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THE SUNFORGE [Endsong Trilogy, Book 2]

Sascha Stronach

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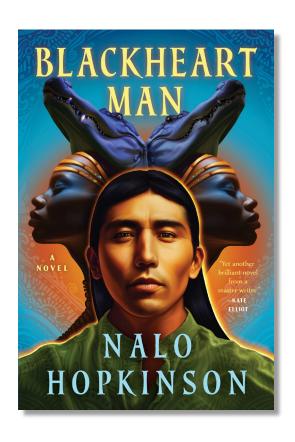
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Sascha Stronach's queer, Maori-inspired Endsong trilogy reopens on a city in flames, where a magic-wielding pirate crew uncovers an age-old fight between the gods that threatens their world.

The steel city of Radovan is consumed by fire between. Stranded in its harbor is the crew of the *Kopek*, the survivors of a bioterror attack overseas. But they bear scars: their captain, Sibbi, has gone missing; Yat, their newest Weaver, is fighting for control of her own mind; and their Weaving powers are in a badly weakened state.

To disable the technology that prevents the group from escaping, Sen and Kiada must plot their way through the ruins of the foreign capital, which is patrolled by a hostile militia, using wits alone. But to navigate through Radovan, Kiada will have to rely on her own history with the city—one she shares with a band of misfits dubbed Fort Tomorrow and their leader, Ari, a charismatic thief. Ari may hold the key not only to saving Radovan from complete annihilation, but the history of their world, which will come into play as the gods begin to unleash destruction on humanity and one another.

Sascha Stronach is a Maori author from the Kai Tahu iwi and Kati Huirapa Runaka Ki Puketeraki hapu. Book 1 of the Endsong Trilogy, *The Dawnhounds*, won the Sir Julius Vogel Award at Worldcon 78.



BLACKHEART MAN

Nalo Hopkinson

384 pp.

Territory: World

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The magical island of Chynchin is facing conquerors from abroad and something sinister from within in this entrancing fantasy from the Grand Master Award—winning author Nalo Hopkinson.

Veycosi, in training as a griot (an historian and musician), hopes to sail off to examine the rare Alamat Book of Light and thus secure a spot for himself on Chynchin's Colloquium of scholars. However, unexpected events prevent that from happening. Fifteen Ymisen galleons arrive in the harbor to force a trade agreement on Chynchin. Veycosi tries to help, hoping to prove himself with a bold move, but quickly finds himself in way over his head.

Bad turns to worse when malign forces start stirring. Pickens (children) are disappearing and an ancient invading army, long frozen into piche (tar) statues by island witches is stirring to life—led by the fearsome demon known as the Blackheart Man. Veycosi has problems in his polyamorous personal life, too. How much trouble can a poor student take? Or cause all by himself as the line between myth and history blends in this delightfully sly tale by one of greatest novelists.

Nalo Hopkinson is the award-winning author of numerous novels and short stories for adults. Nalo grew up in Jamaica, Trinidad, and Guyana before moving to Canada when she was sixteen. Visit her at NaloHopkinson.com.



WITCH OF WHISPERVALE

R. A. Salvatore

416 pp.

Territory: World

Agent: Paul Lucas, Janklow & Nesbit

Manuscript available.

From the legendary author and creator of Drizzt Do'Urden comes the next installment in the New York Times bestselling DemonWars fantasy series, about the traitorous invasion by the Xoconai of the eastern realms of Corona. However, the heroes of the last war against their demon god may be forgotten, but they are not powerless.

Treaties are discarded as the full invasion of the Xoncai has begun and war returns to Corona. Consolidating resistance on land in Behren and within the abbeys as a last stand against the golden warriors is the catalyst for the return of the most powerful gem-wielding witch the world has ever known.

Yet, as the rumor of a witch of gemstone magic reaches the Xoconai they send a hunter, so brutal he is known as the Coyote, to find her in this novel set at the beginning of a new war in R. A. Salvatore's bestselling world of heroic fantasy.

As one of the fantasy genre's most successful authors, **R. A. Salvatore** enjoys an ever-expanding and tremendously loyal following. His books regularly appear on *The New York Times* bestseller lists and have sold more than 30 million copies. Salvatore's most recent original hardcover, *The Two Swords*, book three of The Hunter's Blade Trilogy debuted at #1 on *The Wall Street Journal* bestseller list and at #4 on *The New York Times* bestseller list. His books have been translated into numerous foreign languages, including German, Italian, Finnish, Greek, Hungarian, Turkish, Croatian, Bulgarian, Yiddish, Spanish, Russian, Polish, Czech, and French.



