

Monthly Niche Research Report

September 2026

Publishing Success Accelerator Classroom

Primary: Christian Romantic Suspense

Companion: Clean Romance

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Amazon/KDP observational shelf research for PSA members

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Sources actually visited (live, 17 Sep 2026 CEST)

Shelf	Path	Node / URL
Kindle Best Sellers → Christian Mystery & Suspense Romance	Primary CRS demand shelf	https://www.amazon.com/Best-Sellers-Kindle-Store-Christian-Mystery-Suspense-Romance/zgbs/digital-text/8917427011
Kindle Best Sellers → Christian Romance (parent / adjacent)	Cross-check	https://www.amazon.com/Best-Sellers-Kindle-Store-Christian-Romance/zgbs/digital-text/6190472011
Kindle Best Sellers → Clean & Wholesome Romance	Companion niche	https://www.amazon.com/Best-Sellers-Clean-Wholesome-Romance/zgbs/digital-text/11650867011

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Prior Research Bot deep dive on the same CRS Kindle node (10 Sep 2026) is cited only where noted; **September live observations supersede** for shelf composition.

PART 1 — Christian Romantic Suspense (PRIMARY)

*Use the full niche name **Christian Romantic Suspense** in blurbs, covers, and classroom talk. After the full name is clear, the short label “CRS” may appear. Prefer “Christian Romantic Suspense” / “Christian Romantic Suspense Royalties Bot” wording with members.*

1.1 Executive snapshot — why this niche now

Christian Romantic Suspense sits at the intersection of three durable Kindle reader promises:

1. **Faith that costs something** (prayer under pressure, conviction that changes a tactical choice — not wallpaper church),
2. **Clean romantic heat** (kisses / longing / HEA; no explicit spice),
3. **Real personal danger** (protect-the-innocent, sanctuary under threat, investigation with moral cost).

Why September 2026 for PSA: the Christian Romantic Suspense Royalties Bot is the current classroom / launch focus, and the live Kindle Best Sellers shelf for **Christian Mystery & Suspense Romance** (8917427011) still shows the same structural pattern Research Bot flagged on 10 Sep 2026 — **series factories** (multi-book town / team brands)

dominating the paid Top 30, with clean/wholesome packaging and protector-noun titles. That pattern rewards authors who plan series continuity, not one-off clones of a famous town name.

OBSERVATION: Several Top-30 titles also appear on the broader **Christian Romance** Best Sellers shelf (6190472011), which means Christian Romantic Suspense titles can spill upward into the parent romance bucket when momentum is strong — useful for category strategy, not a promise of dual ranking.

1.2 Demand signals — live Amazon / KDP pages (17 Sep 2026)

Category path (Kindle)

Kindle Store → Kindle eBooks → Christian Books & Bibles → Christian Fiction → Romance → Christian Mystery & Suspense Romance

Best Sellers node: zgbs/digital-text/8917427011

Paid Top 30 snapshot (titles + authors + visible rating counts on the Best Sellers faceouts)

#	Title (short)	Author	Ratings shown on BS page
1	Shadowing You (Wright Heroes of Maine / Shadow Cove #10)	Robin Patchen	73
2	Shadow (Heroes of Renegade #7)	Susan May Warren	119
3	Weight of Guilt (Fog Lake: Homecoming #1)	Christy Barritt	346
4	Emergency Reunion (Love Inspired Suspense)	Sandra Orchard	167
5	Hunted but not Alone (anthology / multi-story pack)	Robin Patchen	74
6	The Lazarus Protocol (Division Zero Special Ops #1)	Lisa Phillips	94
7	Defender (Heroes of Renegade #6)	Michelle Sass Aleckson	228
8	Nothing But Air (Summer Rangers #3)	Susan May Warren	494
9	Detecting Danger (Refuge Cove #1)	Christy Barritt	3,101
10	The Devoted Firefighter (Secrets of Shadow Cove #4)	Cami Checketts	191
11	Renegade (Heroes of Renegade #1)	Susan May Warren	1,535
12	SOUTH (The Hunt for Alan Martin #3)	Susan May Warren	240
13	Tortured Hero (Hometown Heroes A–Z / clean RS)	Jo Grafford	155
14	Tracking Safety (Refuge Cove #6)	Christy Barritt	2,157
15	Rescuer (Heroes of Renegade #5)	Dana R. Lynn	606
16	Protecting Honor (Refuge Cove #4)	Christy Barritt	2,284
17	Over the Edge (Summer Rangers #1)	Susan May Warren	477
18	Warrior (Heroes of Renegade #2)	Lisa Phillips	586
19	Training Grounds (Refuge Cove #5)	Christy Barritt	1,981
20	Escaping Peril (Refuge Cove #2)	Christy Barritt	2,839
21	Trailing Justice (Refuge Cove #3)	Christy Barritt	2,646
22	Protector (Heroes of Renegade #3)	Jennifer Pierce	428
23	Three Steps Behind (Jeopardy Falls #3)	Dani Pettrey	13
24	Guardian (Heroes of Renegade #4)	Jennifer Chastain	773
25	In Too Deep (Summer Rangers #2)	Susan May Warren	323
26	Crosscurrent (Sweet and Sawyer #4)	Edie James	198

