The Infinite Noise
A Bright Sessions Novel
by Lauren Shippen

A stunning, original debut novel based on the wildly popular and award-winning podcast The Bright Sessions.

Caleb Michaels is a sixteen-year-old champion running back. Other than that his life is pretty normal. But when Caleb starts experiencing mood swings that are out of the ordinary for even a teenager, his life moves beyond typical.

Caleb is an Atypical, an individual with enhanced abilities. Which sounds pretty cool except Caleb’s ability is extreme empathy - he feels the emotions of everyone around him. Being an empath in high school would be hard enough, but Caleb's life becomes even more complicated when he keeps getting pulled into the emotional orbit of one of his classmates, Adam. Adam's feelings are big and all-consuming, but they fit together with Caleb's feelings in a way that he can't quite understand.

Caleb's therapist, Dr. Bright, encourages Caleb to explore this connection by befriending Adam. As he and Adam grow closer, Caleb learns more about his ability, himself, his therapist - who seems to know a lot more than she lets on - and just how dangerous being an Atypical can be.

"What if the X-Men, instead of becoming superheroes, decided to spend some time in therapy?" ( Vox on The Bright Sessions )

Praise for The Bright Sessions
Created by the brilliant Lauren Shippen, The Bright Sessions is probably my number one favorite podcast right now." - Patricia Thang, Book Riot

"[ The Bright Sessions ] combines shades of The X-Files and the HBO psychotherapy drama In Treatment, plus the youthful characters of a WB drama like Roswell or Smallville, into one (...)"

Author Bio
Lauren Shippen is a writer and actor with experience in podcasts, film, and books. She is the creator and head writer of The Bright Sessions, a popular science fiction podcast that has won numerous awards and was named one of iTunes' Best of 2016.

She was named one of Forbes 30 Under 30 in Media 2018 and one of MovieMaker Magazine and Austin Film Festival's 25 Screenwriters to Watch.

Beyond The Bright Sessions, Lauren is co-producing a joint Panoply-BBC fiction podcast with Peabody-winning writer/director John Dryden.

Lauren was born in New York City and grew up in Bronxville, New York. She currently lives in Los Angeles but travels frequently to New York where she can split her time between her parents’ dogs and her love of Broadway.
Don't Say a Word
by Amber Lynn Natusch

Kylene Danners's ex-FBI agent father is in prison for murder and she's hell-bent on getting him out. But trying to investigate in the small town where a defensive lineman is a hero no matter who he tries to kill and the girl who gets him locked up is public enemy number one is dangerous. Dark secrets are everywhere in Jasperville - the kind Ky can't walk away from.

When rookie FBI agent Cedric Dawson returns to town to finish an open investigation, he goes undercover at her high school - as her ex. Determined to keep her from interfering, Dawson's plan backfires after Ky gets an anonymous call about missing girls officially labeled as runaways - runaways that didn't really run away at all.

Because dead girls can't run.

And they don't say a word.

A witty, fast-paced, action-packed romp through the seedy underbelly of small town America. Kylene's spirited voice leaps off the page! Beware: Once you begin this thrilling ride, you'll be up way past your bedtime." - Sandhya Menon, New York Times bestselling author of When Dimple Met Rishi

"A snarky, brave, likeable sleuth of a heroine; a thoughtful, fast-paced plot; suspense, mystery and a dash of romance. Fans of Veronica Mars will love this!" - New York Times bestselling author Samantha Young

"Equal parts fierce and funny, Kylene Danners is the friend you wish had your back. Natusch throws the reader into a pulse-quickening quest for justice that left me whiplashed in the best possible way. I want - no, need! - to see what Kylene does next!" - Kim Savage, bestselling author of In Her Skin

"A quick-witted heroine, a fast-paced (...)"

