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Bianca Mov *Wicked Love 1 – Wicked Mind*

Tropes

grumpy x sunshine, billionaire, age-gap, dad's best friend, forced proximity

Topics

Moral dilemmas, forbidden fantasies, depression, alcohol abuse

Spice factor



Setting

Barcelona

Protagonists

Sienna Mayfield (23) Her mother died when she was born, and she spent almost her entire childhood in boarding school. She does not have a good relationship with her father, as he sees her as the reason for his pain.

Nikolai Hale (43), mysterious billionaire and liquor mogul. And the best friend of Sienna's father.

Perspective

First-person narrative alternating from Sienna's and Nikolai's point of view.

Volumes

Trilogy with different protagonists in each volume. All volumes can be read independently.

Taboo Romance

Story Volume 1

Sienna has a secret: to earn money, she writes spicy novels. Her inspiration: Nikolai Hale, the mysterious billionaire and her father's best friend. She doesn't know him personally, only through interviews and articles in the tabloid press. When she comes home after graduating from university to spend the summer with her father, Nikolai happens to come to visit. When he picks up one of her books, he quickly realises who her source of inspiration is, and a big argument ensues. Sienna is horrified when she realises his true character – he is unfriendly, bitter, grumpy and not at all the shining knight she has imagined in her fantasies for years. Sienna's father urges the two of them to go on a trip to Barcelona together.

What Sienna doesn't know is that her father is terminally ill with cancer and wants to spend his last days with the most important people in his life. On this trip, Sienna and Nikolai grow closer. Sienna recognises the real man behind the ever-controlled mask. And Nikolai is consumed by guilt because he cannot tell her the truth about her father's condition. The truth comes out when Sienna's father collapses and has to be taken to hospital. Furious, Sienna breaks off all contact with Nikolai and travels back to England with her father.

Overwhelmed by caring for her father, Sienna falls into depression. Nikolai, unable to cope with the break-up, almost becomes an alcoholic. It is only after her father's death that the two find their way back to each other.

- **Volume 1:** to be published in September 2025
- **Volume 2:** to be published in January 2026
- **Volume 3:** to be published in May 2026
- **Full English manuscript available**



Sasha Reed *Syndicate 1 – Freedom Is Mine*

Tropes

Arranged Marriage, Forced Proximity, Strangers to Lovers, Emotional Scars

Topics

Violence, murder, kidnapping

Spice factor



Setting

Cabo San Lucas/Mexico – Boston – Canada

Protagonists

Elena Osorio (25) grew up sheltered and shielded from the outside world. She has no idea that her father is the boss of the most powerful drug cartel in Mexico.

Nathan "Nate" O'Connell (32), most influential boss of the Irish mob in America. Ever since his parents were killed by a mafia member in his childhood, he has pursued the goal of controlling the Irish mafia in order to prevent such incidents.

Perspective

First-person narrative alternating between the protagonists

Volumes

Trilogy with protagonists who change from volume to volume

Mafia Romance

Story Volume 1

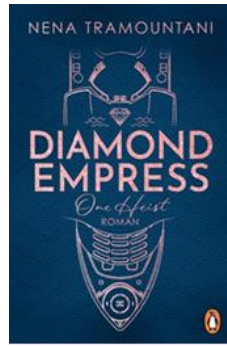
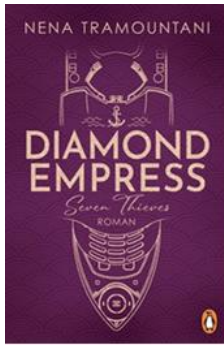
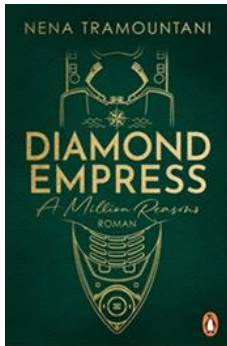
The innocent Elena Osorio, the princess of a powerful drug cartel in Mexico, is thrown into a world of intrigue and dark attraction. Growing up in her father's villa, she has no idea of his true identity as a drug lord and the secret of her origins. But when her father, Manuel Osorio, makes a deal with Nathan O'Connell, the feared Irish mafia boss, Elena's life is turned upside down. The deal involves an arranged marriage between Elena and Nate - a union designed to secure business for both parties.

