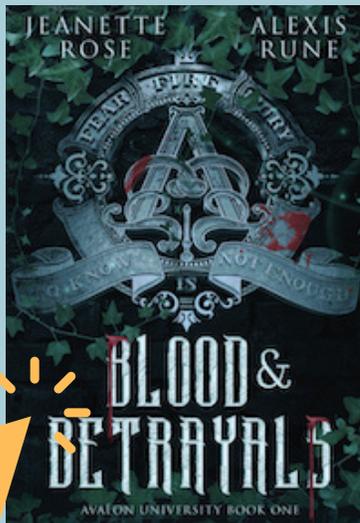
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At Avalon University, students hone their magic under the watchful eye of their icy headmaster.

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Categories:  
Fantasy / Romance

## BLOOD & BETRAYALS

Summer Tuatha De Daanan has no interest in learning more about her past or why someone applied to Avalon on her behalf. Her emotional walls keep everyone at bay, and her sharp tongue makes people give her a wide berth. Yet, despite her best attempts, her emotional armor begins to melt from her feral vampire roommate to the angelic senior who is never dissuaded by her feigning disinterest. Maybe this could be good for her. Dark secrets lurk in the halls of Avalon, and soon those same halls are drenched in blood. Summer finds herself as the obsession of the sadistic stalker with the warning: Seven lessons to learn. With the help of her new friends, she races against the clock to solve the mystery.

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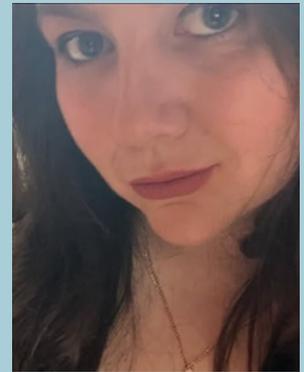
Excellent world and character building that will pull you in from the start and keep a grip on you all the way to the end.

## ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Alexis Rune & Jeanette Rose



**Alexis Rune** has been a lover of fantastical tales and morally grey characters since she picked up her first book in the genre years ago. Through writing, Alexis has found her voice. **Jeanette Rose** became interested in writing when she majored in Classical Civilization with a minor in Latin from Tulane University.



# Blood & Betrayals

AVALON UNIVERSITY - Book 1

From Rose & Star, the publisher who brought you The New York Times bestselling author, Amber V. Nicole comes the highly anticipated *Avalon University* series by Jeanette Rose and Alexis Rune

Book 1

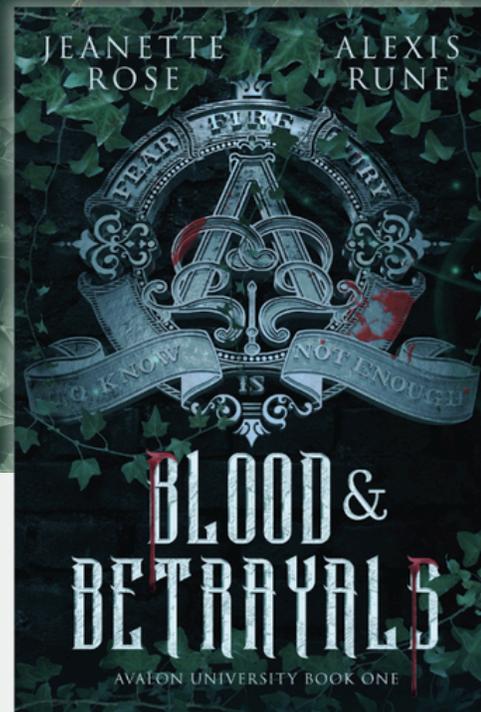
## Blood & Betrayals

*Fear, Fury and Fire.*  
*To Know is Not Enough.*

Power flows through the ancient halls of Avalon University like a neverending flood. Admission to the elite institution enables students to hone their magic under the watchful eye of their icy headmaster.