Author Bio

Amber Lynn Natusch is the author of the bestselling Caged series for adults. She was born and raised in Winnipeg, and is still deeply attached to her Canadian roots. She loves to dance and practice Muay Thai - but spends most of her time running a chiropractic practice with her husband, raising two young children, and attempting to write when she can lock herself in the bathroom for ten minutes of peace. Dare You to Lie is her debut YA novel.
Dare You to Lie
A Novel
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Pretty Little Liars meets Riverdale in Dare You to Lie, a debut YA mystery from indie-pub favorite Amber Lynn Natusch.
The terrifying finale is a doozy, and Ky is a capable (can you say muay thai?), whip-smart, snarky joy. Readers will follow her anywhere, no matter how dangerous. Dark and thrilling.” - Kirkus
When her FBI agent father is framed for murder, Kylene is forced to move in with her grandfather, back to the small town that turned its back on her, and the boy who betrayed her.
All Ky cares about is clearing her father’s name, but someone won’t let her forget the photo scandal that drove her away two years ago. As the threats gain momentum, Ky finds an unlikely ally in the rookie FBI agent sent to keep an eye on her.
Determined to expose the town’s hidden skeletons, Ky unwittingly thrusts herself into a much bigger plot. They thought she’d forgive and forget. They’re about to learn they messed with the wrong girl.
“A quick-witted heroine, a fast-paced plot, and a twisty whodunit mystery kept me on my toes. Fans of Riverdale will adore Kylene Danners and devour this suspenseful story.” - USA Today bestselling author K.A. Tucker

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Teeny Weenies: My Favorite President
And Other Stories
by David Lubar

Celebrate the holidays with Teeny Weenies: My Favorite President! David Lubar is the master of the short story for kids. Now he’s back with his fourth collection of Teeny Weenies stories, just in time for the winter holidays! Young chapter book readers ages 7 to 10, reluctant readers, and fans of very short stories will be entertained and delighted by these twelve zany tales. Wacky comic book style illustrations by Bill Mayer add to the fun. Don’t be a weenie. Read these stories! *If you dare!*

Author Bio

Location: Nazareth, Pennsylvania

David Lubar created a sensation with his debut novel, *Hidden Talents*, an ALA Best Book for Young Adults. Thousands of kids and educators across the country have voted *Hidden Talents* onto over twenty state lists. David is also the author of *True Talents*, the sequel to *Hidden Talents*; *Flip*, an ALA Best Book for Young Adults and a VOYA Best Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror selection; many short story collections including *In the Land of the Lawn Weenies*, *Invasion of the Road Weenies*, *The Curse of the Campfire Weenies*, *The Battle of the Red Hot Pepper Weenies*, *Attack of the Vampire Weenies*, *Wipeout of the Wireless Weenies*, *Strikeout of the Bleacher Weenies*, and *Extremities*; and the Nathan Abercrombie, Accidental Zombie series. Lubar grew up in Morristown, New Jersey, and he has also lived in New Brunswick, Edison and Piscataway, NJ, and Sacramento, CA. Besides writing, he has also worked as a video game programmer and designer. He now lives in Nazareth, Pennsylvania.
Celebrate Halloween-y with Teeny Weenies: The Boy Who Cried Wool. David Lubar is the master of the short story for kids. Now he’s back with his third collection of Teeny Weenies stories, just in time for Halloween! Young chapter book readers ages 7 to 10, reluctant readers, and fans of very short stories will be entertained and delighted by these twelve zany tales. Wacky comic book style illustrations by Bill Mayer add to the fun. Don't be a weenie. Read these stories! If you dare!

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Check Out the Library Weenies
And Other Warped and Creepy Tales
by David Lubar

Celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Weenies! David Lubar returns with his ninth collection of Warped and Creepy Tales, which have sold over 2.7 million copies to date.

Check Out the Library Weenies is the ninth collection of warped and creepy tales for middle grade readers by master storyteller David Lubar. This is the perfect pick for both avid and reluctant young readers who like a few chills and a lot of laughs.

Don't be a weenie. Read these stories. If you dare!

Master of the macabre David Lubar is back with Check Out the Library Weenies, his ninth collection of Weenies Stories. Here are thirty more scary stories for the middle grade audience - perfect for both avid and reluctant young readers who like a few chills and a lot of laughs.

