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“Books are a uniquely portable magic.”

— Stephen King



A dark, quirky New York story, *Pickle's Progress* explores the bond of identical twins, the hardships of love and the pitfalls of beauty.

Pickle's Progress

MARCIA BUTLER

Marcia Butler's debut novel, *Pickle's Progress*, is a fierce, mordant New York story about the twisted path to love.

Over the course of five weeks, identical twin brothers, one wife, a dog, and a bereaved young woman collide with each other to comical and sometimes horrifying effect. Everything is questioned and tested as they jockey for position and try to maintain the status quo. Love is the poison, the antidote, the devil and, ultimately, the hero.

Praise

"The four main characters in *Pickle's Progress* seem more alive than most of the people we know in real life because their fears and desires are so nakedly exposed. That's because their creator, Marcia Butler, possesses truly scary X-ray vision and intelligence to match." — **Richard Russo**

"Oh, what a pickle *Pickle's Progress* puts us in...all of it rendered in prose as trenchant as it is supple."
— **Lee K. Abbott, author of *All Things, All at Once***

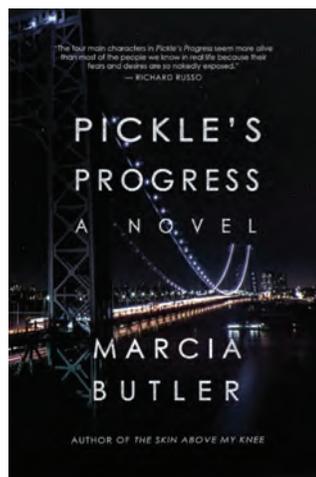
"A quintessential moving, witty, New York City story about the love we think we want, the love we get, and the love we deserve, all played out with symphonic grace."
— **Caroline Leavitt, author of *Pictures of You***

"Rare is the brilliant memoirist who also writes fiction with the same sure hand, but Marcia Butler is such an author."
— **Patty Dann, author of *Mermaids***

"Butler's sharp, artistic sensibilities shine through here, and the result is a brutal, funny story of family, regret, and belonging." — **Amy Poeppel, author of *Limelight***

"Like the first icy slug of a top-shelf martini, Marcia Butler's debut novel is a refreshing jolt to the senses."
— **Jillian Medoff, author of *This Could Hurt***

"Marcia Butler's debut novel, *Pickle's Progress*, is funny, sharp, totally original, and completely engrossing. It joins the pantheon of great New York novels. I loved every page."
— **Julie Klam, author of *The Stars In Our Eyes***



FICTION, Literature

288 pages 6 X 9

Cloth, \$27.00

978-1-77168-154-4

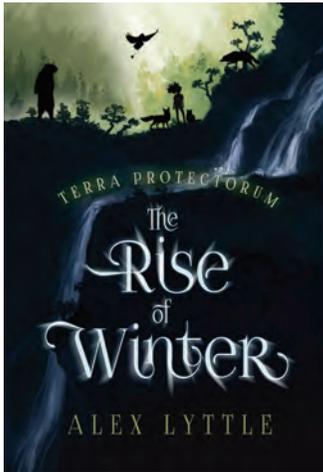
Trade Paper, \$16.99

978-1-77168-155-1

April 9, 2019

Ebook available

Marcia Butler has had a number of creative careers: professional musician, interior designer, documentary filmmaker, and author. Her memoir, *The Skin Above My Knee*, was one of the Washington Post's "top ten noteworthy moments in classical music in 2017". She lives in New York City.



This action-packed first book of a middle grade fantasy trilogy brings together magical animals, environmental destruction, and finding one's place in a world where everything is about to change.

The Rise of Winter

ALEX LYTTLE

Centuries ago, the world, Terra, was nearly destroyed by humans. As she recovered, Terra created the Guardians – a group sworn to protect her. But humans have returned to their plundering ways and Terra needs the Guardians. She calls on them only to find they have fractured – their last leader murdered years before. They need a new leader – a new Terra Protectorum – but when a young girl is chosen, outrage ensues. Questions demand answers.

Why has Terra selected a girl with no knowledge of the Guardians? Why has she chosen a human when it is the humans destroying the earth? And most importantly, why has she chosen the girl whose father murdered the last Terra Protectorum?

