Androscoggin After Dark

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Rivers keep the rest.

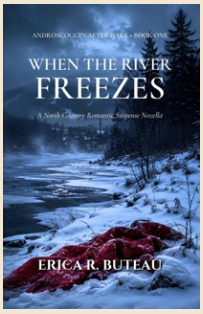
Dark romantic suspense set in New Hampshire’s North Country. A body breaks through the winter ice, and four women follow the clues through a year of thaw, summer heat, and autumn fire. Each book has its own mystery and romance. The cases are connected across all four seasons.

Books and reading order

Media inquiries

Four books, in order

The complete seasonal arc is available. Start with winter and follow the connected mystery through autumn.



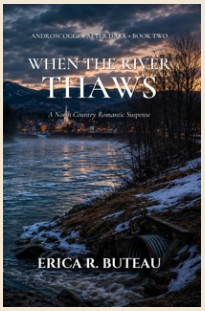
BOOK 01 / WINTER

When the River Freezes

A body in the ice draws Maura Vale and Deputy Elias Thorne into an eighteen-year-old cold case in Milan, New Hampshire.

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Book details



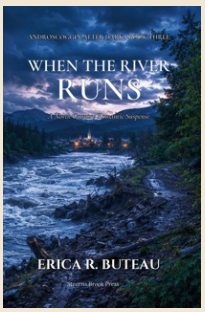
BOOK 02 / SPRING

When the River Thaws

As the ice breaks, Sienna Lavoie and fire-and-rescue captain Jonah Rusk trace old motel records back to Room 9 and her family’s secrets.

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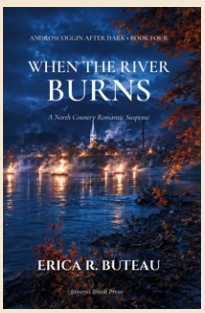
BOOK 03 / SUMMER

When the River Runs

A missing man, an abandoned ATV, and a key marked Room 12 send Claire Caron and Fish and Game Officer Reid Boucher into the summer woods.

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BOOK 04 / AUTUMN

When the River Burns

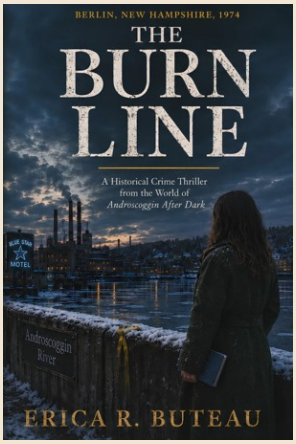
At RiverFire, Deputy Carrie Walsh and paramedic Mason Beaulieu trace a missing page and altered records to a buried crime.

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Beyond the four seasons

A standalone historical thriller and a single-volume edition of the complete seasonal series.



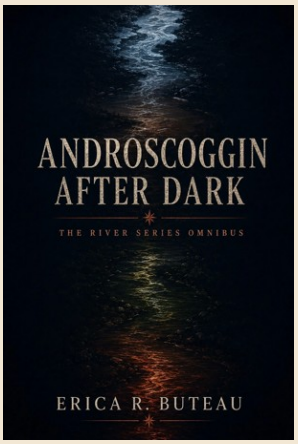
STANDALONE PREQUEL

The Burn Line

Berlin, New Hampshire, 1974. Twenty-two-year-old Julie Moreau keeps a blue notebook. When women begin disappearing from the mill town, the details she records point to a pattern powerful men have every reason to hide.

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Erica R. Buteau is an author and public historian based in Milan, New Hampshire. She founded Stearns Brook Press and writes Androscoggin After Dark, a North Country fiction series shaped by river roads, mill-town memory, and small-town secrets.

An emergency medical responder and co-founder of Legacy Acres at Stearns Brook Farm, she lives and works on land her family has cared for across five generations. That history informs her fiction's attention to place, working lives, and the stories a community keeps.

More about Erica

Interview and feature angles

- How the Androscoggin's mill towns and river history shape the fiction.
- Building a connected crime story and four romances across four seasons.
- Researching working lives and women's stories for *The Burn Line*.
- Publishing North Country fiction and bringing it to local readers.

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