Summer Tuatha De Daanan planned to slide through her tenure at Avalon, unnoticed and inconspicuous. She has no interest in learning more about her past or why someone applied to the school on her behalf. Her emotional walls keep everyone at bay, and her sharp tongue makes people give her a wide berth. Yet, despite her best attempts, her emotional armor begins to melt from her feral vampire roommate to the angelic senior who is never dissuaded by her feigning disinterest. Maybe this could be good for her, a new life. Yet, dark secrets lurk in the halls of Avalon, and soon those same halls are drenched in blood.

Summer finds herself as the obsession of the sadistic stalker with the warning: *Seven lessons to learn*. With the help of her new friends, she races against the clock to solve the mystery, hoping to save lives and catch the killer before it's too late.



### Features

5 book series  
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### Key Genres

Dark Romance  
Fantasy Romance  
Dark Academia  
Arthurian Fantasy

### Rights Sold

World English: Simon & Schuster\*  
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**BookTok's new dark romantasy obsession.**

Rose & Star Publishing

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Categories:

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FICTION / Fantasy / Romantic

## THE WRATH OF THE FALLEN

BOOK #4 OF 7 IN THE GODS & MONSTERS SERIES

As the rebellion intensifies, Dianna discovers more of her past and soon finds herself immersed in a tumultuous family history that she and Samkiel never saw coming. Forced to venture through the Otherworld, Dianna and Samkiel start to comprehend the real power of the medallion, as figures and threats from the past surface once again to threaten their future together, and Samkiel finds himself faced with a choice: will he truly become the World Ender once again? And what does that mean for Dianna?

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**“A wicked ride from beginning to heart shattering end. Leaving me literally screaming for more. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough to get more of our morally corrupt heroine [...] and the heroic god Samkiel.” —Hannah Nicole Maerher, #1 *New York Times* bestselling Author of *Assistant to the Villain***



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Amber V. Nicole

Amber V. Nicole is a NYT best-selling 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.

Amber V. Nicole's **Gods & Monsters** series is a global sensation!

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20 languages sold including:  
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### Key Genres

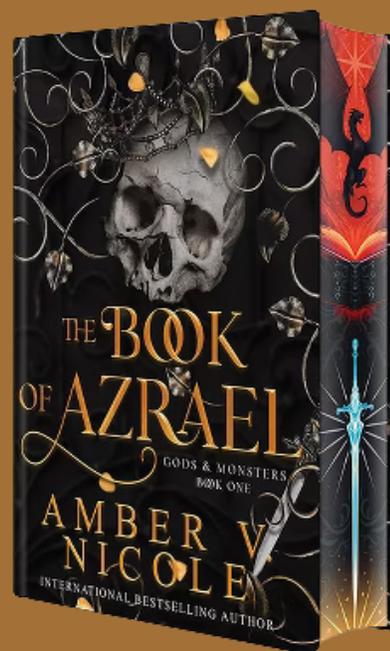
Romantic fantasy  
Dark Romantasy  
Morally grey characters

### Bestseller

Bestseller lists including *The New York Times*, *Globe & Mail*, *Publishers Weekly*, *USA Today*

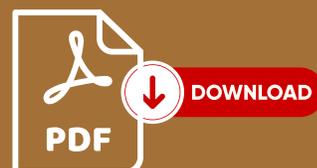


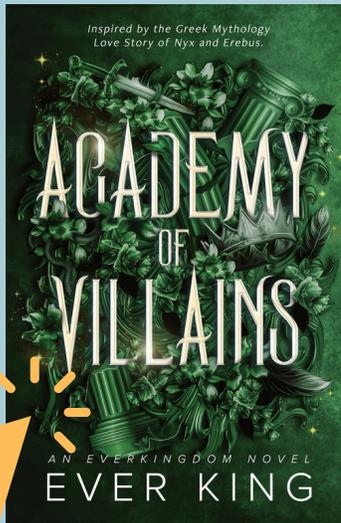
**The New York Times**



### Features

7 Book series  
Books 1 through 4 now published  
Book 5, publishing November 2026





A dark academia romantasy inspired by the Greek mythology love story of Nyx and Erebus.

