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Bestselling author Monica Murphy winds up her sensational series with this sexy story of two college kids with nothing in common but a bunch of baggage and a burning attraction. Over. That about sums up everything in my life. Suspended from my college football team and forced to cut back my hours at The District bar because of my crappy grades, I can't keep turning to my sister, Fable, and her pro-football playing husband, Drew, to bail me out. I just can't seem to find my own way. Weed and sex are irresistible temptations—and it's messed up that I secretly hand over money to our junkie mom. A tutor is the last thing I want right now—until I get a look at her. Chelsea is not my type at all. She's smart and totally shy. I'm pretty sure she's even a virgin. But when she gives me the once over with those piercing blue eyes, I'm really over. But in a different way. I won't deny her ass is killer, but it's her brain and the way she seems to crave love—like no one's ever given her any—that make me want her more than any girl I've ever met. But what would someone as seemingly together as her ever see in a screwed up guy like me? Praise for *Four Years Later* “Another great entry into the series and a perfect way to close out what started with *One Week Girlfriend*. As always, Monica Murphy gives us such great characters, giving them such depth and emotions that it's hard not to love them from the minute you meet them on the page.”—*Cocktails and Books* “An engaging, heavily character-driven new adult [novel] that brings us the story of a much beloved character. Seamless writing flows effortlessly as Murphy sets up the plot elements and begins her story of love, loss, redemption, and forgiveness. . . . *Four Years Later* was a delight to read.”—*Smexy Books* “Monica Murphy has created an unforgettable series. Her writing is honest, gritty, romantic and entertaining. Her characters are very real people that readers can relate to. We embrace them in our hearts. Their lives and stories will stay with [us] long after the book is finished. It is no wonder that this series is an all-time favorite. . . . The *One Week Girlfriend* series has been an amazing reading journey that has touched my heart.”—*Hesperia Loves Books* “Emotional and gratifying . . . This romance was full of tension and longing! . . . Monica Murphy has another win with *Four Years Later*. Owen and Chelsea's story was touching and passionate, and is sure to make you sigh in contentment by the end.”—*Waves of Fiction* “What a fantastic ending to an amazing series! . . . It took my emotions on a roller coaster ride but hey, all the good books do! . . . *Four books* and I still want more! I'm not quite sure I could ever get enough of these characters. They're all complex, and beautifully broken in their own ways. Combine that with Monica Murphy's fantastic writing skills and you always have a winner.”—*Down the Rabbit Hole* “It's official! When it comes to NA romances and inner monologues, Monica Murphy is a queen! . . . I highly recommend *Four Years Later*! If you read the earlier books then you just have to get this one too. It was wonderful to see

how the earlier couples are faring . . . but Monica Murphy had truly made this Owen's book. I love it!"—In My Room Reading From breakout author Monica Murphy comes the exhilarating conclusion to Drew and Fable's story—the star-crossed young romance that began in *One Week Girlfriend*. Lost. Everything in my life can be summed up by that one sickening word. My football coach blames me for our season-ending losses. So does the rest of the team. I wasted two whole months drowning in my own despair, like a complete loser. And I lost my girlfriend—Fable Maguire, the only girl who ever mattered—because I was afraid that being with me would only hurt her. But now I realize that I'm the one who's truly lost without her. And even though she acts like she's moved on and everything's fine, I know she still thinks about me just as much as I think about her. I know her too well. She's so damn vulnerable, all I want to do is be there to help her . . . to hold her . . . to love her. I just need her to give me one more chance. We may be lost without each other, but together, we're destined to find a love that lasts forever. Breakout sensation Monica Murphy returns with a hot new contemporary romance—a heartfelt story of second chances, forgiveness, and redemption.

Commitment. That's what I really want from Colin. Ever since my brother, Danny, died in Iraq, Colin's done so much to help me, including giving me a job at his popular restaurant so I can leave my crappy waitressing job at the strip joint. But lying in bed with him every night to comfort him from his horrible nightmares isn't enough anymore. I know he feels guilty about Danny's death, about not going to Iraq, but I can't keep living this double life. I love him desperately, but he's got so many demons, and if he can't open up to me now, then he'll never be the real partner I need him to be. I gave him a month, and now I'm out of here. If he truly loves me like he says, he knows where to find me. . . . Praise for *Three Broken Promises* "The heat between these two is explosive. . . . It is the emotion and the shared tragedy between Jen and Colin . . . that takes this book to another level."—*Heroes and Heartbreakers* "Filled with emotion, drama, red-hot sex, intensity, and a love that may as well have been written in the stars, *Three Broken Promises* is another must read from Monica Murphy."—*Holly's Hot Reads* "*Three Broken Promises* is an absolutely out-of-this-world perfect romantic story that swept me off my feet. Once again, I fell in love with [Monica] Murphy's easy style of writing, great sense of humor and ideal characters. . . . I felt glued to the pages and there wasn't a single thing that could make me stop reading."—*Smokin Hot Book Blog* "I fell in love with this series the moment I opened *One Week Girlfriend* and *Three Broken Promises* didn't disappoint. . . . I can say without a doubt that I enjoyed every minute of this book."—*Book Blogger Paradise* "Murphy has done it again. . . . This story will make you smile, it will warm your heart and soul, and it may even have you pulling your hair out as these two amazing people navigate the rollercoaster that is love. I loved everything about it."—*Roxy's Reviews* "Such a delicious book . . . Monica's writing is addictive as always, and I'm really looking forward to the next book."—*City of Books*

