

## Waiting for the Night Song

Julie Carrick Dalton

**A beautiful, timely debut novel for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and *Where the Crawdads Sing***

Cadie Kessler has spent decades trying to cover up one truth. One moment. But deep down, didn't she always know her secret would surface?

An urgent message from her long-estranged best friend, Daniela Garcia, brings Cadie, now a forestry researcher, back to her childhood home. There, Cadie and Daniela are forced to face a dark secret that ended both their idyllic childhood bond and the magical summer that takes up more space in Cadie's memory than all her other years combined.

Now grown up, bound by long-held oaths, and faced with truths she does not wish to see, Cadie must decide what she is willing to sacrifice to protect the people and the forest she loves, as drought, foreclosures, and wildfire spark tensions between displaced migrant farm workers and locals.

A startling and timely debut, *Waiting for the Night Song* is a moving, brilliant novel about friendships forged in childhood magic and ruptured by the high price of secrets that leave you forever changed. It is a love song to the natural beauty around us, a call to fight for what we believe in, and a reminder that the truth will always rise.

### PRAISE

**"Smart and searingly passionate...an illuminating snapshot of nature, betrayal and sacrifices set in the evocative New Hampshire wilderness." —Kim Michele Richardson, award-winning author of *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek***

**"A winner...With an obvious passion for the environment, immigration rights, and the people who make our small towns special, Dalton has written a dynamic story with a unique voice I hope to hear more from in the future." —Miriam Lapson, Bookseller, Belmont Books**

**"A poignant exploration of friendship, truth, and memory...Settle in with your fire extinguisher to enjoy this scorcher of a story." —Pamela Klinger-Horn, owner o...**

As a journalist, JULIE CARRICK DALTON has published more than a thousand articles in *The Boston Globe*, *BusinessWeek*, *The Hollywood Reporter*, and other publications. She contributes to *DeadDarlings*, *The Writer Unboxed*, and *GrubStreet's* writer's blogs. She also owns and operates a small farm in rural New Hampshire, the backdrop for this novel, her debut.

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### FICTION / CONTEMPORARY WOMEN

Forge Books | 1/12/2021

9781250269188 | \$26.99 | \$34.99 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 336 pages | Carton

Qty: 20

8.6 in H | 5.7 in W | 1.3 in T | 0.9 lb Wt

#### Other Available Formats:

Ebook ISBN: 9781250269195

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### MARKETING

Marketing Campaign

-National print and online consumer advertising campaign, including Goodreads, Book Riot, and Shelf Awareness for Readers

-National author tour

- Prepublication buzz campaign including trade and consumer advertising

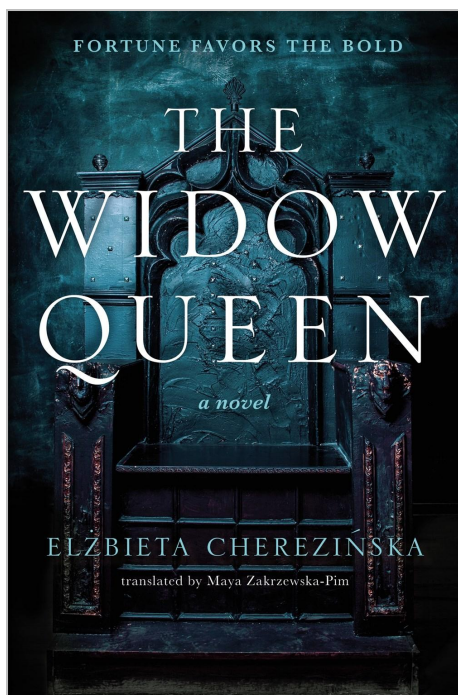
-Early reader review campaign including giveaways via NetGalley, Shelf Awareness Pro, and Goodreads

- Major ARC mailings to booksellers, librarians, media, and industry big mouths

- ABA Indie Box mailing

-Indie Next campaign

-Digital marketing campaign to promote book a...



## The Widow Queen

Elzbieta Cherezinska

***The Widow Queen* is the epic story of a Polish queen whose life and name were all but forgotten until now. It's a sweeping saga perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory, Bernard Cornwell, and the Viki...**

Swietoslawa is the youngest daughter of the great Duke Mieszko of Poland; "the bold one," the court calls her. *Too bold*, they whisper.

To her family, Swietoslawa represents a chance; a marriage on which to build an empire. While Swietoslawa dreams of ruling without the yoke of a husband, her father looks toward the Northern kingdoms, where unrest provides opportunity.

The Prince of Denmark, ambitious and hungry, plots his father's death.

The King of Sweden, mighty and beloved, has no heir to give his crown.

The exiled Norwegian prince, seeking vengeance for his father's murder and his throne.

Each needs a wife, a queen.

