

2021 ANWA Writers Conference Faculty

Special Guests

Karyn Fischer, Agent, Book Stop Literary Agency

Karyn Fischer is a children's book literary agent at BookStop Literary Agency and is actively looking to build her client list. She is particularly drawn to young adult and middle grade novels. Her favorite genres include gothic novels with twisty narratives and dark secrets, historical fiction, literary thrillers, well-drawn fantasy, heart-tugging romance, and genre blends. Karyn holds an MFA in Creative Writing, has completed three publishing internships, and previously worked as a bookseller and buyer in a small independent bookstore. Her background has given her a unique perspective on the book industry, as well as the skills to find and promote books she loves.

What I'm looking for:

I am looking for MG, YA, and select picture books. For MG I am interested in whimsical, magical, and adventure stories with page-turning plots and loveable characters. For YA I am particularly interested in fantasy, historical, magical realism, genre blends, fun rom-coms, and gothic, literary thrillers. For picture books I'm looking for stories with a strong narrative arc, joyful characters, and lyrical writing. Across age groups I am especially interested in uplifting historically marginalized creators and finding stories with unique and untold perspectives. I'm generally not a good match for issue-driven books or heavy-themed contemporary stories.

For more specifics information on what I'm looking for, here's my MSWL page:
<https://www.manuscriptwishlist.com/mswl-post/karyn-fischer/>

Submission guidelines:

Please upload the first 10 pages of your YA or MG manuscript, or your entire PB manuscript to the form located at: [QueryManager.com/KarynFischer/ANWA](https://www.querymanager.com/KarynFischer/ANWA)

Lisa Mangum, Managing Editor, Shadow Mountain

Lisa Mangum has worked in publishing since 1997. She has been the Managing Editor for Shadow Mountain since 2014 and has worked with several New York Times best-selling authors. While fiction is her first love, she also has experience working with nonfiction projects.

Lisa is also the author of four national best-selling YA novels (The Hourglass Door trilogy and *After Hello*), several short stories and novellas, and a nonfiction book about the craft of writing based on the TV show *Supernatural*. She has edited several anthologies. She currently lives in Taylorsville, Utah, with her husband, Tracy.

Wish List:

Shadow Mountain is currently looking for historical fiction/romance, women's fiction, contemporary MG and YA, cookbooks, nonfiction.

Websites:

ShadowMountain.com

<https://www.facebook.com/ProperRomanceSeries>

<https://www.instagram.com/shadowmountainpub/>

Twitter: @LisaMangum

Samantha Millburn, Managing editor, Covenant Communications

Samantha Millburn is the managing editor of Covenant Communications and has happily dedicated her work life to editing excellent books. She collaborates with extremely talented writers and cherishes not only her friendships with them but also the honor it is to help them turn their manuscripts into masterpieces. She has done so with more than three hundred books from more than seventy authors.

She graduated from BYU–Idaho with honors with a bachelor’s degree in English. She currently lives in Rigby, Idaho, with her husband, Matthew, and their five beautiful children. Besides reading, Samantha enjoys watching and playing sports, cooking, and being with family.

Wish List:

Christian Fiction (no LDS content but strong general Christian themes)

Romance

Historical

Suspense

Regency Romance

Holiday Inspirational

Christmas (Booklets)

Easter (Books or Booklets)

Mother’s Day (Books or Booklets)

Father’s Day (Books or Booklets)

Lynnette Novak, Agent, The Seymour Agency

Lynnette Novak is an agent at The Seymour Agency and is currently building her client list.

Prior to joining The Seymour Agency, Lynnette spent seventeen years freelance editing. She worked with new writers, advanced writers, as well as New York Times and USA Today bestselling authors. Lynnette earned a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Manitoba, where she specialized in English and French. She excelled in Advanced Creative Writing in university and studied writing for children and teens through the Institute of Children’s Literature. She was a Pitch Wars mentor in 2015 and

2016. Both her mentees acquired an agent. Lynnette has since closed her editing business and is excited to bring her passion for the written word to agenting.

Although Lynnette was born and raised in Manitoba, Canada, she now lives in Minnesota with her husband, twin girls, and many pets. Her personal interests include reading, writing, exercising at the gym (okay, that's a love/hate relationship), working on an assortment of crafts, all things having to do with animals (if she could own a farm, zoo, and animal shelter, she would), and enjoying time with family and friends.

She loves dark and suspenseful, mysterious twists, unique worlds, light and funny, a good love story, and lots of voice.

