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Small Spaces Simon and

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The instant #1 New York  
Times bestselling mystery

and Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick that's captivated more than two million readers about a woman searching for the truth about her husband's disappearance...at any cost. "A fast-moving, heartfelt thriller about the sacrifices we make for the people we love most."

—Real Simple Before

Owen Michaels

disappears, he smuggles a note to his beloved wife of one year: Protect her. Despite her confusion and fear, Hannah Hall knows exactly to whom the note refers—Owen's sixteen-year-old daughter, Bailey. Bailey, who lost her mother tragically as a child. Bailey, who wants absolutely nothing to do with her new stepmother. As Hannah's increasingly desperate calls to Owen go unanswered, as the FBI arrests Owen's boss, as a US marshal and federal agents arrive at her Sausalito home unannounced, Hannah quickly realizes her husband isn't who he said he was. And that Bailey just may hold the key to figuring out Owen's true identity—and why he really disappeared. Hannah and Bailey set out to discover the truth. But as they start putting together the pieces of Owen's past, they soon

realize they're also building a new future—one neither of them could have anticipated. With its breakneck pacing, dizzying plot twists, and evocative family drama, *The Last Thing He Told Me* is a riveting mystery, certain to shock you with its final, heartbreaking turn.

*The Last Thing He Told Me*  
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Gideon Cross. As beautiful and flawless on the outside as he was damaged and tormented on the inside. He was a bright, scorching flame that singed me with the darkest of pleasures. I couldn't stay away. I didn't want to. He was my addiction... my every desire... mine. My past was as violent as his, and I was just as broken. We'd never work. It was too hard, too painful... except when it was perfect. Those moments when the driving hunger and desperate love were the most exquisite insanity. We were bound by our need. And our passion would take us beyond our limits to the sweetest, sharpest edge of obsession... Entwined with You From the moment I first met Gideon Cross, I recognized something in him that I needed. Something I couldn't resist. I also saw the dangerous and damaged soul inside so much like my own. I was drawn to it. I needed him as surely as I needed my heart to beat. No one knows how much he risked for me. How much I'd been threatened, or just how dark and desperate the shadow of our pasts would become. Entwined by our secrets, we tried to

defy the odds. We made our own rules and surrendered completely to the exquisite power of possession... Captivated by You Gideon calls me his angel, but he's the miracle in my life. My gorgeous, wounded warrior, so determined to slay my demons while refusing to face his own. The vows we'd exchanged should have bound us tighter than blood and flesh. Instead they opened old wounds, exposed pain and insecurities, and lured bitter enemies out of the shadows. I felt him slipping from my grasp, my greatest fears becoming my reality, my love tested in ways I wasn't sure I was strong enough to bear. At the brightest time in our lives, the darkness of his past encroached and threatened everything we'd worked so hard for. We faced a terrible choice: the familiar safety of the lives we'd had before each other or the fight for a future that suddenly seemed an impossible and hopeless dream...

### **Perfect Kisses**

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### **Our Missing Hearts**

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mirror that reflects all my flaws ... and all the beauty I couldn't see. He has given me everything. Now, I must prove I can be the rock, the shelter for him that he is for me. Together, we could stand against those who work so viciously to come between us. But our greatest battle may lie within the very vows that give us strength.

Committing to love was only the beginning. Fighting for it will either set us free ... or break us apart. Heartbreakingly and seductively poignant, *One with You* is the breathlessly awaited finale to the Crossfire saga, the searing love story that has captivated millions of readers worldwide.

[Lead from the Outside](#) St. Martin's Press

Part travelogue and part scientist's notebook, *The Last Speakers* is the poignant chronicle of author K. David Harrison's expeditions around the world to meet with last speakers of vanishing languages. The speakers' eloquent reflections and candid photographs reveal little-known lifeways as well as revitalization efforts to teach disappearing languages to younger generations. Thought-

provoking and engaging, this unique book illuminates the global language-extinction crisis through photos, graphics, interviews, traditional wisdom never before translated into English, and first-person essays that thrillingly convey the adventure of science and exploration.