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October 2024  
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Trim Size: 9in x 6in  
ISBN: 978-1069104090  
Categories:  
Fantasy / Romance

## ACADEMY OF VILLAINS

In a kingdom where magic is slowly disappearing, an evil king expands his territory to gain more power, destroying towns and villages along the way. He collects the orphaned children with no magic and trains them as assassins in his army to be used as weapons against his enemies. Meanwhile, those who possess magic are sent to a ruthless academy to train as mages, ruling with cruelty under the evil king's expanding reign. Kiara, once an assassin for the king, infiltrates the magic academy to slay the Shadowmage prince and end the royal bloodline. But within the academy's walls, she discovers a startling truth—she has magic. She's a Starmage, the last of her kind.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- AN EIGHT-BOOK CONTEMPORARY FANTASY SERIES

*Academy of Villains* is an epic dark fantasy saga with interconnected romance stories that follow one continuous plot. Each book features a new couple inspired by a Greek mythology love story. This series is for fans of character-driven romantasy and dual POV storytelling.

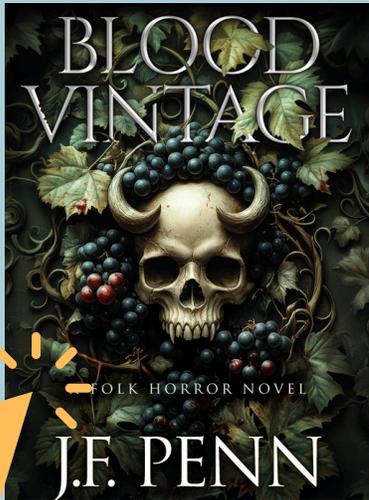


## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ever King

Ever King is an author renowned for her enchanting stories that blend dark fantasy, magic, mythology, and romance into rich narratives.

She is the architect of the Everkingdom, an interconnected fantasy universe where each series is a gateway to a new world. Her stories explore fated love, where magic thrives, romance blossoms, and villains often steal the heart of the heroine.



**The perfect wine requires the darkest sacrifice.**

Curl Up Press  
October 2025  
Page Count: 255  
Retail Price: \$12.99  
Trim Size: 5in x 8in  
ISBN: 978-1915425713  
Categories:  
Horror / Thrillers

## BLOOD VINTAGE

In the rolling hills of Somerset, England, an ancient evil ripens alongside the grapes of Standing Stone Cellars...

Rebecca never expected her architecture career to lead to the secluded rural village of Winbridge Hollow. But after a violent clash with eco-activists, she flees the chaos of London, desperate for a new start. She seeks refuge at Standing Stone Cellars, a vineyard renowned for its award-winning wines and mysterious history, nestled in the shadow of ancient oaks and standing stones that have watched over the land for millennia. But this vineyard is no sanctuary. From the primal fires of Beltane to the chilling shadow of Samhain, Rebecca finds herself ensnared in an ancient cycle of sacrifice and rebirth.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- AN ATMOSPHERIC DESCENT INTO FOLK HORROR, WHERE THE LINE BETWEEN SACRED AND PROFANE BLURS.

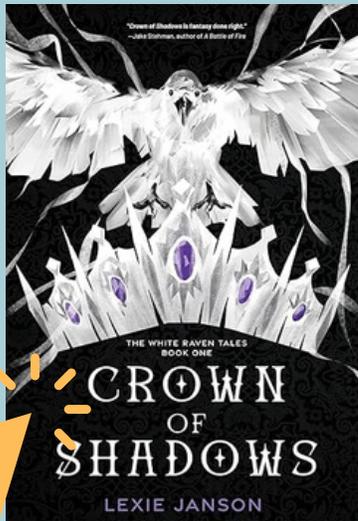
Lose yourself in a world where pagan rituals and modern ambitions collide, and discover the terrible price of belonging in a place where the very earth demands blood.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

J.F. Penn

J.F. Penn is the Award-nominated, *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of the *ARKANE* action adventure thrillers, Mapwalker fantasy adventures, and the Brooke & Daniel psychological thrillers as well as other stories. Her books weave together ancient artifacts, relics of power, international locations and adventure with an edge of the supernatural. Jo lives in Bath, England and enjoys a nice G&T.