FLIGHT OF THE FALLEN (Magebike Courier Series, Book 2)

Hana Lee

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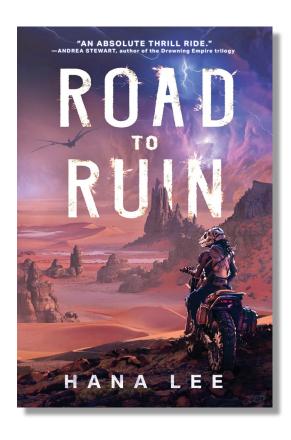
Manuscript available.

Hana Lee's gritty, queer Mad Max-inspired fantasy trilogy continues with the second installment that includes just as many friendly (and unfriendly) monsters, high-stakes political intrigue, and a high-speed motorcycle adventure to find the source of a disappearing magic.

Jin-Lu knows she should be happy. Princess Yi-Nireen of Kerina Rut and Prince Kadrin of Kerina Sol have united after ten long years, having survived a near-apocalypse at the hands of Yi-Nireen's relative. They are happy and in love—thanks to Jin—and they want her to join them at their upcoming nuptials in Kerina Sol. But happiness always comes at cost.

Jin has left Yi-Nireen and Kadrin's ivory tower, hiding a secret: her ability to use mana was lost in the fallout of saving the world, and she can no longer ride a magebike. And the deadly mana storms ravaging the cities dotting the wasteland should've gotten better after the averted disaster, but they've only gotten worse. Kerina Lav, one of the last outposts, has fallen, leaving tens of thousands seeking sanctuary with its two neighbors. To save their own people and the refugees of Kerina Lav, the group will have to go back to Yi-Nireen's cruelhearted, terrifying father with a request he is sure to deny. But can they find another way to restore power and peace before humanity—magic and non-magic alike—crumbles to dust?

Hana Lee is a biracial Korean American writer who also builds software for a living. . Her short writing has appeared in *Fantasy Magazine* and *Uncanny Magazine*.



ROAD TO RUIN (Magebike Courier Series, Book 1)

Hana Lee

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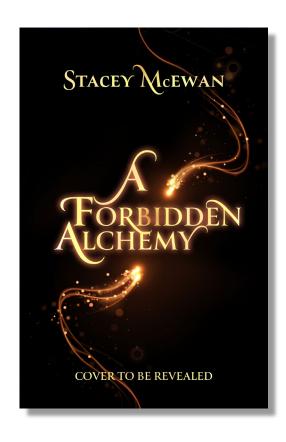
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"Road to Ruin is an electrifying tale that proves impossible to put down. Hana Lee's thrilling prose hauls the reader headlong into an epic adventure, laden with striking characters and world-building as deft as it is fearless. I'll be thinking about this book for a long, long time." —Thea Guanzon, author of The Hurricane Wars

Jin-Lu has the most dangerous job in the wasteland. She's a magebike courier, one of the few who venture outside the domed cities on motorcycles powered by magic. Every day, she braves the wasteland's dangers—deadly storms, roving marauders, and territorial beasts—to deliver her wares.

Her most valuable cargo? A prince's love letters addressed to Yi-Nereen, a princess desperate to escape the clutches of her abusive family and soon-to-be husband. Jin, desperately in love with both her and the prince, can't refuse Yi-Nereen's plea for help. The two of them flee across the wastes, pursued by Yi-Nereen's furious father, her scheming betrothed, and a bounty hunter with mysterious powers.

A storm to end all storms is brewing and dark secrets about the heritability of magic are coming to light. Jin's heart has led her into peril before, but this time she may not find her way back.



A FORBIDDEN ALCHEMY

Stacey McEwan

416 pp.

Territory: World

Agent: Amy Collins, Talcott Notch Lit. Services

Manuscript available.

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Australian BookTok star Stacey McEwan's stunning new slow-burn romantasy duology traces a fated pair who stumble upon a world-changing secret together in adolescence and are thrown into a violent class war in adulthood, finding each other amidst love, loss, and devasting betrayals.