Swietoslawa will be that wife. But when her husband dies and she finds herself queen of a foreign land, she must reconcile her dreams with the harsh realities of an unforgiving world.

### PRAISE

***"The Widow Queen* is the story of a woman standing strong in a world run by men, and of the sacrifices we must make for power and love. Elzbieta Cherezinska brings epic history to life with her own unique and recognizable voice. Her stories have emotion, drama, and make even the most well-known historical events feel exciting and fresh."**—Tomek Baginski, Executive Producer, *The Witcher*, Netflix

**"Elzbieta Cherezinska writes with great depth and imagination, bringing to life seductive and detailed worlds."**—Olga Tokarczuk, Nobel Prize Laureate and Man Booker Prize-winning author of *Flights*

**"A fascinating and forgotten corner of history . . . Cherezi..."**

**Elzbieta Cherezinska** is the #1 bestselling and award-winning author of fourteen novels. She was born in Pila, a small town in the west of Poland, and currently resides on the Baltic coast in Kolobrzeg, Poland. *The Widow Queen* is her first novel to be translated into English.

**Maya Zakrzewska-Pim** grew up in Warsaw, Poland. She studied English at Trinity College and has a PhD from Cambridge. Her previous Polish to English translations include Ignacy Karpowicz's *Gestures* and *Sonka*.

### FICTION / HISTORICAL / MEDIEVAL

Forge Books | 4/6/2021

9781250218001 | \$25.99 / \$34.99 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 512 pages | Carton

Qty: 16

9.3 in H | 6.1 in W

#### Other Available Formats:

Audio ISBN: 9781250789808

Ebook ISBN: 9781250217981

Audio ISBN: 9781250789792

### MARKETING

Marketing Campaign

-National print and online publicity campaign

-National print and online consumer advertising campaign, including Goodreads, The New Yorker, BookPage, and Book Riot

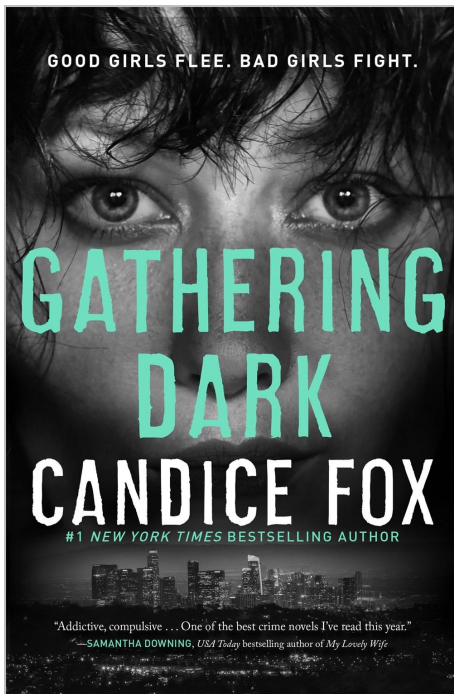
- Prepublication buzz campaign including trade and consumer advertising

-Early reader review campaign including giveaways via NetGalley, Shelf Awareness Pro, and Goodreads

- Major ARC mailings to booksellers, librarians, media, and industry big mouths

-Indie Next campaign

-Digital marketing campaign to promote book and ...

**FICTION / THRILLERS / CRIME**

Forge Books | 3/16/2021

9781250317636 | \$27.99 / \$37.99 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 320 pages | Carton Qty: 20

9.3 in H | 6.1 in W

**Other Available Formats:**

Ebook ISBN: 9781250317612

Audio ISBN: 9781250789761

Audio ISBN: 9781250789754

**MARKETING**

Marketing Campaign

-National print and online publicity campaign

-National author tour

-Digital preview

- Prepublication buzz campaign including trade and consumer advertising

-National print and online consumer advertising campaign, including Live Intent, Goodreads, Book Riot, New York Times, Shelf Awareness Readers

-Early reader review campaign including advertising, major ARC mailings, giveaways via NetGalley, Shelf Awareness Pro, and Goodreads

- Major ARC mailings to booksellers, librarians, media...

**ALSO AVAILABLE****Gone by Midnight: A Crimson Lake Novel**

2/2021 | 9781250317599

Mass Market | \$9.99 / \$12.99 Can.

**Redemption Point: A Crimson Lake Novel**

1/2020 | 9780765398529

Mass Market | \$9.99 / \$13.50 Can.

**Crimson Lake: A Novel**

1/2020 | 9781250317599

## Gathering Dark

Candice Fox

**A new standalone thriller set in Los Angeles from #1 *New York Times* and *Globe and Mail* bestselling author Candice Fox**

A convicted killer. A gifted thief. A vicious ganglord. A disillusioned cop. Together they're a missing girl's only hope.

