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- The American Library Association
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Jennifer Armentrout

1 NEW YORK TIMES and USA TODAY Bestselling author Jennifer lives in Martinsburg, West Virginia. All the rumors you've heard about her state aren't true. When she's not hard at work writing, she spends her time reading, working out, watching really bad zombie movies, pretending to write, and hanging out with her husband and her Jack Russell Loki.

Her dreams of becoming an author started in algebra class, where she spent most of her time writing short stories...which explains her dismal grades in math. Jennifer writes young adult paranormal, science fiction, fantasy, and contemporary romance. She is published with Spencer Hill Press, Entangled Teen and Brazen, Disney/Hyperion and Harlequin Teen. Her book Obsidian has been optioned for a major motion picture.

She also writes adult and New Adult romance under the name J. Lynn. She is published by Entangled Brazen and HarperCollins.

WHITE HOT KISS

The Dark Elements Series

Coming 02.25.14

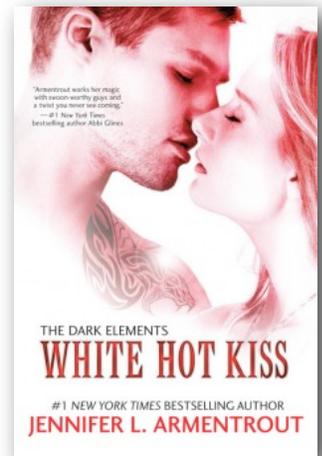
One kiss could be the last.

Seventeen-year-old Layla just wants to be normal. But with a kiss that kills anything with a soul, she's anything but normal. Half demon, half gargoyle, Layla has abilities no one else possesses.

Raised among the Wardens—a race of gargoyles tasked with hunting demons and keeping humanity safe—Layla tries to fit in, but that means hiding her own dark side from those she loves the most. Especially Zayne, the swoon-worthy, incredibly gorgeous and completely off-limits Warden she's crushed on since forever.

Then she meets Roth—a tattooed, sinfully hot demon who claims to know all her secrets. Layla knows she should stay away, but she's not sure she wants to—especially when that whole no-kissing thing isn't an issue, considering Roth has no soul.

But when Layla discovers she's the reason for the violent demon uprising, trusting Roth could not only ruin her chances with Zayne...it could brand her a traitor to her family. Worse yet, it could become a one-way ticket to the end of the world.



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Nina Berry

Nina Berry grew up bodysurfing in Hawaii, learned to throw snowballs in Chicago, and now lives in Hollywood, pretending to lead the glamorous life. She loves ancient crypts, Brussels sprouts, and tigers. She blogs at ninaberry.com, and you can follow her on Twitter [ninaberry](https://twitter.com/ninaberry).

THE NOTORIOUS PAGAN JONES

Coming Late 2014

Nina Berry's THE NOTORIOUS PAGAN JONES, the first in a new series set in Berlin in 1961, in which a disgraced Hollywood starlet is pulled into a complex world of politics and intrigue as the Cold War heats up, to Annie Stone at Harlequin Teen, at auction, in a two-book deal, by Tamar Rydzinski at the Laura Dail Literary Agency (World English).

What They're Saying...

OTHERKIN

"Berry's debut offers just the right combination of high-stakes exploits and steamy love scenes to keep readers up until the wee hours... From body image to friendship, first love and betrayal, the novel explores the truth that no matter who or what you are, there's no escaping the politics of high school. A page-turner." - **Kirkus Reviews**

"Readers will be swept away by the romance and paranormal elements of this debut tale.." - **School Library Journal**

OTHERMOON

"Plenty to enjoy in the action-packed sequel... Fans of the series and new readers alike will find themselves anxiously turning pages... On the surface, this appears to be a novel meant to satisfy ravenous paranormal-fantasy fans looking for an exciting read with a hearty order of romance on the side. While it certainly fills the bill, there's depth here that shouldn't be overlooked. Dez wrestles with real-life issues about identity and belonging, about trust and loyalty, and about friendship and love that will resonate with teen readers across genres." - **Kirkus Reviews**

"Berry's second Otherkin novel is suspenseful and action packed. Dez is a strong, smart protagonist whom readers will root for, as she tries to stay true to herself. There are layers of deeper meaning here, hidden amidst an entertaining shapeshifter YA. " - RT Book Reviews, 4.5 stars

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Anne Blankman

Anne Blankman grew up in a small town in upstate New York. While earning her Master's in Information Science, she discovered her love of YA literature. She has worked for several years as a youth services librarian. Today she lives with her husband and young daughter in southeastern Virginia, where the summers haven't killed her yet. PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG is her first novel.

PRISONER OF NIGHT AND FOG

Coming Fall 2014

Obey. Smile when Hitler comes closer. And never, never question him.