In the early days of the Civil War, rumors of gold in the frozen Klondike brought hordes of newcomers to the Pacific Northwest. Anxious to compete, Russian prospectors commissioned inventor Leviticus Blue to create a great machine that could mine through Alaska's ice. Thus was Dr. Blue's Incredible Bone-Shaking Drill Engine born. But on its first test run the Boneshaker went terribly awry, destroying several blocks of downtown Seattle and unearthing a subterranean vein of blight gas that turned anyone who breathed it into the living dead. Now it is sixteen years later, and a wall has been built to enclose the devastated and toxic city. Just beyond it lives Blue's widow, Briar Wilkes. Life is hard with a ruined reputation and a teenaged boy to support, but she and Ezekiel are managing. Until Ezekiel undertakes a secret crusade to rewrite history. His quest will take him under the wall and into a city teeming with ravenous undead, air pirates, criminal overlords, and heavily armed refugees. And only Briar can bring him out alive. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • A novel of self-discovery and second chances from the beloved Pulitzer Prize-winning author—Willa Drake has had three opportunities to start her life over: in 1967, as a schoolgirl whose mother has suddenly disappeared; in 1977, when considering a marriage proposal; and in 1997, as a young widow trying to hold her family together. So she is surprised when in 2017 she is given one last chance to change everything, after receiving a startling phone call from a

stranger. Without fully understanding why, she flies across the country to Baltimore to help a young woman she's never met. This impulsive decision, maybe the first one she's consciously made in her life, will lead Willa into uncharted territory—surrounded by eccentric neighbors who treat each other like family, she finds solace and fulfillment in unexpected places. A bewitching novel of hope and transformation, *Clock Dance* gives us Anne Tyler at the height of her powers. From breakout author Monica Murphy comes the exhilarating conclusion to Drew and Fable's story—the star-crossed young romance that began in *One Week Girlfriend*. *Lost*. Everything in my life can be summed up by that one sickening word. My football coach blames me for our season-ending losses. So does the rest of the team. I wasted two whole months drowning in my own despair, like a complete loser. And I lost my girlfriend—Fable Maguire, the only girl who ever mattered—because I was afraid that being with me would only hurt her. But now I realize that I'm the one who's truly lost without her. And even though she acts like she's moved on and everything's fine, I know she still thinks about me just as much as I think about her. I know her too well. She's so damn vulnerable, all I want to do is be there to help her . . . to hold her . . . to love her. I just need her to give me one more chance. We may be lost without each other, but together, we're destined to find a love that lasts forever. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from Monica Murphy's *Three Broken Promises*. For fans of Jamie McGuire's *Beautiful Disaster*, Abbi Glines and Jessica Sorenson, New York Times bestselling author Monica Murphy returns with the fourth book in her emotional, addictive and passionate *One Week Girlfriend* series. *Over*. That about sums up everything in my life. 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Don't miss the rest of the intensely passionate *One Week Girlfriend* series: *One Week Girlfriend*, *Second Chance Boyfriend*, *Three Broken Promises*, *Drew + Fable Forever* and *Four Years Later*, as well as Monica's sexy *Fowler Sisters* trilogy and her breathtaking *Reverie* Series. Breakout sensation Monica Murphy takes the romance genre by storm with the deeply emotional, completely addicting story of Drew and Fable. *Temporary*. That's the word I'd use to describe my life right now. I'm temporarily working double shifts—at least until I can break free. I'm temporarily raising my little brother—since apparently our actual mother doesn't give a crap about either of us. And I always end up as nothing but the temporary girlfriend—the flavor of the week for every guy who's heard the rumor that I give it up so easily. At least Drew Callahan, college football legend and local golden boy, is upfront about it. He needs someone to play the part of his girlfriend for one week. In exchange for cash. As if that's not weird enough, ever since he brought me into his world, nothing really makes sense. Everyone hates me. Everyone wants something from him. And yet the only thing Drew seems to want is . . . me. I don't know what to believe anymore. Drew is sweet, sexy, and hiding way more secrets than I am. All I know is, I want to be there for him—permanently. **Praise for *One Week Girlfriend*** “A sweet and sexy read with a dash of angst. It will hook you from page one!”—*Under the Covers* “The author had me hooked within the opening pages. What a great debut novel by Monica Murphy! . . . All I have to say is pick up the book and be prepared for the roller coaster you are about to get on. . . . You will not want to miss this book and this author.”—*Shh Moms Reading* “I chose this book to be the book. The perfect book that would make the world stop for a few hours and suck me into another universe completely. The perfect book that would make my heart race and stop all at the same time. This book is that book! This book is perfect!”—*The Obsessive Reader* “A deep and thought provoking story . . . Be on the lookout for Monica Murphy because I'm sure you'll be hearing more great things from her!”—*Mostly YA Book Obsessed* “A

delicious read, hot romance, complicated characters and intense drama.”—Literary Cravings “An emotional and heartbreaking storyline . . . Monica Murphy pulls the reader in and won’t let go.”—The Reading Cafe “An amazing read! . . . [I] can’t wait to continue the emotional journey of Drew and Fable.”—A Bookish Escape The second novel in this darkly sexy contemporary series from bestselling author Monica Murphy wraps up an emotionally powerful two-part tale of forbidden love. The truth hurts, they say—and my pain cuts deep. While I was falling for Ethan, he was deceiving me the entire time. He held a huge secret, protected by his lies. When I discovered what he was hiding, the truth shook my world, threatening to ruin us forever. Ruin me. But I soon realized that what we share can’t be destroyed. The connection between us is too strong. It always has been. I can’t deny him any longer. And I can’t deny my truth: I’m in love with Ethan. I don’t want to let him go. While we’re trying our best to make this relationship work, other forces are fighting against us. My family, who wants to keep me safe. The media obsessed with my tragic past. The public that feeds off of it. Even Ethan’s father—the man who nearly destroyed me all those years ago. He’s doing his best to finish the job. Despite my love for Ethan, the doubts creep in, clouding my mind. Is he worth the pain? Will our love survive, or will we have no choice but to end it—end us—once and for all? Praise for *Never Let You Go* “As a reader, this relationship shouldn’t work even though it has to work. It’s only because of Ms. Murphy’s skill in delicately addressing survival from sexual assault and abuse that we find the capacity to heal through touch and love.”—*Heroes and Heartbreakers* “Much like the first book, this story was an emotional roller-coaster ride that never really let up. But that’s what made the story so fantastic and engaging.”—*Emilie’s Book World* “A story that will grip you, pull you in, and keep you immersed til the end . . . an emotional and sweet story that will stay with me for years to come.”—*Read-Love-Blog* “A dramatic and beautiful and frightening story.”—*Fictional Candy* “Murphy nailed it with this one for sure. . . . Katherine and Ethan. Katie and Will. They are such a dynamic couple. Everything they have been through makes their bond tight.”—*Mommy’s a Book* *Whore* Praise for Monica Murphy’s *Never Tear Us Apart* “All the best parts of romance and betrayal . . . I couldn’t turn the pages fast enough.”—*New York Times* bestselling author Jay Crownover “A powerful story that left me raw yet hopeful.”—*USA Today* bestselling author K. A. Tucker “A powerful story of friendship, trauma, coping and betrayal. The characters jump off the page into real life and will have readers gasping and feeling every emotion that they go through. Another amazing book to add to Murphy’s already stellar library!”—*RT Book Reviews* (4 1/2 stars) “Murphy has written a compelling and emotional love story of two severely broken people, each of whom can be healed only by the other.”—*Booklist* “Murphy imbues these characters with genuineness and plausibility. . . . [Readers] will look forward to the promised sequel.”—*Publishers Weekly* From *New York Times* bestselling New Adult author Monica Murphy comes the exhilarating continuation of *Drew and Fable’s* story - the star-crossed young romance that began in *One Week Girlfriend*; perfect for fans of Jessica Sorensen, Abbi Glines and Jamie McGuire’s *Beautiful Disaster*. Lost. Everything in my life can be summed up by that one sickening word. My football coach blames me for our season-ending losses. So does the rest of the team. I wasted two whole months drowning in my own despair, like a complete loser. 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Brimming with humor and hope, this contemporary tween comedy is perfect for fans of Tommy Greenwald and Megan Schul. What happens when you finally capture the attention of your first crush? Do you suddenly know what to do? Do you magically learn the secrets of love? Not even close. Follow eighth graders Sam (the class clown), Duke (the intellectual), and Chollie (the athlete)