Dr. Blair Harbour, once a wealthy, respected pediatric surgeon, is now an ex-con down on her luck. She's determined to keep her nose clean and win back custody of her son. But when her former cellmate begs for help to find her missing daughter, Blair is compelled to put her new-found freedom on the line.

Detective Jessica Sanchez has always had a difficult relationship with the LAPD. And her inheritance of a multi-million dollar mansion as a reward for catching a killer has just made her police enemy number one.

It's been ten years since Jessica arrested Blair for cold-blooded murder. So when Jessica opens the door to the disgraced doctor late one night she expects abuse, maybe even violence. What comes next is a plea for help...

**PRAISE**

**"If you haven't read Candice Fox yet, you're missing out! I can't wait to read what this talented writer does next!" —Chevy Stevens**

**"A bright new star of crime fiction." —James Patterson**

**"Definitely a writer to watch." —Harlan Coben**

**"Sign me up as a big-time Fox fan!" —Lee Child**

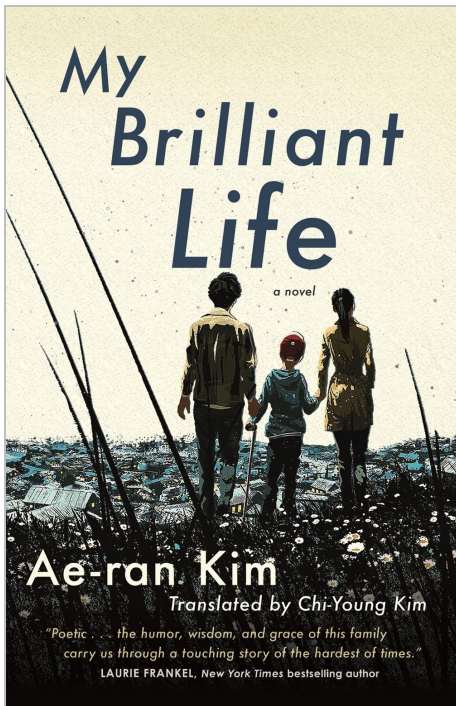
**"Candice Fox has written an addictive, compulsive novel that's not just about a missing girl, it's about the power of redemption and forgiveness. One of the best crime novels I've read this year." —Samantha Downing, *USA Today* bestselling author of *My Lovely Wife* and *He Started It***

CANDICE FOX is the award-winning author of *Crimson Lake*, *Redemption Point*, and *Gone By Midnight*. She is also co-writer with James Patterson of *New York Times* bestsellers *Never Never*, *Fifty Fifty*, *Liar Liar*, and *The Inn*. She lives in Sydney.

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**FICTION / FAMILY LIFE**

Forge Books | 1/26/2021

9781250750556 | \$24.99 / \$33.99 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 208 pages | Carton

Qty: 28

8.3 in H | 5.4 in W

Subrights: World English

**Other Available Formats:**

Ebook ISBN: 9781250750549

Audio ISBN: 9781250790217

**MARKETING**

Marketing Campaign

-National print and online publicity campaign

-National print and online consumer advertising campaign, including Goodreads, LitHub, and Book Riot

-Early reader review campaign including advertising, major ARC mailings, giveaways via NetGalley, Shelf Awareness Pro, and Goodreads

-IndieNext Campaign

-Digital marketing campaign, including newsletter and social media promotions, and sweepstakes

-Special mailings to social media influencers and Korean-American organizations

-Book club ...

## My Brilliant Life

Ae-ran Kim; translated by Chi-Young Kim

**A universal tale of family bonds and out-of-the-ordinary friendships, for readers of Fredrik Backman, Margarita Montimore, and Laurie Frankel.**

*My Brilliant Life* interweaves the past and present of a tight-knit family, finding joy and happiness in even the most difficult times.

Areum lives life to its fullest, vicariously through the stories of his parents, conversations with Little Grandpa Jang—his sixty-year-old neighbor and best friend—and through the books he reads to visit the places he would otherwise never see.

For several months, Areum has been working on a manuscript, piecing together his parents' often embellished stories about his family and childhood. He hopes to present it on his birthday, as a final gift to his mom and dad; their own falling-in-love story.

Through it all, Areum and his family will have you laughing and crying, for all the right reasons.