What if the monsters from our stories weren't just real—they were angry?

Koehler Books  
October 2025  
Page Count: 386  
Retail Price: \$21.95  
Trim Size: 6in x 9in  
ISBN: 9798888248881  
Categories:  
Fantasy / Romance

## CROWN OF SHADOWS

Mayu inherits a throne she never wanted, in a kingdom where loyalty is bought and sold and even love is a weapon. She must rely on Aaron, the king's enforcer, whose heart yearns for her, and Enzo, her protector, though he keeps deadly secrets. But more dangers are imminent: a powerhungry lord, Toby, and Valergrof, a soldier from the enemy kingdom, with his fearsome wolf and a shocking truth that could change everything. To save their world from darkness, they must all uncover a hidden history, but betrayal lurks in every shadow, and their closest companions may be their deadliest enemies. Enter the world of Crown of Shadows, where every secret has a price. They think they know their enemy but do they? This is just the beginning.

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- THE WHITE RAVEN TALES BOOK 1
- A CHILLING, CAPTIVATING TALE WHERE POLITICS, POWER, AND HEART COLLIDE.

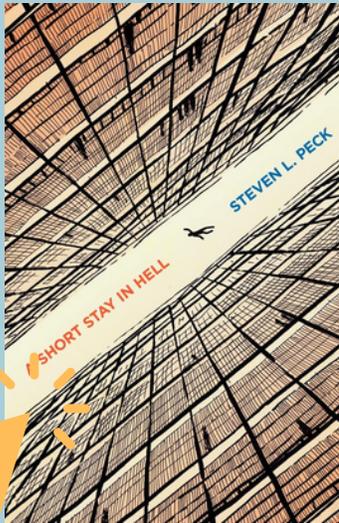
"Lexie's storytelling is so immersive, it draws you into the world, makes you deeply invested in the characters and the kingdom's fate, and leaves you craving more."—D. G. Woods, author of *Into the Dark, We Go*



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lexie Janson

Lexie Janson is a fantasy author born in Poland, where she spent her days getting lost in the forests and stories of old. She currently lives in Ireland, a country whose landscapes and folklore captured her heart. Lexie crafts intricate worlds and complex characters, often exploring themes of political intrigue and morally grey choices. Her stories are rooted in a childhood that fostered a love for ancient traditions and a fascination with the hidden depths of human nature.



**Steven L. Peck explores a subversive vision of eternity.**

Strange Violin Editions  
March 2012  
Page Count: 108  
Retail Price: \$11.11  
Trim Size: 9in x 6in  
ISBN: 978-0983748427  
Categories:  
Literary Fiction

## A SHORT STAY IN HELL

An ordinary family man, geologist, and Mormon, Soren Johansson has always believed he'll be reunited with his loved ones after death in an eternal hereafter.

Then, he dies. Soren wakes to find himself cast by a God he has never heard of into a Hell whose dimensions he can barely grasp: a vast library he can only escape from by finding the book that contains the story of his life.

In this haunting existential novella, author, philosopher, and ecologist Steven L. Peck explores a subversive vision of eternity, taking the reader on a journey through the afterlife of a world where everything everyone believed in turns out to be wrong.

- RIGHTS SOLD: ITALIAN, ARABIC, POLISH, KOREAN, THAI, SPANISH, TURKISH
- WALL STREET JOURNAL: FIVE BEST BOOKS ON THE ETERNAL QUESTIONS

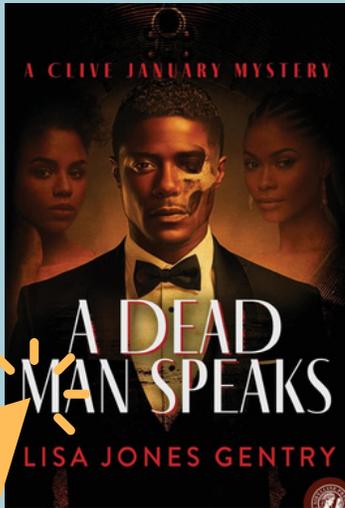
"Profound and disturbing, *A Short Stay In Hell* is a perfect blend of science fiction, theology, and horror. A terrifying meditation on faith, human nature, and the relentless scope of eternity. It will haunt you, fittingly, for a very, very long time." —Dan Wells, author of *I Am Not a Serial Killer*