as they fumble their way through boyfriend territory for the very first time. With so much to worry about as the school year ends—finals, commencement speeches, the baseball championship, the graduation party—the guys feel ill-equipped to handle the stress of their new relationships. But if they're dumped before the last day of middle school, they'll start high school as losers. The Pressure. Is. On. Want more Sam, Duke, and Chollie? Check out *Me and Miranda Mullaly* by Jake Gerhardt. New Adult sensation and New York Times bestselling author Monica Murphy's heartfelt story of second chances, forgiveness and redemption in the *One Week Girlfriend* series. Perfect for fans of Jessica Sorensen, Abbi Glines and Jamie McGuire's *Beautiful Disaster*. Commitment. That's what I really want from Colin. Ever since my brother, Danny, died in Iraq, Colin's done so much to help me, including giving me a job at his popular restaurant so I can leave my crappy waitressing job at the strip joint. 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Then Daniel meets Cherry. Cherry is young, beautiful, and smart but hasn't led Laura's golden life. And she wants it. When tragedy strikes, a decision is made and a lie is told. A lie so terrible it changes their lives forever... The *Girlfriend* is a taut and wickedly twisted debut psychological thriller—a novel of subtle sabotage, retaliation, jealousy and fear, which pivots on an unforgivable lie, and examines the mother-son-daughter-in-law relationship in a chilling new light. “One of the best books I’ve read in a long, long time. I loved *The Girlfriend*!” —Lisa Jackson, New York Times bestselling author “*The Girlfriend* is a taut psychological thriller, the evil chillingly drawn. Every character is layered and beautifully twisted. Makes me consider running background checks on any potential spouses my children bring home!” —Karen Rose, New York Times “A juicy thriller and utterly compulsive reading.” —Jenny Blackhurst, author of *How I Lost You* “An original and chilling portrayal of twisted relationships.” —Debbie Howells, author of *The Bones of You* WINNER OF THE COSTA FIRST NOVEL AWARD A NATIONAL BOOK FOUNDATION 5 UNDER 35 WINNER OF THE BRITISH BOOK AWARD FOR DEBUT FICTION “*Open Water* is tender poetry, a love song to Black art and thought, an exploration of intimacy and vulnerability between two young artists learning to be soft with each other in a world that hardens against Black people.”—Yaa Gyasi, author of *Homegoing* In a crowded London pub, two young people meet. Both are Black British, both won scholarships to private schools where they struggled to belong, both are now artists—he a photographer, she a dancer—and both are trying to make their mark in a world that by turns celebrates and rejects them. Tentatively, tenderly, they fall in love. But two people who seem destined to be together can still be torn apart by fear and violence, and over the course of a year they find their relationship tested by forces beyond their control. Narrated with deep intimacy, *Open Water* is at once an achingly beautiful love story and a potent insight into race and masculinity that asks what it means to be a person in a world that sees you only as a Black body; to be vulnerable when you are only respected for strength; to find safety in love, only to lose it. With gorgeous, soulful intensity, and blistering emotional intelligence, Caleb Azumah Nelson gives a profoundly sensitive portrait of romantic love in all its feverish waves and comforting beauty. This is one of the most essential debut novels of recent years, heralding the arrival of a stellar and prodigious young talent. From the bestselling author of *Crazy Rich Asians* (the basis for the acclaimed major motion picture) comes a deliciously fun story of family, fortune, and fame in Mainland China. Book Two of the *Crazy Rich Asians* Trilogy It's the eve of Rachel Chu's wedding, and she should be over the moon. She has a flawless Asscher-cut diamond, a wedding dress she loves, and a fiancé willing to thwart his meddling relatives and give up one of the biggest