Nina Harrow and Patrick Colson first meet in adolescence, brought in from their disenfranchised mining towns to glittering Belavere City to be tested for magical abilities. Those who pass will train to become Artisans, wielding powerful elemental magic to carry out Belavere's greatest ambitions. The two accidentally stumble upon a devastating secret: that Artisans are not born, but chosen.

In the years that follow, a Craftsman revolution begins, and the two find themselves on opposite sides of a brewing war. Nina, now an elite Artisan with the extremely rare ability to charm earth, soon abdicates the fighting entirely, devastated by the loss of her found family. She has long become accustomed to life on the run when she is captured by Patrick's rebellion contingent. It turns out he has far from forgotten her, and he asks for her help in a mission that will change the tides against Belavere City.

Stacey McEwan is the bestselling author of the Glacian Trilogy. Her debut fantasy romance novel, *Ledge*, has been published in several languages. She is a content creator on multiple platforms, including TikTok (@StaceBookSpace) and Instagram (@StaceyMcEwanBooks)



SECRET MARKET OF THE DEAD

Giovanni De Feo

336 pp.

Territory: World English

Agent: Paul Lucas, Janklow & Nesbit

Manuscript available.

The Night Circus meets Pan's Labyrinth in this gothic historical fantasy debut inspired by Italian folklore in which a young woman in fierce competition with her twin brother to inherit the family forge finds her power in the magical fiefdom of the Night that lurks just beneath her town.

Oriana grew up on the razor-thin edge separating Day from Night, dreaming in equal measure of working as a smith in her father's forge and catching a glimpse of the mysterious creatures that none around her dared name. That is, until she stumbled into the Secret Market of the Dead, held in the Night, where vendors hawk Moira at immeasurably steep prices to those who are desperate enough to accept the cost. She returned home with her belief in the Night solidified, her fate irreversibly entangled with a powerful Nocturnal's, and the knowledge of a dark family secret that would change her life forever.

Years later, when her father chooses her twin brother as his heir instead of her, Oriana challenges her sibling to a series of trials to determine the forge's true apprentice. But as the twins' fierce competition over their inheritance unfolds, and with the town and her own family set firmly against her, Oriana knows that to escape the rigid gender expectations that stifle and confine her in the Day, she must turn once more to the Night—and, of course, as ever, everything comes with a price.

Giovanni De Feo is a fabulist, novelist, and comic book writer. He previously taught literature at International Baccalaureat schools in England and Holland. Currently, he lives in Bologna where he is also a performing storyteller with a repertoire of Italian folktales.



AN ANCIENT WITCH'S GUIDE TO MODERN DATING

Cecilia Edward

320 pp.

Territory: World English

Agent: Jim McCarthy, Dystel Goderich &

Bourret

Manuscript available.

An ancient witch explores the thrills—and perils—of online dating with hilarity and heart in a charming rom-com perfect for fans of cozy fantasy and witchy romance.

Thorn Scarhart, a 39-year-old witch, is having trouble finding a husband in the 17th century, despite the help of the local matchmaker and some very strong love potions. After her sister disappeared and her mother passed away, she was too caught up in . . . well, life, to think about dating, and now she worries she may have missed her chance to find love.

But when one of her brews goes terribly awry, Thorn finds herself catapulted 350 years into the future, where her once-secluded cottage in the woods has become a historical museum in a bustling city. It might seem like such an accident would be an unwanted development, but modernity has its advantages: indoor plumbing! Electric kettles! And online dating, where the odds of finding a match at 39 might not be great, but at least they're not *impossible*. With the help of her house-turned-museum's new curator—and that curator's charming veterinarian brother—Thorn bursts onto the 21st-century dating scene to find a man. But in the process, she might also just find herself.

Cecilia Edward is the pen name of Remy Lai, a celebrated children's author and illustrator who has won the Australian Prime Minister's Literary Award and the SCBWI Sid Fleischman Award for Humor. Continuing to publish in the middle grade, YA, and graphic novel spaces, she is thrilled to make her adult fiction debut with *An Ancient Witch's Guide to Modern Dating*.



THE LOST RELIQUARY

Lyndsay Ely

384 pp.

Territory: World

Agent: Laura Zats, Headwater Literary

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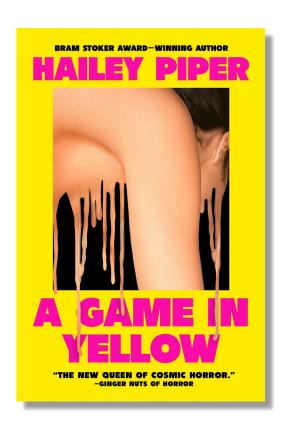
Manuscript available.

