

The Undeniable Power of Friendship

Author Maria Murnane pens an inspiring girl-power tale of how strong ties of friendship can lead to a life of empowerment

Bridges: A Daphne White Novel by Maria Murnane

It's a piece of news Daphne never expected to hear: Her globe-trotting friend Skylar, who vowed never to get married, is engaged! Time to celebrate in Manhattan—Skylar's treat, of course. After years scaling the corporate ladder, she can more than afford it.

Daphne arrives in NYC with news of her own—the novel she's finally finished appears to be going nowhere but the trash bin of every publishing house around. She's devastated but plans to keep her disappointment under wraps, something that becomes trickier when she sees Skylar's spectacular apartment. Could her life have been like this if she'd chosen a different path?

What Daphne doesn't know is she's not the only one with a secret. Skylar and their friend KC are also holding something back, but what? As the trip unfolds, the truth about each woman emerges, along with tears. And laughter. And love.

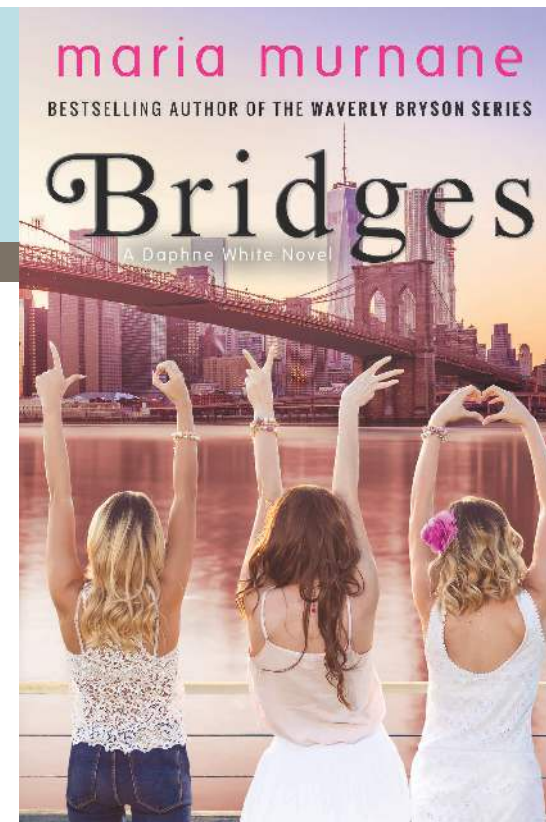
The fun-loving trio readers fell for in *Wait for the Rain* is together once more. Here's to the power of friendship!

Talking Points

- The power of female friendship
- Finding your life's passion and work at 40
- Achieving your dreams through courage and perseverance

About the Author

A former PR executive who abandoned a successful career to pursue a more fulfilling life, Maria Murnane is the best-selling author of the Waverly Bryson series (which received a starred review in Publishers Weekly), as well as *Katwalk*, *Wait for the Rain*, and International Book Award winner *Cassidy Lane*. Maria spent a year playing semi-pro soccer in Argentina, during which she wrote *Perfect on Paper*. It was initially turned down by several major publishing houses. In an effort to prove them wrong, Maria self-published and implemented a creative, grass-roots marketing campaign. Within a year *Perfect on Paper* attracted the attention of senior executives at Amazon, who chose it out of more than 10,000 self-published titles for the company's venture into traditional publishing. They offered Maria a contract, and a year later *Perfect on Paper* reached #2 overall on Amazon.



BOOK DETAILS

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Organizations that have invited Maria to speak include the Harvard Women's Leadership Conference, the Massachusetts Conference for Women, the Baltimore Book Festival, the Pennsylvania Conference for Women, the Texas Conference for Women, and Temple University's Fox School of Business. At her speaking engagements Maria shares the "story behind the story," an entertaining tale of courage, passion and perseverance that has inspired audiences across the country to follow their dreams—no matter what. She's been featured in *Huffington Post*, *USA Today*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Entrepreneur*, *Money*, *Shape*, and *PopSugar*.

Maria was a Regents' and Chancellor's Scholar at UC Berkeley, where she graduated with high honors in English and Spanish and was an Alumni Scholar. She also received a master's degree in integrated marketing communications from Northwestern University. She currently lives in New York City and plays soccer four times a week.

Other Books

- ***Wait for the Rain*** (February 24, 2015)
- ***Katwalk*** (August 12, 2014)
- ***Cassidy Lane*** (March 4, 2014)
- ***Chocolate for Two: The (Mis)Adventures of Waverly Bryson Book 4*** (April 9, 2013)
- ***Honey on Your Mind: The (Mis)Adventures of Waverly Bryson Book 3*** (July 24, 2012)
- ***It's a Waverly Life: The (Mis)Adventures of Waverly Bryson Book 2*** (November 8, 2011)
- ***Perfect on Paper: The (Mis)Adventures of Waverly Bryson Book 1*** (February 9, 2010)



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