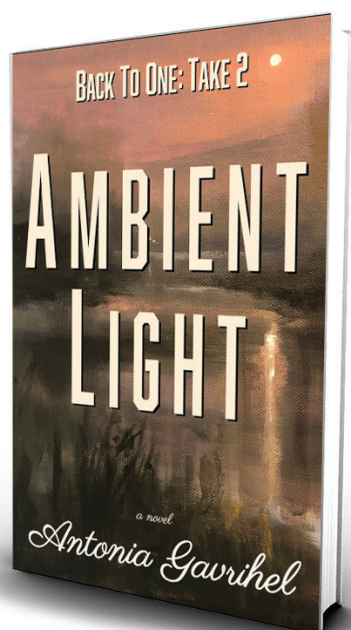


AMBIENT LIGHT

The 2nd novel of the Back to One Series

by

Antonia Gavrihel



Catherine Leigh and Kyle Weston appear to have taken the leap from a perfect friendship to an everlasting love. Unfortunately, in a world of fame, happiness can sometimes turn dangerous.

In *Ambient Light*, the second take in Antonia Gavrihel's unique and spellbinding *Back to One* series, Cate's concern is how to balance Hollywood stardom while striving to maintain an ordinary life for their children. Turns out Kyle's biggest worry is protecting Cate.

Perhaps the overload of gossip and scrutiny has gone too far, fueling the public's interest in more invasive and hazardous ways.

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EXCERPT

Oakley followed Cate to the beach, his tail no longer wagging.

The ocean was violent, deafening waves fueled by an unexpected storm. Numb and exhausted, Cate moved closer to the water's edge, entranced by the power of the swell ... her mind matching its fury.

Cate's breathing turned shallow and fast, her pain becoming a force within itself, bursting out with uncontrollable anger. She screamed at the sea, the sky, the helplessness. Falling to her knees, she barely noticed the punishment of the surging tide. And still, she screamed.

Oakley crept up behind her, tail between his legs, body drenched, mind uncertain ... his instinct to protect her.

REVIEWS

This book put me in touch with the importance of knowing what's most important to you in life. I experienced tears and laughter as I flew through the pages. Antonia's writing style makes me feel like I am in a movie with people I deeply care about. I can't wait to see what happens in take 3!

Judy Howell, Avid Fan

Every few years, an author comes along that takes us by the hand and leads us into a story that embraces us from the very beginning. Antonia Gavrihel establishes her position as one of those authors with a clear, sensitive, and genuine style. *Ambient Light* should, once again, captivate the audience with a new, romantic genre as the page-turning story of Catherine and Kyle continues to embrace the qualities of love and friendship.

Mary Alice Lee, Educator

The warmth and gentleness that made *Back to One* so memorable blossom here as Cate and Kyle's lives become absorbed in the complexities of deep love and professional success. The inner workings of the film industry, the terrible pressures of fame, and the characters' underlying bond of love weathering numerous challenges make for a powerful second book.

Torey Malatia, Journalist and CEO of Rhode Island Public Radio

Gavrihel's gentle prose captivates the reader with a Hollywood romance that will leave you with butterflies. *Ambient Light* explores the trials and tribulations felt by our favorite protagonists, both in their life at home and on movie sets. While Cate & Kyle's careers both accelerate, their relationship humbles one another to discover what is most important to them.

Karolina Gancarz, Teacher & Instructional Coach

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: ANTONIA GAVRIHEL



Born to an entertainment family — her father a comedian and actor, her mother a big band singer — Antonia was placed in front of a camera at an early age. She loved acting yet dreamed of being a writer. Words, along with the visuals and stories they form, became her passion.

The award-winning novel, *Back to One*, was created when she was raising a young son, building a career, and managing the everyday hurdles of life. After settling her son to sleep after work, she would write into the late hours of the night — for an entire year. Then after a twenty-five-year search for a publishing house to bring the novel to readers everywhere came a serendipitous event.