fortunes in Asia in order to marry her. Still, Rachel mourns the fact that her birthfather, a man she never knew, won't be there to walk her down the aisle. Then a chance accident reveals his identity. Suddenly, Rachel is drawn into a dizzying world of Shanghai splendor, a world where people attend church in a penthouse, where exotic cars race down the boulevard, and where people aren't just crazy rich ... they're China rich. Look for Kevin Kwan's latest novel, *Sex & Vanity!* While his beautiful and popular girlfriend, Lora, is out of town one weekend, Scotty enters into a brief affair with Shannon, a young woman he has just met, but when the weekend is over and Scotty wishes to return to Lora, Shannon will not let him go. Monica Murphy returns with her most beloved characters, Drew and Fable, in this eBook original 40,000-word novella that brings her bestselling series full circle. Fantasy. How I ended up with NFL player Drew Callahan, the guy every woman wants, is beyond my wildest dreams. All I know is that once he chose me as his one and only, I sure wasn't looking back. I had past wounds and he showed patience and concern—even taking responsibility for my messed-up kid brother. Now, once again, he's found a way to blow my mind: an exotic wedding and honeymoon miles and miles away from home. What else could a girl ever ask for? Reality. Now the honeymoon's over. Drew's football schedule takes him on the road constantly, while I need to stay put and look after my brother until he finishes high school—because God knows our sorry excuse for a mother won't. I know Drew loves me with all his heart, and I'll always be over the moon about him. This just isn't how I imagined our life as newlyweds . . . dealing with the distance, missing him all the time. But we've gone through hard times before. We can get through this, too, right? We're Drew and Fable, together forever. At least I hope so. . . . Praise for Monica Murphy's *One Week Girlfriend* "A sweet and sexy read with a dash of angst. It will hook you from page one!"—*Under the Covers* "The author had me hooked within the opening pages. What a great debut novel by Monica Murphy! . . . All I have to say is pick up the book and be prepared for the roller coaster you are about to get on. . . . You will not want to miss this book and this author."—*Shh Moms Reading* "A deep and thought provoking story . . . Be on the lookout for Monica Murphy because I'm sure you'll be hearing more great things from her!"—*Mostly YA Book Obsessed* "An amazing read! . . . [I] can't wait to continue the emotional journey of Drew and Fable."—*A Bookish Escape* It's Christmas time at the Callahan household and Drew is trying his best to find a little alone time with his wife, Fable. Doesn't help that they have two little ones who demand all their mom's attention, plus they have guests... Fable's brother Owen is staying for Christmas along with his girlfriend, Chelsea. Nerves are eating Owen alive as he prepares to ask the woman he loves the most important question of his life. Will she say yes? You'll find out all the answers in *A DREW + FABLE CHRISTMAS!* Plus read the first FIVE chapters from my next book, featuring Autumn Callahan all grown up! *CLOSE TO ME* is coming February 11, 2020! **INSTANT NATIONAL BESTSELLER WINNER OF THE STORY PRIZE SHORTLISTED FOR THE DYLAN THOMAS PRIZE NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY USA TODAY, NPR, VULTURE, MARIE CLAIRE, THE TIMES OF LONDON, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, AND PUBLISHERS WEEKLY** A group portrait of young adults enmeshed in desire and violence, a hotly charged, deeply satisfying new work of fiction from the author of Booker Prize finalist *Real Life* In the series of linked stories at the heart of *Filthy Animals*, set among young creatives in the American Midwest, a young man treads delicate emotional waters as he navigates a series of sexually fraught encounters with two dancers in an open relationship, forcing him to weigh his vulnerabilities against his loneliness. In other stories, a young woman battles with the cancers draining her body and her family; menacing undercurrents among a group of teenagers explode in violence on a winter night; a little girl tears through a house like a tornado, driving her babysitter to the brink; and couples feel out the jagged edges of connection, comfort, and cruelty. One of the breakout literary stars of 2020, Brandon Taylor has been hailed by Roxane Gay as "a writer who wields his craft in absolutely unforgettable ways." With *Filthy Animals* he renews and expands on the promise made in *Real Life*, training his precise and unsentimental gaze on the tensions among friends and family, lovers and others. Psychologically taut and quietly devastating, *Filthy Animals* is a tender portrait of the fierce longing for intimacy, the lingering presence of pain, and the desire for love in a world that seems, more often than not, to withhold it. Diego Garcia. *Class bully. Football*

star. My boyfriend. I fell hard and fast for the resident bad boy and he fell just as hard for me too. We were the perfect couple, until things turned sour. Senior year and we're both super busy. He has football. I have volleyball. Soon enough, I hear the rumors - Diego's cheating on me. After everything we've been through, I'm devastated. Breaking up with him was the hardest thing I've ever done. He doesn't love me. Besides, only a few more months of school, and then I'm going away to college. And Diego will be permanently out of my life. Until I find out I'm pregnant. And now we're forever tied together... The New York Times bestselling Crazy Rich Asians series reveals the outrageous world of high-net-worth society with humor and heart. Crazy Rich Asians is now a major motion picture.

"There's rich, there's filthy rich, and then there's crazy rich." —People New Yorker Rachel Chu does not know that her loving boyfriend, Nicholas Young, also happens to be Singapore's most eligible bachelor and likely heir to a massive fortune. So when she agrees to spend the summer in Nick's home, her life unexpectedly becomes an obstacle course of old money, new money, nosy relatives, and scheming social climbers. And that's all before she discovers the true identity of her long-lost father . . . This box set includes the entire trilogy: Crazy Rich Asians, China Rich Girlfriend, and Rich People Problems. When you become the poker prize, all bets are off... Jade Frost thought she was going on a date with her boyfriend--not to his poker game. She really didn't expect that weasel to throw her in the pot. Then he had the nerve to lose. Talk about the perfect excuse for Jade to make him her ex-boyfriend. She wasn't quick enough, though. Before she knows it, a frat boy wins the hand--and her. Shep Prescott is extremely handsome and richer than sin, but he doesn't own her. It was just a game, after all. No matter how disinterested she acts, no matter how rudely she rejects his advances, he keeps coming back. Maybe even more than before. He could have anything he wants, but she's the only prize he's after. When she finds herself starting to fall for him, Jade's confused. There's more to Shep than the carefree player he shows the world. So is he ready to win her for real, or will she call his bluff? \*\*Due to mature situations and language, recommended for readers 17 and older\*\* Book 1 in the new adult/contemporary romance series THE RULES. Unsure. That's how I'm feeling about my entire life. Just when everything's good and I have it all under control, my girl Chelsea decides she's going to leave me for the summer. Despite my disappointment, I have to support her. It's what she wants, an opportunity she can't say no to and no way will I be the one to stop her. I love her too much to hold her back. Opportunities are happening for me too, though. A big one that my brother-in-law Drew says I can't pass up. I'm working extra hard. So is Chelsea. It's like we don't have any time to get together. We keep making the same promise—only five more days until we see each other again. But we keep breaking that promise. Is our relationship strong enough to survive all of these changes? NAMED A TOP 10 NOVEL OF 2017 BY THE WALL STREET JOURNAL AND VOGUE, A BEST BOOK OF 2017 BY ESQUIRE, HUFFINGTON POST, POP SUGAR, ELECTRIC LITERATURE AND KIRKUS, AND A 2017 NPR GREAT READ. ONE OF DWIGHT GARNER'S TOP BOOKS OF 2017 IN THE NEW YORK TIMES. A NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITOR'S CHOICE AND A FINALIST FOR THE CHICAGO REVIEW OF BOOKS FICTION AWARD. "Like Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*, [The Answers] is also a novel about a subjugated woman, in this case not to a totalitarian theocracy but to subtler forces its heroine is only beginning to understand and fears she is complicit with." --Dwight Garner, *New York Times*