These are the three rules in seventeen-year-old Nazi Gretchen Müller's life. They've kept her safe since Papa died, protecting old family friend Adolf Hitler during a street fight years ago. Until the night in 1931 when Gretchen meets a young, fearless Jewish reporter she's supposed to despise. But she can't stop herself from listening to his story -- that her father, the adored martyr, was actually murdered. Together, Gretchen and the reporter vow to do whatever it takes to uncover the truth. Even if it means breaking all of Hitler's rules. Especially the most important one of all: don't fall in love with the enemy...

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Martina Boone

Born in what is now the Czech Republic, Martina Boone spoke several languages before she learned English after her family defected. When her second grade teacher made fun of her for not being able to pronounce the "wh" sound, she set out to be able to read "all the words." She's still working on that.

Martina loves reading and writing books about beautiful, vicious, magical worlds that intersect our own. She loves books you can't put down, with settings you want to move into, and characters you can't forget. The founder of Adventures in YA Publishing, a Writers Digest 101 Best Websites for Writers site, she also runs the First Five Pages Workshops for writers getting ready to submit their manuscripts to agents and editors.

The first book in her YA Southern Gothic trilogy, *The Heirs of Watson Island*, will be available from Simon Pulse Fall 2014.

BEHOLDEN

The Heirs of Watson Island Trilogy
Coming Fall 2014

Three plantations. Two gifts. One curse that will destroy them.

Seventeen-year-old Barrie Watson has been a virtual prisoner in the house where she lived with her disabled, shut-in mother. When her mother dies, Barrie longs for life, for freedom, but at her aunt's South Carolina plantation, she finds a new kind of prison instead. One guarded by a lane of moss-shrouded oaks and an ancient spirit who, long ago, cursed one of the three founding families and gave the other two magical gifts that became compulsions.

For 300 years, the Watsons of Watson's Landing have been bound to their plantation and forced to find lost things. Now Barrie may never be allowed to leave. Stuck on Watson Island with the ghosts of a generations-old feud between the founding families and hunted by forces she doesn't see, Barrie has only one chance to save herself. She must solve the mystery of what happened on the island the night her mother left and learn how her mother escaped.

With the help of sunlit Eight Beaufort, the boy who always knows what she wants even when she doesn't know herself, Barrie follows a trail of clues. What she finds is dangerous: a love she never expected, a river that turns to fire at midnight, a gorgeous cousin who isn't what she seems, and very real enemies who want both Eight and Barrie dead.

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Lanie Bross

Lee was born and raised in a very small town in MidCoast Maine where she spent countless hours exploring the woods around the farm where she lived, and playing dress up with her grandma's suede boots. She even had a stubborn pinto pony named Magic.

Lee left small town life after high school graduation, seeking bigger and better things, but quite honestly, the city life was not for her. She yearned for fresh air and space to roam, and she found her way back home ten years later, this time with a husband and two young boys in tow.

She now lives in her grandparents old house, on a dirt road, in the same small town she grew up in. It's poetic, which makes her smile as she sips coffee staring at nothing but trees outside the window.

Lee started writing in 2007, but don't ask her how very bad that first novella was. Hey, everyone has to start somewhere. Thankfully, her skills improved and her debut release, *FATES*, is coming out in 2013 from Delacorte under her pseudonym Lanie Bross. Then in 2014, you can read *TANGLED WEBS*, her YA Historical Fantasy book with Disney-Hyperion under her own name. Sequels to both will follow. It's going to be a busy three years.

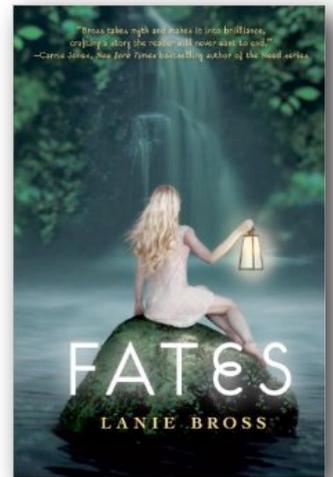
FATES

Coming 02.11.14

One moment. One foolish desire. One mistake. And Corinthe lost everything.

She fell from her tranquil life in Piralis Terra and found herself exiled to the human world. Her punishment? To make sure people's fates unfold according to plan. Now, years later, Corinthe has one last assignment: kill Lucas Kaller. His death will be her ticket home.

But for the first time, Corinthe feels a tingle of doubt. It begins as a lump in her throat, then grows toward her heart, and suddenly she feels like she is falling all over again--this time for a boy she knows she can never have. Because it is written: one of them must live, and one of them must die. In a universe where every moment, every second, every fate has already been decided, where does love fit in?



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Tracy Clark

Tracy Clark is a young-adult writer because she believes teens deserve to know how much they matter and that regardless of what they're going through, they aren't alone. In other words, she writes books for her teen self.