#	Title (short)	Author	Ratings shown on BS page
27	The Water Keeper (Murphy Shepherd #1)	Charles Martin	18,549
28	EAST (The Hunt for Alan Martin #2)	Susan May Warren	855
29	Kidnapped in Alaska (Mountain Rescue)	Beth Carpenter	130
30	Race Against Time	Christy Barritt	1,057

No Best Sellers Rank (BSR) or “copies sold” figures are claimed here. Amazon does not show BSR on this Best Sellers list faceout in a form we can safely quote as a stable number for the whole shelf. Rating counts above are the **only numeric demand proxies scraped from the live page.**

Series-factory observations (Top 30 composition)

Series / imprint pattern	Approx. titles in Top 30	Notes
Heroes of Renegade	7	Multi-author / shared-world style protector titles (Renegade, Warrior, Protector, Guardian, Rescuer, Defender, Shadow)
Refuge Cove (Christy Barritt)	6	Classic “town + danger verb” factory; Book 1 still on shelf with 3,101 ratings
Summer Rangers	3	Susan May Warren
The Hunt for Alan Martin	2	Fake-relationship + danger packaging in subtitles
Shadow Cove / Wright Heroes	2+	Robin Patchen / Cami Checketts adjacent cove branding
Love Inspired Suspense	1+	Traditional CBA / Harlequin faith line still present
Division Zero / Fog Lake / Mountain Rescue / Jeopardy Falls	scattered	Military-ops, hometown cold-case, wilderness rescue lanes

Author concentration (Top 30): Christy Barritt **8** faceouts; Susan May Warren **7**; Robin Patchen **2**; Lisa Phillips **2**; rest singles.

OBSERVATION: This is a **series-first** shelf. Standalone one-shots can chart (e.g. newer titles with low review counts at #1–#6), but the durable mid-shelf mass is multi-book brands.

What this means for PSA indies (GUESS, strategic): do **not** try to out-Refuge-Cove Refuge Cove. Build an **original** town / team / ministry stake with faith conflict + clean danger — then plan Books 2–4 before you publish Book 1.

Packaging patterns visible on thumbnails / titles

- **Protector-noun titles:** Defender, Rescuer, Warrior, Guardian, Protector, Shadow.
- **Danger-verb + place:** Detecting Danger, Tracking Safety, Escaping Peril, Trailing Justice, Training Grounds.
- **Faith markers in subtitle or series line:** “Christian Romance & Suspense,” Love Inspired Suspense, “clean & wholesome” called out on some RS-adjacent titles.
- **Trope-forward subtitles:** fake engagement / fake honeymoon + secrets that could get them killed (Hunt for Alan Martin).
- **Covers (OBSERVATION from thumbnail alt text / common CRS art):** couples or lone figures in storm light, ranch / mountain / coastal dusk, badge / K-9 / firefighter cues — generally **no gore**, no shirtless spice clichés.

Prior notes (10 Sep 2026) vs live (17 Sep 2026)

Research Bot's 10 Sep deep dive already named Refuge Cove / Christy Barritt, Heroes of Renegade / Susan May Warren, Lisa Phillips K-9/ops, and Love Inspired Suspense as factory patterns with clean Christian packaging. **Live 17 Sep confirms those factories still crowd the Top 30**; exact title order has shifted (newer Shadow Cove / Fog Lake / Lazarus Protocol titles near the top; Refuge Cove books remain heavily represented with high rating totals).