Currently looking for: (Always looking for own voices, diversity, and LGBTQ+!!!)

In adult fiction: thrillers, psychological suspense, horror, contemporary romance, romantic comedy, and mysteries (traditional, amateur sleuth, and cozy).

In young adult fiction: thrillers, psychological suspense, horror, contemporary, mysteries, fantasy, and sci-fi.

In middle grade fiction: contemporary, horror, fantasy, sci-fi, action/adventure, mystery, and humor.

In children's fiction: picture books (non-rhyming preferred).

Follow Lynnette on Twitter: @Lynnette_Novak
<https://theseymouragency.com>

Keynotes

Amy Harmon

Amy Harmon is a Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and New York Times Bestselling author. Amy knew at an early age that writing was something she wanted to do, and she divided her time between writing songs and stories as she grew. Having grown up in the middle of wheat fields without a television, with only her books and her siblings to entertain her, she developed a strong sense of what made a good story. Her books are now being published in seventeen different languages, truly a dream come true for a little country girl from Levan, Utah.

Amy Harmon has written sixteen novels - the Washington Post bestseller *What the Wind Knows*, the USA Today bestsellers *The Bird and The Sword*, *The Smallest Part*, *Making Faces* and *Running Barefoot*, as well as the #1 Amazon bestselling historical *From Sand and Ash*, *Where the Lost Wander*, *The First Girl Child*, *The Queen and The Cure*, *The Law of Moses*, *The Song of David*, *Infinity + One*, *Slow Dance in Purgatory*,

Prom Night in Purgatory, and the New York Times bestseller, *A Different Blue*. Her last novel, *The Songbook of Benny Lament*, a historical romance, was released March 16, 2021 by Lake Union Publishing.

Charlie Bird

Charlie Bird was Cosmo the Cougar at Brigham Young University from 2016-2018. He received national acclaim for his multiple dance performances with the BYU Cougarettes. As Cosmo, he performed on stages across the country, including the ESPN College Football Awards and America's Got Talent. The year 2017 was dubbed "Year of the Mascot" by NBC Sports in honor of Cosmo's character and performance. Charlie was born and raised in Southwest Missouri, and served a 2-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Redlands, California. He graduated from BYU in 2018 with degrees in Global Supply Chain Management and Spanish Studies. Charlie is an active LGBTQ advocate and is involved with multiple nonprofit LGBTQ organizations across Utah and nationwide. His memoir, *Without the Mask*, was published by Deseret Book in July of 2020. Charlie hosts a podcast called Questions from the Closet and is currently pursuing a Masters in Social work at BYU.

Ben Schilaty

Ben Schilaty works as an Honor Code administrator and adjunct professor at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He holds three degrees from BYU: a bachelor's degree in Latin American studies, a master's in Hispanic linguistics, and a master's in social work; he also earned a PhD in second language acquisition and teaching from the University of Arizona. Ben learned Spanish and Portuguese during his mission in Chihuahua, Mexico, and when he lived in Bolivia, Peru, and Portugal. He put his language abilities to good use by teaching Spanish for a decade at middle school, high school, and college levels. In 2015 Ben began blogging about his experiences as a gay Latter-day Saint. During his time in Arizona he created a support community for LGBTQ Latter-day Saints in the Tucson area. He cohosts the podcast "Questions from the Closet" with his friend Charlie Bird and is the author of *A Walk in My Shoes: Questions I'm Often Asked as a Gay Latter-day Saint*.

Faculty

Traci Hunter Abramson

Traci Hunter Abramson was born in Arizona, where she lived until moving to Venezuela for a study-abroad program. After graduating from Brigham Young University, she worked for the Central Intelligence Agency for several years, eventually resigning in order to raise her family. She credits the CIA with giving her a wealth of ideas as well as

the skills needed to survive her children's teenage years. She currently lives in Virginia with her husband and the youngest of their five children. Traci loves to travel and enjoys coaching her local high school swim team. She has written more than thirty best-selling novels and is a seven-time Whitney Award winner, including Best Novel of the Year in 2017 and 2019.

Sarah Alva

Sarah Alva writes LDS/Christian contemporary romance. She is the author of *Everything She Wants* and *The Doctor and the Midwife*, which was a Whitney Award finalist. Sarah is an avid romance reader, public radio nerd, and nail polish collector. Follow her on Instagram @authorsaraha where she posts pictures of her book-inspired manicures.