Fans will be shivering and laughing... evilly." - Kirkus Reviews on Strikeout of the Bleacher Weenies

"With its mix of humor and chills, this collection is a sure bet for fans of R. L. Stine's Goosebumps series and reluctant readers." - Booklist on Wipeout of the Wireless Weenies

"Whoever thinks the short story is dead, or that kids don't like short stories, hasn't talked to any real live kids and hasn't read the latest in this popular series." - School Library Journal on Attack of the Vampire (...)

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Parker Peevyhouse's *The Echo Room* is a smart, claustrophobic, speculative young adult thriller with an immersive psychological mystery.

*The only thing worse than being locked in is facing what you locked out.*

Rett Ward knows how to hide. He's had six years of practice at Walling Home, the state-run boarding school where he learned how to keep his head down to survive.

But when Rett wakes up locked in a small depot with no memory of how he got there, he can't hide. Not from the stranger in the next room. Or from the fact that there's someone else's blood on his jumpsuit.

Worse, every time he tries to escape, he wakes up right back where he started. Same day, same stranger, same bloodstained jumpsuit.

As memories start to surface, Rett realizes that the logo on the walls is familiar, the stranger isn't a stranger, and the blood on his jumpsuit belongs to someone - or something - banging on the door to get in.


"*The Echo Room* is just brilliant. . . . Full of twists and blinding turns. Peevyhouse is a master storyteller." - *New York Times* bestselling author Brittany Cavallaro

" Warning: If you can't handle creepy, don't venture beyond the first few pages. Recommended for readers who enjoy an adrenaline rush." - Valerie Lewis, co-owner, Hicklebee's Children's Books, San Jose, California

*The Echo* (...)

**Author Bio**

Location: San Francisco

Parker Peevyhouse is likely trying to solve a puzzle at this very moment, probably while enjoying In-N-Out fries, admiring redwood trees, and quoting movies about sentient robots. Parker's critically acclaimed collection of novellas for young adults, *Where Futures End*, was named a best book for teens by the New York Public Library, Chicago Public Library, and Bank Street. *The Horn Book* called it a smart science-fiction puzzle." Parker lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and works at Hicklebee's Children's Bookstore.
Stormrise
by Jillian Boehme

A combat warrior will risk everything to awaken the dragons and save her kingdom in Jillian Boehme’s epic YA Fantasy debut, Stormrise, inspired by Twelfth Night and perfect for fans of Tamora Pierce.

If Rain weren’t a girl, she would be respected as a Neshu combat master. Instead, her gender dooms her to a colorless future. When an army of nomads invades her kingdom, and a draft forces every household to send one man to fight, Rain takes her chance to seize the life she wants.

Knowing she’ll be killed if she’s discovered, Rain purchases powder made from dragon magic that enables her to disguise herself as a boy. Then she hurries to the war camps, where she excels in her training - and wrestles with the voice that has taken shape inside her head. The voice of a dragon she never truly believed existed.

As war looms and Rain is enlisted into an elite, secret unit tasked with rescuing the High King, she begins to realize this dragon tincture may hold the key to her kingdom’s victory. For the dragons that once guarded her land have slumbered for centuries . . . and someone must awaken them to fight once more.

A bold girl, a kingdom under attack, magic everywhere - I devoured it in one sitting! This book is one wild ride!" - Tamora Pierce

"Stand aside, Daenerys Targaryen. Stormrise is a gorgeous, non-stop adventure that kept me turning the pages well into the night!" - Sarah Ahier's

Author Bio

Location: Tennessee

JILLIAN BOEHME is known to the online writing community as Authoress, hostess of Miss Snark’s First Victim, a blog for aspiring authors. In real life, she holds a degree in Music Education, sings with the Nashville Symphony Chorus, and homeschools her remaining youngster-at-home. She’s still crazy in love with her husband of more than thirty years and is happy to be surrounded by family and friends amid the rolling knolls of Middle Tennessee.
Freeing Finch
by Ginny Rorby

From the author of Hurt Go Happy, winner of ALA's Schneider Family Book Award, comes Freeing Finch, the inspiring story of a transgender girl and a stray dog who overcome adversity to find love, home, and a place to belong.