JUVENILE FICTION, Fantasy

352 pages 5.25 X 7.5

Trade Paper, \$9.99

May 1, 2019

978-1-77168-158-2

Ebook available

ALSO AVAILABLE

From Ant to Eagle, Middle Grade,
Paper (978-1-77168-111-7) \$9.95

Praise for From Ant to Eagle

Winner - Silver Birch Fiction Award

Finalist - Red Cedar Award

Finalist - Rocky Mountain Book Award

“Tender, direct, and honest.” — **Kirkus Reviews**

“Lyttle’s debut is an uncommonly honest examination of mortality and the ways in which growing up complicates sibling relationships. A moving and ultimately hopeful book.” — **Booklist**

“This is a story of emotional truth that is sure to captivate readers of all ages.” — **Ashley Spire, best-selling author and illustrator, *The Most Magnificent Thing***

“From Ant to Eagle is absolutely terrific.” — **Paulette Bourgeois, author**

“From Ant to Eagle is a masterpiece. August (Wonder) and Melody (Out of My Mind) will now be in good company with Cal.” — **Connie Halpern, Mrs. Figs’ Bookworm, California**

Alex Lyttle is a pediatrician living in Calgary, Alberta with his wife and four children. His first novel, *From Ant to Eagle*, was based on his experiences as a doctor and won several awards. *The Rise of Winter* steps away from the medical world and enters that of fantasy – a world created during bedtime stories for his eldest daughter.

With its many twists and turns, *The Edge of Nowhere* is not only a compelling page-turner, but a relatable story of one woman's strength, and courage in the face of some of the worst imaginable trials.

The Edge of Nowhere

C.H. ARMSTRONG

Despised and feared by her sprawling family, Victoria Hastings Harrison Greene refuses to go quietly from her long life without revealing the secrets she's held locked away for more than fifty years—the same secrets consistent with the rumors her grandchildren whisper behind her back during family gatherings.

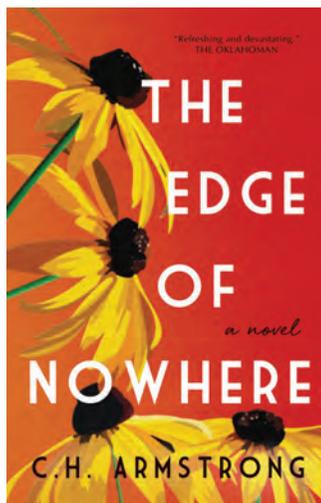
Widowed with nine children during the one-two punch of The Great Depression and the Oklahoma Dust Bowl, Victoria made harsh choices—desperate choices that reduced a once soft and loving young woman into the reviled matriarch she is today. Hers is the story of one woman's courage in the midst of overwhelming adversity, and her absolute conviction to never stop fighting...no matter what it takes.

Praise

“Refreshing and devastating.” — **The Oklahoman**

“An empathetic tale that treats homelessness with respect and makes it visible.” — **Kirkus Reviews** (Roam)

“Roam is a study in empathy, forgiveness, and second chances—an impactful and memorable story of teenage homelessness.” —**Foreword Reviews** (Roam)



FICTION, Women's Fiction/Historical

288 pages 5.25 X 8

Paperback, \$16.99

June 1, 2019

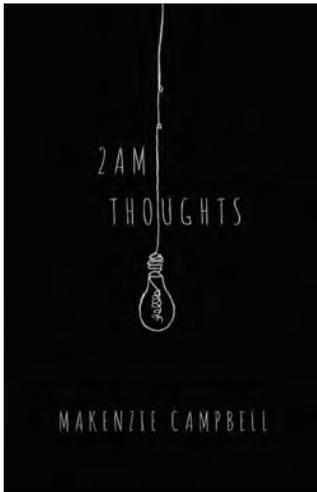
978-1-77168-161-2

Ebook available

ALSO AVAILABLE

Roam, Young Adult, Paper (978-1-77168-151-3) \$14.99

C.H. Armstrong is an Oklahoma-native transplanted in Minnesota. Raised in a large family, she grew up on the stories of her grandmother. It was through these stories and her desire to better understand her own grandmother that the inspiration for *The Edge of Nowhere* was born.