Their first meeting at the wedding is marked by intense attraction, but Nate initially sees Elena as nothing more than a will-less doll. On the run from her pursuers in Canada, however, Nate discovers the strength and fire in Elena that she has long hidden. As they grow closer and their passion unfolds, the grim reality of their new world looms over them.

When a tragic event puts Nate's loyalty to the test and Elena is shocked by her true identity, they both have to confront their emotional scars. But the situation escalates when Elena is kidnapped, and Nate's world is turned upside down. The real mastermind behind the kidnapping is Seamus, a former ally who turns out to be a traitor. While Nate does everything he can to save Elena, she discovers her own strength and fights for her destiny.

In an explosive showdown between loyalty and betrayal, Elena finally takes her fate into her own hands. Determined to reshape the Osorio cartel, she makes a fateful decision.

- **Volume 1:** 11,000 copies sold
- **Volume 2:** 8,000 copies sold
- **Volume 3:** to be published in September 2025
- **Megatrend: #mafiaromance has 1.8 billion views on TikTok!**



Nena Tramountani *Diamond Empress 1 – A Million Reasons*

Tropes

Secret Identity, Opposites Attract, Strangers to Lovers, Only One Bed, Found Family, Eat the Rich

Topics

Death of a parent, illness (cancer, ALS), emotional abuse, homelessness, domestic violence, panic attacks, loneliness, drug use, kleptomania, homosexuality

Spice factor



Setting

New York to Barcelona, a 100-night voyage aboard the latest and most expensive cruise ship.

Protagonists

Noemi Scopelliti (24), unhappy adopted child of rich parents, has a photographic memory, is a talented pianist and kleptomaniac. Has broken off contact with her family years ago.

Viktor Petrović (25) is a street artist and acrobat. He has been living on the streets since his mother became seriously ill and unable to work. He has no contact with his father, who was violent towards him.

Perspective

Alternating from the perspectives of the protagonists

Volumes

The story spans the entire trilogy, with each volume focussing on a different couple.

Romantic Suspense

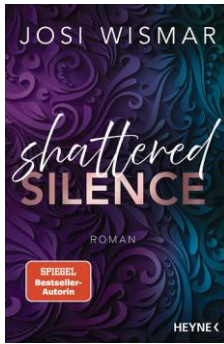
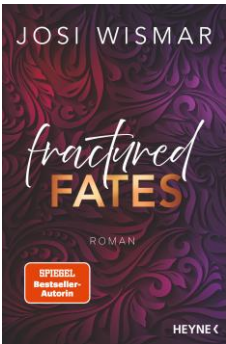
Story Volume 1

The luxury liner Diamond Empress embarks on its maiden voyage with only the richest of the rich on board - and the crew, of course. Not only is there a famous diamond necklace and other top-quality jewellery to be auctioned off at a charity event at the end of the voyage, but there are also millions in the ship's safe and security is at an all-time high.

The mysterious Ernest, one of Diamond Cruises' oldest employees at almost 80 years of age, officially works as a croupier in the ship's casino area. His foster daughter Seraphina and he plan to commit a spectacular robbery on his last voyage and secretly recruit a motley crew of talented young people.

Noemi and Viktor both find an invitation to a secret meeting in the ship's impressive library. There they meet Ernest and three young women, Seraphina, Zoe and Josefin, all their age and also crew members. Ernest introduces himself and explains that they are here because they have one thing in common: hatred of the world of the rich. He hints that they were not chosen at random and lets them in on his plans. In theory, the safe can't be cracked. In theory. Unless you have a team of outsiders with different special skills. If they want to take part, they have to undergo a test to prove that they are up to the job - and so that everyone knows that they can trust each other. They only find out what this test looks like after they have made their decision. Just like the exact plan for the robbery. If anyone snitches, Ernie will make sure they get the boot. Viktor and Noemi are forced to become allies...