[Seven Years to Sin Brava](#) NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A GOOD MORNING

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Washington Post • Parade • Good Housekeeping • NBC News • Today.com • Goodreads • Audible • The Millions • Popsugar • Tribeza • CrimeReads • Library Reads • She Reads • and more! An evocative drama about a woman caught leading a double life after one husband murders the other, and the true-crime

writer who becomes obsessed with telling her story—this masterful work of literary suspense marks the debut of an extraordinary new writer. The dance becomes an affair, which becomes a marriage, which becomes a murder... In 1985, Lore Rivera marries Andres Russo in Mexico City, even though she is already married to Fabian Rivera in Laredo, Texas, and they share twin sons. Through her career as an international banker, Lore splits her time between two countries and two families—until the truth is revealed and one husband is arrested for murdering the other. In 2017, while trawling the internet for the latest, most sensational news reports, struggling true-crime writer Cassie Bowman encounters an article detailing that tragic final act. Cassie is immediately enticed by what is not explored: Why would a woman—a mother—risk everything for a secret double marriage? Cassie sees an opportunity—she'll track Lore down and capture the full picture, the choices, the deceptions that led to disaster. But the more time she spends with Lore, the more Cassie questions the facts

surrounding the murder itself. Soon, her determination to uncover the truth could threaten to derail Lore's now quiet life—and expose the many secrets both women are hiding. Told through alternating timelines, *More Than You'll Ever Know* is both a gripping mystery and a wrenching family drama. Presenting a window into the hearts of two very different women, it explores the many conflicting demands of marriage and motherhood, and the impossibility of ever truly knowing someone—especially those we love. "A seductive, urgent tale about desire, family, the pursuit of truth, and the art of storytelling, *More Than You'll Ever Know* will astonish readers with its vastness, romance, tragedy, and abundant heart. I didn't want this book to ever end." — JESSAMINE CHAN, New York Times bestselling author of *The School for Good Mothers* "A gripping and thoughtful exploration of motherhood and marriage, the complexity of female desire, and the consequence of our obsession with true crime . . . One of the best suspenseful dramas I've

read in years. An exceptional, stunning debut—I absolutely loved it." — ASHLEY AUDRAIN, New York Times bestselling author of *The Push*  
*Sylvia Day Crossfire Novels 1-4* Penguin  
 A young widow encounters the man who fueled her dreams for years in this erotic Regency romance by the #1 New York Times bestselling author. Seven years ago, on the eve of her wedding, Lady Jessica Sheffield witnessed a scandalous scene: the young rakehell Alistair Caulfield giving himself to a very pleased—and paying—lady. Shocked yet titillated, Jessica nevertheless walked down the aisle. Throughout her serene yet unremarkable marriage, Alistair lived in her illicit fantasies. But now fate has left her a childless widow. Meanwhile, Alistair ran far from his disreputable life—and the beautiful debutant he could not have. Now a successful shipping merchant, he has little in common with the man Jessica once knew. But when she steps aboard his ship for a transatlantic passage, seven years' worth of denied pleasures are held in check by nothing more

than a few layers of silk. And as they set sail, they finally surrender to overpowering waves of passion. “The book that inspired Bared to You.”—Sylvia Day

**Show Me the Way** Sylvia Day, LLC

Victorija Dred, Principe of the Dred clan, is one of the most feared vampires to walk the earth, but since her unwanted blood bond with Daisy, she’s slowly losing herself to blood sickness. Her clan is dismayed by her reluctance to order Daisy brought to her. The old Victorija would have used her for her blood without a second thought.

However no one knows of the age-old vow holding her back. Daisy

MacDougall is struggling to cope with the vampire bite that is urging her to seek out Victorija. Secrets and history bind them in unfathomable ways, and when she discovers her family’s past and a very different Victorija, she vows to find the truth even if she must force their meeting. Victorija and Daisy travel a dark and seductive path even as Victorija fights every instinct to take Daisy’s blood, and love seems all but impossible. As if that wasn’t bad enough, neither expects the real

threat to Daisy’s life to be hiding inside the Dred clan.

*Come Back to Me* Simon and Schuster

A woman struggling with burnout learns to embrace the unexpected—and the man she enlists to help her—in this new New York Times bestselling romance by Helen Hoang. When violinist Anna Sun accidentally achieves career success with a viral YouTube video, she finds herself incapacitated and burned out from her attempts to replicate that moment. And when her longtime boyfriend announces he wants an open relationship before making a final commitment, a hurt and angry Anna decides that if he wants an open relationship, then she does, too. Translation: She’s going to embark on a string of one-night stands. The more unacceptable the men, the better. That’s where tattooed, motorcycle-riding Quan Diep comes in. Their first attempt at a one-night stand fails, as does their second, and their third, because being with Quan is more than sex—he accepts Anna on an unconditional level that she herself has just started to understand.