A proven bestseller by a powerful young voice which thoughtfully captures the essence of an entire relationship over the span of one evening.

2am Thoughts

MAKENZIE CAMPBELL

POETRY, Love

160 pages 5.25 X 8

Paperback, \$14.99

January 2, 2019

978-1-77168-164-3

Ebook available

I met you at dusk.

We loved till midnight.

Then, you left me.

2am found me at my lowest.

When the sun came up, I dried my tears,

found my strength,

and went on with my day.

The poetry of 2am Thoughts condenses an entire relationship with its untamed emotions and experiences to a single day. As the long hours of the night drag on, so does the love, heartache, and loss. When the dawn breaks, the morning sun brings acceptance, healing, and recovery.

Makenzie Campbell grew up in the Pacific Northwest and has been expressing herself through poetry since grade school. Makenzie is pursuing a degree in psychology at Washington State University; and her little free time is spent traveling and exploring the wild trails of the Cascades.

RECENT RELEASES

Capturing the appeal of contemporary poets, *Lovely Seeds* brings a depolarizing voice to poetry with a soft but powerful voice that will appeal to readers of all ages, genders and social backgrounds.

Lovely Seeds

R. H. SWANEY

R. H. Swaney brings a depolarizing voice to the poetry world with his debut collection of poetry, *Lovely Seeds*. Amongst the topics of mental health, self-love, and social progress, you'll find a soft, but powerful voice that reminds us of the beauty that exists inside of all of us.

The thought-provoking nature of this collection will bring you to a place of self-exploration, reflection and an understanding of the world and those around us.

Praise

"Flipping through the pages of R. H. Swaney's *Lovely Seeds* is comparable to dream-walking through a field of wildflowers who whisper musings of forgiveness, healing, and self-love."
— **Amanda Lovelace**, Author of *the princess saves herself in this one*

"Lush, inviting, and blooming with hope. If you've been looking for an excuse to take a moment for yourself, *Lovely Seeds* is that excuse. Swaney's words on empathy and kindness are a much needed reminder, not just in today's hectic world, but in tomorrow's too." — **Trista Mateer**, Author of *Honeybee*

"R. H. Swaney is a vulnerable yet strong voice that will stand out from the masses." — **Alicia Cook**, Author of *I Hope My Voice Doesn't Skip*

"Softly affirms what we all need to hear – that we are loved."
— **Bradley Hathaway**, musician, author and spoken word artist

"Every page is a gentle reminder to take care of yourself. *Lovely Seeds* will help you be ok with being you." — **Iain S. Thomas**, Author of *I Wrote This For You*

"A much-needed breath of fresh air." — **Cyrus Parker**, Author of *DROPKICKromance*

"Like an invitation into rest and safety for the soul." **Hillary McBride**, author of *Mothers, Daughters, and Body Image*, co-host of *The Liturgists*



POETRY, General
160 pages 5.25 X 8
Paperback, \$14.99
November 1, 2018
978-1-77168-148-3
Ebook available

R. H. Swaney was born to a Native American father who abandoned him at birth and a Caucasian mother who struggled with mental illness. His heart for humanity began to blossom as he navigated racial differences, small-town living, and a complicated family history. He lives in Sioux Falls SD.

Combining the poetic forces of some of today's most popular and confessional poets, this book presents poems and short stories about connection wrapped up in a most unique exercise in creative writing.

[Dis]Connected

Stories and Poems of Connection and Otherwise

SARA BOND, NIKITA GILL, PIERRE ALEX JEANTY, AMANDA LOVELACE, CANISIA LUBRIN, TRISTA MATEER, CYRUS PARKER, YENA SHARMA PURMASIR, LIAM RYAN, R.H. SWANEY, IAIN S. THOMAS

Humanity exists in a hyper connected world, where our closest friends, loves and enemies lie but a keyboard stroke away. Few know this better than the poets who have risen to the top of their trade by sharing their emotion, opinion and art with millions of fans.