1.3 Positioning — reader, heat, tropes that sell

Dimension	Positioning for Christian Romantic Suspense
Who the reader is	Faith-forward romance readers who want justice + hope , often women who also buy Love Inspired Suspense / Christian romance. They want danger that feels personal (witness, child, congregation, mission field) — not nihilistic crime.
Heat level	Clean / faith: kisses, longing, protective tension; no explicit sex, fade-to-graphic, or crude dirty talk.
Faith posture	Lived conviction: prayer under pressure, costly truth-telling, forgiveness that is hard. Avoid sermon dumps and altar-call endings that ignore the plot.
Tropes that show up on the live shelf	Protector / bodyguard energy; small-town / cove / ranch; K-9 & first responders; military / special ops homecoming; fake engagement under threat; second-chance after grief; wilderness / mountain rescue; series team brands.
HEA	Primary couple earns a faith-honoring HEA (or series-safe hopeful close) that remembers scars.

1.4 Sub-niches / lanes (curated for classroom use)

Aligned with **Christian Romantic Suspense Royalties Bot** Option A materials:

- **INSTRUCTIONS.md** locked **15** built-in one-liners (live bot list until Andreas swaps).
- **KNOWLEDGE-FULL.md** Research Bot enrichment **12**-set (10 Sep 2026) — richer hooks; Andreas decides swap.

Below: **classroom lanes refreshed against the 17 Sep live shelf** (reuse + tighten; original execution required — **do not clone** Refuge Cove / Renegade / franchise names).

A) Research Bot enrichment lanes (12) — preferred story hooks

1. **Prodigal Deputy & the Church Books** — Church secretary witnesses embezzlement; the deputy who walked away from God after his partner died is the only one who believes her.
2. **Pastor's Daughter & the Missing Foster Child** — She and a K-9 handler race a blizzard before traffickers move a foster kid — faith and fear in the same breath.
3. **Shelter Gala Fake Engagement** — Fake engagement at a women's-shelter fundraiser to flush a stalker; congregation reputation is the other hostage.
4. **Christmas Eve Sanctuary Arson** — Sanctuary burns on Christmas Eve; investigator who quit church after his wife's funeral partners with the worship leader who saw the lighter.
5. **Missionary Nurse Home on Furlough** — Home two weeks and already a target; childhood best friend is Secret Service — and still angry she chose the field.
6. **WITSEC in Sunday School** — Witness protection drops a prosecutor into a rural Sunday-school class; cover blown when the new youth pastor recognizes her from the trial.
7. **Christian Camp Inheritance** — She inherits a failing Christian summer camp; a lakeshore developer will kill for the land — and the counselor she loved at sixteen still works there.
8. **Choir Loft Confession (Deaf Heroine)** — A Deaf choir member lip-reads a confession; her interpreter becomes bodyguard when the killer realizes what she saw.

9. **Megachurch Charity Cover-Up** — Clinic doctor + DEA agent rebuilding his marriage uncover an opioid pipeline inside a “benevolence” fund — truth vs the pulpit’s PR.
10. **Hymnal Cold Case** — Cold-case detective reopens a sanctuary murder after a marked hymnal reveals a code only the old choir director’s granddaughter can read.
11. **Worship Leader Deepfake Scandal** — Blackmailed with a deepfake; the tech-savvy seminary dropout clearing her name is the ex she ghosted at Bible college.
12. **Missing Missionary Beacon** — SAR pilot + widow whose husband vanished on a short-term mission find his beacon — and a conspiracy the mission board buried.

B) Locked INSTRUCTIONS Option A list (15) — still wired in the bot

1. Church embezzlement + prodigal deputy returns home
2. Pastor’s daughter + K9 foster rescue that turns dangerous
3. Fake engagement at a shelter gala to catch a donor predator
4. Midwife + fire chief when baby trafficking hides behind “ministry”
5. Christmas Eve sanctuary arson + second-chance love in the ashes
6. Missionary nurse home on furlough + Secret Service protection detail
7. WITSEC relocated into teaching Sunday school — cover cracks
8. Christian camp inheritance with sabotage + forced-proximity caretaker
9. Deaf choir director who lip-reads a confession no one else heard
10. Megachurch opioid charity that isn’t charity — whistleblower romance
11. Veterans ranch + foster teen witness under threat
12. Hymnal cold case reopened from a church attic find
13. Worship deepfake scandal + seminary ex who still believes her
14. SAR pilot + missing missionary husband case that tests faith
15. Amish-raised convert + sheriff rebuilding trust after a faith crisis

Live-shelf alignment check (OBSERVATION): veterans/ranch + foster witness, fake engagement under threat, K-9 / first responder, mountain/SAR, and multi-book team brands all echo what is charting. Deepfake / hymnal cold case / Deaf heroine / camp inheritance remain **differentiated** lanes less saturated by the Refuge Cove / Renegade noun factories — strong for original indie series seeds.

