

# **2024 RIGHTS GUIDE**

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# **Laugh-out-loud Contemporary Rom-Coms from a Bestselling Author!**



#### Love at First Psych by Cara Bastone

True love is put to the test in this romantic comedy brought to hilarious life by Santino Fontana (*Frozen, Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*), Stephanie Einstein, and a full cast!

This Psych 312 assignment just might send me off the deep end. Determining whether love at first sight really exists with Robbie Moravian as my project partner of all people? He's the sappiest man alive, so upbeat I could scream, and clearly rooting for happy endings at every turn. Our own meet-cute last semester almost got us expelled...but now, could I be falling for him?

Audible Original released March 2, 2023 World Rights Available (exc. UK) TV/Film Rep: Katrina Escudero, Sugar23

#### Cara's smash hit Love Lines Series is also available for translation.





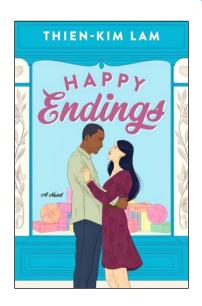


- All three are Audible Top 10 Bestsellers and been released as ebooks by Hachette UK's Headline Eternal
- Each title has been downloaded 150,000+ times and has 15,000+ rave reviews (average of 4.5 stars)
- Audie Award Best Romance Finalists (Call Me Maybe & SeatMate)
- Audible's 100 Essential Romance Audiobooks (Call Me Maybe)
- Licensed by Audible Australia for their own original romance adaptation (Sweet Talk)



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Cara Bastone is a full-time author who writes and lives in Brooklyn with her husband, sons, and almost golden-doodle. She is the author of the Forever Yours series from HQN, Love Lines series from Audible Originals, and *READY OR NOT*, from The Dial Press (coming Spring 2024.) More info at CaraBastone.com.

#### **Multicultural Contemporary Romances from an Own Voices Author**



#### Happy Endings by Thien-Kim Lam

A sexy second-chance romance about exes with unfinished business.

Trixie Nguyen is determined to make her sex toy business a success, proving to her traditional Vietnamese parents that she can succeed in a nontraditional career. her first pop-up event is going well—until she runs into the ex who dumped her... with a Post-it note. The last person Andre Walker expected to see in his soul food restaurant was the woman he left behind in New Orleans. However, he has no time to focus on the past—or Trixie, even if their chemistry is still scorching. Desperate to save the family legacy, he'll try anything to ward off developers—even if it means partnering with Trixie.

Released May 19, 2022 by Avon Romance World Rights and TV/Film Available

# **Full Exposure by Thien-Kim Lam**

Can a Big Easy fling become the real thing?

Boudoir photographer Josie Parks is taking a rare vacation to Mardi Gras. Spencer Pham has just come home after twelve soul-sucking years in corporate hell to make a docu-film on his family's history as the first Vietnamese Mardi Gras krewe. The last thing he expects is to get whacked in the head by a beautiful woman trying to snag some parade beads. A long night in urgent care results in a pact: He offers to show her the real New Orleans, if she'll help him with the camerawork for his film. But then sparks start to fly...

Released February 21, 2022 by Avon Romance World Rights and TV/Film Available



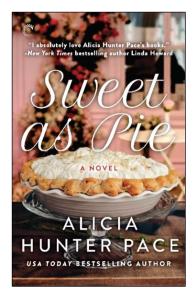
#### The final Boss Babes novel, SOMETHING CHEEKY, will release in Summer 2025.

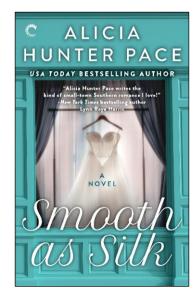
- Happy Endings was a Washington Post Romance Novel of the Year.
- Thien-Kim is also the founder of Bawdy Bookworms, a subscription box pairing sexy romances with erotic toys.
- Featured on Jezebel, Bustle, Entertainment Weekly, and Oprah Daily

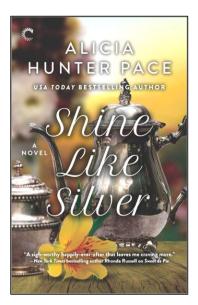


ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Thien-Kim Lam is the author of the Boss Babes romance trilogy from Avon Romance. She writes stories about Vietnamese characters who smash stereotypes and find their happy endings. A recovering Type-Asian, she guzzles cà phê sữa đá, makes art, and bakes her feelings to stay sane. Visit her at ThienKimLam.com for more.