Lys, potentate of the Dawn Cloister and sworn servant of the Goddess Tempestra-Innara, dreams of deicide...

She's sure this dream is an impossible one—until a typical heretical execution turns into a nearly successful assassination. With the power contained in the blood of the gods Tempestra-Innara once murdered, Lys now knows she finally has a chance at freedom.

In a stroke of luck, Lys is chosen by the Goddess to track down the reliquary that holds the blood, but she's partnered with Nolan, a devout potentate of the Dusk Cloister who is watching her every move. As the pair track a network of cannibal heretics responsible for the assassination attempt, Lys discovers that the Devoted Lands are filled with more dangers—and perhaps even more gods—than she bargained for.

Lyndsay Ely is an author of science fiction and fantasy across YA and adult categories. Her debut, GUNSLINGER GIRL, a YA genre-bent dystopian Western that was published in 2018 by Jimmy Patterson. She has also published an *Overwatch* tie-in novel, *Deadlock Rebels* (2021, Scholastic) and is contributor to *Overwatch 2: Heroes Ascendant: An Overwatch Story Collection* (2024), and is currently working on a tie-in CYOA work for *Five Nights at Freddy's*. She currently resides in Boston.



A GAME IN YELLOW

Hailey Piper

272 pp.

Territory: World

Agent: Lane Heymont, Tobias Literary Agency

Manuscript available.

Euphoria meets Things Have Gotten Worse Since We Last Spoke in this latest novel by the Bram Stoker Award—winning author Hailey Piper, following a couple whose search to spice up their sex life leads them down a path of madness.

A kink-fixated couple, Carmen and Blanca, have been in a rut, until Blanca discovers the enigmatic Smoke in an under-street drug den, who holds pages to a strange play, *The King in Yellow*. Read too much, and you'll fall into madness. But read just a little and pull back, and it gives the adrenaline rush of survivor's euphoria, leading Carmen to fall into a game of lust at a nightmare's edge.

As the line blurs between the world Carmen knows and the one that she visits after reading from the play, she begins to desire more time in this other world no matter what horrors she brings back with her.

Hailey Piper is the Bram Stoker Award-winning author of *Queen of Teeth, A Light Most Hateful, The Worm and His Kings* series, and other books of dark fiction. She is also the author of over 100 short stories appearing in *Weird Tales, Pseudopod, Cosmic Horror Monthly, Cast of Wonders,* and various other publications. Her non-fiction appears in *Writer's Digest, Library Journal, CrimeReads,* and elsewhere. She lives with her wife in Maryland, where their occult rituals are secret.



THE LEGEND OF THE NINE-TAILED FOX

Katrina Kwan

272 pp.

Territory: World

Agent: Jim McCarthy, Dystel, Goderich, and

Bourret

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From the author of *The Last Dragon of the East* comes a romantic fantasy about a ninetailed fox who is sent to the underworld with the demon-hunter who captured her, and the two of them must begrudgingly team up to navigate through each of Hell's circles to escape to the real world.

Katrina Kwan is a Vancouver-based author and actress. She is the author of the contemporary romcom *Knives, Seasoning, & a Dash of Love*.



THE PHOTONIC EFFECT

Mike Chen

Territory: World

Agent: Eric Smith, P.S. Literary Agency

Manuscript coming soon.

After ten years trapped across the expanse of space, Captain Demora Kim and the crew aboard the Horizon are finally home...Only it's not the home they know.

The Cluster, formerly a peaceful cooperative between planets, is on the verge of collapse due to a civil war.

A way to end the conflict may lay in the limitless energy that trapped the Horizon crew halfway across the galaxy and the engine they crafted to bring them home. But that means going back to the pocket of space they've only just escaped.

Demi isn't sure she's up for the task. She fulfilled her promise. She brought her crew home. Maybe it's time to walk away. However, leaving everything behind won't be as simple as she thinks. Conspiracies are afoot, loyalties will be tested, and Demi's choices could shake the foundation of the galaxy.

Mike Chen is the New York Times bestselling author of Star Wars: Brotherhood, Here and Now and Then, A Quantum Love Story, and other novels, as well as Star Trek: Deep Space Nine comics. He has covered geek culture for sites such as Nerdist and The Mary Sue.



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