Combining the poetic forces of some of today's most popular and confessional poets, this book presents poems and short stories about connection wrapped up in a most unique exercise in creative writing.

Follow along as your favorite poets connect with each other; offering their poetry to the next poet who tells a story based on the concept presented to them. With poetry, stories and art, [Dis]Connected is a mixed media presentation of connection, isolation, love and loneliness.

Praise

Winner of the 2016 Goodreads Choice Award in Poetry:
Amanda Lovelace

Winner of the 2015 Goodreads Choice Award in Poetry:
Trista Mateer

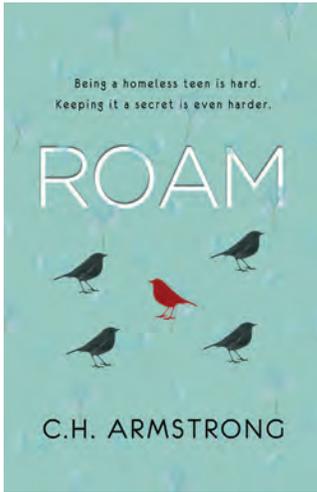
"...deals with our oneness in the universe." — **BuzzFeed**
(*Wild Embers* by Nikita Gill)

"...essence of what it means to be human." — **Ethar El-Katatney**, CNN African Journalist Of The Year (*I Wrote This For You* by Iain S. Thomas)



FICTION, Anthologies
POETRY, General
224 pages 5.5 X 8.5
Paperback, \$15.99
October 1, 2018
978-1-77168-145-2
Ebook available

By bringing together some of the most popular contemporary poets, Michelle Halket has created a compilation which exemplifies the reasons behind the popularity of short fiction. Michelle is the managing editor and publisher of Central Avenue.



YOUNG ADULT FICTION, Social Themes

320 pages 5.5 X 8.25

Paperback, \$14.99

February 5, 2019

978-1-77168-151-3

Ebook available

C.H. Armstrong writes issue-driven young adult and women's fiction, and freelances part time as a magazine columnist. An assignment to cover the twenty-year anniversary of a local soup kitchen piqued her interest in the homeless community and inspired *Roam*.

Roam addresses circumstance-driven poverty that can happen to normal families by taking normal teen issues of friends, romance and college and putting them against a backdrop of homelessness.

Roam

C.H. ARMSTRONG

Seventeen-year-old Abby Lunde and her family are living on the streets. They had a normal life back in Omaha but, thanks to her mother's awful mistake, they had to leave behind what little they had for a new start in Rochester. Abby tries to be an average teenager—fitting in at school, dreaming of a boyfriend, college and a career in music. But Minnesota winters are unforgiving, and so are many teenagers.

Her stepdad promises to put a roof over their heads, but times are tough for everyone and Abby is doing everything she can to keep her shameful secret from her new friends. The divide between rich and poor in high school is painfully obvious, and the stress of never knowing where they're sleeping or where they'll find their next meal is taking its toll on the whole family.

As secrets are exposed and the hope for a home fades, Abby knows she must trust those around her to help. But will her new friends let her down like the ones back home, or will they rise to the challenge to help them find a normal life?

Praise

"An empathetic tale that treats homelessness with respect and makes it visible." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"C.H. Armstrong sings with a brilliant, powerful youthful voice...This lovely book has tremendous heart."
—**Brandon Hobson**, author of *Where the Dead Sit Talking*

"Roam is a study in empathy, forgiveness, and second chances—an impactful and memorable story of teenage homelessness." —**Foreword Reviews**

"C.H. Armstrong has created a spirited heroine who triumphs over her circumstances."
—**Lorna Landvik**, author of *Once in A Blue Moon Lodge*

"A must-read for all young people to understand the hardship of homelessness and how they can reach out to help others."
—**Cathy Lamb**, author of *No Place I'd Rather Be*

Featuring a strong female lead by upending the norms of gender roles, *The Artisan Heart* portrays a second chance at love, while snuggled in the valley of a picturesque Australian mountain village.

The Artisan Heart

DEAN MAYES

Hayden Luschcombe is a brilliant pediatrician living in Adelaide with his wife, an ambitious event planner. His life consists of soul-wrenching days at the hospital and tedious evenings attending his wife's lavish parties.