# Fans of the hit Netflix series Sweet Magnolias will love the Good Southern Women series from USA Today Bestselling Author ALICIA HUNTER PACE







World Rights Available; Released by Harlequin's Carina Press as ebooks in 2021 and 2022; Audio: Dreamscape

The NHL's newest team has set up shop in quaint Laurel Springs, Alabama and as the ice thaws, love blossoms in this Southern small-town romance trilogy.

**Sweet as Pie:** Evans Pemberton has always had a problem saying no. To her overbearing Mississippi Delta family, to her mentor's push to expand her thriving pie shop, and to her lifelong crush, Jake Champagne. But Jake chose her beauty queen cousin three years ago and ghosted on their close friendship. When he comes to town with a new pro hockey franchise, will Evie be able to resist?

**Smooth as Silk:** Hyacinth Dawson's fixing to get her bridal shop on the popular reality TV show *All Dressed in White*. But when a visit from meddling Robbie McTavish results producers coming calling, it's not quite how she expected. Can she put up with infuriating Robbie for the price of fame?

**Shine Like Silver:** Ava Grace Fairchild never expected to find herself running from her blue-blooded life on the back of a hockey player's motorcycle. But a fling with Russian enforcer Luka Zadorov might be just what she needs to shake up her safe (and stodgy) existence...until this fling develops serious strings.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Jean Hovey and Stephanie Jones live in Alabama and write together as Alicia Hunter Pace. They are the authors of the *USA Today* bestselling Love Gone South series, as well as the Crossroads, Beauford Bend, and Nashville Sound Southern contemporary romance series. More at AliciaHunterPace.com

# **More Southern Romances by Alicia Hunter Pace**

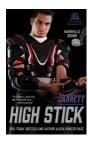
#### **NASHVILLE SOUND SERIES**

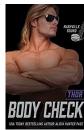
Fan favorite characters find true love when a professional hockey team opens its doors in Nashville, Tennessee.

Self-published 2018 Audio: Insatiable Press World & TV/Film Available









#### **CROSSROADS SERIES**

Love's crossroads converge when Beauford, Tennessee, meets Merritt, Alabama, in this charming Southern trilogy.

Self-published 2022 Audio, World & TV/Film Available





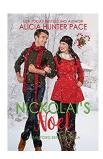


#### **BEAUFORD BEND SERIES**

Haunted by the tragic fire that orphaned them, the Beauford brothers left town to find fame and success. Now they're coming home to heal their hearts and change their lives forever.

Self-published 2022 Audio, World & TV/Film Available











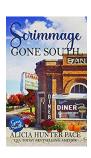


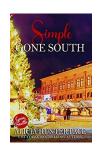
#### **LOVE GONE SOUTH SERIES**

Welcome to Merritt, Alabama, where everybody knows your name but not necessarily your secrets. Romance blooms amid the not-so-simple joys of small-town Southern living. Grab a glass of sweet tea and indulge!

Self-published 2020 Audio: Insatiable Press World & TV/Film Available



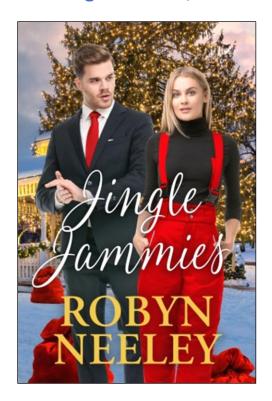








# **Indulge in Sweet, Hallmark Channel-style Small-Town Romances**



# **Jingle Jammies by Robyn Neeley**

#### As Seen on the Hallmark Channel!

Designer Spencer Carmichael would rather be in the Bahamas, but his famous holiday pajamas have failed for the second year in a row. He'll need a fresh attitude to overcome this creative block, but the only thing he's finding in his hometown is a fascination with the woman who saved him from a snowbank. In order to spend more time with local mechanic Charlie Dobbs, he offers to help with her holiday festival if she'll lend her business savvy and inspiration for a new design. Can Charlie and Spencer put aside the fabric and bows and December trimmings long enough to discover what they really need this Christmas?