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Steven L. Peck

Steven L. Peck is an American evolutionary biologist, poet, and novelist. His literary work is influential in Mormon literature circles. He is a professor of biology at Brigham Young University (BYU). Peck received his PhD from North Carolina State University in biomathematics and entomology. Peck's fiction often defies genre conventions and discusses philosophical themes. Critics have praised his unusual stories for their emotional power and their analytical approach to Mormon themes.



A new paranormal crime mystery series set in 1980s, New York City on Wall Street.

Sibylline Press  
November 2024  
Page Count: 339  
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Trim Size: 5.5in x 8.6in  
ISBN: 978-1960573384  
Categories:  
Mystery & Detective  
Thriller

## A DEAD MAN SPEAKS

Clive January is a driven, self-made black man, a ruthless, wildly successful investment banker who had it all - until he is shot and killed from behind by an unknown assailant. As Clive lies in a pool of blood, his life slowly ebbing away, he hears voices, unearthly beings tormenting him, telling him that he will burn in hell, unless he finds out who killed him. Now before it's too late, his ghost must solve the crime of his own murder and his only choice is to work with the white racist cop assigned to his case, Detective Bob Greene.

Their relationship begins in hate and distrust, but soon they each realize that they have more in common than they could ever believe.

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- BOOK 1: THE CLIVE JANUARY MYSTERY SERIES

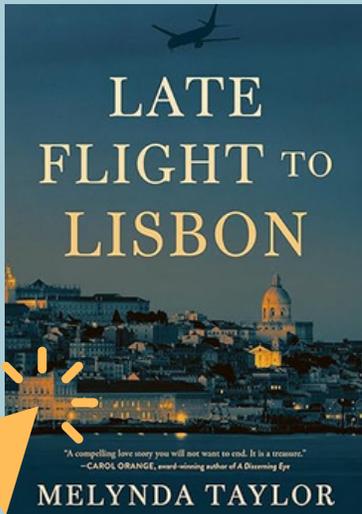
“Masterfully and uniquely plotted, Lisa gives us not only a great mystery, but also a gripping take on the Civil Rights movement. Don't miss this one.”  
—Stephen J. Cannell, *NY Times* bestselling author of *The Devil's Workshop*



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lisa Jones Gentry

A Writers Guild of America member, Lisa Jones Gentry is an author, artist and a writer-producer for film, television and digital content. *A Dead Man Speaks* garnered an NAACP Image Award nomination for Best Debut Author, followed by a Literary Critics Award nomination for best general fiction. Her most recent book, *Forbidden Love* is currently being made into a film based on her screenplay.



In December 1998, a snowbound delay at JFK changes two women's lives forever.

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Categories:  
Contemporary Women

## LATE FLIGHT TO LISBON

Louella, an American entrepreneur escaping the emotional wreckage of a narcissistic marriage, and Alexa, a Portuguese painter trapped in a glittering aristocratic cage, begin talking over a shared love of books, art, and the freedom they crave. That chance meeting becomes a transatlantic bond that carries them from New York to Lisbon, from Manhattan galleries to Italian palazzos and the wild mountains of Brazil.

As Alexa fights for her artistic voice and Louella dares to love again in a sweeping romance with the enigmatic Lucas, both women uncover buried truths. What they discover will redefine belonging in ways neither could have imagined.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- NOVEL ABOUT LOVE, SISTERHOOD, AND THE COURAGE TO CLAIM YOUR OWN LIFE.

