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#### Bestseller

# New adult meets suspense: Five best friends. Four love stories. And one dangerous secret.

There were five of them when they first met at surf camp on Harbour Bridge Island: Avery, Isabella, Odina, Lee, and Josie. Best friends, beautiful, careless, and inseparable for summers to come. Until one fateful summer festival night, when one of them goes missing.

Years later, Avery returns to the island a successful rock star on the brink of burnout. Hoping to refuel her creativity and to keep herself from falling for her bandmate Jake, Avery is torn between protecting her feelings, the band, and the secrets of her past. Her old friends also continue to wrestle with Josie's disappearance and together they try to salvage what is left of their friendship amidst missed chances, lost dreams, and romantic entanglements.



**Kristina Moninger** spent her childhood in a small village in the countryside, where she continues to live with her husband and her twins. She is a #1 Spiegel bestselling author and has already published several romantic novels. If she is not to be found at her desk, then she is most likely spending time with a book or in nature with her family and dog.

#1 SPIEGEL BESTSELLING SERIES WITH MORE THAN 180,000 COPIES SOLD

An addictive read with a scenic island setting off the South Carolina coast, *Breaking Waves* is a four-piece puzzle full of heartbreaking love stories and marvellously thrilling cliffhangers. Each instalment is told from the perspective of one of the four friends as they reunite on Harbour Bridge, trying to make peace with their pasts – and the parts they each played in Josie's disappearance.

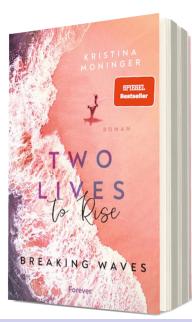
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#### Kristina Moninger One Second to Love (Breaking Waves 1) 432 pages • 13,6 × 20,5 cm ISBN 978-3-95818-716-0 Sold to: Ukrainian, Ukraine (Ranok), Italian, Italy (Pienogiorno), Spanish, Spain (Editorial Alma), Polish, Poland (Endorfina), Hungarian, Hungary (Central Kiado), Serbian, Serbia (Laguna) 09/2023

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Part two of the hit series – utterly addictive with more thrilling cliffhangers. The third part of the puzzle – full of dangerous secrets and steamy romance.



Kristina Moninger **Two Lives to Rise (Breaking Waves 2)** 416 pages • 13,6 × 20,5 cm ISBN 978-3-95818-717-7 **Sold to:** Ukrainian, Ukraine (Ranok), Italian, Italy (Pienogiorno), Spanish, Spain (Editorial Alma), Polish, Poland (Endorfina), Serbian, Serbia (Laguna) **10/2023** 



Kristina Moninger Three Tides to Stay (Breaking Waves 3) 448 pages • 13,6 × 20,5 cm ISBN 978-3-95818-753-5 Sold to: Spanish, Spain (Editorial Alma), Ukrainian, Ukraine (Ranok), Polish, Poland (Endorfina) 03/2024

Isabella White, the all-American girl, has everything anyone could ever hope for: a big car, an even bigger house, and a huge legacy as a luxury hotel heiress. Yet, Isabella remains unhappy. And ever since Avery came back to Harbour Bridge and started digging around in the past on the island, Isabella can no longer sleep peacefully. Particularly so when her annoying (and annoyingly attractive) neighbor Preston starts construction works that slowly drive Isabella out of her mind.

And as if that weren't enough, when Isabella opens the Harbour Chronicle one morning to find her own obituary in it – with details that only the missing Josie could know. Unraveling what happened ten years ago has never been more urgent as Isabella is certain: she is to blame for what happened to Josie. Odina Bianchi is the keeper of many secrets. For one, she started an affair with Noah, Avery's outrageously charming brother. She also knows much more about Josie's disappearance than she lets on, but it has become increasingly hard to conceal the truth since she reconnected with Isabella and Avery: ten years ago, Odina made a promise to Josie and buried 100,000 dollars for her. Which is exactly the kind of money Odina needs to make a good life for her son Jamie and herself.

But events take a turn for the worse: Odina receives an ambiguous tip about the money, her family threatens to take Jamie to Italy with them – and Noah steals her heart, whether she wants him to or not. Odina must decide what is important to her when, suddenly, there is a clear sign of life from Josie.

# The grand series finale – forced proximity, shared guilt, and gripping revelations.

## English sample available

Lee is finished. At rock bottom. Her dream and surfing career are over, everything is lost. She lives in Hawaii, newly separated from her girlfriend Dakota, and is struggling with the consequences of a serious accident that cost her an arm and her professional future.

At the lowest point in her life, Lee receives a disturbing message from Harbour Bridge and realizes that the past will only ever be put to rest once it has been dealt with. She returns to the island and takes up residence in the supposedly empty vacation home of her first love, Parker. Parker's presence makes her painfully aware of all that she's lost – and then there's the memory of Josie. Who continues to be hauntingly present on the island, even ten years after her disappearance.

The big finale of the bestselling series tells the story of Lee and Josie and uncovers the missing pieces of the mysterious disappearance that binds Avery, Isabella, Odina, and Lee together. And may finally set them free.

Breaking Waves is a must-read for fans of Taylor Jenkins Reid and Colleen Hoover – the series is as exciting as it is emotional, an instant reader's favourite! <text><text><section-header><text><text><text>

Kristina Moninger Four Secrets to Share (Breaking Waves 4) 448 pages • 13,6 × 20,5 cm ISBN 978-3-95818-754-2 Sold to: Ukrainian, Ukraine (Ranok), Polish, Poland (Endorfina) 07/2024

### **New Series**

Welcome to Venice, the city of love and lies: A brilliantly twisted new series by bestselling author Antonia Wesseling.