Mary Parsons is broke. Dead broke, really: between an onslaught of medical bills and a mountain of credit card debt, she has been pushed to the brink. Hounded by bill collectors and still plagued by the painful and bizarre symptoms that doctors couldn't diagnose, Mary seeks relief from a holistic treatment called Pneuma Adaptive Kinesthesia—PAKing, for short. Miraculously, it works. But PAKing is prohibitively expensive. Like so many young adults trying to make ends meet in New York City, Mary scours Craigslist and bulletin boards for a second job, and eventually lands an interview for a high-paying gig that's even stranger than her symptoms or the New Agey PAKing. Mary's new job title is Emotional Girlfriend in the "Girlfriend Experiment"—the brainchild of a wealthy and infamous actor, Kurt Sky, who has hired a team of biotech researchers to solve the problem of how to build and maintain the perfect romantic relationship, casting himself as the experiment's only constant. Around Kurt, several women orbit as his girlfriends with spe -



cific functions. There's a Maternal Girlfriend who folds his laundry, an Anger Girlfriend who fights with him, a Mundanity Girlfriend who just hangs around his loft, and a whole team of girlfriends to take care of Intimacy. With so little to lose, Mary falls headfirst into Kurt's messy, ego-driven simulacrum of human connection. Told in Catherine Lacey's signature spiraling, hypnotic prose, *The Answers* is both a mesmerizing dive into the depths of one woman's psyche and a critical look at the conventions and institutions that infiltrate our most personal, private moments. As Mary struggles to understand herself—her body, her city, the trials of her past, the uncertainty of her future—the reader must confront the impossible questions that fuel Catherine Lacey's work: How do you measure love? Can you truly know someone else? Do we even know ourselves? And listen for Lacey's uncanny answers. This illustrated book of advice on love, dating, and friendship—written by and for queer women and people of marginalized genders—is the new go-to queer relationship handbook. Fix yourself a cup of non-caffeinated herbal tea and prepare to laugh, cry, reminisce, and feel your feelings as you read through these quintessentially queer dating dilemmas. In *The Ex-Girlfriend of My Ex-Girlfriend Is My Girlfriend*, advice columnist Maddy Court (a.k.a. Xena Worrier Princess) answers anonymous queries from lesbian, bisexual, and queer women and people of marginalized genders. Illustrated by comics artist Kelsey Wroten and based on Court's viral zine of the same name, this book features never-before-published letters and responses about first loves, heartbreak, coming out, and queer friendship—all answered with the warmth and honesty of the gay big sister you wish you had.

- **BY QUEERS, FOR QUEERS:** This book was written by and for queer women and people of marginalized genders. The questions reflect real experiences that aren't often represented in the media, and the answers offer an important reminder that loving ourselves takes patience, effort, and the support of our friends and communities.
- **EXCITING DEBUT AUTHOR:** In 2018, Maddy Court made the leap from creating niche lesbian memes on Instagram to writing and distributing a series of zines. Never preachy or dismissive, Court offers advice that is sympathetic and straightforward—it's equal parts refreshing vulnerability and remarkable wisdom.
- **GORGEOUS ILLUSTRATION:** Kelsey Wroten's art brings the letters to life, immersing the reader in all the joys and disappointments of the contributors who wrote in from all over the world. In addition to the traditional illustrations, each chapter features a paneled mini-comic that speaks to the different themes.
- **AMAZING GUEST EXPERTS:** Because one queer cannot possibly hold all the answers, *The Ex-Girlfriend of My Ex-Girlfriend Is My Girlfriend* also includes advice from an incredible roster of guest experts. Author and comedian Samantha Irby; musicians JD Samson and Ellen Kempner; and writers and activists Tyler Ford, Kalyn Heffernan, Lola Pellegrino, and Mey Rude all tackle questions on long-distance breakups, jealousy, love triangles, making friends, and more. Perfect for:

- Lesbian, bisexual, and queer women and people of marginalized genders with questions about dating, friendship, and life
- Fans of the *Ex-Girlfriend* zine series and followers of @Xenaworrierprincess
- Fans of Kelsey Wroten's graphic novels and art

Breakout sensation Monica Murphy takes the romance genre by storm with the deeply emotional, completely addicting story of *Drew and Fable*. Temporary. That's the word I'd use to describe my life right now. I'm temporarily working double shifts—at least until I can break free. I'm temporarily raising my little brother—since apparently our actual mother doesn't give a crap about either of us. And I always end up as nothing but the temporary girlfriend—the flavor of the week for every guy who's heard the rumor that I give it up so easily. At least Drew Callahan, college football legend and local golden boy, is upfront about it. He needs someone to play the part of his girlfriend for one week. In exchange for cash. As if that's not weird enough, ever since he brought me into his world, nothing really makes sense. Everyone hates me. Everyone wants something from him. And yet the only thing Drew seems to want is . . . me. I don't know what to believe anymore. Drew is sweet, sexy, and hiding way more secrets than I am. All I know is, I want to be there for him—permanently. Praise for *One Week Girlfriend* “A sweet and sexy read with a dash of angst. It will hook you from page one!”—*Under the Covers* “The author had me hooked within the opening pages. What a great debut novel by Monica Murphy! . . . All I have to say is pick up the book and be prepared for the roller coaster you are about to get on. . . . You will not want to miss this book and this author.”—*Shh Moms Reading* “I chose this book to be the book.