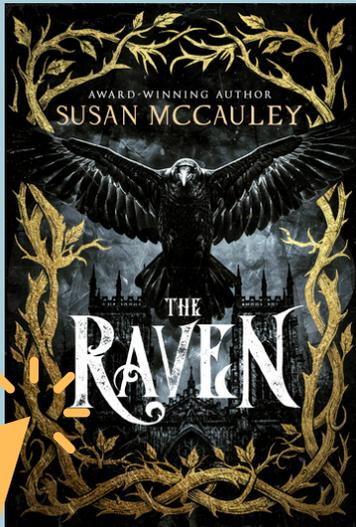
"Engrossing story, not only of romance, but of a deep love that will bring tears to your eyes and hope to your heart."—Angie Rowe, author of *Eaten Bread* and *The Seventh Passenger*



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Melynda Taylor

Melynda Taylor learned to read at four and never stopped. Her career has spanned politics, media, business, and international travel. Now retired in the south of France, she treasures afternoons with a good book and her favorite companion, her granddog Finch.



**As illness tightens its grip,  
something darker begins to stir.**

Celtic Sea  
September 2026  
Page Count: 210  
Retail Price: \$14.99  
Trim Size: 9in x 6in  
ISBN: 978-1-951069315  
Categories:  
Historical Fiction / Horror  
Literary Fiction

## THE RAVEN

England, 1665. As plague ravages London and fear spreads north to York, Martin Blake, a humble cobbler, struggles to protect his family through a bitter, death-shadowed winter. When the parish rector, his wife's domineering uncle, forces orphaned children from London into their already meager home, Martin's fragile world begins to unravel.

Grief, illness, and the weight of buried sins close in. Ravens gather. Martin's reason begins to slip. Whispers spread—of misused alms, of spirits that roam at night, of faith twisted into something monstrous. Martin must confront a chilling truth: is he haunted by guilt, or by something far more sinister?

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- A GOTHIC TALE OF ILLNESS, OBSESSION, AND THE PERILOUS BORDER BETWEEN LOYALTY AND MADNESS.

Perfect for fans of Laura Purcell's *The Silent Companions*, Michelle Paver's *Dark Matter*, and Geraldine Brooks' *Year of Wonders*.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Susan McCauley

Susan McCauley received her BA in Radio-TV and minor in Theater from the University of Houston. She studied acting at Playhouse West, and later received her MFA in Professional Writing from the University of Southern California (USC). Susan's work includes both fiction and screenplays. She has had several short stories published in anthologies, including the multi-award winning *Quoth the Raven*. Her children's, teen, and adult books can be found in bookstores worldwide.



A riveting journey of hurt and healing, questioning and hope.

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ASIN: 9798897470280  
Categories:  
General Fiction

## EVENING BEGINS THE DAY

After she discovers her husband's infidelity, Rachel Cohen, reeling from hurt and shame, escapes to a rental house in the idyllic town of Woodbury, near Boston. She winds up next door to her colleague Cynthia Meyer, who—unlike Rachel—seems to have everything in this town where parents are high achievers, children excel, and problems are sealed inside well-tended houses.

Pretenses shatter the day an ambulance pulls up in front of the Meyers' house and Rachel watches helplessly as Lauren is carried away on a stretcher. Amid their turmoil, Rachel and the Meyers' lives begin to intertwine. When they adopt an ancient spiritual practice called the Counting of the Omer, it leads them down unconventional pathways.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- THIS BOOK SHINES A LIGHT ON THE COMPLEXITY OF TWO FAMILIES IN CRISIS AND THEIR TRANSFORMATION.

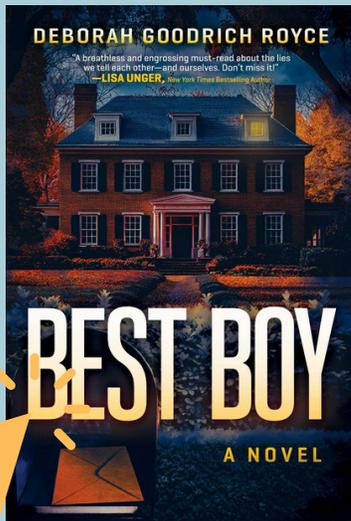
"A magnificent work of fiction. With spare, gorgeous insight and a compelling sense of pace, [Keener] maps how small, everyday moments drive the larger, at times irrevocable, events of a life." —Dawn Tripp, author of bestselling novels *Georgia and Jackie*



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jessica Brilliant Keener

Jessica Keener's bestselling debut novel, *Night Swim*, was followed by her collection of award-winning stories, *Women in Bed*. Her second novel, *Strangers in Budapest*, was an Indie Next pick, a Southern Independent Bookseller Association bestseller, and a "best new book" selection by *Entertainment Weekly*. Her more than 100 feature articles and essays have appeared in *The Boston Globe*, *WBUR's Cognoscenti*, *O magazine*, *Lilith magazine*, and *Psychology Today*.