Kaylee Baldwin

A glamorous day in the life of Kaylee Baldwin includes: managing her four children's schedules, checking for a new season of *Serial*, writing her latest book, binge-watching reality cooking shows, hanging out with her husband, and reading in every spare second she can find. She graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in English lit and currently lives in southern Arizona with her family. She is a founding editor for Sweetly Us Book Services and has eight published novels, one of which was a Whitney Award Finalist. You can follow her reading adventures on Instagram @kayleelovesstory

Mandy Ballard

Mandy writes in the cracks between all that drives life on a tiny wanna-be homestead in Southern Utah. Whether it's all taking the form of distraction or inspiration, she's surrounded by one fixer-upper cabin of a house, a husband, three kids, three dogs, two goats, thirty-seven chickens, a 3,000 square foot garden, five national parks, and internet connection that's iffy if the wind blows too hard. She is involved in various writing groups and works as an editor and communications coordinator for Salt and Sage Books, an editing company dedicated to kindness & increasing diverse representation in fiction. She most often can be found exercising her own power of choice in regards to which Yoga with Adriene video to choose that day and whether her Friday night treat will be a bowl of mint chocolate chip ice cream or Fruit Loops.

Adam Berg

Adam Berg is a real human boy and not a figment of his dog's imagination. He started his career in sketch comedy, spent six years writing and acting for Studio C, and now works for JK Studios. Between writing for television, he's released two YA Fantasy novels, *Rainbringer* and *The Broken Pantheon*.

Stephanie Black

Stephanie Black is the author of twelve novels, most recently *Bound in Shallows* (#4 in the Natalie Marsh mystery series). She is a four-time Whitney Award winner for Best Mystery/Suspense Novel and a finalist for Best Speculative Novel. She adores the ANWA Conference where she can hang out with a bunch of people who understand hand-wringing over characterization, the thrill of twisting a plot, and the temptation to overuse semicolons.

Shelly Brown

Shelly Brown has always loved children and books so it made sense when she started writing books for children. She has won state awards for her work in Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and as well as others. She also writes romance under a pen name.

Raneé Clark

Raneé Clark has eight years of free-lance editing experience and an eye for story. She loves helping authors find both little and big holes, as well as polishing grammar and punctuation. She has a degree in history from the University of Wyoming that she loves putting to use for her clients. She has an eye for perfection and seeks to make sure every client is satisfied with any project they work on together. She's a multi-published author with experience in both the indie and traditional publishing markets. When she's not chauffeuring her boys to various activities (and sometimes while she is), she loves to read, obsess over clothes, and figure out how to find Crumbl cookies in rural Wyoming.

Lisa Crandall

Lisa Crandall is a web developer, marketer, mac-n-cheese connoisseur, and carpool karaoke enthusiast. Her educational background includes a degree in Technical Communication and Rhetoric, graduate work in Visual Communication Design, and a brief stint at Disney. She currently works as a web developer at a marketing agency in Tempe, Arizona. When she's not building websites or writing she's usually sleeping or spending time with her family, shamelessly pandering for the title of "the cool aunt."

Tracy Daley

Tracy Daley has been involved in the writing community in Utah since 2013, interning with Shadow Mountain Publishing, assisting Heather B. Moore in marketing and editing, and acquiring at Cedar Fort Publishing. She is the author of *If the Fire Comes* with North Star Editions in their *I Am America* series.

Sarah Eden

Sarah M. Eden is a USA Today best-selling author of witty and charming historical romances, including 2019's Foreword Reviews INDIE Awards Gold Winner for Romance, *The Lady and the Highwayman*, and 2020 Holt Medallion finalist, *Healing Hearts*. She is a two-time "Best of State" Gold Medal winner for fiction and a three-time Whitney Award winner. Combining her obsession with history and her affinity for tender love stories, Sarah loves crafting deep characters and heartfelt romances set against rich historical backdrops. She holds a bachelor's degree in research and happily spends hours perusing the reference shelves of her local library.

Sara Ella

Once upon a time, SARA ELLA dreamed she would marry a prince and live in a castle. Now she spends her days homeschooling her three Jedi in training, braving the Arizona summers, and reminding her superhero husband that it's almost Christmas (even if it's only January). When she's not writing, Sara might be found behind her camera lens or planning her next adventure in the great wide somewhere. She is a Hufflepuff and INFJ who finds joy in the simplicity of sipping a PSL and singing Disney tunes in the car. Sara is the author of the UNBLEMISHED trilogy and CORAL, a reimagining of *The Little Mermaid* that focuses on mental health. Her latest project is a retelling of *Alice in Wonderland*, releasing in July 2022 from Enclave Publishing. She is represented by Steve Laube of the Steve Laube Agency. A lover of fairy tales, Sara believes "Happily Ever After is Never Far Away."