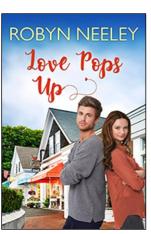
**Ebook: October 2022, Tule Publishing** 

Audio: Tantor Media World Rights Available

Aired on Hallmark TV Christmas By Design (Dec. 2023)

#### Also Available (World exc GR & CZ):





#### **Honey Springs series**

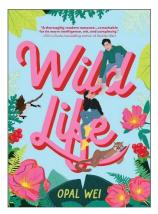
Ebook & TV/Film: Tule Publishing Audio: Dreamscape Foreign: Sold to Germany (Rowohlt), Czechoslovakia (AllPress) All other territories available

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**



Robyn Neeley writes sweet and sassy contemporary romance with heart and humor, including the Bachelors of Buttermilk Falls series and the Honey Springs series for Tule and Dreamscape. She loves to explore super cute small towns, has seen every single Hallmark movie, and never met a Christmas cookie she didn't like. Find her on all the socials or robynneeley.com.

#### Screwball Comedy and Heartfelt Romance from Opal Wei/Ruby Lang



When burnt-out cancer researcher Zoey Fong crosses paths with Davy Hsieh, a recovering boy bander with a private island and an elderly cougar, hijinx ensue. Wild animal attacks, a massive storm, brushes with the law, and a massive leap of faith might just lead to love. In this debut as Opal Wei, acclaimed author Ruby Lang conjures up a delightful screwball rom-com inspired by the hit film *Bringing Up Baby*.

- Buzz Books 2023 Romance selection and panelist
  - New York Times recommended read
  - Pajiba Best Book of Cannonball Read
    - Culturess recommended read

Print/ebook/audio/foreign: Harlequin; TV/Film: OTLA







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#### THE UPTOWN COLLECTION

Love, real estate and adulting collide in this trio of contemporary romance novellas. A fake relationship becomes a little too real, a heated rivalry blurs into love, and a temporary reunion might not be so temporary. Set against the vibrant backdrop of Harlem, these charming, irresistible stories look at the many different ways couples find themselves and each other, and what it means to fall in love.

#### PRACTICE PERFECT

**NEW IN PRINT FOR 2024!** Love is the best medicine! Tthree peppery doctor heroines, three hard-bodied (and mush-hearted) heroes, three happily ever afters—all else confusion. Plus, furtive masturbation, unruly pets, kale puns, Jimmy jokes, and much, much more!







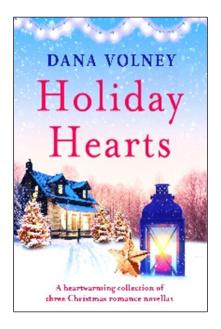
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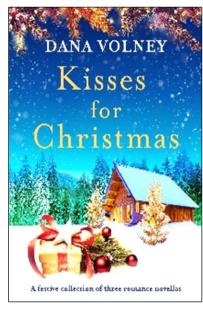
Ruby Lang's work has been featured in The New York Times, NPR, Buzzfeed, and Vulture.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Opal Wei is the author of the screwball rom-com WILD LIFE, loosely inspired by the classic film *Bringing Up Baby*. Writing as Ruby Lang, she is also the author of the Practice Perfect series and the Uptown Collection. Her work has also appeared (writing as Mindy Hung) in The Toast, The New York Times, The Walrus, Bitch and other fine venues. She lives in Toronto with her husband and child. Visit her online at RubyLangWrites.com.

# **Deck the Halls with these Heartwarming Holiday Romance Novellas**





# Holiday Hearts Kisses for Christmas by Dana Volney

There's mistletoe aplenty this holiday season, but can these six couples in Casper, Wyoming, find love beneath it? Heartwarming and festive, these short stories offer all the right ingredients for holiday happiness!

Ebook: Canelo Press, 2021 Audio, Foreign, TV/Film: Writer/producer William True developing

#### More Dana Volney Titles Available:







Wyn Security series self-published romantic suspense, 2021 Print, Ebook: Self-published; Audio: ScribD Foreign & TV/Film Available



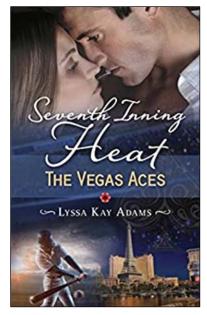


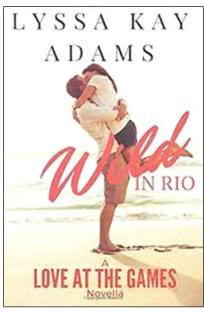
Bad to Be Good series self-published romantic suspense, 2017 Print, Ebook: Self-published; Audio: ScribD Foreign, Audio & TV/Film Available