***Best Boy* explores identity, memory, and the dangerous power of forgetting.**

Post Hill Press  
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Page Count: 256  
Retail Price: \$28.00  
Trim Size: 6 x 9 in  
BISAC: 979-8895653340  
Categories:  
Literary Fiction  
Mystery & Detective

## BEST BOY

Viveca Stevenson has it all: a handsome and successful husband, an adorable ten-year-old son, and a coastal dream house in Greenwich, Connecticut. She has a solid group of girlfriends and is content with the afterglow of the film career she's left behind. But when a threatening letter arrives—from a man she does not remember—it cracks open a part of her past she thought was buried for good.

A terrifying chain of events is set in motion, forcing Viveca to confront what happened on a shattering Halloween night in high school when she had a different name, a different face, a different voice. Who is the man contacting her now and was he really the best boy on her most famous film?

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- A TAUT PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER
- A WOMAN DESPERATE TO OUTRUN HER PAST

A gripping psychological thriller, *Best Boy* teeters on the knife-edge of memory and identity when the arrival of a shocking letter threatens the carefully constructed life of a woman desperate to outrun her past.

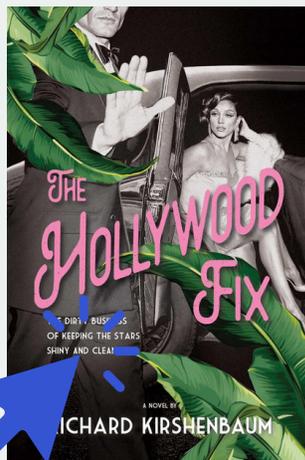
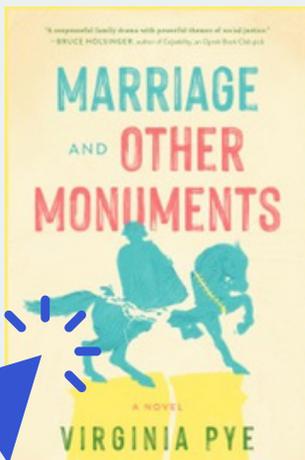
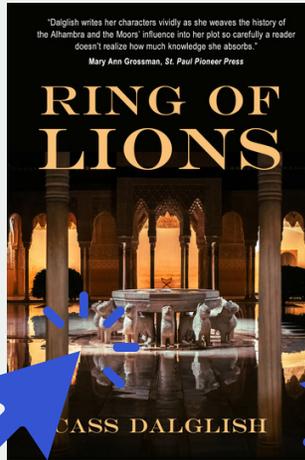
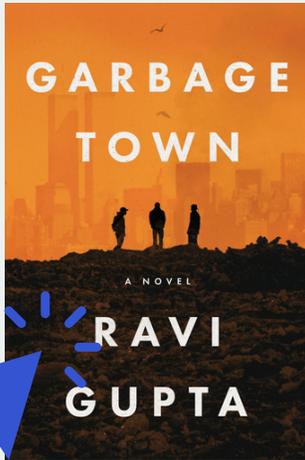


## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

### Deborah Goodrich Royce

Deborah Goodrich Royce's *Reef Road*, a national bestseller and Indie Next pick, was named one of the best books of the year by *Kirkus Reviews*. *Ruby Falls* won the Zibby Award for Best Plot Twist, and *Finding Mrs. Ford* was hailed by *Forbes* and Good Morning America.

Deborah holds a BA in modern foreign languages and two honorary doctorates of humane letters from Lake Erie College and the University of Rhode Island.





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