

Caesar's Nemesis

The dramatic Roman historical adventure with the final clash between hero Mark Antony and Octavian

Alex Gough

Ancient history's greatest showdown, and the fall of a hero of Rome

THE PITCH

- **A HERO OF ROME:** A truly thrilling historical adventure novel, based on the life of an remarkable leader, in an era that is forever fascinating to amateur historians, podcast listeners and viewers of the many TV and Film adaptations
- **A THRILLING SERIES CONCLUSION:** This is the fourth and final part of a landmark series with ongoing potential to appeal to a crossover audience and to backlist as a perennial reader favourite
- **AN EXPERT AUTHOR:** The author is a noted expert on the period, and has lifetime sales in excess of 175,000 novels. He brings his detailed research to each book in the series, and his audience relish the legibility of his world building

THE BOOK

A hero will fall. An emperor will rise

Mark Antony is Caesar's successor, victor over Caesar's murderers Brutus and Cassius, and the most powerful man in the world.

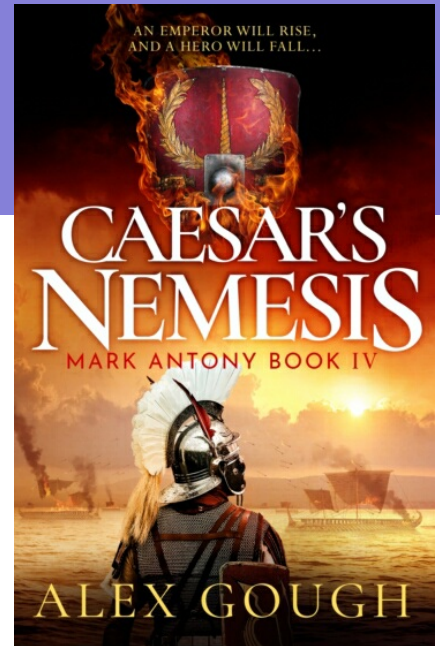
Yet he cannot be complacent. Octavian, Caesar's heir, is ambitious, intelligent and ruthless. Antony must prove himself with a great military victory to hold onto his position, and marches against Rome's old foe: the Parthian empire. But this is a formidable opponent; the bones of many legions lie on the battlefields of the East. And with the beguiling Cleopatra distracting him, can Antony come out on top?

Antony's final years are a whirlwind of shifting alliances, betrayals and war. In the end, the Battle of Actium will decide the fate of the empire, and set the course of history for the next two thousand years.

From Alexandria to Actium, this clash established a dynasty and struck down one of Rome's greatest heroes.

THE AUTHOR

Alex Gough is an author of Roman historical adventures, and has a decades-long interest in Ancient Roman history. His first series *The Carbo Chronicles* (including *Watchmen of Rome*, *Bandits of Rome* and the short story collection, *Carbo and the Thief*) was the culmination of a lot of research into the underclasses of Ancient Rome. His second series, *The Imperial Assassin*, is set in the reign of the Severan dynasty, an under-examined period of Roman history. His latest series is based on the larger-than-life character of Mark Antony, the warrior, the commander, the politician and the lover.



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Author Location: **Bristol**

Book Locale: **Roman empire**

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A high-stakes Cold War adventure introducing Poland's master of espionage fiction

Vincent V. Severski

Introducing Poland's John le Carré - Vincent V. Severski, a million-copy bestselling author in his homeland and former Polish spy, available in the English language for the first time

THE PITCH

- **MILLION-COPY BESTSELLING AUTHOR IN POLAND:** Severski has sold over a million copies of his books in his native Poland
- **AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH FOR THE FIRST TIME:** We are launching Severski into the English language marketing with a gripping international thriller following an MI6 operative
- **FORMIDABLE WORD OF MOUTH:** We are already receiving extraordinary feedback, including comparisons to John le Carré and other masters of the espionage genre
- **A FORMER SENIOR SPY:** Severski served in Poland's national intelligence agency for 23 years, rising to be a director before retiring at the rank of Colonel. He has received training with the CIA and numerous decorations, including the Legion of Merit from President Barack Obama. He brings his decades of espionage experience to bear in this novel

THE BOOK

Introducing the Polish master of espionage with a gripping international thriller about the final crumbling of the USSR and the dawn of Putin's reign...