Back to One: Take 2 Ambient Light came into being as Antonia updated *Back to One's* setting from 1995 to 2005. *Ambient Light* reveals a deepening of Cate and Kyle's friendship, flourishing careers and all the challenges associated with maintaining a normal life among the extraordinary. Inspired by the engaging characters, Antonia was motivated to continue their journey after turning the final page of the first novel.

Her third novel in the *Back to One* series, *Cinéma Vérité*, uncovers the darker side of celebrity. will be released in the Summer of 2023.

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AUTHOR QUESTIONNAIRE

***Back to One* was your debut novel, released nearly a year ago, did you always have a second book in mind to continue the story?**

In the summer of Covid 2020, in an attempt to keep active and productive, my son recommended I pull out my old manuscript of *Back to One*, initially written in 1994, and update it to the present. Along the way, I realized another novel was scratching at the door of my imagination. I wanted to see what happened after the last chapter of *Back to One*.

Ambient Light's creation necessitated that I back up the timeline for the original book from the present to 2005 to make room for the second book to tell its tale. The first book, *Back to One*, is a three-and-a-half-year adventure. *Back to One: Take 2 Ambient Light* is a ten-year journey beginning only hours after the first book ended.

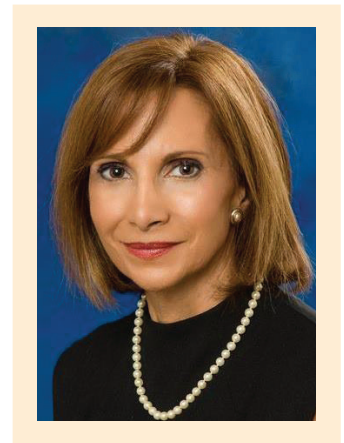
Writing the first two books has led to the creation of even more books in the series that I am currently working on; *Way Down* - companion playscript, *Back to One: Take 3 Cinéma Vérité*, *Dangerous Type* - companion playscript, *Back to One: Take 4 Slating Magic Hour*, plus two more, titles still pending.

What makes the *Back to One* Series different from other contemporary romance novels found on bookstore shelves today?

Fascinating, relatable characters who captivate the reader. A different kind of "love story" where the friendship supersedes all else.

Readers will have the opportunity to receive exclusive bonus content with *Ambient Light*, can you tell us more about that?

While writing *Ambient Light*, the script of the movie in the novel came to me. I decided to write *Way Down* in straightforward prose instead of the more complex screenplay format for the reader. The characters are versatile and entertaining, allowing our heroes, Cate and Kyle, to play against type. I know my readers will enjoy this fun bonus, the playscript of *Way Down*. As described in *Ambient Light*: "It's an action thriller with humor and a nice kick to it."



Favorite authors and books as an adult?

JK Rowling, Harry Potter Series
Suzanne Collins, Hunger Games Series
Diana Gabaldon, Outlander Series

Was there a teacher or teachers who had a particularly strong influence on your life?

Sister Josene from St. Thomas Elementary School. When I was in 7th grade, she encouraged my writing. She would have me do special credit assignments to write more. She was the best.

Dr. Larry Soller at Phoenix College influenced me to pursue acting more than just as a hobby. Although I'd been acting since I was little, I truly fell in love with performing my first year in college because of Dr. Soller's enthusiasm and belief in me.

What suggestions would you give to aspiring writers?

Never stop. Never stop writing, even if it's only for you. Believe in yourself and your abilities, be resilient, and don't ever quit trying to find someone to share your work ...especially a publisher. And write to please you, not what you think the world wants to hear.

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Press Release

McCALL, IDAHO – *Ambient Light* by Antonia Gavrihel will officially release to the public on September 20, 2022.

Gavrihel’s second novel from the award-winning *Back to One* series follows the extraordinary friendship between Catherine Leigh and Kyle Weston as they continue their journey in Hollywood, building careers to new heights while striving to live an everyday life with their children. Unfortunately, the world of gossip and scrutiny is ever-present, fueling the public’s interest in the pair in more invasive and dangerous ways.

From Hidden Shelf Publishing House, *Ambient Light* by Antonia Gavrihel is beautifully written, deeply personal, and unique.

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