However, when tragedy strikes Anna’s family she takes on a role that she is ill-suited for, until the burden of expectations threatens to destroy her. Anna and Quan have to fight for their chance at love, but to do that, they also have to fight for themselves.

*Afterburn / Aftershock* Hachette UK

Soon to be a Netflix film starring Millie Bobby Brown! In this feminist, suspenseful thriller the daughter of a con artist is taken hostage in a bank heist—and will need to tap into all her skills in order to survive. A BUSTLE, REFINERY29, COSMOPOLITAN, BUZZFEED and MARIE CLAIRE MOST ANTICIPATED BOOK of 2021 Nora O’Malley’s been a lot of girls. As the daughter of a con-artist who targets criminal men, she grew up as her mother’s protégé. But when her mom fell for the mark instead of conning him, Nora pulled the ultimate con: escape. For five years Nora’s been playing at normal. But she needs to dust off the skills she ditched because she has three problems: #1: Her ex walked in on her with her girlfriend. Even though they’re all friends, Wes didn’t know about

her and Iris. #2: The morning after Wes finds them kissing, they all have to meet to deposit the fundraiser money they raised at the bank. It's a nightmare that goes from awkward to deadly, because: #3: Right after they enter the bank, two guys start robbing it. The bank robbers may be trouble, but Nora's something else entirely. They have no idea who they're really holding hostage . . .

**Don't Look Back** Sylvia Day LLC

"A powerful family and a deadly game. Be prepared for a nail-biting, roller-coaster of a ride in Catherine Steadman's classy and ingenious new thriller."—B. A. Paris, New York Times bestselling author of *Behind Closed Doors* From the New York Times bestselling author of *Something in the Water*, *Mr. Nobody*, and *The Disappearing Act*. . . .

THE RULES 1. Listen carefully 2. Do your research 3. Trust no one 4. Run for your life Harriet Reed, a novelist on the brink of literary stardom, is newly engaged to Edward Holbeck, the heir of an extremely powerful family. And even though Edward has long tried to sever ties with them, news of the couple's

marital bliss has the Holbecks inching back into their lives. As Harriet is drawn into their lavish world, the family seems perfectly welcoming. So when Edward's father, Robert, hands Harriet a tape of a book he's been working on, she is desperate to listen. But as she presses play, it's clear that this isn't just a novel. It's a confession. A confession to a grisly crime. A murder. And, suddenly, the game is in motion. Feeling isolated and confused, Harriet must work out if this is part of a plan to test her loyalty. Or something far darker. What is it that Robert sees in her? Why give her the power to destroy everything? This might be a game to the Holbeck family—but losing might still prove deadly. READY OR NOT, HERE THEY COME . . .

*The Girls I've Been Bold* Strokes Books Inc  
The Reese's Book Club October Pick • An instant New York Times bestseller From the #1 bestselling author of *Little Fires Everywhere*, comes the inspiring new novel about a mother's unbreakable love in a world consumed by fear. "It's impossible not to be moved."

—Stephen King, *The New York Times Book Review*

"Riveting, tender, and timely." —People, Book of the Week "Thought-provoking, heart-wrenching...I was so invested in the future of this mother and son, and I can't wait to hear what you think of this deeply suspenseful story!" – Reese Witherspoon (Reese's Book Club October '22 Pick) Twelve-year-old Bird Gardner lives a quiet existence with his loving but broken father, a former linguist who now shelves books in a university library. His mother Margaret, a Chinese American poet, left the family when he was nine years old without a trace. Bird knows to not ask too many questions, stand out too much, or stray too far. For a decade, his family's life has been governed by laws written to preserve "American culture" in the wake of years of economic instability and violence. To keep the peace and restore prosperity, the authorities are now allowed to relocate children of dissidents, especially those of Asian origin, and libraries have been forced to remove books seen as unpatriotic. Bird has grown up disavowing his mother and her poems; he doesn't know her work

or what happened to her, and he knows he shouldn't wonder. But when he receives a mysterious letter containing only a cryptic drawing, he is pulled into a quest to find her. His journey will take him back to the many folktales she poured into his head as a child, through the ranks of an underground network of librarians, into the lives of the children who have been taken, and finally to New York City, where a new act of defiance may be the beginning of much-needed change. Our Missing Hearts is an old story made new, of the ways supposedly civilized communities can ignore the most searing injustice. It's a story about the power—and limitations—of art to create change, the lessons and legacies we pass on to our children, and how any of us can survive a broken world with our hearts intact.