- **Volume 1:** 8,000 copies sold
- **Volume 2:** to be published in July 2025
- **Volume 3:** to be published in November 2025
- **English sample translation available**



Josi Wismar

Fallen Grace 1 – Fractured Fates

Tropes

Fake Dating, Hidden Identity, High Society, Opposites Attract, Murder Mystery

Topics

Murder, prison, adultery, betrayal

Spice factor



Setting

London, High Society

Protagonists

Isabelle/Holly (24), sister of the murder suspect, wants to save her and assumes a fake identity
Carter Davenport (25), Max' brother and **Florence Davenport** (28), Max' widow

Perspective

Both volumes are narrated from the perspective of three female characters: Isabelle/Holly, Vee (mainly flashbacks) and Florence (Max's widow).

Volumes

Duology with a cliffhanger at the end of volume 1

Romantic Suspense

Story Volume 1

Isabelle has just three months to prove that her sister Vee is innocent, and to find Maxwell Davenport's real killer. Disguised as Holly, she enters a world where power and money are everything. There, she meets Carter, Max's brother. Pretending to have feelings for him is the perfect way to get close to the family who want to destroy Vee. But the closer she gets, the harder it is for her to tell fake and real feelings apart. Meanwhile, behind the Davenports' perfect façade, lies and betrayal rear their ugly heads – and a secret they are desperately trying to hide is about to be uncovered. Caught between dangerous secrets and a man who seems able to see through her own lies, Holly wonders how far she's willing to go – especially if the truth may turn out to be deadly...

- **Volume 1:** to be published in September 2025
- **Volume 2:** to be published in December 2025
- **Josi Wismar is #BookTok Author of the Year 2024!**



Ayla Dade *The Sky Circus 1 – A Million Stars Above*

Tropes

Enemies to Lovers, Fake Dating, Bad Boy x Good Girl, Forced Proximity

Topics

Virginity and sexual abstinence, amnesia, fatal drug abuse

Spice factor



Setting

Los Angeles and Las Vegas, circus without animals

Protagonists

Heaven Fairchild (20) is the daughter of the circus director. She has trained hard to get her parents' attention but was never good enough. Only when her biggest rival gets injured is she given the chance to stand in for her. She has a sexually abstinent relationship with her boyfriend Craig.

Helix ("Hell") Winchester (23,) son of wealthy parents from Bel Air, has lost his twin sister Ella. She was on her way to becoming a famous actress, he a sought-after stunt double. Now he wants to avenge his sister's death and takes a job at Sky Circus.

Perspective

Alternating from the perspectives of Heaven and Helix

Volumes

Dilogy, with a cliffhanger at the end of volume 1

Sports Romance

Story Volume 1

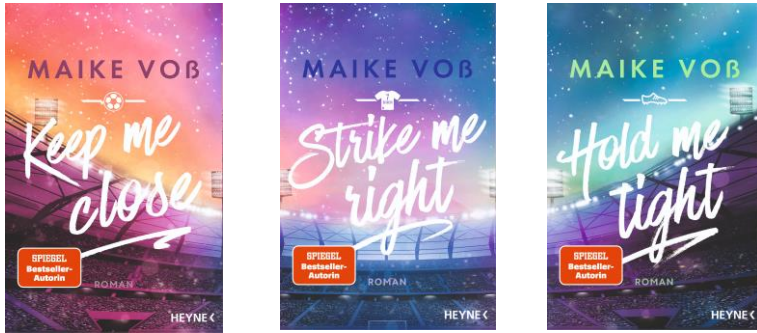
Heaven, the circus director's ambitious daughter, has dedicated her whole life to the trapeze and dreams of taking over the main act of the show. But when the mysterious Helix, a bad boy with a dark past, appears as the new guest artist, her life is thrown off course.