The perfect book that would make the world stop for a few hours and suck me into another universe completely. The perfect book that would make my heart race and stop all at the same time. This book is that book! This book is perfect!"—The Obsessive Reader "A deep and thought provoking story . . . Be on the lookout for Monica Murphy because I'm sure you'll be hearing more great things from her!"—Mostly YA Book Obsessed "A delicious read, hot romance, complicated characters and intense drama."—Literary Cravings "An emotional and heartbreaking storyline . . . Monica Murphy pulls the reader in and won't let go."—The Reading Cafe "An amazing read! . . . [I] can't wait to continue the emotional journey of Drew and Fable."—A Bookish Escape

A close friendship is one of the most influential and important relationships a human life can contain. Anyone will tell you that! But for all the rosy sentiments surrounding friendship, most people don't talk much about what it really takes to stay close for the long haul. Now two friends, Aminatou Sow and Ann Friedman, tell the story of their equally messy and life-affirming Big Friendship in this honest and hilarious book that chronicles their first decade in one another's lives. As the hosts of the hit podcast Call Your Girlfriend, they've become known for frank and intimate conversations. In this book, they bring that energy to their own friendship—its joys and its pitfalls. Aminatou and Ann define Big Friendship as a strong, significant bond that transcends life phases, geographical locations, and emotional shifts. And they should know: the two have had moments of charmed bliss and deep frustration, of profound connection and gut-wrenching alienation. They have weathered life-threatening health scares, getting fired from their dream jobs, and one unfortunate Thanksgiving dinner eaten in a car in a parking lot in Rancho Cucamonga. Through interviews with friends and experts, they have come to understand that their struggles are not unique. And that the most important part of a Big Friendship is making the decision to invest in one another again and again. An inspiring and entertaining testament to the power of society's most underappreciated relationship, Big Friendship will invite you to think about how your own bonds are formed, challenged, and preserved. It is a call to value your friendships in all of their complexity. Actively choose them. And, sometimes, fight for them.

THE REMARKABLE AND INSPIRING TRUE STORY OF ONE GUY WHO TRANSFORMED HIS UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE INTO ACTION

A year and a half after he graduated from college, Sean Aiken found himself struggling to answer the question "What should I do with my life?" His mother suggested teaching. His older sister told him to apply for an entry-level corporate position. His father said, "It doesn't matter what you do, just make sure it's something you're passionate about." Taking his father's advice to heart, Sean created the One-Week Job Project and launched himself on an epic journey to find his passion. His goal: to work fifty-two jobs in fifty-two weeks. After the launch of his website, oneweekjob.com, the offers began pouring in. Sean's first gig was—literally—jumping off a bridge, as a bungee operator in British Columbia. From there he traveled across Canada and the United States, reinventing himself as a firefighter, an aquarium host, a radio DJ, a martial arts instructor, an NHL mascot, and a snowshoe guide. During the course of his seven-day stints, from a Florida stock-trading floor to a cattle ranch in the wilds of Wyoming to a real estate office in Beverly Hills, Sean found time to make new friends and even fall in love. Whether choosing a spring fashion line, brewing beer, or milking a cow, Sean continued to ask himself and others about what success really means and how we find happiness—all while having the adventure of his life. Inventive and empowering, witty and wise, The One-Week Job Project is a book that will give you the courage to follow your passion. Or, as Mark Twain said, "Explore. Dream. Discover."

Breakout sensation Monica Murphy returns with a hot new contemporary romance—a heartfelt story of second chances, forgiveness, and redemption. Commitment. That's what I really want from Colin. Ever since my brother, Danny, died in Iraq, Colin's done so much to help me, including giving me a job at his popular restaurant so I can leave my crappy waitressing job at the strip joint. But lying in bed with him every night to comfort him from his horrible nightmares isn't enough anymore. I know he feels guilty about Danny's death, about not going to Iraq, but I can't keep living this double life. I love him desperately, but he's got so many demons, and if he can't open up to me now, then he'll never be the real partner I need him to be. I gave him a month, and now I'm out of here. If he truly loves me like he says, he knows where to find me. . . . Praise for Three Broken

Promises “The heat between these two is explosive. . . . It is the emotion and the shared tragedy between Jen and Colin . . . that takes this book to another level.”—Heroes and Heartbreakers “Filled with emotion, drama, red-hot sex, intensity, and a love that may as well have been written in the stars, *Three Broken Promises* is another must read from Monica Murphy.”—Holly’s Hot Reads “*Three Broken Promises* is an absolutely out-of-this-world perfect romantic story that swept me off my feet. Once again, I fell in love with [Monica] Murphy’s easy style of writing, great sense of humor and ideal characters. . . . I felt glued to the pages and there wasn’t a single thing that could make me stop reading.”—Smokin Hot Book Blog “I fell in love with this series the moment I opened *One Week Girlfriend* and *Three Broken Promises* didn’t disappoint. . . . I can say without a doubt that I enjoyed every minute of this book.”—Book Blogger Paradise “Murphy has done it again. . . . This story will make you smile, it will warm your heart and soul, and it may even have you pulling your hair out as these two amazing people navigate the rollercoaster that is love. I loved everything about it.”—Roxy’s Reviews “Such a delicious book . . . Monica’s writing is addictive as always, and I’m really looking forward to the next book.”—City of Books

New York Times bestselling author Monica Murphy begins a sexy contemporary romance series that introduces three sisters born to wealth, raised to succeed, ready to love, and destined to make waves. I’ve moved through life doing what’s expected of me. I’m the middle daughter, the dutiful daughter. The one who braved a vicious attack and survived. The one who devoted herself to her family’s business empire. The one who met an ambitious man and fell in love. We were going to run Fleur Cosmetics together, Zachary and I. Until he got a promotion and left me in the dust. Maybe it’s for the best, between his disloyalty and his wandering eye. But another man was waiting for me. Wanting me. He too has an overwhelming thirst for success, just like Zachary—perhaps even more so. He’s also ruthless. And mysterious. I know nothing about Ryder McKay beyond that he makes me feel things I’ve never felt before. One stolen moment, a kiss, a touch . . . and I’m hooked. Ryder’s like a powerful drug, and I’m an addict who doesn’t want to be cured. He tells me his intentions aren’t pure, and I believe him. For once, I don’t care. I’m willing to risk everything just to be with him. Including my heart. My soul. My everything.