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Best Book of 2021 "Places

do not belong to us. We

belong to them." The

child of South Asian

migrants, Kazim Ali was

born in London, lived as a

child in the cities and small towns of Manitoba, and made a life in the United States. As a man passing through disparate homes, he has never felt he belonged to a place. And yet, one day, the celebrated poet and essayist finds himself thinking of the boreal forests and lush waterways of Jenpeg, a community thrown up around the building of a hydroelectric dam on the Nelson River, where he once lived for several years as a child. Does the town still exist, he wonders? Is the dam still operational? When Ali goes searching, however, he finds not news of Jenpeg, but of the local Pimicikamak community. Facing environmental destruction and broken promises from the Canadian government, they have evicted Manitoba's electric utility from the dam on Cross Lake. In a place where water is an integral part of social and cultural life, the community demands accountability for the harm that the utility has caused. Troubled, Ali returns north, looking to understand his place in this story and eager to listen. Over the course of a week, he participates in community life, speaks

with Elders and community members, and learns about the politics of the dam from Chief Cathy Merrick. He drinks tea with activists, eats corned beef hash with the Chief, and learns about the history of the dam, built on land that was never ceded, and Jenpeg, a town that now exists mostly in his memory. In building relationships with his former neighbors, Ali explores questions of land and power—and in remembering a lost connection to this place, finally finds a home he might belong to.

**Lustfully Ever After**

Penguin Books

I witnessed a murder and

became a hostage. Held

captive beneath the deck

of a shipping container....

I realize, to save my life I

need to become

valuable. My body is my

only weapon. Pleasure and

pain. 28 days is a long

time to Play Along with his

perversed demands. He

thinks I enjoy them. It

disgusts me that I secretly

do. I hate him. I crave

him. When my captor

becomes my savior,

escape will be my

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**SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL:** James Bell, Viscount Ormond, is a shameless rake, infamous for his skills in seduction--and Claire Russell doesn't intend for her sister to become his latest conquest. That is why she's come to the viscount's private masked ball. The flagrant sensuality and unabashed decadence on display there are shocking, but they are nothing compared to the scandalous fire Claire feels when James makes a wholly improper suggestion--improper, indecent, and very, very tempting. **MISCHIEF AND THE MARQUESS:** Justin, the Marquess of Fontaine and Lady Sophie Milton-Riley have no desire to marry. To satisfy their mothers' insistence that they would be quite right together, they set out to demonstrate how completely ill suited they are for one another. Justin is allergic to her perfume. Sophie dislikes his dogs. He prefers blondes; she, brunette men. But the more they seek to prove how wrong their union would be, the more right things feel. And when opposites attract, there's no denying the sparks or the heat. **RUBY KISS:** Susannah Fowler is in

possession of many temptations--an independent nature, a quick wit, and lush curves. She is also in possession of a fortune in stolen jewels hidden within her favorite corset. If rakehell Carlyle Jameson wants it, he will have to remove it himself. From her boudoir or from her body. One kiss ought to distract her, but one kiss leads to another and another, till there's no turning back and no desire to try.