Jentry Flint

Jentry Flint is an addict reader turned hopeful writer with the propensity to try just about anything. She has two novella's published with Literary Crush Publishing, and her first full length novel is set to be published with Shadow Mountain Publishing in 2022. Her true love of history led her to writing historical fiction--it was the kissing scenes that were completely unexpected. She lives in sunny southern Utah with her husband and two daughters, where they enjoy mornings on the trail, afternoons in the water, and evenings on the couch.

Katie Garland

Katie loves to dabble in many things thanks to her several seemingly unrelated interests. Packing a psychology degree, customer service background, and love for design and numbers; she found her place at Howard Marketing Group. She loves working with authors all over the world to connect with readers everywhere. She especially loves doing this from the comfort of home while simultaneously raising a new generation. She manages ads, social media, and websites for various authors at HMG,

whose clientele includes Shadow Mountain Publishing and several award-winning authors such as Anne-Marie Meyer, Heather B. Moore, and Jen Geigle Johnson.

Jared Garrett

Jared Garrett is a family man, husband of the best person on the planet, full-time dad and consultant, voiceover and audiobook artist, public speaker, and the author of adventure stories and contemporary fiction for all ages. He grew up as an unwilling cultist and has worked as a firefighter, BBQ chef, cowboy theater actor, worldwide corporate trainer, adjunct faculty, and a bellman. After designing training solutions, technology, and curriculum for Amazon, American Express, and BYU, he now works from home. He writes in the margins of the day and has published seven books since 2015.

Dennis Gaunt

Dennis Gaunt has been a writer ever since that fateful day he pulled a magic pen from a stone. At least, that's what he tells people. The truth is that he has been working with Deseret Book and Shadow Mountain Publishers as a slushpile reader since 2000, and in that time, he's seen it all and then some, and is eager to share what he's learned. He has published books and talks for LDS young adults with both Deseret Book and Covenant Communications, and is also a youth speaker and teacher. He enjoys playing the guitar, going to Disneyland, and Godzilla movies. He also hates onions.

Ashley Gebert

Since her graduation from BYU, where she served on the staff of four student magazines, Ashley has worked with Covenant Communications in various positions within the editorial department. She loves all things story and is the founder and president of a local writing critique group. When she isn't editing, she's crafting her own stories, dabbling in everything from fantasy to suspense to historical romance.

Jessica Guernsey

Jessica Guernsey writes Urban and Contemporary Fantasy novels and short stories. A BYU alumna with a degree in Journalism, her work is published in magazines and anthologies. By day, she crushes dreams as a slush pile reader for two publishers for a combined 10 years experience. During NaNoWriMo, Jessica is a Municipal Liaison for the Utah::Elsewhere Region. Frequently, she can be found at writing conferences. She isn't difficult to spot; just look for the extrovert. While she spent her teenage angst in Texas, she now lives on a mountain in Utah with her family.

Emily Inouye Huey

Emily Inouye Huey writes historical fiction for children and teens. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing (Lesley University) and is represented by Caryn Wiseman (Andrea Brown Literary Agency). Besides books, her passions include education, the arts, the outdoors, and her family. You can find her on Instagram @emily_inouye_huey or at www.emilyhuey.com.

Rachel Huffmire

Rachel grew up in the middle of a wheat field where she found plenty of time to read and dream. Her mom paid her a dollar per classic novel she read so, in a quest to amass a small fortune, Rachel read over 200 classic novels before she turned 12. In college, she sat behind the BYU Bookstore register, voraciously reading Shannon Hale novels while Brandon Sanderson held book signings in front of her. That was when she began dreaming up plots of her own.

Rachel's debut novel was a Whitney Award finalist, Swoony Award winner, and Deep Magic E-zine highlighted novel. In addition to writing, Rachel works as the marketing manager for Immortal Works Publishing. She currently lives in Southern California where she enjoys sand at its finest: the beach and the desert. She loves to play board games with her kids, browse Pinterest for tasty recipes, and read bedtime stories to her husband every night.

Randy Lindsay, Acquisition Editor, Write House Publishing

Randy Lindsay lives in Arizona with his wife and nine children, a dog, a cat, and his hyperactive imagination. His wife dubbed him the "Story Man" because he sees everything as material for a story. He has written six fiction titles and in 2019 published, "The Milkman's Son." The deeply touching reader response to his book inspired Randy to expand to non-fiction writing in order to help others to share their amazing stories with the world. Which now includes the writing of his latest and eighth book, "Easy-Peasy Method for Writing Memoirs and Family Stories."