October 1990. With Mikhail Gorbachev at the helm, *glasnost* and *perestroika* are reshaping the USSR, and the Cold War is drawing to an inevitable close.

From the Zapadnaya Litsa Naval Base in the far north of the Soviet Union, the most powerful submarine in the Soviet fleet – the *Dmitry Donskoy*, commanded by Captain Vladimir Golitsyn – sets sail. On board is a formidable nuclear arsenal capable of destabilising the global balance of power.

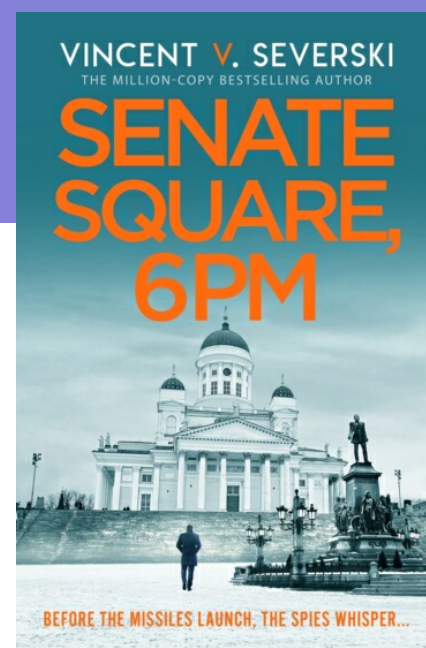
The situation alarms both Washington and London. The allies raise their alert levels, scrutinising every detail to uncover Moscow's true intentions. All roads lead to Helsinki. MI6 enters the high-stakes game of international espionage, dispatching their top operative, Martin, on a critical mission...

Against the dramatic backdrop of the Soviet Union's collapse, a fierce battle unfolds – a clash that will shape the rise of a new empire and lay the foundations for Putin's Russia.

THE AUTHOR

Vincent V. Severski is a retired intelligence officer with the rank of colonel and a former Director of Poland's Foreign Intelligence Agency. He is the bestselling author of several critically acclaimed spy novels, with over 1 million copies sold in Poland alone.

Severski spent 13 years abroad, taking part in more than 140 missions across 50 countries, including regions in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Europe.



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Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835985885**

Thema: **Espionage and spy thriller, Historical adventure fiction, Fiction in translation, Helsinki, c 1985 to c 1996 (Period of end of Cold War / End of the USSR), Literature of Poland, Literature of Poland**

Author Location: **Poland and Sweden**

Book Locale: **Helsinki, Finland**

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Kidnap the President

The gripping new international thriller from the award-winning TV director

Brian Klein

A highly commercial international thriller from the former director of *Top Gear*

THE PITCH

- **A TOPICAL INTERNATIONAL THRILLER:** Perfect for fans of James Patterson, with a storyline imagining the successful kidnap and rescue of a US President
- **GREAT SALES RECORD:** Klein's first trilogy sold over 100,000 units across all formats, including approximately 60,000 in paperback, 30,000 in ebook and 10,000 in audio. ASDA took copies of the last two titles in series, and book two was also stocked by Sainsbury's Ireland. Foreign rights have been sold in Romania, Poland and Holland
- **MARKETING AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN:** We will launch with a high profile publicity push including radio and broadcast appearances, and a significant marketing campaign
- **UNIQUE INSIGHT:** As part of his work with the BBC's Maestro programming, Brian was able to interview and speak with the first female Secret Service agent to be part of a President's security detail
- **BIG-NAME ENDORSEMENTS ANTICIPATED:** Review copies will be sent to the author's personal contacts, to include Jeremy Clarkson, Freddie Flintoff, Jimmy Carr, Romesh Ranganathan, Cliff Richard, Jamie Redknapp, Jamie Oliver, Lee Child and Ken Follett

THE BOOK

'Brian Klein is destined to become a very big name in the thriller genre' Peter James.

A terrorist plot to kidnap the President. A traitor in the White House. An impossible decision...

