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Lake Union signs two romance titles each from Williams and Collins

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Lake Union has signed four "simply sublime" romances including two titles from Frances Mensah Williams alongside *Seasons of Love* and *Where Are They Now?* by Fiona Collins.

Editor Leodora Darlington acquired world English language rights to *The Second Time We Met* and a follow-up romance by Williams from Rukhsana Yasmin at the Good Literary Agency. *The Second Time We Met* will be published in August 2022 with the second following in March 2023.

Victoria Pepe acquired world English language rights to Collins' titles from Diana Beaumont at Marjacq Scripts. *Seasons of Love* and *Where Are They Now?* will be published in February 2023 and June 2023 respectively.

The synopsis for *The Second Time We Met* reads: "After a devastating heartbreak, Cara has vowed to avoid relationships. That changes when she's thrown into the path of handsome and kind Henry, who is worlds apart from the men she's dated before. Yet it soon becomes clear how deeply different their worlds are: Cara's drama-filled African and Caribbean family couldn't be further from Henry's family of wealthy Lords and Ladies."

Mensah commented: "Working with Leodora and the Lake Union team is an absolute joy. I'm so excited for readers to meet Cara and Henry, and to root for this reunited, modern-day Romeo and Juliet as they navigate social class, cultural hiccups, and meddling families in pursuit of their happy ever after."

"Frances Mensah Williams expertly blends heart, warmth, and humour in her writing. I know our readers are going to absolutely fall in love with her

vividly-drawn characters, who wrestle with very real life problems," said Darlington.

Collins' *Seasons of Love* follows Rachel and Gabe whose paths cross four times: spring 1986, summer 1987, autumn 2008 and winter 2019. The publisher wrote: "Would you leave the life you know for the one you can't help but imagine?"

Pepe said: "Seasons of Love is tender, inspiring, and spiked through with hope. I know our Lake Union readers are going to be as swept away by Fiona's brilliant writing as I was."

Collins commented: "I am absolutely thrilled that *Seasons of Love* has found its perfect home at Lake Union and am really excited to be working with Victoria and the team in bringing this book to readers."