**PRAISE**

**“Poetic . . . the humor, wisdom, and grace of this family carry us through a touching story of the hardest of times.”**

—Laurie Frankel, *New York Times* bestselling author of *This Is How It Always Is*

**“This novel snuck up on me and captured my heart.”**

—Margarita Montimore, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Oona Out of Order*

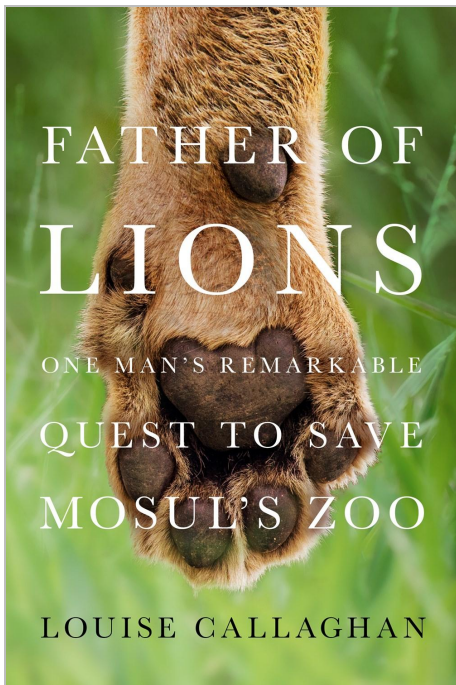
**“A moving, earnest, and deeply-felt exploration of a unique family in all its joys and disappointments.”**

—Claire Lombardo, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Most Fun We Ever Had*

**“This is one of those novels where the characters seem to have immortal souls. They’re so real to me I feel like adding them to my Christmas ca...”**

AE-RAN KIM was born in Incheon, South Korea, the youngest of three daughters. She has won the Hankook Ilbo Literary Award, Kim Yu-jeong Literary Award, Lee Hyo-seok Literary Award, and the Prix de l'Inaperçu, among others, for her short fiction and collections. *My Brilliant Life* is her first novel.

CHI-YOUNG KIM (translator) is based in Los Angeles, California. She has translated more than a dozen books, including *Please Look After Mom* by Kyung-sook Shin (Man Asian Literary Prize-winner and *New...*



**BIOGRAPHY & AUTOBIOGRAPHY  
/ ENVIRONMENTALISTS &  
NATURALISTS**

Forge Books | 1/19/2021

9781250248954 | \$18.99 / \$25.99 Can.

Trade Paperback | 416 pages | Carton Qty: 24  
9.3 in H | 6.1 in W

**Other Available Formats:**

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**MARKETING**

Marketing Campaign

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-National print and online consumer  
advertising

-Book club promotions including book club  
guide

-Digital promotion across Forge’s online  
platforms

-Featured content through the dedicated  
Forge monthly e-newsletter

-Tor/Forge Blog promotion

## Father of Lions

*One Man's Remarkable Quest to Save Mosul's Zoo*

Louise Callaghan

***The Bookseller of Kabul* meets *The Zookeeper's Wife*: an award-winning journalist puts a human face on life under ISIS, told through the prism of the Mosul zoo.**

After two and a half years of Isis occupation, and months of fighting between the militants and government forces, the Mosul Zoo was one of the few outdoor attractions still standing in Iraq’s second city, its inhabitants kept alive by Abu Laith, a square-set 50-something mechanic and passionate animal lover.

As the animals began to starve under the siege by advancing Iraqi army forces, Abu Laith, the “Father of Lions” and his protégées and family risked their lives to keep the animals alive.

When liberation finally came, the city and the zoo were both on their last legs. It seemed as if all was lost, until a local former-government scientist, Hakam, saw a message on Facebook about a zoo nearby: a charity in Switzerland wanted to rescue the animals.

**PRAISE**

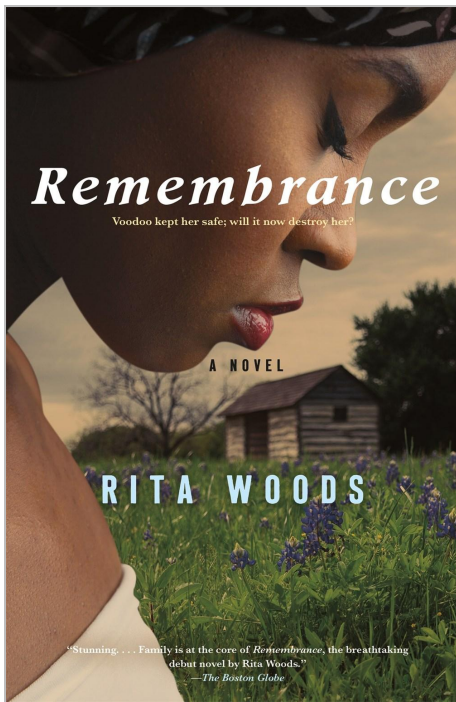
**“This is an unexpectedly funny and moving book. You might not expect to laugh when reading about ISIS-held Mosul, but through the story of a man who loves both lions and life, Louise Callaghan shows how humour and defiance can counter cruelty, and why both humans and animals crave freedom.” -- Lindsey Hilsum, International Editor, Channel 4 News and author of *In Extremis: the life of war correspondent Marie Colvin*.**

**“An engaging yet heartbreaking narrative that reads like fiction.” --Kirkus Reviews**

**“Callaghan's first book is a true page-turner.” --SLJ, starred review**

**“Callaghan knows her way around a war. Her portrayal of a city under siege is m...**

**Louise Callaghan** is the Middle East Correspondent for the *Sunday Times* (UK), one of the youngest ever hired by the paper. She has had long-form pieces published in *The Sunday Times Magazine*, *Vogue*, and the *Times Literary Supplement*. She won the Marie Colvin Award for British Journalism, New Journalist of the Year at the 2016 British Press Awards, Young Journalist of the Year at the 2017 British Journalism Awards, and made *Forbes'* 30 under 30 in media 2018 list. *Father of Lions* is her first book...