When her father leaves and her mother passes away soon afterward, Finch can't help feeling abandoned. Now she's stuck living with her stepfather and his new wife. They're mostly nice, but they don't believe the one true thing Finch knows about herself: that she's a girl, even though she was born in a boy's body.

Thankfully, she has Maddy, a neighbor and animal rescuer who accepts her for who she is. Finch helps Maddy care for a menagerie of lost and lonely creatures, including a scared, stray dog who needs a family and home as much as she does. As she earns the dog's trust, Finch realizes she must also learn to trust the people in her life - even if they are the last people she expected to love her and help her to be true to herself.

PRAISE FOR HURT GO HAPPY:
This has the potential to be a classic animal story with wide appeal. It is a heartbreaker. Rorby successfully gets to the core of a moving animal-human relationship." - KLIATT, starred review 4Q, 3P, M, J
"This unusual and emotional story will intrigue animal lovers and those looking for a gripping family drama. It is a thought-provoking addition for school and public library collections." - VOYA
"The writing shines when Rorby focuses on what is her true passion: Sukari and the (...)"

Author Bio

GINNY RORBY was raised in Winter Park, Florida, and lived in Miami during her career as a Pan American flight attendant. Midway through that career, she enrolled in the University of Miami to pursue an undergraduate degree in biology, graduated and changed direction again. She went on to receive an MFA in Creative Writing from Florida International University. She now lives on the chilly coast of northern California with her parrot and way too many cats. Ginny Rorby is co-director of the Mendocino Coast Writers Conference.

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In *Girl at the Grave*, debut author Teri Bailey Black unearths the long-buried secrets of a small 1850s New England town in this richly atmospheric Gothic tale of murder, guilt, redemption, and finding love where least expected.

A mother hanged for murder. A daughter left to pick up the pieces of their crumbling estate. Can she clear her family's name if it means facing her own dark past? Valentine has spent years trying to outrun her mother's legacy. But small towns have long memories, and when a new string of murders occurs, all signs point to the daughter of a murderer.

Only one person believes Valentine is innocent - Rowan Blackshaw, the son of the man her mother killed all those years ago. Valentine vows to find the real killer, but when she finally uncovers the horrifying truth, she must choose to face her own dark secrets, even if it means losing Rowan in the end.

With its vibrant, atmospheric setting and lush, captivating prose, *Girl at the Grave* is a searing Gothic story of love and murder that will burn in readers' hearts and minds long after reading." - #1 NYT bestselling author Kerri Maniscalco

" *Girl at the Grave* kept me up late at night with its non-stop secrets, twists, and scandals. An entertaining homage to classic Gothic romances that will keep readers guessing until the very last chapter." - Cat Winters, author of *Odd & True*

**Author Bio**

Location: California

Teri Bailey Black grew up near the beach in Southern California in a large, quirky family with no television or junk food, but an abundance of books and art supplies. She's happiest when she's creating things, whether it's with words, fabric, or digging in the garden. She makes an amazing chocolate cherry cake - frequently. She and her husband have four children and live in Orange County, California. *Girl at the Grave* is her debut novel.
The Good Luck Girls
by Charlotte Nicole Davis

Picture it: the red hot dust of the Scab, the sun-scorched misery of the Bone Road, the eyes of an undead bounty hunter glowing orange in the light of a cold dead moon. Hear the howling of the vengeants and the pounding steps of horses carrying five girls. Five girls who are running for their lives.

The country of Arketta calls them Good Luck Girls - they know their luck is anything but. Sold to a “welcome house” as children, branded with enchanted markings that label them as property. Trapped in a life they would never choose.

But when one of them accidentally murders a man, they risk a dangerous escape and cross country journey, pursued by Arketta’s most vicious and powerful forces - both human and inhuman.