She grew up a "Valley Girl" in Southern California but now lives in her home state of Nevada, in a small town at the base of the Sierra Foothills. Her two children teach her the art of distraction and are a continuous source of great dialogue. She's an unapologetic dog person who is currently owned by a cat.

Tracy was the recipient of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Work in Progress Grant. A two-time participant in the prestigious Nevada SCBWI Mentor Program where she was lucky enough to be mentored by bestselling author, Ellen Hopkins, who taught her so much about the art of writing and cured her of her ellipsis addiction.

While being mouthy has gotten her into trouble at times, she's happy to give characters the freedom to be as mouthy as they need to be. Tracy is a part-time college student, a private pilot, and an irredeemable dreamer. www.tracyclark.org

SCINTILLATE

Coming 02.04.14

Cora Sandoval's mother disappeared when she was five and living in Ireland. Since then, Dad has been more than overprotective and Cora is beginning to chafe under his confines. But even more troubling is the colorful light she is suddenly seeing around people. Everyone, that is, except herself—she glows a brilliant, sparkling silver.

Troubled by these strange flickerings and fearing she is being stalked, Cora is inexplicably drawn to Finn, a gorgeous Irish exchange student who makes her feel safe. Their attraction is instant, magnetic, and primal—but her father disapproves and Finn's mother orders him home to Ireland upon hearing he's fallen in love. After a fight with her father, Cora flees to Ireland, both to follow Finn and to look for her missing mother.

There she meets another silver-haloed person and discovers the meaning of her newfound powers and their role in a conspiracy spanning centuries—a conspiracy that could end her life and change mankind forever.

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Bree Despain

Bree Despain is the author of the Dark Divine trilogy and the upcoming Into The Dark trilogy. Bree rediscovered her childhood love for creating stories when she took a semester off college to write and direct plays for at-risk, inner-city teens from Philadelphia and New York. She currently lives in Salt Lake City, Utah with her husband, two young sons, and her beloved TiVo. *THE SHADOW PRINCE*, book one of Into The Dark, releases March 11, 2014.

THE SHADOW PRINCE

Into the Dark Series

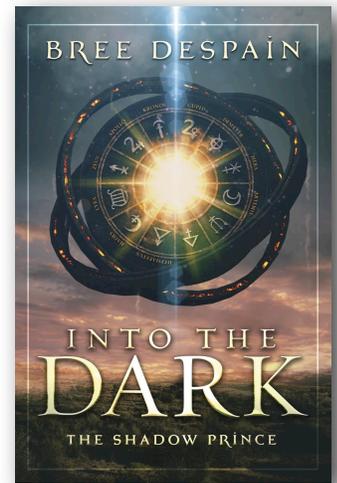
Coming 03.11.14

Haden Lord, the disgraced prince of the Underrealm, has been sent to the mortal world to entice a girl into returning with him to the land of the dead. Posing as a student at Olympus Hills High—a haven for children of the rich and famous—Haden must single out the one girl rumored to be able to restore immortality to his race.

Daphne Raines has dreams much bigger than her tiny southern Utah town, so when her rock star dad suddenly reappears, offering her full tuition to Olympus Hills High's prestigious music program, she sees an opportunity to catch the break she needs to make it as a singer. But upon moving into her estranged father's mansion in California, and attending her glamorous new school, Daphne soon realizes she isn't the only student in Olympus who doesn't quite belong.

Haden and Daphne—destined for each other—know nothing of the true stakes their fated courtship entails. As war between the gods brews, the teenagers' lives collide. But Daphne won't be wooed easily and when it seems their prophesied link could happen, Haden realizes something he never intended—he's fallen in love. Now to save themselves, Haden and Daphne must rewrite their destinies. But as their destinies change, so do the fates of both their worlds.

A pulsating romance of epic proportions, Bree Despain's *The Shadow Prince* will leave her fans breathless for the next book in the Into The Dark series.



What They're Saying About THE DARK DIVINE

"A book that had everything I wanted: a bad boy, a complicated romance, and a mystery that made my heart beat in double-time right up to the last page. Darkly comic and surprising, this paranormal rises to the top."

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Claudia Gray

Claudia Gray is a pseudonym. I would like to say that I chose another name so that no one would ever learn the links between my shadowy, dramatic past and the explosive secrets revealed through my characters. This would be a lie. In truth, I took a pseudonym simply because I thought it would be fun to choose my own name. (And it is.)

I write novels full-time, absolutely love it, and hope to be able to do this forever. My home is in New Orleans, is more than 100 years old, and is painted purple. In my free time I read, travel, hike, cook and listen to music.