Helix, who met Heaven in an underground club, sees her not only as a competitor, but also as the target of his revenge. He blames her for the death of his sister Ella, and his plans to involve her in a fake relationship seem to offer him the perfect opportunity to achieve his goal. But as they are forced to work together and grow closer amidst the glittering world of the circus, the boundaries between hatred and attraction begin to shift.

As Heaven and Helix begin to uncover the secrets of their past, Helix realizes that he can't hate Heaven as easily as he had planned. But the shadows of the past are long, and when a dangerous bet between them is uncovered, everything threatens to fall apart.

In a dramatic showdown during the tour, when Heaven falls at a crucial moment and suffers amnesia, the two are faced with the challenge of redefining their love and discovering the truth about their families.

- **Volume 1:** #6 Spiegel Bestseller + 67,000 copies sold
- **Volume 2:** #1 Spiegel Bestseller + 41,000 copies sold



Maike Voss *Richmond Deers 1 – Keep me close*

Tropes

Second Chance, Career vs. Love, He falls First, Tension-filled Reunion, Secret Past

Topics

Soccer, social media

Spice factor



Setting

London, soccer club

Protagonists

Pepper Hunt (25) has finally landed her dream job as a social media manager at a football club
Ridge Burton (26), Goalkeeper for this football club and Pepper's ex-boyfriend

Perspective

First-person narrative alternating from Pepper's and Ridge's point of view.

Volumes

Trilogy with different protagonists in each volume (a couple, consisting of a woman who works with the team and a player).

Workplace Romance

Story Volume 1

Pepper Hunter lands her dream job as social media manager for the Richmond Deers, where she reunites with Ridge Burton, a former lover. Despite her intentions to stay away from players, old feelings resurface. After an affair, Pepper tries to suppress her emotions while Ridge fights for her love. When their relationship is strained by gossip and misunderstandings, Pepper distances herself. Ridge realises that he must be open about his feelings and past in order to win Pepper back. Together, they fight against the challenges of being in the public eye and for their love, and Pepper finally finds the courage to stand up against sexist talk. Six months later: Despite a defeat, Ridge and Pepper are happy and ready for the future, with a proposal in mind.

- **Volume 1:** to be published in September 2025
- **Volume 2:** to be published in January 2026
- **Volume 3:** to be published in May 2026
- **Maike Voss is also a big soccer fan in real life. She has a season ticket for Werder Bremen and goes to every home game.**



Vanessa Hussmann *Level 1 – Feelings Reloaded*

Tropes

Slow Burn, Office Romance, Right Person Wrong Time, Second Chance

Topics

Gaming, Mental Health, Social Media, death, loss, bullying and panic attacks

Spice factor



Setting

London, soccer club

Protagonists

Johanna Höfer (25), a journalist, but wants to work as a narrative designer for video games. Needs to pitch her idea at the world's largest gaming trade fair.

Lukas da Silva (25), acclaimed game designer, vlogger and streamer, and Johanna's ex-boyfriend

Perspective

First-person narrative alternating from Johanna's and Lukas's point of view.

Volumes

The protagonists are all friends. The fantasy game Anima runs through all three volumes as a subplot and turning point for various decisions.

Slowburn Romance

Story Volume 1

Johanna hopes that Gamescom will kick-start her career as a narrative designer. But just as she's about to pitch her idea, she bumps into Lukas, a celebrated game designer and streamer – and also her ex. He proudly presents a trailer for his new interactive fantasy game, and Johanna is shocked when she realises that he has stolen her idea. She can't get over his betrayal, but when hackers attack and delete Luke's new game, he asks Johanna for help. As they work together, all the old chemistry comes back. Suddenly, Johanna finds herself inside a game of old wounds and new passions. But then she discovers that Luke is dealing with a lot more than guilty feelings. Will they find a way to trust each other again, and give love a second chance?