Captivating Penguin  
In this heart-wrenching tale of love and loss, a young Marine and his best friend's sister plunge into a forbidden love affair while he's home on leave. When a Marine Chaplain knocks on her door, Jessa's heart breaks—someone she loves is dead. Killed in action, but is it Riley or Kit? Her brother or her boyfriend... Three months earlier, Marine Kit Ryan finds himself back home on leave and dangerously drawn to his best friend Riley's sister, Jessa—the one girl he can't have. Exhausted from fighting his feelings, Kit finally gives in, and Jessa isn't strong enough to resist diving headfirst into a passionate relationship. But what was just supposed to be a summer

romance develops into something far greater than either of them expected. Jessa's finally found the man of her dreams and Kit's finally discovered there's someone he'd sacrifice everything for. When it's time for Kit to redeploy, neither one is ready to say goodbye. Jessa vows to wait for him and Kit promises to come home to her. No matter what. But as Jessa stands waiting for the Marine Chaplain to break her heart, she can't help but feel that Kit has broken his promise... Riley or Kit? Kit or Riley? Her brother or her boyfriend? Who's coming home to her? Captive in the Underworld Penguin  
When your nemesis also happens to be your fiancé, happily ever after becomes a lot more complicated in this wickedly funny, lovers-to-enemies-to-lovers romantic comedy debut. Naomi Westfield has the perfect fiancé: Nicholas Rose holds doors open for her, remembers her restaurant orders, and comes from the kind of upstanding society family any bride would love to be a part of. They never fight. They're preparing for their lavish wedding that's three months away.

And she is miserably and utterly sick of him. Naomi wants out, but there's a catch: whoever ends the engagement will have to foot the nonrefundable wedding bill. When Naomi discovers that Nicholas, too, has been feigning contentment, the two of them go head-to-head in a battle of pranks, sabotage, and all-out emotional warfare. But with the countdown looming to the wedding that may or may not come to pass, Naomi finds her resolve slipping. Because now that they have nothing to lose, they're finally being themselves—and having fun with the last person they expect: each other. [Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down](#)  
Cleis Press

This bestselling series has been nominated for multiple awards for BEST VILLAIN! Complete series available now...Our angelic origins give us power. Our blood is why they hunt us. After an incident at school reveals her powers, Kat's parents ship her off to Midland Pines, a boarding school for the paranormally gifted, where she hopes to finish her senior year in peace. She makes new friends and has the attention of an illusionist named Levi, though

something about his easy smile and crowding nature gives her pause. The shadows in the woods call to her. There's a pull to them she can't ignore. One night, she swears a boy watches her from the wood line—the same boy who appears in her dreams while a secret admirer leaves her flowers. One by one, students go missing. The school goes on lockdown, and the place she suspects she'll find the answers is the one place she knows she shouldn't go. What she finds there is more than she's ready for - Gabe, a dark and beautiful half-breed like her. He and his adoptive family claim they can keep her safe. Hidden away from the ones who hunt them. But to do so, she must make an impossible choice. Not everything is as it seems, and she must sort friend from foe, truth from lies, before time runs out. Her life, and everyone else's at Midland Pines, depends on it. Fans of HUSH, HUSH by Becca Fitzpatrick, FALLEN by Lauren Kate, and the HOUSE OF NIGHT series by P.C. and Kristin Cast will devour this Young Adult Paranormal Romance with plenty of action, danger, swoon-worthy teenage love, and

a plot twist you'll never see coming.

### **Taking People with You** Penguin

"The story's message, that people should choose joy even (and especially) in difficult and painful times, seems tailor-made for this moment. A timely, uplifting read about finding joy in the midst of tragedy, filled with quirky characters and comforting warmth."—Kirkus (starred review) From the New York Times bestselling author of *How to Walk Away* comes a stunning new novel full of heart and hope. Samantha Casey is a school librarian who loves her job, the kids, and her school family with passion and joy for living. But she wasn't always that way. Duncan Carpenter is the new school principal who lives by rules and regulations, guided by the knowledge that bad things can happen. But he wasn't always that way. And Sam knows it. Because she knew him before—at another school, in a different life. Back then, she loved him—but she was invisible. To him. To everyone. Even to herself. She escaped to a new school, a new job, a new chance at living. But when Duncan, of all people, gets hired as the

new principal there, it feels like the best thing that could possibly happen to the school—and the worst thing that could possibly happen to Sam. Until the opposite turns out to be true. The lovable Duncan she'd known is now a suit-and-tie wearing, rule-

enforcing tough guy so hell-bent on protecting the school that he's willing to destroy it. As the school community spirals into chaos, and danger from all corners looms large, Sam and Duncan must find their way to who they really

are, what it means to be brave, and how to take a chance on love—which is the riskiest move of all. With Katherine Center's sparkling dialogue, unforgettable characters, heart, hope, and humanity, *What You Wish For* is the author at her most compelling best.

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