The girls’ only hope lies in a bedtime story passed from one Good Luck Girl to another, a story that only the youngest or most desperate would ever believe.

It’s going to take more than luck for them all to survive.

Set in an alternate Wild West, The Good Luck Girls tells the story of five girls on a dangerous journey to find freedom, justice, and revenge - in a world that wants girls like them to have none of those things.

Author Bio

Location: Brooklym

CHARLOTTE DAVIS is a recent graduate of The New School’s Writing for Children MFA program. She grew up in Kansas City, which was once the Wild West but today is mostly just fro-yo shops. She now lives in a little apartment in Brooklyn.
Lily's Story
A Puppy Tale
by W. Bruce Cameron

A new standalone story in the bestselling A Dog's Purpose Puppy Tales middle grade series by W. Bruce Cameron!

A rescue dog to the rescue!
Lily is the smallest puppy in her litter and the only girl. Her brothers are bigger and stronger and like to push her around. When Lily meets a girl named Maggie Rose at the animal shelter, Lily discovers things are not so bad. Lily's size means that she can help other animals who are in trouble. It's Lily to the rescue!

Read all the books in the bestselling series:
Ellie's Story
Bailey's Story
Molly's Story
Max's Story
Shelby's Story
Toby's Story

Author Bio

Location: California

W. BRUCE CAMERON is the #1 New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of A Dog's Purpose, A Dog's Way Home, and A Dog's Journey (all now major motion pictures), The Dog Master, the A Dog's Purpose Puppy Tales for young readers (starting with Ellie's Story and Bailey's Story ), The Dogs of Christmas, The Midnight Plan of the Repo Man, and others. He lives in California.
Bailey’s Story
A Dog’s Purpose Puppy Tale
by W. Bruce Cameron

Now in paperback! Bailey’s Story is an irresistible illustrated novel for young readers inspired by the New York Times bestselling A Dog’s Purpose by W. Bruce Cameron

Every dog has work to do. Every dog has a purpose.
When Bailey meets eight-year-old Ethan, he quickly figures out his purpose: to play with the boy, to explore the Farm during summers with the boy, and to tidy the boy's dishes by licking them clean (only when Mom isn't watching).
But Bailey soon learns that life isn't always so simple - that sometimes bad things happen - and that there can be no greater purpose than to protect the boy he loves.

Bailey’s Story is a moving tale about a dog and his boy for young animal lovers by W. Bruce Cameron, bestselling author of the acclaimed novel A Dog’s Purpose. Adorable black-and-white illustrations by Richard Cowdrey bring Bailey and his world to life. A discussion and activity guide at the end of the book will help promote family and classroom discussions about Bailey’s Story and the insights it provides about humankind's best friends.

It is often said that dogs are man’s best friend, and this book proves it as readers experience life as a dog through Bailey’s narration. Middle-grade students who love animals will enjoy Bailey’s character. Readers will laugh out loud at his antics and feel tears in their eyes at the way Bailey worries about Ethan. The simple black-and-white illustrations capture the feeling of Bailey’s (…)

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The Burning Shadow
by Jennifer L. Armentrout

When Evelyn Dasher crossed paths with Luc, she was thrown headfirst into the world of the Lux - only to discover that she was already far more involved in their world than she ever suspected.

Because the Luxen aren't the only ones with a hidden past. There's a gap in Evie's memory, lost months of her life and a lingering sense that something happened, something she can't remember and nobody is willing to tell her.

She needs to find out the truth about who she is - and who she was. But every answer she finds only brings up more questions.

Her search for the truth brings her ever closer to Luc, the Origin at the center of it all. He's powerful, arrogant, inhumanly beautiful, extremely dangerous... and possibly in love with her. But even as Evie falls for him, she can't help but wonder if his attraction is to her, or to the memory of a girl who no longer exists.

And all the while, a new threat looms: reports of a flu-like, fatal virus that the government insists is being spread by Luxen. A horrifying illness that changes whoever it touches, spreading panic across a country already at its breaking point.