- **Volume 1:** to be published in August 2025
- **Volume 2:** to be published in November 2025
- **Volume 3:** to be published in February 2026
- **All three volumes introduce readers to various aspects and sectors of the gaming scene**



Maren Vivien Haase *Hamptons Prestige* 1 – *Sparks & Scandals*

Tropes

love triangle, best friend brother, bad boy vs good guy, broken hero

Topics

High Society, old money, summer holidays, deception and intrigues

Spice factor



Setting

The Hamptons, Long Island

Protagonists

Juniper "June" Williams (22), slightly chubby, from a modest background, Ashley's best friend. The siblings **Ashley** (22) and **Weston Thornbury** (24), rich heirs of a prestigious country club. Weston takes out his frustration over an injury that ruined his sports career on everyone around him.

Cameron Gray (24), an employee at the family's country club. He has to earn money with part-time jobs because his dream is to study literature at Harvard.

Perspective

Alternating between June, Weston and Cameron.

Volumes

Dilogy, with a cliffhanger at the end of volume 1

High Society Romance

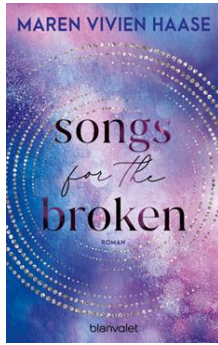
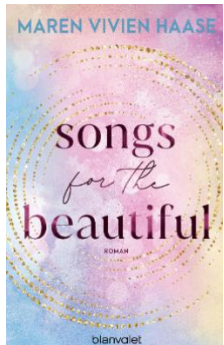
Story Volume 1

June is invited by her friend Ashley to spend the summer at her family's estate in the Hamptons. There, she clashes with Ashley's brother Weston. On the first weekend, there is a huge party and June accidentally falls into the water, prompting waiter Cameron to jump into the pool to save her. June and Cameron hit it off right away, sparks fly. June is also unable to resist the attraction she feels for Weston. June is torn the whole time but initially dates Cameron.

Ashley is secretly in love with Cameron too. June and Cameron develop feelings for each other, while Weston also forms a deep bond with June and falls for her. Weston works hard to pursue his dream of a professional sports career far away from the family business. Ashley is frustrated because she would be interested in joining the family's country club, but her parents have never considered her a worthy successor.

After a fight between Cameron and June, Weston invites her to a gala, where Cameron is working as a waiter. An argument breaks out between the two men; Cameron injures Weston and is expelled from the country club. Cameron decides to use June to get revenge; he tricks her into handing over the keys to the club and breaks in. That night, the police arrives at the family's door and reports the break-in. Everyone is shocked; June realizes that it could have been Cameron who broke in – and that she has unwittingly become an accomplice! Weston receives strange anonymous messages suggesting that June is not who she claims to be...

- **Volume 1:** to be published in August 2025
- **Volume 2:** to be published in December 2025
- **Every novel is a #10 Spiegel bestseller, with over 270,000 copies sold**



Maren Vivien Haase *Rise and Fall Duett 1 – Songs for the Beautiful*

Tropes

Brother's Best Friend, Enemies-to-Lovers, Forced Proximity

Topics

Toxic relationship, music business, exploitation of (female) artists, cancel culture, social media

Spice factor



Setting

Culver City, West Hollywood

Protagonists

Suki Loveless (22) lives with her brother Carter (25) in a shared flat. They moved from Long Island to LA four years ago. Carter, who is working on his career as a director, firmly believes in his little sister's singing talent, but she has great self-doubt due to a former toxic relationship. Songwriter **River Hawthorne** (26) ended up in prison years ago because of Suki and her brother and hates her from the bottom of his heart.