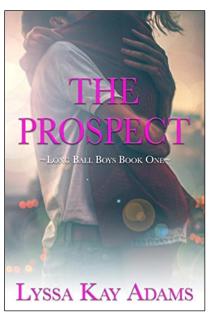


ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Dana Volney lets her imagination roam free in Wyoming, where she writes romances and helps local businesses succeed with her marketing consulting company. Splitting her time between telling sexy, fast-paced suspense/mystery stories and sweet holiday romances, she likes to try new adventures in real life whenever she can. She is the author of many digital and self-published novels. Visit her at DanaVolney.com

# Sexy Contemporary Romances from Lyssa Kay Adams, Author of the *USA Today* Bestselling Bromance Book Club Series







World Rights fm OTLA (exc. The Prospect in Brazil (Gift Box); Self-published 2016-2018; Audio: Brilliance

**Seventh Inning Heat:** After a lackluster season and a disastrous performance that cost his team the World Series, Vegas Aces Pitcher Eric Weaver now faces an ultimatum from management: Fix what's wrong, or else. But when they bring in a pitching coach to tweak his technique, it's his ex, Nicki Bates. Before long, lingering sparks between them reignite into a fiery passion neither can ignore.

**Wild in Rio:** In this novella set at the Olympics, American equestrian Ever Beckinsale and Irish boxer Padraig O'Callahan couldn't be more different. But when an unexpected encounter turns into an unforgettable night, can Padraig convince the skittish Ever to take a chance on one wild love?

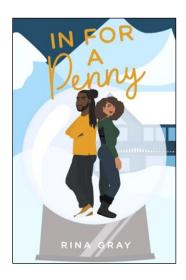
**The Prospect:** This streamy short romance finds exes Bree McTavish and Jax Tanner drawn back into each other's orbits for one hot summer in the small seaside town of Silver Lake. When a grand-slam of a secret is revealed, will this love make it through and win it all?

- Lyssa Kay Adams is a USA Today and Speigel (Germany) Bestseller as well as a Tiktok favorite.
- The Bromance Book Club series has sold more than 100,000 copies in the US and has been published globally in more than 18 countries. A Netflix film is currently in pre-production for a 2024 release.
- Fans who loved the baseball heroes of Bromance will adore these sports romances.
- Wild in Rio was a finalist for Best Romance novella in the 2017 RWA Rita Awards.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Lyssa Kay Adams is the author of the internationally bestselling Bromance Book Club series, currently in pre-production as a Netflix film. She is an award-winning journalist who gave up the world of true stories to pen all-the-feels romances featuring sexy heroes and women who always get the last word. Lyssa lives in Michigan with her family, an anxiety-ridden Maltese, and two cats. Visit LyssaKayAdams.com.

# **Joyful Black Romance from NYT Bestselling Author Rina Gray**



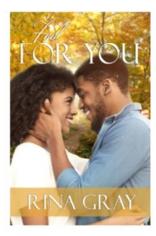
# In For a Penny

Perfect for fans of Emily Henry's *Beach Read*, this delightfully trope-y winter romance concludes the acclaimed Crush on You series.

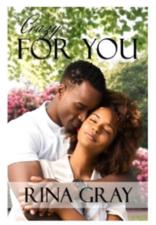
A happy-go-lucky aspiring novelist and a successful grumpy author are stuck in a snowstorm together. Malcom's heart seems as cold as the winter storm. Can Penny's optimism melt his resolve?

Self-published, September 2022 World & TV/Film Available from OTLA Audio: Recorded Books

#### Previous titles in the series are also available:





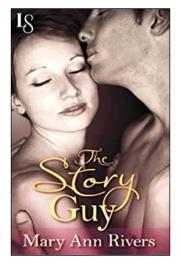


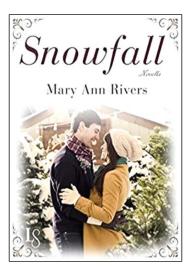
- Sharina Harris (aka Rina Gray) is a rising star with multiple romance, women's fiction and YA fantasy titles all releasing concurrently.
- Audio rights were sold at auction for this contemporary series to Recorded Books
- Sharina is the co-author of hit TV talk show *The View*'s panelist Sunny Hostin's women's fiction novels *Summer on Saq Harbor* and *Summer on Highland Beach* for Avon Romance.
- Fool For You was named one of Bookriot's 100 Must-Read Romances

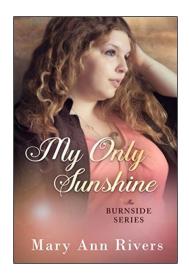


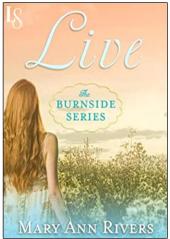
ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Sharina Harris (writing as Rina Gray) is the author of the Crush on You romance series, as well as the women's fiction titles *ImPerfectly Happy* and *Judge's Girls* (from Kensington Books). She has co-authored with *The View's* Sunny Hostin: *Summer on Sag Harbor* (April 2023) and *Summer on Highland Beach* (coming 2024). Her debut YA novel, *Sign of the Slayer*, released in August 2023 from Entangled Publishing. Visit SharinaHarris.com for more.