A THOUSAND PIECES OF YOU

The Firebird Trilogy
Coming Fall 2014

Marguerite, the daughter of two brilliant scientists, is chasing her father's killer through alternate dimensions. In every new world, she leaps into another version of herself — another person she might be, if circumstances were different. Some of what she finds startles her; some of it scares her. But as she runs, not only does she discover all the infinite possibilities within her, but also within her parents — her friends — Theo, the guy who's on this quest with her — and Paul, the killer himself. Marguerite discovers that the truth about what happened to her father is more complicated than she ever thought ... and that the danger has only begun.

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S. E. Green

S.E. Green or Shannon Greenland started out writing for adults and found her voice and home in teen fiction. Her award winning spy series, *The Specialists*, was an ALA top pick and a National Reader's Choice Recipient. Her latest YA single title, *The Summer My Life Began*, made the Barnes & Noble suggested reading list. *Killer Instinct* is her current project and it will be published in hardcover by Simon Pulse in 2014 under her pseudonym, S.E. Green. She's currently at work on the sequel to *Killer Instinct*.

KILLER INSTINCT

Coming May 2014

She's not evil, but she has certain. . . urges.

Lane is a typical teenager. Loving family. Good grades. Afterschool job at the local animal hospital. Martial arts enthusiast. But her secret obsession is studying serial killers. She understands them, knows what makes them tick.

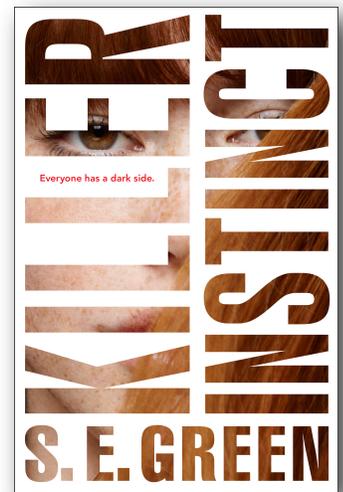
Why?

Because she might be one herself.

Lane channels her dark impulses by hunting criminals—delivering justice when the law fails. The vigilantism stops shy of murder. But with each visceral rush the line of self-control blurs.

And then a young preschool teacher goes missing. Only to return. . . in parts.

When Lane excitedly gets involved in the hunt for “the Decapitator,” the vicious serial murderer that has come to her hometown, she gets dangerously caught up in a web of lies about her birth dad and her own dark past. And once the Decapitator contacts Lane directly, Lane knows she is no longer invisible or safe. Now she needs to use her unique talents to find the true killer's identity before she—or someone she loves—becomes the next victim. . . .



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Kimberley Griffiths Little

Kimberley Griffiths Little is a native California girl, but a current resident on a dirt road along the Rio Grande in New Mexico where she lives with her robotics engineer husband and three sons. She's the author of three award-winning books with Scholastic, *The Healing Spell*, *Circle of Secrets*, *When the Butterflies Came*, and the upcoming *The Time of the Fireflies* (August, 2014). Her Young Adult trilogy, *FORBIDDEN*, will debut Fall 2014 with HarperCollins.

Kimberley has received the Southwest Book Award, the Whitney Award for Best Youth Novel of 2010, Bank Street College Best Books of 2011, is a Crystal Kite Finalist, and winner of the New Mexico Book Award. Kimberley is a co-founder of [SPELLBINDERS](#), an online newsletter for Educators/Librarians/Parents and helped launch the popular Middle-Grade blog, [From the Mixed-Up Files](#). She makes way too many cookies when she's revising and the best MG book trailers in the universe – for reals!

Check them out here: www.kimberleygriffithslittle.com. Find her on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

FORBIDDEN

Coming Fall 2014

FORBIDDEN is a sweepingly epic and sensuous novel, a story of peer pressure and cults set against the ancient art of belly dance, in which 16-year-old Jayden's faith and character is tested to their limits, even death, as she watches her family and the world around her fall apart. She suffers indifference and blackmail over a murder from the tribal leader she is betrothed to, as well as hiding the forbidden love with a stranger from the secret frankincense lands. The Goddess temples of Ashtoreth may be Jayden's only escape, even though the allure of the sexual rites tempt the women of the desert to turn their back on everything they hold sacred.

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Sara Raasch

Sara Raasch has known she was destined for bookish things since the age of five, when her friends had a lemonade stand and she tagged along to sell her hand-drawn picture books too. Not much has changed since then — her friends still cock concerned eyebrows when she attempts to draw things and her enthusiasm for the written word still drives her to extreme measures. Her debut YA fantasy, *SNOW LIKE ASHES*, is coming out fall 2014 from Balzer + Bray. It does not feature her hand-drawn pictures.

SNOW LIKE ASHES

Coming Fall 2014

Meira, a fierce chakram-wielding warrior from the Kingdom of Winter, must struggle to free her people from the tyranny of an opposing kingdom while also protecting her own destiny.

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