Volumes

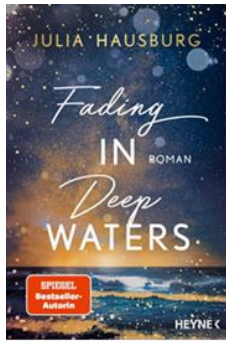
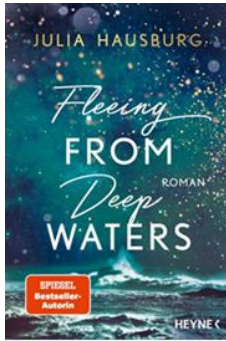
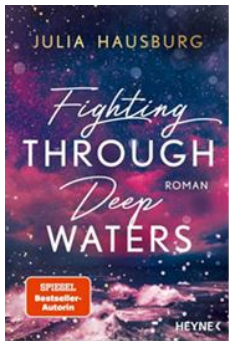
Dilogy, with different protagonists. Can be read independently of each other.

Music Romance

Story Volume 1

One day, when Suki is lost in thought while singing at work, a customer secretly films it and posts it online. The video quickly goes viral. One of L.A.'s most influential record labels offers her a record deal. She is overwhelmed when she accepts, as her biggest idol, Presley Wren, works for the label. But she is soon disillusioned when she is introduced to the songwriter she will be working with in the future: River, her brother's former best friend, who got him involved in a series of burglaries years ago and ended up in prison because of a statement Suki made. But the two have to work together if they don't want to lose their jobs. The label tries to turn Suki into Presley Wren's successor, playing the two singers off against each other, the fans get angry and Suki gets into trouble again and again. Suki, who is overwhelmed by the peculiarities of the music business (wild parties, aggressive men, explicit photo shoots, paparazzi, shitstorms) but loves working on her record, and River, who is simply overwhelmed by Suki's musical talent, slowly grow closer. River tries to protect her. When a stalker turns out to be her toxic ex-boyfriend, who leaks River and Carter's criminal past to the press, everything falls apart for Suki. When Carter confesses to her that he committed the burglaries and that she innocently put River behind bars, she is consumed by guilt. She announces a song to the fans that will reveal the truth, but her label fires her. Suki finds a small independent label and is able to successfully release the songs she wrote with River. River and Suki become a couple.

- **Volume 1:** #6 Spiegel Bestseller + 40,000 copies sold
- **Volume 2:** #2 Spiegel Bestseller + 22,000 copies sold
- **Foreign Sales:** Russia (Eksmo)
- **Every novel is a #10 Spiegel bestseller, with over 270,000 copies sold**



Julia Hausburg *Deep Waters 1 – Fighting Through Deep Waters*

Trope

Childhood Friends to Lovers, Forced Proximity, Emotional Scars

Topics

Sibling rivalry, family member with mental health problems, parents divorce

Spice factor



Setting

The "Sapient Sailor", an exclusive yacht with great and exotic stopovers in the South Pacific (Cook Islands, Tahiti, Tonga, Fijis, New Zealand)

Protagonists

Henriette Sommerfeldt (22), studies marine biology. For years, she had to take care of her sister, who suffers from borderline personality disorder. With the research semester abroad on board the yacht, she finally wants to do something for herself.

Lukas Schaub (24), also studies marine biology and is Henriette's former best friend from school. Since his father's infidelity and the subsequent separation of his parents, he no longer talks to his father and is afraid of entering into a serious relationship himself.

Perspective

Alternating from the perspectives of Henriette and Lukas

Volumes

The semester abroad on the Sapient Sailor lasts 6 months. The same period in all three volumes and certain events from different perspectives. With cliffhangers.