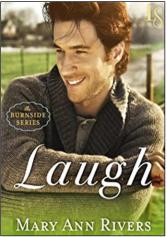
# Rights Now Available to Acclaimed, Heartfelt Romance Series











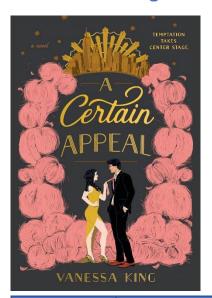
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World, Audio & TV/Film rights available

- The Story Guy was named one of the best books of the year by Library Journal.
- Mary Ann is a prolific rising star, with a new co-written (as Mae Marvel) queer romance series launching in 2024 from St. Martin's Press, and a co-written queer mystery series (as Annie Mare with Ruthie Knox) from Kensington Books in 2025. She is also the author (as Annie Mare) of the upcoming multiverse romance, In Every Universe, There's You from Ace in 2025.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Mary Ann Rivers is the acclaimed author of the Burnside and Lakefield romances. With her wife Ruthie Knox, she is the co-author of the Mae Marvel romance *Everyone I Kissed Since You Got Famous*, coming from St. Martin's Press in Spring 2024, and the co-founder of Brain Mill Press. Mary Ann also pens romance and YA novels as Annie Mare. She lives in Wisconsin with her family. Visit her at AnnieMare.com.

# A Dazzling Debut Makes an Austen Classic Go Burlesque



#### A Certain Appeal by Vanessa King

A sparkling contemporary retelling of *Pride and Prejudice* set in the tantalizing world of New York City burlesque

Liz Bennet's discovered a second home with the performers at Meryton, Manhattan's top-tier burlesque venue. Love's the last thing on her mind when she locks eyes with Will Darcy across the crowded club, yet the spark between them is undeniable—that is, until she overhears the uptight wealth manager call her merely "tolerable." Bennet is determined to write Darcy off, but once their besties fall head-over-heels, they're thrown into each other's orbit again and again. Is their chemistry enough to topple that terrible first impression?

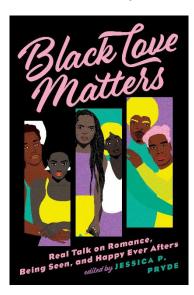
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TV/Film: Chris Lupo, Verve Agency



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Vanessa spent two years picking up the peelings of the best in the NYC burlesque scene and has the glitter in her pumps to prove it. She lives with her Ron Swanson-esque husband, paper craft-obsessed daughter, and her dryer-loving kitten Mei Mei in Austin, Texas.

#### Incisive, Intersectional Essays on Black Love in the Media



# Black Love Matters: Real Talk on Romance, Being Seen, and Happy Ever Afters Edited by Jessica P. Pryde

Exploring the multifaceted ways love is seen—and the ways it isn't—this is volume boasts a diverse array of essays by Black readers, writers, and cultural commentators, including Beverly Jenkins, Jasmine Guillory, Adriana Herrera and more. Assembled and edited by Book Riot columnist and librarian Jessica Pryde, these essays delve into Black love now and in the past, including topics from the history of Black romance to social justice and the Black community to the meaning of desire and desirability.

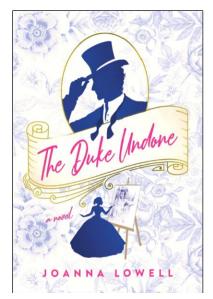
Trade PB, ebook, audio: Berkley Books, February 2022 World Rights Available from Berkley; Contact Cindy Hwang (chwang@penguinrandomhouse.com)

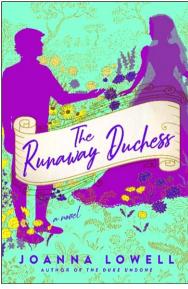
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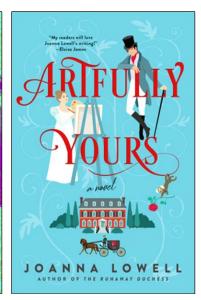


ABOUT THE EDITOR: Jessica Pryde is the co-host of the When In Romance podcast and writes about bookish things of all kinds. She is a librarian for a public library system in Southern Arizona, where she lives with her husband and an evergrowing collection of Funko!Pops, and an organizer for the Tucson Festival of Books. Black Love Matters is her first book.