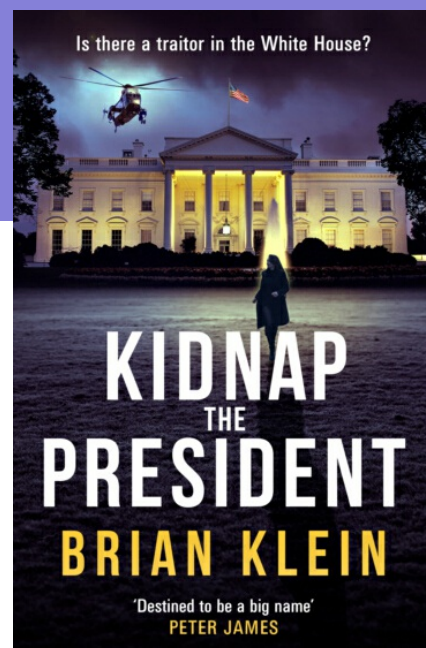
When intelligence confirms a credible plan to kidnap the President of the United States during a high-stakes visit to Saudi Arabia, Carmen Merino – Head of Presidential Security – is thrust into the most dangerous assignment of her career. She has one job: keep him alive.

But the President won't back down. He won't change his schedule. And the enemy is already in position.

As Air Force One touches down in Riyadh, Merino doesn't know the full truth. Mohamed Al-Sharif, a brilliant and ruthless terrorist, has engineered a plan so audacious it could rewrite history: snatching the most powerful man on earth and vanishing with him into the lawless deserts of Yemen.

Worse still, a traitor buried deep inside the White House is making it happen, feeding Al-Sharif every move, meaning any decision Merino makes may already be compromised. Will she be able to keep POTUS safe? Or will the United States be forced into an unthinkable position – bargaining with terrorists for its President's life.

A blistering international thriller packed with suspense, betrayal and global stakes perfect for fans of James Patterson.



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Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835985670**

Thema: **Political / legal thriller, Adventure / action fiction, Thriller: terrorism, Arabian peninsula, c 2020 to c 2029**

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Author Location: **London**

Book Locale: **USA, Saudi Arabia, Yemen**

AI Last Updated: **08 July 2026**

THE AUTHOR

Brian Klein is a best-selling novelist and award winning Television Director, with over twenty-five years' experience in the industry. His work regularly appears on Netflix, Amazon Prime, BBC and Sky.

Amongst his directing credits are twenty-five seasons of the iconic car show, "TOP GEAR" and eight seasons of "A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN ROADTRIP", Sky One's highest rating entertainment show. He has also directed two feature-length films for BBC Worldwide and five entertainment specials for Netflix.

Brian was born in East London and still lives in London with his wife Charmaine and daughter, Jessica.



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Cold Shadow

The next miss-read crime thriller in the DI Kelly Porter series

Rachel Lynch

British crime fiction sensation and million-copy bestseller Rachel Lynch is back with a high-octane addition to her hugely popular Detective Kelly Porter series.

THE PITCH

- **BESTSELLING AUTHOR:** Sales of Rachel Lynch's books exceed one million copies and there is no sign of her popularity slowing down. Each new release in the hugely successful Detective Kelly Porter series is a major event for crime fiction fans
- **THE PERFECT SETTING:** Undoubtedly one of the biggest draws to this series along with compelling plots is the brilliant evocation of the Lake District. Cumbria is one of the most beautiful parts of England, but some ugly deeds occur there in Rachel's fiction
- **BACKLIST ACTIVITY:** Preceding this new instalment, there has been extensive work to promote the series. A repackage programme and new print release for the earlier books in the series plus a stunning prequel *First Act* have whet the appetite for a new Kelly Porter tale

THE BOOK

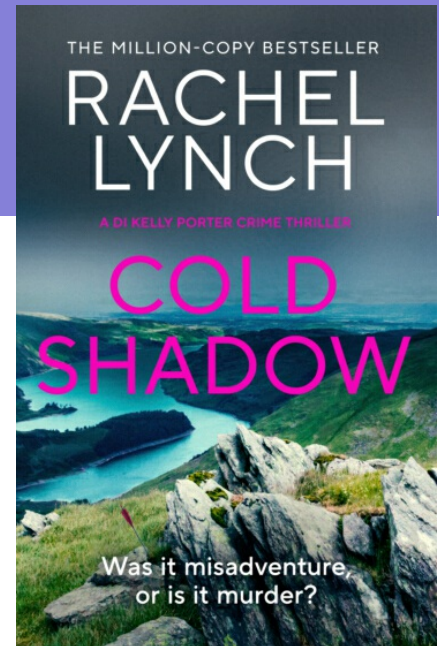
You can run, but you can't hide.