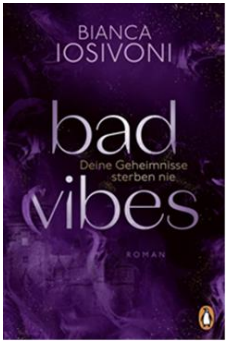
Academia Romance

Story Volume 1

Marine biology student Henriette has secured one of the coveted places on the sailing yacht Sapient Sailor and is spending an exclusive research semester abroad on the high seas. At last, she has the chance to break free from her sister's shadow. Her arrival on board the Sapient Sailor is overshadowed by an unexpected reunion with her former best friend Lukas, who has disappeared from her life without warning. This encounter leads to a tense dynamic as the two are forced to work together as part of a research team. As they participate in various activities such as scuba diving and surfing, the relationship between Henriette and Lukas becomes more complex. Both carry emotional scars from the past that affect their interactions. Henriette is afraid of becoming another episode in Lukas' chaotic love life, while Lukas struggles with the shadows of his childhood that prevent him from engaging in a serious relationship.

A dramatic incident with a stowaway passenger during their journey forces them to face their fears and explore the growing attraction between them.

- **Volume 1:** 15,000 copies sold
- **Volume 2:** to be published in July 2025
- **Volume 3:** to be published in November 2025
- **Julia Hausburg's „Dark Elite“ series has sold over 120,000 copies**



Bianca Iosivoni *Bad Vibes – Your Secrets Never Die*

Tropes

Hidden Identity, Secrets & Lies, Enemies to Lovers, Dark Past, Forced Proximity

Topics

Murder, domestic violence, emotional abuse, grooming, sleep paralysis, paranoia, stalking, gaslighting, abduction, suicide

Spice factor



Setting

London, Edinburgh, Rannoch Moor and MacRaven Manor, a manor house in the Scottish Highlands

Protagonists

Dahlia Stewart/Isabelle MacRaven (25), dispatcher at the London emergency call centre.
Ayden (30), investigative journalist. Pretends to write an article about the life and tragic death of the bestselling author. In fact, he has been hired by the family to investigate Dahlia.

Evan MacRaven (29), the family lawyer and Jake's twin brother.

The deceased **Jake MacRaven aka J. J. Burnett** (29), bestselling author and Dahlia's childhood friend.

Perspective

First-person narrative Dahlia in the present and first-person narrator Jake in the past alternate; complemented by news articles and excerpts from social media

Volumes

Stand-alone (may also be split into a trilogy)

Romantic Suspense

Story

Dahlia lives in London and works in the emergency call centre. But when she receives a call in the middle of the night from her former best friend Jake, a famous bestselling author, her life changes abruptly. Because the next day, Jake is dead. When Dahlia is unexpectedly invited to the reading of his will, she travels to his family's castle in the Scottish Highlands. There she not only learns that Jake has left her part of his fortune and all his unpublished manuscripts and notes, but is also catapulted back into her own past. In her search for the truth about Jake's death - she does not believe it was an accident, as the press claims - she not only encounters open hostility from his family, but is herself targeted by the murderer. She receives threatening letters, is locked in a room and stalked at night by a stranger. She finds support in Jake's twin brother Evan, once they have overcome their initial dislike, and the attractive Ayden. But Dahlia not only wants to solve Jake's accident, she also wants to find out who murdered her sister and her mother 15 years ago. At the time, her mother was married to Jake's uncle and brought two daughters into the marriage. Officially, her mother was depressed and took her children to their deaths. However, the youngest daughter, Isabelle, did not die on the moor but was saved. Dahlia/Isabelle not only finds out the truth about her family's murderer, but also tracks down a serial killer: it is Jake's brother Evan, who served as the model for the famous character of the "Gentleman Killer" in his books and helped him achieve international success as a bestselling author. This knowledge puts them in extreme danger.

- # 5 Spiegel Bestseller + 62,000 copies sold
- Bianca Iosivoni's „Golden Bay“ trilogy has sold over 250,000 copies



Ayla Dade *Winter Dreams 1 – Like Snow We Fall*

Trope

Slow Burn, Forced Proximity

Topics

Doping, physical violence, blackmailing

Spice factor



Setting

famous ski resort Aspen, snow-covered backdrop of the Rocky Mountains

Protagonists

Paisley Harris (21) grew up in a Minnesota trailer park, poor. Has been accepted to the renowned iSkate Academy in Aspen (training for the Olympics).