# Stunning Victorian romances from Award-Winning Author Joanna Lowell, perfect for fans of *Bridgerton*







Print and Audio from Berkley Romance (2021-2023); World Rights (exc FR) Available from Berkley: Tawanna Sullivan, <a href="mailto:tsullivan@penguinrandomhouse.com">tsullivan@penguinrandomhouse.com</a>; TV/Film available

**The Duke Undone:** When painting student Lucy Coover trips over a naked man passed out in a London alley, she does the decent thing: She covers him up and fetches help. Compelled to capture every detail, she creates a stunning portrait but is forced to sell it when the rent comes due. What can be worse than selling the very picture of your desire? Meeting the man himself.

**The Runaway Duchess:** After family disgrace forces spoiled Lavinia Yardley into marriage with the most vile duke in England, she's desperate for a way out. When a stranger mistakes her for a famed botanist at a train station, Lavinia has a split second to decide whether to submit to her fate or steal someone else's.

**Artfully Yours:** Nina Finch can paint like Botticelli. But she'd so much rather be baking gooseberry tarts. Unfortunately, her brother's carelessness lands her—and their forgeries—directly under the nose of London's most discerning art critic, Alan De'Ath, who unknowingly offers her a job in his household. Accepting it is the most dangerous thing she has ever done....

- Lowell is a Pushcart Prize-winning writer of experimental literary fiction as Joanna Ruocco
- French rights for The Duke Undone were sold to J'ai Lu
- The Runaway Duchess was an Amazon Best Romance of January 2022
- Starred reviews in Publishers Weekly, Library Journal and Booklist



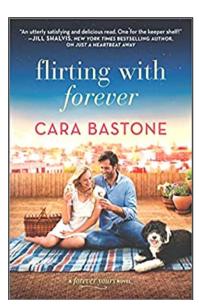
ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Joanna Lowell lives among the fig trees in North Carolina, where she teaches in the English department at Wake Forest University. When she's not writing historical romance, she writes collections and novels as Joanna Ruocco. Those books include *Dan, Another Governess / The Least Blacksmith, The Week,* and *Field Glass,* co-authored with Joanna Howard.Visit JoannaLowell.com.

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# Also Available from Cara Bastone, the Forever Yours trilogy







Print and Audio from HQN Romance (2020-2021); World Rights (exc EE & LT) from Harlequin; TV/Film Available

Just a Heartbeat Away: Some people change your life, Others change your heart. Newly widowed dad Sebastian Dorner was unraveling at the edges—until his son's teacher, Via DeRosa, threw him a lifeline. Now, two years later, they reconnect at Matty's new school, and an inconvenient but unmistakable jolt of attraction crackles between them. But why does the first person to spark with Sebastian in years have to be a millennial? Is twentysomething Via really too young for him or does fortysomething Sebastian just feel too damn old?

**Can't Help Falling:** Sports writer Tyler Leshuski is a no-strings, no-kids kind of guy. But his easygoing life gets complicated when he becomes the guardian of his much younger sister. Suddenly, he's way out of his depth. And Serafine St. Romain—a friend of a friend and the mesmerizing woman who tore him to pieces when he asked her out—is the only person who can connect with Kylie. The energy still crackles between them, but he can't jeopardize that for a fling. But maybe...just maybe...he's finally ready to risk everything on forever.

Flirting with Forever: Mary Trace is bright, bubbly and back in the dating pool in her mid-thirties. So when a customer at her trendy Brooklyn boutique wants to set Mary up on a blind date with her son, she gives a hesitant yes. Public defender John Modesto-Whitford prides himself on his honesty and candor. But his social awkwardness and lack of filter just blew it with the most beautiful woman he's ever dated. Luckily, Mom's machinations keep Mary and John running into each other all summer long, and soon they resort to fake dating to get her to back off. When their pretense turns to real friendship—and some surprisingly hot chemistry—can these two stubborn individuals see past their rocky start to a rock-solid future together?

- Bastone is a top Audible Originals Bestselling Author and released *Ready or Not*, coming from The Dial Press in Spring 2024. It was the Feb 2024 romance pick for Book-of-the-Month Club.
- Estonian and Lithuanian rights for this series were sold by Harlequin
- Just a Heartbeat Away hit the SIBA regional bestseller list in California