**FICTION / AFRICAN AMERICAN / HISTORICAL**

Forge Books | 1/26/2021

9781250298461 | \$16.99 / \$22.99 Can.

Trade Paperback | 416 pages | Carton Qty: 20  
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**Other Available Formats:**

Ebook ISBN: 9781250298478

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**MARKETING**

Marketing Campaign

- "Now in Paperback" coverage
- National print and online consumer advertising including Shelf Awareness for Readers, Goodreads, and Reading Group Choices
- Book Club promotions including book club guide
- Special mailing to BIPOC influencers
- Digital promotion across Forge's online platforms
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## Remembrance

Rita Woods

**This breakout historical debut with modern resonance is perfect for the many fans of *The Underground Railroad* and *Orphan Train*.**

*Remembrance*...It's a rumor, a whisper passed in the fields and veiled behind sheets of laundry. A hidden stop on the underground road to freedom, a safe haven protected by more than secrecy...if you can make it there.

*Ohio, present day.* A refugee struggling to rebuild her life in America after the devastating Haitian earthquake is suddenly, inexplicably bound to a mysterious old woman who is not at all what she seems.

*Haiti, 1791, on the brink of revolution.* When the slave Abigail is forced from her children to take her mistress to safety, she discovers New Orleans has its own powers.

*1857 New Orleans—a city of unrest:* Following tragedy, house girl Margot is sold just before her 18th birthday and her promised freedom. Desperate, she escapes and chases a whisper.... *Remembrance*.

**PRAISE**

**"Stunning. ... Family is at the core of *Remembrance*, the breathtaking debut novel by Rita Woods." --*The Boston Globe***

**"An ambitious, absorbing novel. ... Woods creates memorable characters in all four settings, each with a distinct purpose that helps make the impossible relatable. *Remembrance* is a well-researched, epic historical fantasy." --NPR**

**"The novel's originality makes it worth reading." --*Kirkus Reviews***

**"Woods' writing is assured, the historical settings vivid, and her characters fully realized. Hand this to fans of Yaa Gyasi's *Homegoing* and Octavia Butler's *Kindred*, who will appreciate this complex, genre-blending debut." --*Bookli...***

RITA WOODS is a family doctor and the director of a wellness center. When she's not busy working or writing Dr. Woods spends time with her family or at the Homer Glen library, where she serves on the Board of Trustees. She lives in Chicago, IL.



## The First to Lie

Hank Phillippi Ryan

**A new standalone suspense novel for fans of Lisa Scottoline and B. A. Paris from award-winning author and reporter Hank Phillippi Ryan**

We all have our reasons for being who we are—but what if being someone else could get you what you want?

After a devastating betrayal, a young woman sets off on an obsessive path to justice, no matter what dark family secrets are revealed. What she doesn't know is that she isn't the only one plotting her revenge.

An affluent daughter of privilege. A glamorous manipulative wannabe. A determined reporter, in too deep. A grieving widow who must choose her new reality. Who will be the first to lie? And when the stakes are life and death, do a few lies really matter?

Bestselling and award-winning author and investigative reporter Hank Phillippi Ryan delivers another twisty, thrilling, cat and mouse novel of suspense that will have you guessing, and second-guessing, and then gasping with surprise.

### PRAISE

*For The Murder List*

**“A cracker of a read—her best yet!” —BA Paris**

**“A fireworks display of a novel: exciting, explosive, relentless—and likely to leave you gasping.” —A J Finn**

**“Twisty, complex...unfailingly entertaining.” —William Landay**

**“An exhilarating thrill ride.” —Liv Constantine**

**“Masterly plotted—with a twisted ending—a riveting, character-driven story. A must-read.” —Library Journal, starred review**

*USA Today* bestselling author HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN has won five Agatha Awards in addition to Anthony, Macavity, Daphne du Maurier, and Mary Higgins Clark Awards. As on-air investigative reporter for Boston's WHDH-TV, she's won 36 Emmys and many more journalism honors. A past president of National Sisters in Crime and founder of MWA University, Ryan lives in Boston with her husband, a nationally renowned civil rights and criminal defense attorney.

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### FICTION / THRILLERS / SUSPENSE

Forge Books | 1/5/2021

9781250258816 | \$15.99 / \$21.99 Can.

