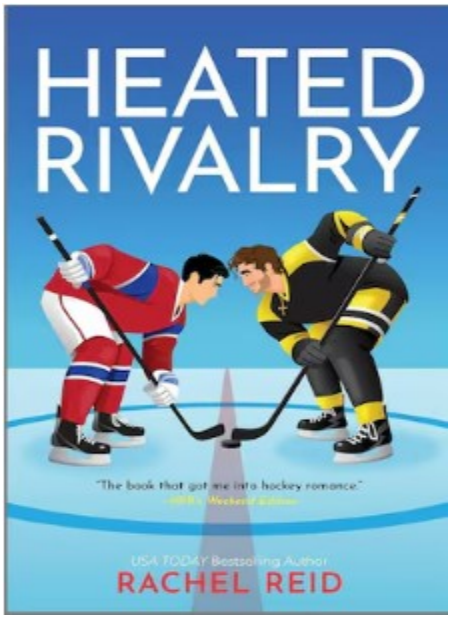


Heated Rivalry

Rachel Reid is a New York Times and 2026 No. 1 Canada Fiction bestselling author of this Hockey Game Changers series, which has been adapted into a smash hit television series *Heated Rivalry* on Crave. She has been a hockey fan since childhood, but sadly never made it to the NHL herself.

Rachel Reid's *Heated Rivalry* is an engaging sports romance about two elite hockey players whose fierce public rivalry hides a complicated private relationship. The novel's strength is in the gradual emotional development between the characters.
Reid also explores the pressure of professional sports and the difficulty of maintaining a relationship that cannot be openly acknowledged. The hockey setting adds tension without overwhelming the romance.

Heated Rivalry is ultimately a character-driven story about desire, identity, and vulnerability. Its memorable leads and convincing romantic tension make it a strong choice for adult readers who enjoy gay sports romance, rivals-to-lovers stories, and slow-burning relationships.



Mad Mabel

Mad Mabel by Sally Hepworth is an addictive and emotional read about a woman full of many secrets. Reviewers consistently highlight this novel as one of Hepworth's strongest works.

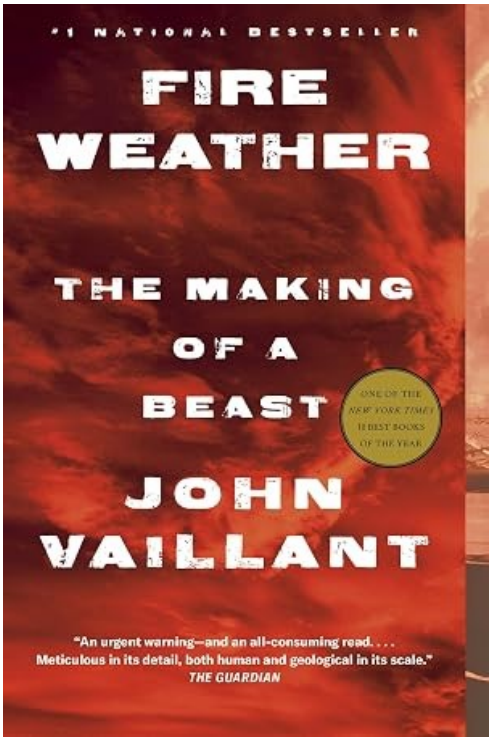
Meet Elsie Mabel Fitzpatrick: eighty-one years old, gloriously grumpy, fiercely independent, and never without a hot cup of tea—or a cutting remark. She minds her own business in her quiet Melbourne suburb, until a neighbor turns up dead and the whispers start flying.

Because Elsie hasn't always been Elsie. Once upon a headline, she was *Mad Mabel* Waller—Australia's youngest convicted murderer. But was she really crazy, or just misunderstood? Either way, she's kept her secret buried for decades.

Is she a cantankerous old lady with a shady past? A cold-blooded killer with arthritis? Or just someone who's finally ready to tell her side of the story? Sharp, surprising, and wickedly funny, this is the unforgettable story of a woman who's spent a lifetime being underestimated—and is about to prove everyone wrong. Again.

Mad Mabel is an entertaining and compassionate read about individuality, resilience, and the value of looking beyond first impressions. It will appeal to readers who enjoy warm, personality-driven fiction with humour and heart.

Fire Weather: The Making of a Beast



Having won several awards, John Vaillant's *Fire Weather: The Making of a Beast* is a gripping account of the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfire and an urgent examination of the conditions that made it possible. Combining disaster narrative, environmental history, and reporting, Vaillant shows how fire, climate change, and an oil-dependent economy converged with devastating consequences.

This book is especially effective when describing the speed and force of the fire and the experiences of people caught in its path. Vaillant's research gives the disaster a broad historical and scientific context without losing sight of its human cost.

At times, the extensive background material slows the momentum, but it also strengthens the book's central argument: extreme fires are not isolated events but warnings about a hotter and more combustible world.

Fire Weather is vivid, unsettling, and thought-provoking. It is highly recommended for readers interested in climate change, Canadian history, investigative journalism, and compelling narrative nonfiction.

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