When a betrayal coincides with a traumatic confrontation, Hayden flees. His destination is Walhalla, nestled in Australia's southern mountains. With his city life in ruins, he stays, and picks up the pieces of his life by fixing up the home his parents left behind.

A chance encounter with a deaf young girl introduces Hayden to Isabelle Sampi, a struggling artisan baker. While single-handedly raising her daughter and trying to resurrect a bakery, Isabelle has no time for matters of the heart. Yet the presence of the handsome doctor challenges her resolve. Hayden, protective of his own fractured heart, finds something that awakens dormant feelings of his own.

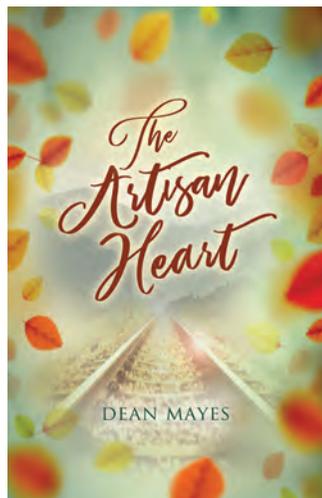
As their attraction grows, and the past threatens their chance at happiness, both Hayden and Isabelle will have to confront long-buried truths if they are ever to embrace a future.

Praise

"Mayes's characters inspire sympathy, and I kept reading to learn more about them." — **San Francisco Book Review** (*Gifts of the Peramangk*)

"Dean Mayes clearly cares deeply about his characters, and his dedication to them shines through. I highly recommend this tale." — **Long and Short Reviews** (*Gifts of the Peramangk*)

"...a great read that was fascinating medically and had great character development..." — **Manhattan Book Review** (*The Recipient*)



FICTION, Romance - Contemporary
384 pages 5.5 X 8.5
Paperback, \$15.95
September 1, 2018
978-1-77168-142-1
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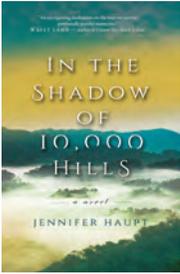
ALSO AVAILABLE

The Hambleddown Dream, Romance,
Paper (978-1-926760-33-9) \$16.95
Gifts of the Peramangk, Romance,
Paper (978-1-926760-80-3) \$18.95
The Recipient, Thriller, Paper (978-1-
77168-038-7) \$16.95

The author of three novels and an Intensive Care Nurse, **Dean Mayes** returns to his romantic roots with a heart warming story about starting over and rediscovering love, set in the former gold mining town of Walhalla, Australia where he spent much of his own childhood.

SELECTED BACKLIST

selected backlist - fiction



In the Shadow of
10,000 Hills
JENNIFER HAUPT
Literary, 384 pages, Paperback
978-1-77168-133-9, \$15.95
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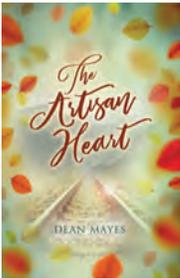
Five Hundred Poor
NOAH MILLIGAN
Short Stories, 192 pages,
Paperback
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An Elegant Theory
NOAH MILLIGAN
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Gifts of the
Peramangk
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The Hambledown
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Intentional Dissonance

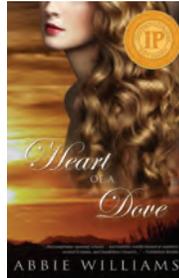
IAIN S. THOMAS

Speculative Fiction,

172 pages, Paperback

978-1-926760-86-5, \$12.95

Ebook available



Heart of a Dove

ABBIE WILLIAMS

Historical Romance, 336

pages, Paperback

978-1-77168-014-1, \$18.95

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Soul of a Crow

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pages, Paperback

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Romance, 240 pages,

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Winter at the White Oaks Lodge

ABBIE WILLIAMS

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978-1-77168-108-7, \$13.95

Ebook available

selected backlist - fiction



Wild Flower
ABBIE WILLIAMS
Romance, 272 pages,
Paperback
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The First Law of Love
ABBIE WILLIAMS
Romance, 288 pages,
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Until Tomorrow
ABBIE WILLIAMS
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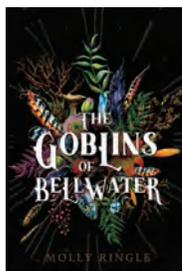