1.5 Cover & keyword notes

Covers

- **Do:** storm/dusk palette; badge, radio, K-9, ranch fence, lakeshore dock, burned beam, marked hymnal, phone glow (deepfake) — **book-specific motifs**; readable title + pen name at thumbnail.
- **Don’t:** gore close-ups; shirtless spice; celebrity lookalikes; cheesy glowing-religious clichés; defaulting every cover to a dark church exterior unless the climax is church-centric.
- **Series tip:** keep a recognizable color/type system across books without recycling the same couple pose.

Keyword angles (phrases readers type — not ranking hacks)

Blend 7 KDP phrases around the **actual** book (examples — adapt, don’t paste blindly):

- christian romantic suspense
- clean christian romance suspense

- small town christian romantic suspense
- faith based romantic suspense
- christian fbi romance / christian k9 romance (only if true)
- christian witness protection romance
- christian first responder romance

Never use competitor author names as keywords. **Never** claim “bestseller” in keywords or blurb.

Categories (verify in KDP picker)

Best-fit browsable language (confirm live labels in KDP):

- Christian Mystery & Suspense Romance (Kindle)
- Christian Romance
- Romantic Suspense / Mystery & Suspense Romance (only if content honestly fits; keep faith-forward)

Exact Amazon tree labels change — treat the above as **best-fit phrases**, not locked IDs for every account.

1.6 What to avoid

- **Heat creep** into closed-door-that-isn't or explicit RS — readers in this shelf punish bait-and-switch.
- **New Age / occult bleed** (crystals, spirit guides, reincarnation romance) — brand-fights faith-forward positioning.
- **Franchise clones** and “in the style of” famous town/series names — originality gate; rewrite into an original lane.
- **Saturated megaseries traps**: launching a “Cove / Refuge / Harbor + Danger Verb” clone that reads like Refuge Cove fanfic.
- **Protector-noun factories without faith conflict**: secular FBI/cartel RS with a single church cameo is **not** Christian Romantic Suspense.
- **Preachy narrator** that lectures instead of showing conviction under pressure.
- **Fake BSR / income claims** in ads or classroom posts.
- **Amish collision caution**: Amish-adjacent can work as *one* Option A lane, but a full Amish-romance megaprompt market already has competitor products — differentiate or skip as a primary brand.

1.7 Series / publishing tips for PSA KDP indies

1. **Plan the series bible first** — town rules, team roster, open threats, do-not-break list — before Book 1 goes live.
2. **Length**: Short Novel (~20k) vs Long Novel (~40–45k) locks are fine for Kindle; keep chapter shape commercial (2–5 sentence paragraphs).
3. **Per-book promise**: each book resolves a case + couple HEA; leave a series-level conspiracy or team arc for later books.
4. **Launch cadence**: Amazon's documented KDP ceiling is **10 new titles per book format per week**; cautious practice for quality is often fewer (Andreas's classroom guidance historically prefers ~3/week as *practice*, not a second Amazon rule).
5. **Assets**: Amazon description → 7 keywords → 3 categories → Kindle front cover → bio — one honest package per book.
6. **Use Christian Romantic Suspense Royalties Bot / Premium Prompts** for market-aware premises; still verify categories in your own KDP account.

PART 2 — Clean Romance (SECONDARY / COMPANION)

2.1 Executive snapshot — why this niche now

Clean Romance (Amazon browsable label often **Clean & Wholesome Romance**) is the wide secular-or-sweet umbrella: kisses-only / closed-door emotional romance **without requiring** Christian framing. It is the natural **companion** to Christian Romantic Suspense for PSA members who want:

- a second series brand that is **not** faith+danger, or
- seasonal / small-town / beach / bookshop books that feed the same “safe heat” reader habit.