#1 New York Times, USA Today, and internationally bestselling author Jennifer L. Armentrout returns to the world of the Lux with this steamy, shocking second installment of the Origin series that will leave readers reeling.

Author Bio

Location: West Virginia

Jennifer L. Armentrout is a #1 New York Times, USA Today, and international bestselling author of the Lux series and other books for teens and adults. She is a #1 bestseller in Germany and Italy, and a top seller in markets around the world.

In total, her young adult novels have sold over a million copies since 2011 in the US. Her YA novels have been finalists for the Goodreads Choice Awards and nominated for the YALSA Teen Top Ten. In 2017, The Problem with Forever (Harlequin Teen) won the RITA Award for best young adult novel. Armentrout lives in West Virginia with her husband and dogs.
A Thousand Fires
by Shannon Price

10 Years. 3 Gangs. 1 Girl's Epic Quest. . .
Valerie Simons knows the Wars are dangerous - her little brother was killed by the Boars two years ago. But nothing will sway Valerie from joining the elite and beautiful Herons with her boyfriend Matthew to avenge her brother. But when Jax, the volatile and beyond charismatic leader of the Stags, promises her revenge, Valerie is torn between old love and new loyalty.

Author Bio

Location: Silicon Valley

SHANNON PRICE is a Filipina-American, Bay Area native. As a publicist at Counterpoint Press, she got her clients coverage in the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Entertainment Weekly, and more. She currently works in Silicon Valley.
Catfishing on CatNet
A Novel
by Naomi Kritzer

How much does the internet know about YOU?

A thought-provoking near future YA thriller that could not be more timely as it explores issues of online privacy, artificial intelligence, and the power and perils of social networks.

Because her mom is always on the move, Steph hasn’t lived anywhere longer than six months. Her only constant is an online community called CatNet - a social media site where users upload cat pictures - a place she knows she is welcome. What Steph doesn’t know is that the admin of the site, CheshireCat, is a sentient A.I.

When a threat from Steph’s past catches up to her and CheshireCat’s existence is discovered by outsiders, it’s up to Steph and her friends, both online and IRL, to save her.

A surprising, heartfelt near-future YA thriller by award-winning author Naomi Kritzer, whose short story Cat Pictures Please won the Hugo Award and Locus Award and was a finalist for the Nebula.

"These are the best sorts of stories: patient, inventive, expansive, quietly subversive and devilishly sly. I love Kritzer’s work, and I always will." - Kelly Barnhill, Newbery Medal-winning author of The Girl Who Drank the Moon on Cat Pictures Please and Other Stories

"Kritzer’s flawless collection taps deep wells of emotion and wonder. Her work is indisputably speculative, but it's a perfect entry point to the genre for readers who prefer fantastical and futuristic elements to stay more in the background, with human (and robotic) feelings always at the fore. This splendid treat is not to be missed." - Publishers Weekly, starred review, on Cat Pictures Please and Other Stories

Author Bio

Location: St. Paul, Minnesota

NAOMI KRITZER has been making friends online since her teens, when she had to use a modem to dial up at 2400 baud. Her 2015 short story Cat Pictures Please won the Hugo Award and Locus Award and was a finalist for the Nebula. Naomi lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, with her family and four cats. The number of cats is subject to change without notice.
Dark Star Calling
A Dark Intercept Novel
by Julia Keller

The third and final book in the Dark Intercept Trilogy, a high-concept YA SF series

Out in the observatory, protruding from the vast gap in the roof, was the giant telescope. It stared unblinkingly into the night sky, its gaze peering deep into the wilderness of stars. Somewhere within that wilderness was the single star Rez was determined to find.

New Earth, 2297. A year after the resurrection of a universal surveillance system called the Intercept, New Earth is collapsing. Humanity is depending on a group of five friends find them all a new home.