Praise for *Owning Violet* “*Owning Violet* owned me from the first page to the last. Ryder and Violet’s chemistry is off the charts! Read it, own it, love it!”—New York Times bestselling author Katy Evans “Scorching hot romance filled with suspense, lies, secrets, and explosive heat. Ryder is pure yummiest, a perfect mix of a dominant dirty-talking alpha and a sweet, protective broken bad boy.”—The Rock Stars of Romance “There’s just something dark and edgy, yet totally irresistible about this novel. I couldn’t put it down! . . . It’s a romance that offers real emotional development and a steamy relationship that will leave you begging for more.”—Peace Love Books “*Owning Violet* is exquisitely written. It’s 400 pages of scorching hotness that just sizzles with desire. . . . Monica Murphy is an author to watch out for.”—Lady A, Literature Junkie Extraordinaire “Monica Murphy has a new hit series on her hands!”—Swoon Worthy Books

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the author of *Small Great Things* and *The Book of Two Ways* comes “a powerfully evocative story of resilience and the triumph of the human spirit” (Taylor Jenkins Reid, author of *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* and *Daisy Jones & The Six*) Rights sold to Netflix for adaptation as a feature film • Named one of the best books of the year by She Reads

Diana O’Toole is perfectly on track. She will be married by thirty, done having kids by thirty-five, and move out to the New York City suburbs, all while climbing the professional ladder in the cutthroat art auction world. She’s an associate specialist at Sotheby’s now, but her boss has hinted at a promotion if she can close a deal with a high-profile client. She’s not engaged just yet, but she knows her boyfriend, Finn, a surgical resident, is about to propose on their romantic getaway to the Galápagos—days before her thirtieth birthday. Right on time. But then a virus that felt worlds away has appeared in the city, and on the eve of their departure, Finn breaks the news: It’s all hands on deck at the hospital. He has to stay behind. You should still go, he assures her, since it would be a shame for all of their nonrefundable trip to go to waste. And so, reluctantly, she goes. Almost immediately, Diana’s dream vacation goes awry. Her luggage is lost, the Wi-Fi is nearly nonexistent, and the hotel they’d booked is shut down due to the pandemic. In fact, the whole island is now under quarantine, and she is stranded until the

borders reopen. Completely isolated, she must venture beyond her comfort zone. Slowly, she carves out a connection with a local family when a teenager with a secret opens up to Diana, despite her father's suspicion of outsiders. In the Galápagos Islands, where Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection was formed, Diana finds herself examining her relationships, her choices, and herself—and wondering if when she goes home, she too will have evolved into someone completely different. A gargantuan, mind-altering comedy about the Pursuit of Happiness in America Set in an addicts' halfway house and a tennis academy, and featuring the most endearingly screwed-up family to come along in recent fiction, *Infinite Jest* explores essential questions about what entertainment is and why it has come to so dominate our lives; about how our desire for entertainment affects our need to connect with other people; and about what the pleasures we choose say about who we are. Equal parts philosophical quest and screwball comedy, *Infinite Jest* bends every rule of fiction without sacrificing for a moment its own entertainment value. It is an exuberant, uniquely American exploration of the passions that make us human - and one of those rare books that renew the idea of what a novel can do. "The next step in fiction...Edgy, accurate, and darkly witty...Think Beckett, think Pynchon, think Gaddis. Think." --Sven Birkerts, *The Atlantic* The finale in Monica Murphy's sexy contemporary romance series about three fiery and determined sisters with their own ideas about life and love I'm in trouble. Again. And instead of facing my problems head-on, I've run away. Far away this time, and no one can catch me--not my two younger sisters, Violet and Rose, not my father, my grandmother, or that witch Pilar who wants to take control of my family's cosmetics company. Now I'm in Hawaii, enjoying the sun and sand and water, where nobody knows the hot mess known as Lily Fowler. And I'm loving every minute of it. But someone is watching me. Following me. He's gorgeous. Soon we're talking, and against all my instincts, I reveal bits and pieces of myself to Max. It feels good, though I know he can't be the man for me. These sudden feelings we share are way too complicated, too fraught, too intense. Then everything explodes and I'm forced to return home. My intentions have always been true, but now everyone's mad at me. I don't know who to turn to anymore . . . except to Max. He's the one I want to trust. But I'm not so sure I should. Maybe it's worth the risk--what-ifs be damned. . . . Praise for *Taming Lily* "Murphy saves the best for last in the stunning conclusion of the Fowler Sisters trilogy. The chemistry is off-the-charts hot, and readers will be gripping the book waiting to find out what happens next. This is an amazing story by one of the genre's hottest new stars!"--RT Book Reviews (4 1/2 stars) "Murphy's writing is as polished and as beautifully descriptive as ever. . . . If you're looking for a very well written, very steamy summer read, *Taming Lily* is just the book for you!"--Fresh Fiction "Taming Lily was a sensual, consuming, and captivating romantic suspense read. Ms. Murphy engages readers with this hot, tangible and palpable bond between Lily and Max. The chemistry between them was an all-consuming passion that can be felt throughout the book. . . . The writing and story line are beautifully done when truths and secrets are slowly unraveled. So if you are looking for a book that is brimming with passion, steam, and romance, then I highly recommend you read *Taming Lily*."--Four Chicks Flipping Pages "Sexy-hot, sometimes dark . . . and oh-my-gosh the 'romance' is scorching!"--My Para Hangover "Taming Lily was fantastic! Steamy, classy, witty, and shocking is how I would describe the conclusion of this amazing trilogy following the Fowler sisters."--Reese's Reviews "A story filled with lies, betrayal, mystery, suspense and sex. What a great combination to keep the pages turning!"--Book Bitches Blog Now a Netflix original movie, this deeply scary and intensely unnerving novel follows a couple in the midst of a twisted unraveling of the darkest unease. You will be scared. But you won't know why... I'm thinking of ending things. Once this thought arrives, it stays. It sticks. It lingers. It's always there. Always. Jake once said, "Sometimes a thought is closer to truth, to reality, than an action. You can say anything, you can do anything, but you can't fake a thought." And here's what I'm thinking: I don't want to be here. In this smart and intense literary suspense novel, Iain Reid explores the depths of the human psyche, questioning consciousness, free will, the value of relationships, fear, and the limitations of solitude. Reminiscent of Jose Saramago's early work, Michel Faber's cult classic *Under the Skin*, and Lionel Shriver's *We Need to Talk about Kevin*, "your dread and unease will mount with every passing page"