September 2026 live shelf signal: the Clean & Wholesome Kindle Best Sellers list is heavily **seasonal fall romcom + coastal/small-town series**, with some Christian Romantic Suspense spillover titles also appearing (proof the shelves talk to each other — not proof you should blur the brands).

2.2 Demand signals — live Clean & Wholesome Romance (17 Sep 2026)

Category path (Kindle)

Kindle Store → Kindle eBooks → Romance → Clean & Wholesome Romance

Best Sellers node: [zgbs/digital-text/11650867011](#)

Paid Top 15 snapshot (visible rating counts on BS faceouts)

#	Title (short)	Author	Ratings shown
1	Fall Fake-Out: A Sweet Romantic Comedy	Kortney Keisel	17
2	The Bodyguard's Fall: A cozy fall romantic comedy	Cindy Steel	1,502
3	The Sky Beneath Her: A Novel	Mary Ellen Taylor	17,806
4	The Pumpkin Patch Sisters (Fall At Harvest Hollow #1)	Amy Rafferty	152
5	Windward Hearts (Magnolia Shore #6)	Fiona Baker	469
6	Once Upon a Fall: A Sweet Small Town Romcom	Becky Monson	295
7	The Coastal Book Club (Magnolia Shore #1)	Fiona Baker	4,230
8	The Tomorrow Tree	Carolyn Brown	11,918
9	The Birchwood House (Coral Sands #1)	Fiona Baker	679
10	Falling for Keeps: A Sweet Small Town Romcom	Kasey Stockton	423
11	Resisting the Fall: A Sweet and Cozy Fall Romantic Comedy	Jess Heileman	502
12	Shadow (Heroes of Renegade #7)	Susan May Warren	119
13	Bailey (Coral Canyon Cowboys #1)	Liz Isaacson	222
14	On the Book Train to Paris	Norie Clarke	1,820
15	The Whispering Pines Bookshop (Banner Elk #6)	Grace Meyers	39

Also visible deeper in Top 30 (OBSERVATION): more Magnolia Shore / Coral Sands / Lobster Shack / Bayberry series books; pumpkin-patch sequels; Irish/Scottish bookshop; boxed sets; and occasional Love Inspired Suspense / Christian RS spillover (e.g. Emergency Reunion at #29).

Packaging patterns

- **Seasonal hooks in titles:** Fall Fake-Out, Pumpkin Patch, Candy Apple Kisses, Resisting the Fall.
- **Place-brand series:** Magnolia Shore, Coral Sands, Rosewood/Marina-style beach towns, Nantucket lobster-shack energy.
- **Bookish tropes:** coastal book club, whispering pines bookshop, book train to Paris.
- **Cowboy / hometown redemption** still present (Coral Canyon).
- **Heat language on-page:** “sweet,” “cozy,” “low-spice,” “romcom” — signal clean expectations in the title/subtitle itself.

No BSR or earnings claimed.

2.3 Positioning — reader, heat, tropes

Dimension	Clean Romance positioning
Who the reader is	Readers who want emotional payoff and HEA without explicit spice; may or may not want faith content.
Heat	Kisses-only or closed-door. Banter, yearning, found family.
Default for Clean Romance Royalties Bot	Secular path lock unless the member explicitly asks for faith-forward — do not accidentally write CRS into a Clean Romance cover.
Tropes that sell on the live shelf	Fall/seasonal romcom; fake dating; small-town second chance; beach/island series; bookshop / book club; cowboy/ranch; later-in-life; sweet sports; Irish/Scottish village.