Antonia Wesseling Deep Water (Dark Venice 1) 448 pages • 13,6 × 20,5 cm ISBN 978-3-95818-788-7 10/2024



**Silent Haze (Dark Venice 2)** ca. 400 pages • 13,6 × 20,5 cm ISBN 978-3-95818-789-4

When Merle arrives in Venice for a semester abroad, she has one goal: to uncover a long-buried family lie. In the lagoon city, she's welcomed by young Giulia into an old Venetian hotel. But her four roommates are cool and distant, especially the forbiddingly attractive Matteo, who clearly has something to hide. Merle, too, is keeping the real reason for her trip under wraps.

As rumors swirl around the university clique with one member mysteriously missing, it's not just Matteo's allure that leaves Merle weak in the knees. This semester, more than her heart is at stake – the truth is on the line.

With morally ambiguous characters, an enigmatic setting steeped in art and danger, and tantalizing encounters, *Dark Venice* is a must-read for fans of dark academia and thromance.



Antonia Wesseling lives in Cologne with her cats. She began inventing her own stories as a child and started publishing books for young people later on. Besides being an author, she blogs on Instagram and YouTube (@antoniawesseling) about good books, her love for writing, and mental health.

# Back to Iceland, back to this year's most dramatic love story by TikTok sensation Sarah Stankewitz.

## English sample available



Glow Like Northern Lights (Strong Hearts 1) 400 pages • 13,6 × 20,5 cm ISBN 978-3-95818-748-1 Sold to: Polish, Poland (Otwarte)

Lilly fled Iceland in a whirlwind after discovering Aron lied to her about his heart disease. She retreated to her grandmother's, uncertain of her next move. That is, until a message from SaveTheIceland reignites her passion for the rugged island.

Aron, who is running out of time, can't believe his eyes when Lilly reappears before him one evening. As the endless summer days stretch out before them in Iceland, the hope for Aron's donor heart fades with each passing moment... and forces the star-crossed lovers to face the most difficult of farewells.

A real tear-jerker full of breathtaking scenery and huge emotions – bestseller queen Sarah Stankewitz knows exactly which heartstrings to pull!



**Sarah Stankewitz** is the Spiegel bestselling author of several romance and new adult series. She has sold over 250,000 copies since debuting in 2015 and has given free reign to her imagination ever since, always looking for new sources of writing inspiration. Her stories reflect what she always hopes to find in a good novel: love, passion, and a pinch of humour. She lives with her boyfriend in a small town not far from Berlin.



Sarah Stankewitz Shine Like Midnight Sun (Strong Hearts 2) 384 pages • 13,6 × 20,5 cm ISBN 978-3-95818-749-8 Sold to: Polish, Poland (Otwarte) 10/2024

#### **Bestseller**

The nightmarishly beautiful Romeo and Juliet love story continues – danger lies between waking and dreaming.

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Ruby Braun Grace (Academy of Dream Analysis 2) 448 pages • 13,6 × 20,5 cm ISBN 978-3-95818-797-9 11/2024



Vengeance (Academy of Dream Analysis 1) 448 pages • 13,6 × 20,5 cm ISBN 978-3-95818-796-2

At the Academy of Dream Analysis in icy Lapland, Nemesis has uncovered a shocking truth: her brother is alive, though shrouded in the mists of the dream world. Little does she know what dangers lie ahead: she must face the dark creatures of the unconscious and her adversary Professor O, up to the limits of her strength.

But not alone. Mercy, burdened by his demons and guilt, needs Nemesis as much as she needs him: to escape the nightmare and save those they love. Together, they must confront the sinister force that is Prof O – or rather, Oneiro, Nemesis' long-lost brother.

Ruby Braun knocks it out of the park with a brilliant finale to the ADA dilogy: furiously gifted storytelling and sizzling romance take us into the shadowy world between dream and reality, betrayal and love.



**Ruby Braun** studied German Language and Literature as well as Media Culture Studies and took a Master's degree in Theories and Practices of Professional Writing. As an "ordinary girl writing extraordinary love stories", she shares her life as an author on Instagram and TikTok. A small town on the U.S. West Coast. A seductive enemies-to-lovers arc. And a heartbreaking love story.



Almost Isn't Enough. Echoes of the Past (Secrets of Ferley 2) ca. 352 pages • 13,6 × 20,5 cm ISBN 978-3-95818-756-6

Since her parents' house went up in flames, Summer is tormented by nightmares and a burning need to find out what happened. The only time she feels free is at sea. When enigmatic Ares moves into her small-town college flatshare, she can feel the tides changing: he drives her mad – yet she's irresistibly drawn to him.

Ares, too, knows what it means to be haunted. He carries deep wounds of his own. As Summer and Ares begin to uncover the truth about the fire, they realize that peaceful Ferley hides more secrets than meets the eye. And when Ares' own secret is revealed, their future together hangs by a thread.

Dramatic like Colleen Hoover, emotional like Brittany C. Cherry – this is the perfect page-turner, packed with suspense and heartache to the very last page.



Jennifer Bright is the pseudonym of Jennifer Fröhlich. She lives in Hannover with her husband and her cat and drinks more coffee than is good for her. She cannot imagine a life without cats, books or TV series and shares her passion on Instagram (@wort\_getreu) and Tik-Tok (@jennifer.bright). Her previous *Love and Trus*t series was translated into Czech by Dobrovský.



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