Trade Paperback | 352 pages | Carton Qty: 28

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### MARKETING

Marketing Campaign

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-Digital promotion across Forge's online platforms

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### ALSO AVAILABLE

**The Murder List: A Novel of Suspense**

1/2020 | 9781250197221

Trade Paperback | \$14.99 / \$20.50 Can.

**Trust Me: A Novel**

12/2018 | 9781250232724

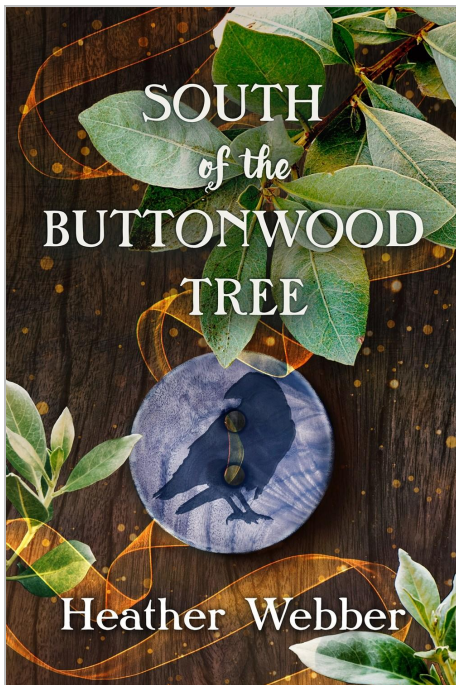
Trade Paperback | \$14.99 / \$19.50 Can.

**Say No More: A Jane Ryland Novel**

8/2017 | 9780765385376

Mass Market | \$7.99 / \$10.99 Can.





## South of the Buttonwood Tree

Heather Webber

**A captivating blend of magical realism, heartwarming romance, and small-town Southern charm for fans of Sarah Addison Allen**

Blue Bishop has a knack for finding lost things. No one is more surprised than Blue, however, when she comes across a newborn baby in the woods, just south of a very special buttonwood tree.

Sarah Grace Landreneau Fulton is at a crossroads. She has always tried so hard to do the right thing, but her own mother would disown her if she ever learned half of Sarah Grace's secrets.

The unexpected discovery of the newborn baby girl will alter Blue's and Sarah Grace's lives forever. Both women will uncover long-held secrets that reveal exactly who they really are—and what they're willing to sacrifice in the name of family.

*South of the Buttonwood Tree* is a captivating blend of magical realism, love, family, and small-town Southern charm.

### PRAISE

*Praise for Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe*

**"Truly magical realism at its best!"** —Karen White, *New York Times* bestselling author

**"Perfect for fans of *Like Water for Chocolate* and *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café*."** —*Bustle*

**"Full of family secrets, undeniable charm and that particular touch of magic so often found in the South...Webber creates a town as dynamic and real as her characters. I savored every word."** —Kristy Woodson Harvey, national bestselling author of *Slightly South of Simple*

**HEATHER WEBBER** is the national bestselling author of more than thirty novels and has been twice nominated for an Agatha Award. She loves to spend time with her family, read, drink too much coffee and tea, birdwatch, crochet, watch cooking competition and home improvement shows, crochet, and bake. Heather lives in southwestern Ohio and is hard at work on her next book.

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### FICTION / CONTEMPORARY WOMEN

Forge Books | 2/2/2021

9781250198587 | \$16.99 / \$22.99 Can.

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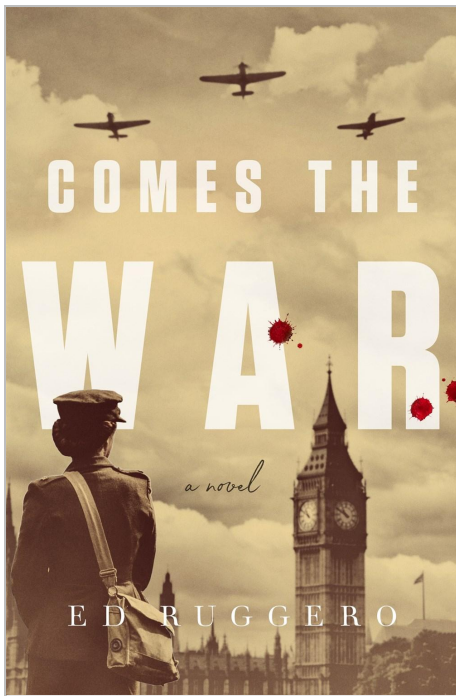
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### MARKETING

Marketing Campaign:

- National print and online publicity campaign
- Targeted consumer advertising across multiple platforms
- National print and online campaign
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- Digital promotion across Forge's online platforms



### FICTION / THRILLERS / HISTORICAL

Forge Books | 2/9/2021

9781250312877 | \$27.99 / \$37.99 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 288 pages | Carton

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### ALSO AVAILABLE

**Blame the Dead**

1/2021 | 9781250312754

Trade Paperback | \$18.99 / \$25.99 Can.

