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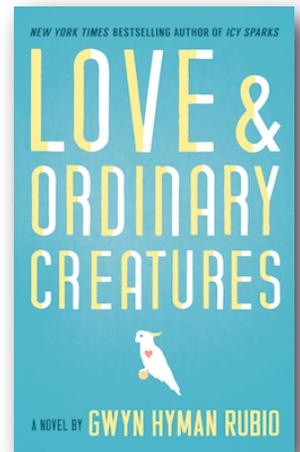
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About the author: Gwyn Hyman Rubio is the bestselling author of *Icy Sparks*, a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection and a 1998 *New York Times* Notable Book. Her second novel, *The Woodsman's Daughter*, was published in 2005 and was a Book Sense Pick and was nominated for the PEN/Faulkner Award.

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