It's the end of November and bitterly cold in the Lake District and a frozen decomposed body is found in a peat ditch up on Bampton Common high above Haweswater reservoir. DI Kelly Porter is called to investigate, but right away she's puzzled by the arrows found around the body – not your average murder weapon.

By digging into missing persons reports from across the country, Kelly is able to trace an ID. However, this brings more questions than answers when links to other cases across the UK come to light. The area has always been a favourite with hunters – could they have turned to human prey? Kelly skirts closer to the truth, but a betrayal wounds her deeply and she needs all the support she can get to defend her team and uncover some sinister secrets.

THE AUTHOR

Rachel Lynch is a million-copy bestselling author of crime fiction, best known for her gripping DI Kelly Porter series, as well as several standalones and the Major Helen Scott military police thrillers. Raised in Cumbria, the haunting beauty of the Lake District seeps into every story she tells.



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Bar Code: **9781835981245**

Thema: **Crime and mystery: police procedural, Crime and mystery: women sleuths / detectives, Thriller / suspense fiction, Narrative theme: death, grief, loss, Narrative theme: social issues / social problems, The Lake District**

Author Location: **Hertfordshire, UK**

Book Locale: **Lake District, UK**

AI Last Updated: **13 July 2026**

The Liverpool Killings

A Snowdonia Murder Mystery #23

Simon McCleave

The unputdownable, epic new instalment in the DI Ruth Hunter crime thriller fiction series from the multi-million copy bestseller.

THE PITCH

- **RELATABLE AND INSPIRATIONAL LEAD CHARACTER:** DI Ruth Hunter is an intelligent, resourceful, strong woman at the top of her field who readers love
- **FAST-PACED AND EMOTIONAL:** The race is on to save DI Ruth Hunter's mentee and friend, DC Jade Kennedy, from death. Readers will be on the edge of their seats and may even shed a tear as the action heats up
- **FOR LOVERS OF BRITISH CRIME:** Fans of JD Kirk, LJ Ross, Neil Lancaster and M.W. Craven will enjoy this pulse-pounding read

THE BOOK

Someone must suffer the consequences...

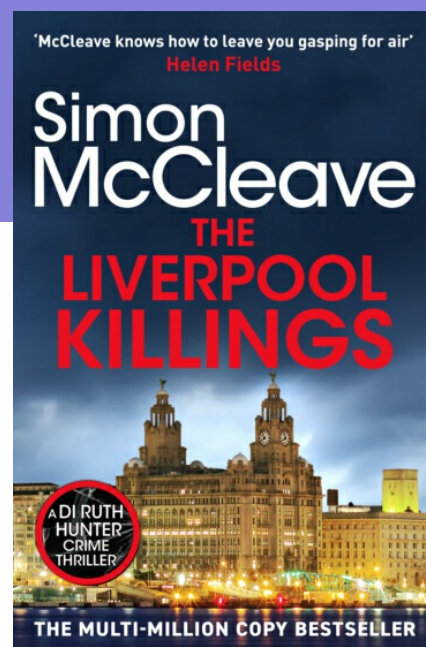
When DC Jade Kennedy – a prized member of DI Ruth Hunter's team – is kidnapped, all hands are on deck to track down the perpetrator. It doesn't take long for Ruth to find out that the person responsible is an old enemy; one she hoped she'd seen the last of.

But knowing who they are doesn't make it any easier to track them down. Ruth races across the country in pursuit of her colleague. Every time she gets within reaching distance, another obstacle is thrown in her path.

Bent on revenge, it's only a matter of time before the violent individual makes Jade pay the ultimate price – and Ruth will do whatever it takes to stop them.

THE AUTHOR

Simon McCleave is a multi-million copy bestselling author. Before writing crime novels, he worked in television and film. He was a Script Editor at the BBC, a producer at Channel 4 and a Story Analyst in Los Angeles. He worked on films such as *The Full Monty* and television series such as the BBC Crime Drama *Between The Lines*. As a script writer he wrote on series such as *Silent Witness*, *Murder In Suburbia*, *Teachers*, *Attachments*, *The Bill*, *Eastenders* and many more.