## Comes the War

Ed Ruggero

**Set against the heroism and heartbreak of WW II, former Army officer Ed Ruggero brilliantly captures the timeless stories of ordinary people swept up in extraordinary times**

April 1944, the fifty-fifth month of the war in Europe. The entire island of Britain fairly buzzes with the coiled energy of a million men poised to leap the Channel to France, the first, riskiest step in the Allies' long slog to the heart of Germany and the end of the war.

Lieutenant Eddie Harkins is tasked to investigate the murder of Helen Batcheller, an OSS analyst. Harkins is assigned a British driver, Private Pamela Lowell, to aid in his investigation. Lowell is smart, brave and resourceful; like Harkins, she is prone to speak her mind even when it doesn't help her.

Soon a suspect is arrested and Harkins is ordered to stop digging. Suspicious, he continues his investigation only to find himself trapped in a web of Soviet secrets. As bombs fall, Harkins must solve the murder and reveal the spies before it is too late.

### PRAISE

*Praise for Blame the Dead*

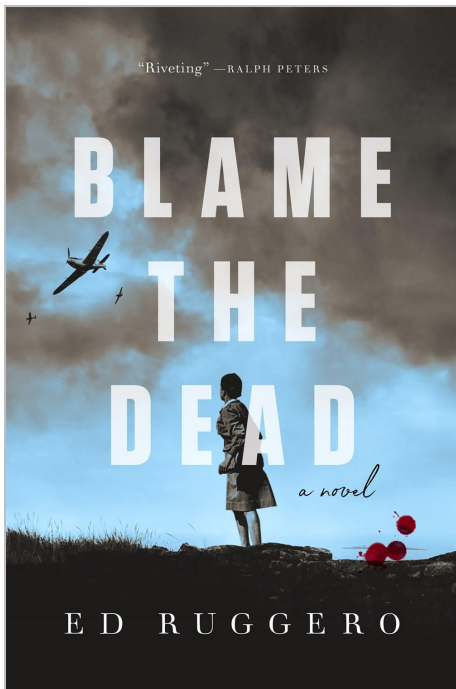
**"Riveting...Great pacing, compelling characters, solid research and a fiendishly clever plot add up to non-stop reading excitement." —Ralph Peters**

**"A lot of fun, written with an insider's feel." —Thomas E. Ricks, author of *The Generals***

**"Sets itself apart with the vividly rendered field-hospital setting and the focus on the battle-hardened nurses." —*Booklist***

**"Exceptional... Ruggero plays fair with his readers and makes the carrying out of a homicide inquiry in wartime both exciting and plausible." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review**

ED RUGGERO is a West Point graduate and former Army officer who has studied, practiced, and taught leadership for more than twenty-five years. He has appeared on CNN, The History Channel, the Discovery Channel, and CNBC and has spoken to audiences around the world on leadership, leader development and ethics. He lives in Philadelphia.



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## Blame the Dead

Ed Ruggero

**The thrilling start of an action-packed and timely WWII series by a former Army Officer for fans of compelling historical fiction**

Set against the heroism and heartbreak of World War II, former Army officer Ed Ruggero brilliantly captures, with grace and authenticity, the evocative and timeless stories of ordinary people swept up in extraordinary times.

Sicily, 1943. Eddie Harkins, former Philadelphia beat cop turned Military Police lieutenant, reluctantly finds himself first at the scene of a murder at the US Army’s 11th Field Hospital. There the nurses contend with heat, dirt, short-handed staffs, the threat of German counterattack, an ever-present flood of horribly wounded GIs, and the threat of assault by one of their own—at least until someone shoots Dr. Myers Stephenson in the head.

With help from nurse Kathleen Donnelly, once a childhood friend and now perhaps something more, it soon becomes clear to Harkins that the unit is rotten to its core. As the battle lines push forward, Harkins is running out of time to find one killer before he can strike again.