Randy brings a wealth of experience to the Write House Publishing Team, having taught writing classes at professional writer conferences, local libraries, for family history, and workshops. He's just completed a summer residency for the City of Mesa Library as the writer in residence. He has judged book contests, hosted the Ready-Set Write podcast, hosted the So You Think You Can Write Show, on You Tube and currently hosts the Something Worth Writing podcast. In addition, Randy serves on the American Night Writers Association in the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

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- Memoirs

- Family Stories
- Short Stories About DNA Discoveries

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Heather Moore

Heather B. Moore is a USA Today bestseller and a hybrid author of more than seventy publications. Her historical novels and thrillers are written under pen name H.B. Moore. She writes women's fiction, romance, and inspirational non-fiction under Heather B. Moore. This can all be confusing, so her kids just call her Mom. Heather attended Cairo American College in Egypt, the Anglican School of Jerusalem in Israel, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University in Utah. Heather writes for Covenant Communications, Thomas & Mercer, and Shadow Mountain. More about Heather can be found on her website: www.hbmoore.com.

Stephanie Moore

Stephanie Moore is a wife, mother of four, reader, writer, and quite often a chauffeur. When not behind the wheel, she binges tv shows and movie series with her family. Moore placed in the Utah Original Writing Competition and is active in the writing community. She is represented by Karyn Fischer from BookStop Literary. She and her fellow writers, Erin Mindes and Paige Sommer, created the Writing Friends Society, a place where every writer belongs. Together, they cowrote the workbook: *Write Your Best Novel: A Workbook to Guide You From Concept to Publication*. IG: @writing.friends.society

M.A. Nichols

Born and raised in Anchorage, M.A. Nichols is a lifelong Alaskan, though she did take a hiatus for a few years in Utah to get a fancy university education. She's an eclectic reader, so she became an eclectic author of fantasy, sci-fi, and historical romance for young adults and adults. For more information, visit her website at www.ma-nichols.com.

Lehua Parker

Lehua Parker writes speculative fiction for kids and adults that is often set in her native Hawai'i. Her award-winning published works include the Niuhi Shark Saga trilogy, Lauele Fractured Folktales, Lauele Chicken Skin Stories, and many plays, poems, short stories, and essays. A graduate of The Kamehameha Schools and trained in literary criticism, she is an advocate of indigenous voices in media and a published literary and

theater critic. In addition to freelance developmental editing, she's the Personal Voices Editor for Dialogue magazine and the Literary Coordinator for Pasifika Enriching Arts of Utah (PEAU Lit). When she can be pried out of her office, she presents at conferences, schools, and symposiums, and mentors through the Lehua Writing Academy. Connect with her at www.LehuaParker.com.

Jolene Perry

Jolene Perry is the author of over 30 novels and has utilized many modes of publishing: Indie, traditional, ghost-writing, and pen-name selling. She's worked as the Author in Residence at Alaska Pacific University, an intern at the Bent Agency, and as a freelance editor. She is the co-founder of Waypoint Author Academy.

Shar Abreu Petersen

Shar Abreu Petersen is the co-author of the picture book *Over in the Woodland*, which she wrote with her twin sister. She holds a bachelor's degree in English with an emphasis in creative writing and is passionate about helping children find success in reading. She spent more than twelve years helping create award-winning language & literacy software for young learners and wrote a variety of fiction and nonfiction picture books as part of the curriculum. She continues to work in the educational technology industry, now as part of a team that creates apps for teaching English to children around the world. Shar lives in Utah with her artist husband and their four adventurous daughters.

Christie Powell

Christie Valentine Powell wrote her first story in second grade and never stopped. She has published eight fantasy books since *The Spectra Unearthed* in 2015. When not writing, she enjoys arts and crafts, and running a small hobby farm. She lives near the sunniest city in the world with her husband and four children.

Janette Rallison

USA Today, bestselling author, Janette Rallison/ CJ Hill writes books because writing is much more fun than cleaning bathrooms. Her avoidance of housework has led her to writing 31 novels that have sold over 1,000,000 print copies and have been on many reading and state lists. Her books are fantasy, sci-fi, and romantic comedy because hey, there is enough angst in real life, but there's a drastic shortage of humor, romance, and hot guys who fight dragons. She lives in Chandler, Arizona with her husband, kids, and enough cats to classify her as eccentric.