The Way Back
ABBIE WILLIAMS
Romance, 326 pages,
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Return to Yesterday
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Romance, 330 pages,
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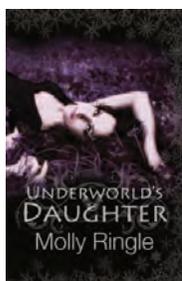
selected backlist - young & new adult



The Goblins of Bellwater
MOLLY RINGLE
NA Paranormal, 288 pages,
Paperback
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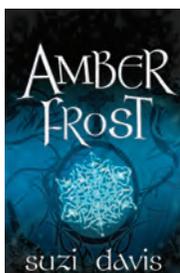
Persephone's Orchard
MOLLY RINGLE
NA Mythology, 370 pages,
Paperback
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Underworld's Daughter
MOLLY RINGLE
NA Mythology, 410 pages,
Paperback
978-1-77168-016-5, \$19.95
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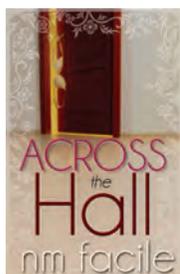
Immortal's Spring
MOLLY RINGLE
NA Mythology, 448 pages,
Paperback
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Amber Frost
SUZI DAVIS
YA Paranormal, 316 pages,
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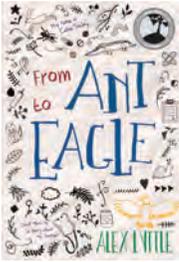


Lily
LM DEWALT
YA Paranormal, 256 pages,
Paperback
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Available in Spanish



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From Ant to Eagle

ALEX LYTTLE

Family, 256 pages, Paperback

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OMG... Am I a Witch?!

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TALIA AIKENS-NUNEZ

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Amanda in Spain

DARLENE FOSTER

Travel, 102 pages, Paperback

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Ebook available



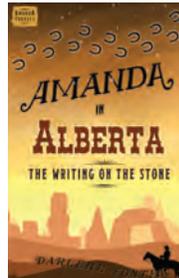
Amanda in England

DARLENE FOSTER

Travel, 118 pages, Paperback

978-1-926760-77-3 \$9.95

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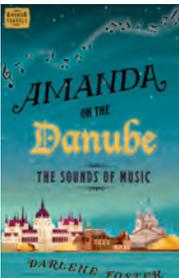
Amanda in Alberta

DARLENE FOSTER

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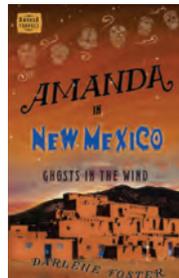
Amanda on the
Danube

DARLENE FOSTER

Travel, 128 pages, Paperback

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Ebook available



Amanda in New
Mexico

DARLENE FOSTER

Travel, 128 pages, Paperback

978-1-77168-120-9, \$8.95

Ebook available

selected backlist - poetry



I Wrote This For You

IAIN S. THOMAS

Poetry, 202 pages, Paperback
Published with Andrews
McMeel



Honeybee

TRISTA MATEER

Poetry, 160 pages, Paperback
978-1-77168-136-0, \$12.95
Ebook available



I Wrote This For You
and Only You

IAIN S. THOMAS

Poetry, 214 pages, Paperback
Published with Andrews
McMeel



I Wrote This For You:
2007-2017

IAIN S. THOMAS

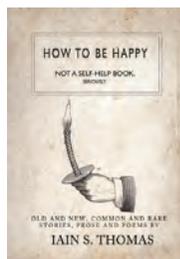
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Published with Andrews
McMeel



Lovely Seeds

R.H. SWANEY

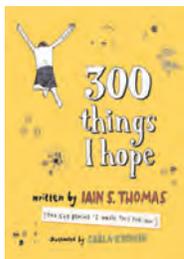
Poetry, Paperback
978-1-77168-148-3, \$14.99



How to Be Happy:
Not a Self-Help Book.
Seriously.

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