(Entertainment Weekly) of this edgy, haunting debut. Tense, gripping, and atmospheric, I'm Thinking of Ending Things pulls you in from the very first page...and never lets you go. War has taken everything from me. My family. My home. My innocence. In a country blasted by war and wracked by economic hardship, a young orphan girl like me has very few options when it comes to survival. Thus, I do what I must to live, to eat, and I try very hard to not consider the cost to my soul. My heart is empty, and my existence brutal. The one impossibility in my life is love. And then I meet HIM. \*\*\* War is hell. It takes a chunk out of a man's very soul to do the kinds of things war demands of you. You live with fear, you live with guilt, and you live with nightmares. If you haven't been through it, there's no understanding it. War leaves no room for love, no room for tenderness or softness. You gotta be hard, closed off, and ready to fight every moment of every day. Lose focus for a split second, and you're dead. Now the only thing that can save me is HER. Things My Girlfriend and I Have Argued About concerns a guy named Pel who lives with his German girlfriend, Ursula. Pel leads an uneventful life—quietly bluffing his way through his job and discovering new things to argue about with Ursula. But when his boss mysteriously disappears, Pel steps innocently into his shoes and his life spirals out of control in a chaotic whirl of stolen money, missing colleagues, and Chinese mafiosi. Its fractured thriller plot punctuated by blazingly hilarious set-piece arguments between the hapless Pel and the unflappable Ursula, Things My Girlfriend and I Have Argued About is a brilliant comic novel examining the unique warfare in long-term relationships. From New York Times bestselling author Monica Murphy comes an angst-filled new adult romance featuring Drew + Fable's (One Week Girlfriend) daughter, Autumn Callahan! Asher Davis. My first crush. My first kiss. The boy who ripped my heart out of my chest again and again. Over and over. I let him have it every single time. Willingly. We are that toxic high school couple you hear about, the one you witness in the hallway as they avoid each other. You laugh at them in class when they're forced to work together, their gazes full of hatred. We are the couple you gossip about when they win homecoming prince and princess their sophomore year... The back and forth is what kills me the most. I'm not his princess, I'm the girl he toys with when he's bored. And he's definitely not my prince, no matter how badly I want him to be. Finally it's our senior year and we're months away from never having to see each other again when disaster strikes—and brings us closer together. All it takes is one touch, and I'm burning for Ash. Hotter than I ever have. But will that burn turn into a devastating fire? Or can we actually make it work this time? The first novel in this darkly sexy contemporary series from bestselling author Monica Murphy kicks off an emotionally powerful two-part tale of forbidden love. Crazy how eight years can disappear in an instant. One look at Katie Watts, and I'm a fifteen-year-old again—the one who risked everything to save a terrified girl from her twisted kidnapper. She's grown-up now—beautiful, quiet, composed—and telling her story to the world. A story that involves me in more ways than you can imagine. She used to call me her guardian angel. Sure, I risked my life, but she was worth dying for. I need to make contact with her. Just to ensure that she's safe. Somehow we reconnect. We become friends . . . but I want more. I want to make her mine. And she wants me too. Does she know who I am? Has she figured me out? Not yet. But she will. In the meantime, I need to make sure that whatever hold that animal had on her is gone. So, yeah, I'm stealing these moments with her. Savoring them. Knowing, dreading, that she'll soon find out who I really am. And everything will fall apart. All because of that twisted, perverted monster sitting on death row. Her kidnapper. A convicted serial killer. My father. Praise for Never Tear Us Apart “All the best parts of romance and betrayal . . . I couldn't turn the pages fast enough.”—New York Times bestselling author Jay Crownover “A powerful story that left me raw yet hopeful.”—USA Today bestselling author K. A. Tucker “A powerful story of friendship, trauma, coping and betrayal. The characters jump off the page into real life and will have readers gasping and feeling every emotion that they go through. Another amazing book to add to Murphy's already stellar library!”—RT Book Reviews (4 1/2 stars) “Murphy has written a compelling and emotional love story of two severely broken people, each of whom can be healed only by the other.”—Booklist “Murphy imbues these characters with genuineness and plausibility. . . . [Readers] will look forward to the promised sequel.”—Publishers Weekly “It's poetic, addresses difficult themes, and captures the essence of our

fragility as humans and the strength love provides.”—*Heroes and Heartbreakers* “Beautiful, poignant, and perfectly written . . . It’s a book that burrows into your very heart and grabs hold. A book that’s different yet unforgettable.”—*Dirty Girl Romance* In this enchanting contemporary romance, sure to delight readers of Rachel Gibson and Susan Elizabeth Phillips, a close encounter of the sexy kind leads a plain Jane to discover her wild side. Chloe Sinclair has never been bad . . . until she stumbles—literally—into the arms of a gorgeous stranger. To make matters worse, the morning after, her world is rocked completely off its axis when the sensual dreamboat turns out to be the man brought in to save the TV station where she works. Sterling Prescott is hard-driven, gorgeous as hell, and determined to turn the struggling KTEX into a success. But all bets are off when the shameless wildcat that disappeared on him last night walks back into his life—acting like a squeaky-clean librarian. Life gets truly complicated, however, when Sterling decides to win more than the station—and to show Chloe that being sexy isn’t a sin. “A shining debut, with a heady admixture of explosive plot and taut, burnished prose. This is a book that loves its wounded characters and troubled places, and in so deeply loving, it finds a terrible truth and beauty where other writers wouldn’t have found the courage to look . . . Mesha Maren writes like a force of nature.” —Lauren Groff, author of *Fates and Furies* On the far side the view was nothing but ridgelines, the craggy silhouettes rising up against the night sky like the body of some dormant god. Jodi felt her breath go tight in her chest. This road went only one way, it seemed, in under the mountains until you were circled. In 1989, Jodi McCarty is seventeen years old when she’s sentenced to life in prison for manslaughter. She’s released eighteen years later and finds herself at a Greyhound bus stop, reeling from the shock of unexpected freedom. Not yet able to return to her lost home in the Appalachian mountains, she goes searching for someone she left behind, but on the way, she meets and falls in love with Miranda, a troubled young mother. Together, they try to make a fresh start, but is that even possible in a town that refuses to change? Set within the charged insularity of rural West Virginia, *Sugar Run* is a searing and gritty debut about making a run for another life.

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