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Bar Code: **9781835988114**

Thema: **Crime and mystery: police procedural, Crime and mystery: women sleuths / detectives, Crime and mystery: hard-boiled crime, noir fiction, Thriller / suspense fiction, Narrative theme: death, grief, loss, Narrative theme: sense of place, Narrative theme: politics / economics, Liverpool**

Author Location: **North Wales**

Book Locale: **North Wales and Liverpool**

AI Last Updated: **13 July 2026**

The First Touch

An emotional and uplifting sapphic New York romance

Tara Sexton

A sapphic forbidden soccer romance for fans of *Bend It Like Beckham* and *Cleat Cute*

THE PITCH

- **INSPIRED BY REAL WORLD EVENTS AND POPULAR CULTURE:** With the rise in popularity of women's sports, romance readers are rejoicing to learn of real-world queer couples playing with and against each other
- **PLENTY OF ORGANIC, MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES:** Sandwiched between the Men's and Women's Football World Cups, we expect to see football romance fans clamoring for more stories in this space
- **NEW YORK SETTING:** This novel is a love story to New York City in Fall, which will appeal to international and American readers alike as the city is explored through a fun and unique lens
- **FORBIDDEN ROMANCE WITH SPICE:** A naturally high-stakes trope means fast-paced and emotional storytelling that will grip readers from the start

THE BOOK

No fraternising. Especially not with your student's hot guardian...

Moving to New York might be the most radical thing Nicole Giles has ever done. When the opportunity to be an assistant soccer coach at an elite private school lands in her lap, it's not something she can turn down.

But Nicole immediately clashes with spoiled sophomore Reagan, who has just as much attitude as she does potential on the pitch. Even worse – the hot local chef Nicole was crushing on turns out to be Reagan's sister, and Kerrigan won't hear a word against her.

Thrown together time and again, Nicole eventually manages to thaw Kerrigan's iciness. Neither can deny their feelings for each other, but the school has rules about staff fraternisation, and both sisters are still reeling from the loss of their parents. Is love worth the risk if it could mean losing it all?

THE AUTHOR

Tara is based in Arkansas and in between working and spiriting her two kids around to activities, she writes contemporary romance and fantasy that explores women embracing their sexuality and power, realistic and flawed love, and smart mouthed heroines. Tara is an avid sports fan in her soccer mom era and can often be found on the sidelines of a game, cheering on her girls and plotting her next book.



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Publicist: **Kate Shepherd**

Bar Code: **9781835985823**

Thema: **Romance: sports, Romance: workplace, Relating to LGBTQIA+ people, Contemporary lifestyle fiction, Modern and Contemporary romance, Romance: the rich / famous / powerful**

Author Location: **Arkansas, USA**

Book Locale: **New York, USA**

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Lovestruck

The hot new magical enemies to lovers romance for 2027

Andi Epimoni

From the founder of MeetCute Festival comes the magical romance of the year, modernising the myth of Cupid's arrows and turning it on its head

THE PITCH

- **A HUGE WELL-CONNECTED AUTHOR:** Andi founded and organises the MeetCute festival, which provides a massive launch platform and built-in audience who will be excited to support Andi's writing through blurbs and sales
- **MAGICAL REALISM MEETS MYTH RETELLING:** Andi's Greek Cypriot heritage fostered a love of classic myths, the popular retellings of which have pivoted into a contemporary, commercial space with readers hungry for these elements in their real-world romances with a magical twist
- **A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON THE POSITIVITY OF BREAKUPS:** Explores how healthy and necessary breakups can be to grow a person while also showcasing the power of love in making major, real-world change
- **WEIRD GIRL APPEAL:** With a black sheep lead character, this story is all about standing against the tide and finding strength in your differences
- **LONDON SETTING FOR GLOBAL APPEAL:** We've seen a shift in romance towards London settings for transporting narratives, perfect for beach reading or rainy day cosying up

THE BOOK

His job is to make the greatest love stories in the world. Her job is to break them.

Demi is a Breaker. Her job as an agent of Fate is to end human relationships when the time is right. She's the only Breaker in a family of Archers - those responsible for making humans fall in love with their golden arrows - and a black sheep amongst her peers.

Still, Demi's life as a Breaker is simple, until her coffee break is interrupted by an arrow swinging through the door of the cafe. When she turns to see who it was, she finds a face she'd hoped to never see again: Gray Thompson, the leading archer in the agency. And the man who broke her heart.