2.4 Sub-niches / lanes (from Clean Romance Royalties Bot Option A — 14)

1. **Sweet small-town romcom** — Inherits the bakery; rival café owner is the high-school crush who never left.
2. **Seasonal / autumn-cozy** — Leaf-festival planner + orchard heir must save harvest weekend — and their old almost-kiss.
3. **Coastal / beach / island** — Summer rental gone wrong with the ferry captain who swore he'd never get attached.
4. **Bookshop / book-club / bookish** — New bookshop owner's club keeps seating her across from the quiet carpenter.
5. **Cowboy / ranch contemporary (clean)** — City vet on a six-week contract; ranch heir doesn't believe in temporary.
6. **Historical Western / frontier bride** — Mail-route mistake strands a schoolteacher with a stoic marshal.
7. **Clean Regency / duke historical** — Fake fiancée for the Season; wallflower has a secret that could ruin them sweetly.
8. **Fake dating / fake engagement (sweet)** — One wedding weekend, zero chance of real feelings (until they do).
9. **Hometown hero / second-chance return** — Hero comes back to coach; she runs the only inn.
10. **Village / cottage / countryside escape** — Cottage rental to finish a novel; grumpy gardener next door.
11. **Later-in-life / mature heroine** — At forty-eight, she's done shrinking; silver-at-the-temples neighbor + rescue dog.
12. **Sweet college / campus romcom** — Lab partners: scholarship overachiever + athlete who can't afford distraction.
13. **Clean sports / hockey (sweet)** — Injured star's roommate is the PT who refuses his charm.
14. **Irish / Scottish small-town** — American inherits a coastal cottage; local pub owner holds the keys — and every rumor.

Live-shelf refresh: lean into **#2 seasonal fall**, **#3 coastal series**, **#4 bookish**, **#5 cowboy**, **#8 fake dating**, and **#9 hometown second chance** — those patterns dominate the September Clean & Wholesome Top 30.

2.5 Cover & keyword notes (Clean Romance)

- **Covers:** bakery street, autumn orchard, coastal pier, bookshop window, ranch fence, cottage garden, campus quad, ice rink, Highland harbor — **no** default church/steeple/cross unless the member explicitly chose faith content.
- **Keywords (secular clean by default):** clean wholesome romance, sweet small town romance, clean romantic comedy, beach town romance, fake dating clean romance, cowboy clean romance, later in life clean romance, etc.
- **Categories:** Clean & Wholesome Romance; Contemporary Romance / Romantic Comedy / Western / Historical as honest fits. **Do not** pick Christian Romance buckets unless the book is actually Christian.

2.6 What to avoid (Clean Romance)

- Accidental **Christian Romantic Suspense** branding on a secular clean cover (confused metadata = confused ads).
- **Spice creep** while still labeling “clean.”
- Cloning Magnolia Shore / Coral Sands place names or famous TikTok spicy cafés and calling them clean.
- Using Clean Romance as a dumping ground for failed CRS manuscripts — revise for the actual promise.
- New Age framing if you’re also building a faith brand elsewhere (keep pen names / series bibles separate).

2.7 Series / publishing tips

- Coastal and small-town clean romance are **series machines** on the live shelf — plan 4–6 interconnected HEAs.
- Seasonal titles (fall, Christmas, summer) can be written into an evergreen town series as “Book of the season.”
- Keep heat language consistent in subtitle + Look Inside + keywords.
- Clean Romance Royalties Bot Option B (Premium Prompt) remains the fastest path to a market-aware premise.

PART 3 — Cross-link: Clean Romance ↔ Christian Romantic Suspense

Keep separate	How they companion without diluting
Promise	CRS = faith + clean love + danger . Clean Romance = clean love + emotional conflict (danger optional , faith optional).
Pen name / series bible	Prefer distinct brands so Amazon and ads don't mix “sweet pumpkin romcom” with “sanctuary arson.”
Reader bridge	Same reader often buys both — offer a gentle CTA (“If you love clean small-town romance, try my faith-forward romantic suspense series”) inside back-matter, not by blurring categories.
Shared craft	Both need HEA, clean heat, commercial paragraph shape, series continuity handoffs.
Do not dilute CRS	Don't strip faith conflict or danger to “make it more clean romance.” Don't add spice to “compete with RS.”
Do not baptize Clean Romance by accident	Don't insert prayer/church for SEO if the Clean Romance Royalties Bot path is secular.

Classroom one-liner: *Christian Romantic Suspense is the faith-and-danger specialty. Clean Romance is the sweet-heat companion brand. Share craft; separate shelves.*

Quick action checklist for PSA members (September)

1. Pick **one** primary lane from the Christian Romantic Suspense lists above; write Story Bible + series seeds before drafting.
 2. Verify categories in your own KDP picker against live Amazon trees.
 3. Study **packaging** on 8917427011 (titles, subtitles, series naming) — then invent an original town/team.
 4. If you also write Clean Romance, open a **separate** series for fall/coastal/bookish lanes on 11650867011.
 5. Never invent BSR or income in your ads or reader emails.
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Evidence files (local)

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