Casey Robertson

A writer herself, Casey loves working alongside authors and publishers as they introduce their books to the world. She manages ads and social media for a variety of clients at Howard Marketing Group, including Anne-Marie Meyer, Rebecca Connolly, and Shadow Mountain Publishing. When she's not working in the booktrade, she spends the rest of her time as the heroine of her own story— a mother of two girls and wife to her own leading gentleman.

Cassie Shiels

Cassie M. Shiels is a multi-genre author. She was born in Idaho but moved around the Pacific Northwest while growing up. She has always enjoyed books and was one to be found, reading on the school bus, before she did her homework, and late into the night. (Wait she still does that!) In middle school she determined that she liked creating her own stories as much as she liked reading them; so she decided to become an Author and keeps working on making that dream come true with every story idea that bounds into her head. She now lives in St. George, Ut, and loves the warm weather. She also writes under her pen name Cassandra Shiels.

RuthAnne Snow

RuthAnne Snow was born and raised in Kaysville, Utah. She was a sorority girl in college and social activities director in law school—which was a lot like being back in the sorority. She's been a lawyer, a lobbyist, a microlearning platform educator, and an ever-scrappy-and-hungry writer. The School Library Journal called her debut, *When the Truth Unravels*, "A definite page-turner about teenage navigation through life; recommended for fans of John Green's books [and] Jenny Torres Sanchez's *The Fall of Innocence*." She loves traveling, watching horror movies, and baking. She lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with her family.

Paige Sommer

Paige Sommer holds an MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from the Vermont College of Fine Arts. By day, she works as a content manager, writer and producer at Deseret Book. By night (and sometimes early morning), she writes novels for young adult and middle grade audiences. To be her best friend, ask her about her kids, her cats, the benefits of having too many notebooks, or to speak to you in (imperfect) Italian. She and her writer pals, Erin Mindes and Stephanie Moore, created the Writing Friends Society, a place where every writer belongs. IG: @writing.friends.society

Rachel Stones

Rachel Stones teaches English Composition at Arizona State University and holds an MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. A

portion of her heart resides in her childhood state of Idaho. The rest of her body lives in Arizona, where the sun shines year-round. She and her husband have four bookworms they adore and a family of gophers they don't adore.

Kelsy Thompson

Kelsy Thompson is a freelance writer and editor from Ogden, Utah. She has served as managing editor at distinguished literary journal Weber—The Contemporary West, acquisition editor for North Star Editions and its children's imprints, Flux and Jolly Fish Press, and is currently a production editor at Erewhon Books. Additionally, she has worked as a freelance copy editor and proofreader for such publishers as Skyhorse, Shadow Mountain, Tule, and Sourcebooks.

Kelsy has edited everything from award-winning, traditionally published novels to passion projects and loves working hand-in-hand with authors to make their manuscripts shine.

In addition to her extensive editorial experience, Kelsy also ghostwrites. She has written some of Radish Fiction's most successful serials, and her ghostwritten works have been read by millions of readers all over the world.

Find Kelsy on Twitter or Instagram (@kelsythompson).

Ellie Whitney

Since the age of three, Ellie Whitney has been addicted to books. Her chocolate addiction formed slightly later. After earning a master's degree in teaching with a certification for high school English, she spent over ten years as a teacher and writing tutor. She has published in various local, state, and national publications and freelanced as a line editor. Currently, Ellie lives in Virginia with her wonderful family, two haughty cats, and several stashes of dark chocolate.

Dacia Williams

Dacia Williams received her bachelor degree in journalism from Cal State Northridge, has fourteen years of experience in the field, and now writes contemporary romance. As a mother with bipolar disorder, two of her three children have mental illnesses as well. Dacia has been married 28 years to a wonderfully patient man. She lives in the High Desert of California.

Michelle Wilson

Michelle Wilson is an inspirational speaker and writer with four published inspirational nonfiction books and a children's book to her name. She also writes upmarket fiction.

Michelle is active in the Storymakers and ANWA writing communities. She's also a freelance writer and editor. She loves family, friends, and chocolate. You can find more about her at www.michellewilsonwrites.com.

Julie Wright

Julie Wright has written 25 novels, is a two-time Whitney Award winner for best romance, and is a Crown Heart recipient. The American Library Association listed “Glass Slippers, Ever After, and Me” in their 2020 top ten best romances.

She loves writing, reading, traveling, hiking, playing with her kids, and watching her husband make dinner.