Gray's arrow has found the wrong target - the worst error an archer can make. Demi and Gray must unpick his mistake, for the fate of the world is at stake if they don't. But as they work together to recreate the right love story, they accidentally unpack their own. As the truth of what happened five years ago is finally revealed, Demi will have to come out from the shadows to save everything she holds dear.

THE AUTHOR

Andi Epimoni is a writer constantly looking for magic in the real world. She finds it in good coffee, loud laughter and the ocean. Her Greek Cypriot heritage fostered a love of mythology, storytelling and she explores themes of love, fate and vulnerability in her books. She is the founder of Meetcute Book Fest, a



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Author Location: **London, UK**

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QUOTES

'Andi Epimoni deftly combines the mythological with the modern in *Lovestruck* and I am here for it! Powerful and dangerous politics and an epic love story that will make your heart sing' Jenny Bayliss

'*Lovestruck* is a wonderful supernatural twist on a second chance romance. Andi Epimoni combines whimsical magic, a perfectly crafted cast of characters, and the angst of a childhood romance revisited, to create a deeply emotional examination of fate, love, and heartbreak. A delight to read!' Norees Gasper, author of *THE ARCANES ARCHIVES*



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Of Ivory and Crimson

The yearn-filled romantasy sequel in the Vampyr Realm series

Ivy Rose

Phantasma meets *A Court of Thorn & Roses* in this pulse-racing romantasy sequel, from the blood-thirsty Vampyr Realms trilogy.

THE PITCH

- **FEEDING THE ADDICTION:** Positioned to build upon the launch of *Of Shadows and Blood* (August 26), with a quick publishing schedule designed to keep readers invested in the Lux world-building
- **HORROROMANCE IS ON THE RISE:** Google search terms for Horroromance began to peak in December 2025, and the vampire resurgence in pop culture (*Sinners* and *Dracula: A Love Tale*) shows no sign of abating
- **BOOKTOK FAVOURITE:** Perfectly positioned for readers ready to break away from traditional Romantasy but eager to explore new worlds and lore-building
- **AUTHOR'S BACKSTORY PERFECT FOR PR:** Ivy Rose's fascinating life directly influenced this series and we are actively seeking major publicity opportunities

THE BOOK

The battle was won: but war is coming for their queen.

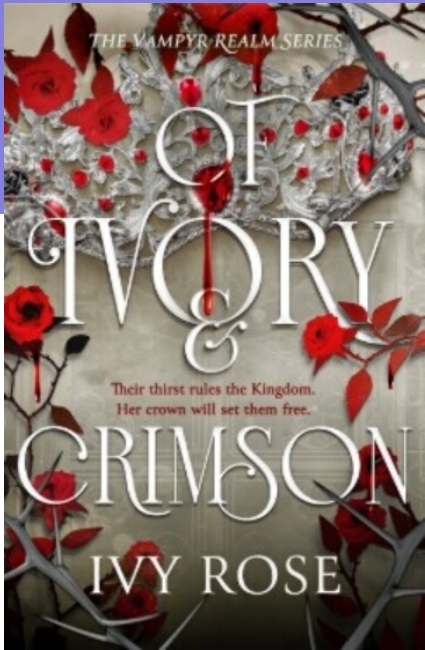
Liv has finally regained her memory, and power finds restoration, but the war is immediately building back in Lux where King Cedric, her believed blood rited mate, is defending the castle from an assault led by King Rolan of Dresden. But how true is her bond to Cedric, when she feels deeply for Prince Sawyer?

As the war builds, and battle lines are forged, who is an ally, who is an enemy, and who is a lover?

And most of all, who will come out on top?

THE AUTHOR

After suffering a brain injury in Mexico while on vacation, Ivy Rose spent the following months under treatment and recovery. Ivy 'woke' up months later, finding a document on her laptop that she didn't remember: the start of a fantasy novel inspired by her own injury. Since her injury, Ivy has completely changed her life. Leaving behind Utah, she has moved to Paris to continue her studies on occultism through history - another key element of her writing. With this, Ivy wants to share her piece of vampire escapism with the world.



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Author Location: Paris, France
Book Locale: The fictional realm of Lux
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