

## FOREWORDS: THE BOOKS BEFORE THE BUZZ

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With our column, Forewords, we let readers know the latest book news about some of the web team's most-anticipated upcoming releases across the genres — just as the projects are announced!

### NEW SERIES ALERT

**Historical Romance** - There's nothing we like more than unconventional heroines, and [Maggie Robinson](#) promises a whole new series, *Ladies Unlaced*, that is chock-full of them. The first book centers on one such less-than-laced-up heiress. This leading lady is heading home to Edwardian England after a madcap tour of Europe — complete with baggage in tow, baggage that includes one very fake husband! Publication date: TBA.

**Young Adult** - We're looking forward to the Summer of 2014 when the first book of *The Cage* trilogy, a new venture by author Megan Shepherd, is set to publish. It's the story of six teens who've been captured by an alien race in order to populate their zoo. It's a frightening concept but you know what they say about the best-laid plans of men and aliens ... And we're hearing that one of the teen girls falls for a handsome guard who is supposed to keep her locked up...

**Paranormal Fiction** - After her boss sold her soul to the Devil, the heroine of Gina Grants' upcoming *Scythe Does Matter* is in a whole new kind of hell (not just the corporate kind!). The intriguing three-book series doesn't yet have a publication date, but its interesting premise makes this author one to watch!

### PIQUING OUR CURIOSITY

**Contemporary Romance** - Modeled after the unforgettable curvy heroines of Weiner and Crusie, the protag of Sugar Jamison's *Fat Bottom Girl* is set to make her move on a long-held crush — but can she make his rockin' world go round? We're eager to find out. The publication date may be TBA, but this novel is already on our TBR lists!

**Erotic Romance** - A woman gets more than she bargained for in the erotic suspense to be penned by Averil Dean, aka Hilary Helton. When this heroine unlawfully enters the home of a dark and twisted man in search of a box full of trinkets (which we're quite curious about) she's caught red-handed, and this novel's hero makes her pay in some seriously sensual ways. This read sounds scandalous! Publication date unknown.



### RECENT BOOK REVIEWS



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**Fantasy** - Tired of losing your socks and car keys to places unknown? Then maybe you should join the heroine of Sarah Beth Durst's upcoming novel that is set in a small town where all things lost eventually resurface. We aren't sure when the cleverly titled to-be-published novel *The Lost, The Missing, and The Found* will surface on bookstore shelves, but when it does, we'll bring it to light.

**Thriller** - A government agent with a drug addiction isn't "tripping" when he uncovers a convoluted plan by a wacked-out CIA analyst that has led to the brainwashing of innocent people. Set to pub in the Summer of 2013, *Half World* by award-winner Scott O'Connor should be a great beach read for those who like thrills and chills while they are enjoying the ocean breeze.

#### DOWNLOAD AND GO

**Contemporary Romance** - What do you get when you cross a firefighter and a widow (who is about to get her second chance at love) during Christmastime? The upcoming digital novel *Jane's Gift* by [Karen Erickson](#). This story sounds like a heart-warmer that is sure to be an instant click-and-buy!

#### EXCITING DEBUT AUTHORS

**Science Fiction** - New author Josh Weil will soon release a full-length novel set in a near-future Russia, where perpetual sunlight has been discovered. That's right - the country has found a way to ensure its citizens 24/7 sunlight. In *The Great Glass Sea*, the author explores the impact of the direct rays on the life of two brothers: one who has used the light to further his career, and the other who has used it to uncover the plight of the people. Additionally, Weil is also penning *The Age of Perpetual Light*, a collection of short stories set in this futuristic world.

**Mainstream Fiction** - The walls aren't talking in Barbara Davis' debut novel, but the bones are. *Lonely Bones* is the haunting tale narrated in part by a woman whose secretly buried body overlooks a plantation ... and is privy to the secrets of the family that call it home. The second narrator is a photo editor from New York, a combination of voices that will elevate this story to a family saga that we're anxious to get our hands on.

#### NON-FICTION PICK

**Lifestyle** - What happens when one mother thinks that everything is better with a little bit of butter, and her vegan daughter opts to live without dairy? They come together to write a funny memoir entitled *We Laugh, We Cry, We Cook*. Readers can pick up a copy of Becky Johnson and Rachel Randolph's print-version of their blog — and try some of their yummy mummy recipes — in Fall 2013.

#### TELEVISION TIE-IN

It sounds like *Gossip Girl* meets *The West Wing* with a dash of *Pretty Little Liars*, for the newly announced program being backed by Warner Brothers Television. The company has just signed on to bring the lives of the Capital Girls, an upcoming series by Ella Monroe, to life on the small screen. Monroe's books follow the daughters of the families that run our country — and explores how their lives (and friendships) are sometimes shaken by political shenanigans that reverberate out of the offices of DC.

**These are this week's deals that we can't wait to hear more about in the coming months. Check back every Monday for more Forewords!**

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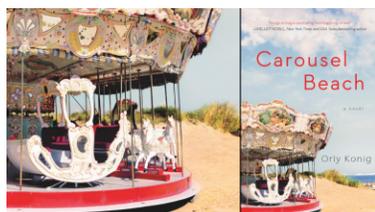
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YOUNG ADULT



Debut Author Spotlight: Adrienne Young

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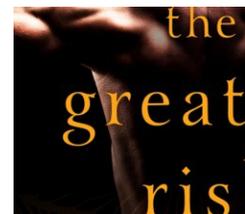
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