**PRAISE**

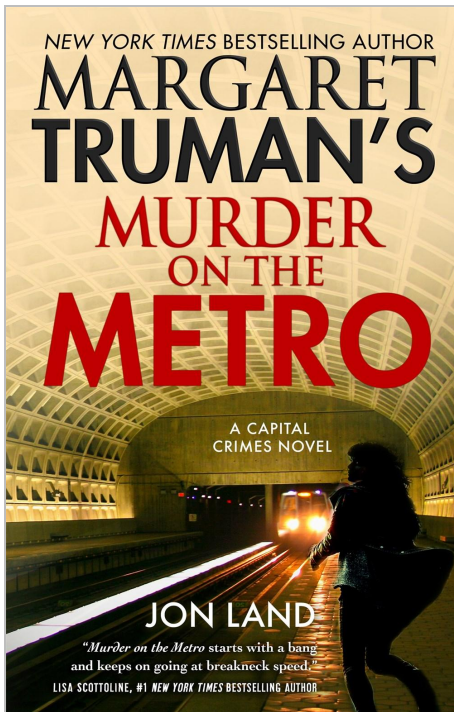
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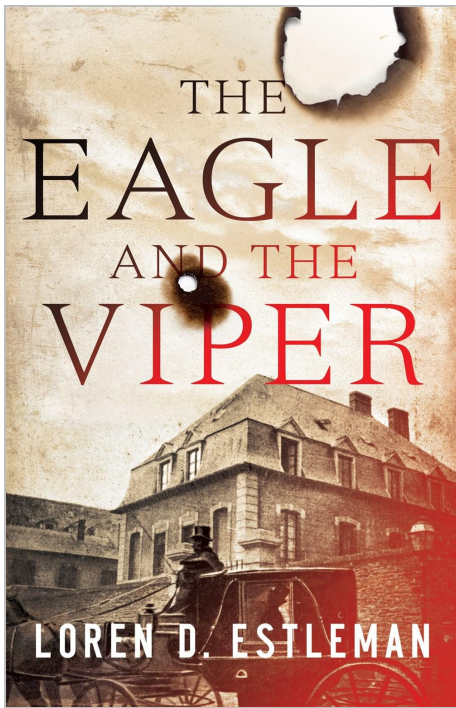
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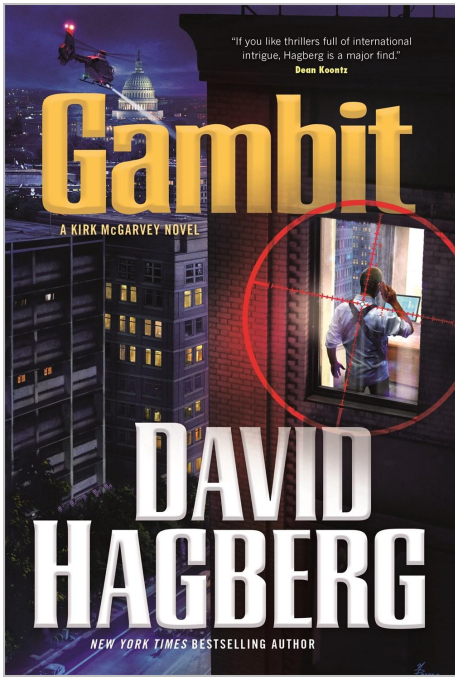
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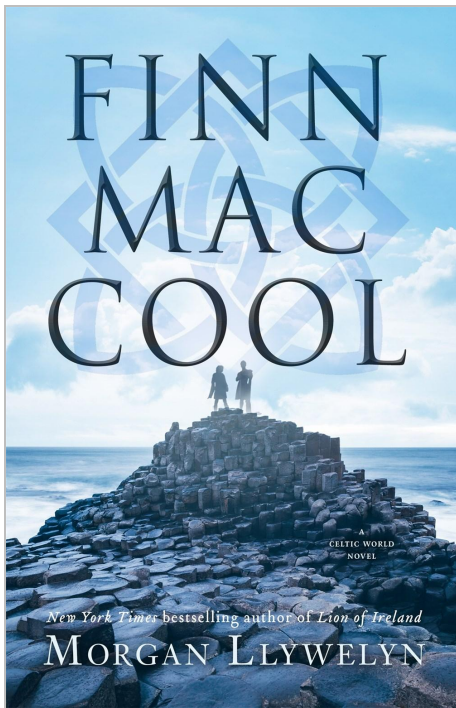
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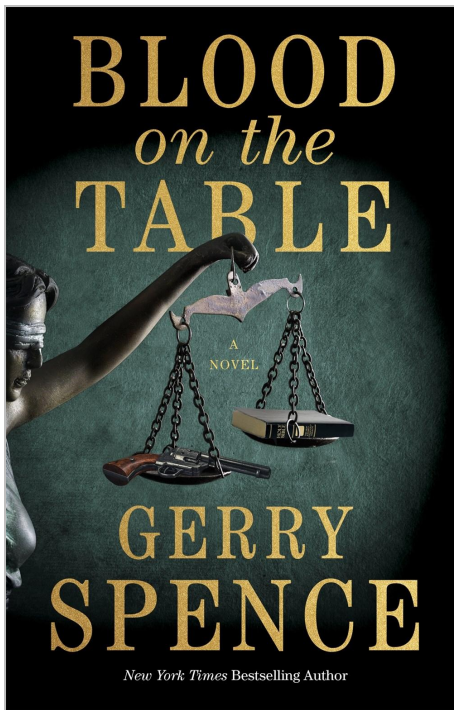
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