Knox Winterbottom (25, professional snowboarder, son of a rich estate agent, father puts pressure on son to perform well in sport, deceased mother was a famous figure skater. Prefers to study psychology but feels guilty towards his father.

Perspective

Alternating between Paisley and Knox

Volumes

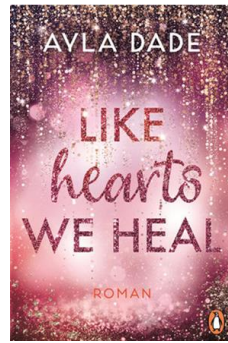
6 volumes with different protagonists, can be read independently of each other.

Sports Romance

Story Volume 1

When Paisley is accepted into the iSkate School in Aspen, she desperately needs a job to pay her tuition. But her application is turned down by the arrogant snowboarder Knox. When she gets a job at the Winterbottom resort, it's the solution to all her problems. Only later does she discover that Knox is her employer's son. Paisley soon wonders how Knox manages to keep up his high level of education despite the wild parties he regularly throws. Knox is not the extroverted athlete he pretends to be, but he doesn't want to disappoint his father after his mother's death. He secretly takes performance-enhancing drugs. When Paisley discovers his secret, she tells him to talk to his father. But when the National Anti-Doping Agency suddenly asks him to take a test, he assumes she has betrayed him. Knox's father is furious when Knox confesses that the test will be positive. And Paisley's worst nightmare comes true: her former coach turns up in Aspen to blackmail her again. She had no money to pay him then, so he sexually coerced her and became violent. The school in Aspen was her chance to escape. Now he threatens to expose everything if she doesn't return to him. When Knox's father meets the coach in town, he remembers that he once molested Knox's mother during a championship. Knox and his father make up to help Paisley. They report him to the police and Paisley is finally rid of him. Paisley qualifies for the American championships. Knox's doping test is positive and he is banned. But he is happy because he and Paisley are a couple.

- **Volume 1-6:** over **450,000** copies sold
- **All volumes** are **Spiegel Bestsellers**
- **Foreign sales:** **US/World English** (Sourcebooks), **Italy** (Giunti), **Russia** (Eksmo), **Spain** (Alma Editorial), **Ukraine** (Ranok)
- **Ayla Dade's previous books** have sold over **750,000 copies** in total



Ayla Dade *Winter Dreams 6 – Like Hearts We Heal*

Trope

forced proximity, exes to lovers, slow burn, mutual pining, love triangle, forbidden desire

Topics

heartbreak, betrayal

Spice factor



Setting

famous ski resort Aspen, snow-covered backdrop of the Rocky Mountains

Protagonists

Paisley Harris (21) grew up in a Minnesota trailer park, poor. Has been accepted to the renowned iSkate Academy in Aspen (training for the Olympics).

Knox Winterbottom (25, professional snowboarder, son of a rich estate agent, father puts pressure on son to perform well in sport (used to be an athlete himself), deceased mother was a famous figure skater. Prefers to study psychology but feels guilty towards his father.

Perspective

Alternating between Paisley and Knox

Volumes

The sixth and final volume brings us full circle back to volume 1: the dream couple Paisley & Knox from 'Like Snow We Fall' fight for their love.

Sports Romance

Story Volume 6

When Paisley is accepted into the iSkate School in Aspen, she Passionate ice dancer Paisley is facing the biggest challenge of her life: she wants to win gold in the Olympics – and to forget all about her split from Knox. Knox was her one true love, and her pain is so intense that she never wants to speak to him again. But fate has other plans. To turn her post-skating dream of running a residential sports academy into reality, she has to work with none other than Knox. Despite the stress and heartache, Paisley accepts his help, knowing full well that her wounded heart still yearns for him. And while, by day, she works hard to realise her plans, by night one question keeps her awake: can she ever trust Knox again?

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