Humanity’s fate rests in the hands of Violet Crowley, a headstrong rebel and former detective turned hopelessly mediocre politician; Shura Lu, scientific genius and magnificently gifted artist; Kendall Mayhew, New Earth’s Chief of Police; Tin Man Tolliver, Kendall’s top deputy; and Steven J. Reznik, aka “Rez,” NESA Director and Chief Technologist.

Together they discovered their utopian home is on an unstoppable collision course with Earth. Together they look to the stars to find a world suitable for human life and what they find there - or rather who - will change them all forever.

Author Bio

Location: Ohio

Julia Keller, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and former cultural critic at the Chicago Tribune, is the author of many books for adults and young readers, including A Killing in the Hills, the first book in the Bell Elkins series and winner of the Barry Award for Best First Novel (2013); Back Home; and The Dark Intercept . Keller has a Ph.D. in English literature from Ohio State and was awarded Harvard University's Nieman Fellowship. She was born in West Virginia and lives in Ohio.
When the state is no longer watching, what will you give to feel safe?

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Julia Keller continues her Dark Intercept science fiction series with Dark Mind Rising, a thrilling, speculative murder mystery set in a chilling future where citizens believe they're free after years of emotional surveillance only to discover a killer is targeting their deepest fears.

New Earth, 2296. Two years after the destruction of a universal surveillance system called the Intercept, New Earth struggles to keep crime under control. The citizens are free, but not protected. Violet Crowley, the eighteen-year-old daughter of New Earth's founder, has opened Crowley & Associates, a private detective agency, to handle the overflow from the overburdened police force. Violet's first case - a death written off as a suicide - becomes an obsession. Soon a series of similar deaths leads Violet to believe the Intercept is not only still running - it's in the hands of a killer.

In this fast-paced book, Julia Keller shows she's at the top of her game - and her game is creating chills and absolute terror." - New York Times bestselling author R.L. Stine

The Dark Intercept
#1 The Dark Intercept
#2 Dark Mind Rising
#3 Dark Star Calling
The Tablet of Scaptur (novella)

Praise for The Dark Intercept:
A dazzling, thought-provoking vision of the future that raises the question: Is safety worth (...)
Sisters of Shadow and Light
by Sara B. Larson

Acclaimed author Sara B. Larson begins an enchanting new YA fantasy duology with a timeless fairytale feel in an original voice.

Zuhra and Inara have grown up in the Citadel of the Paladins, an abandoned fortress where legendary, magical warriors once lived before disappearing from the world - including their Paladin father, the night Inara was born.

On that same night, a massive, magical hedge grew and imprisoned them with their emotionally broken human mother. Inara inherited their father’s Paladin power. While her eyes glow blue and she is able to make plants grow at unbelievable rates, she has been trapped in her own mind because of a “roar” that drowns everything else out.

For seventeen years they have lived with little contact with the outside world...until the day a stranger passes through the hedge, and everything changes.

Author Bio

Location: Salt Lake City

SARA B. LARSON is the author of the DEFY trilogy and the DARK BREAKS THE DAWN duology. She is very well-connected in the YA community in Salt Lake City, where she lives with her family, and across the country. sarablarson.com.
The Rithmatist
by Brandon Sanderson

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Brandon Sanderson: his debut novel for the young adult audience

More than anything, Joel wants to be a Rithmatist. Chosen by the Master in a mysterious inception ceremony, Rithmatists have the power to infuse life into two-dimensional figures known as Chalklings. Rithmatists are humanity’s only defense against the Wild Chalklings - merciless creatures that leave mangled corpses in their wake. Having nearly overrun the territory of Nebraska, the Wild Chalklings now threaten all of the American Isles.

As the son of a lowly chalkmaker at Armedius Academy, Joel can only watch as Rithmatist students study the magical art that he would do anything to practice. Then students start disappearing - kidnapped from their rooms at night, leaving trails of blood. Assigned to help the professor who is investigating the crimes, Joel and his friend Melody find themselves on the trail of an unexpected discovery - one that will change Rithmatics - and their world - forever.

Bestselling author Brandon Sanderson brings his unique brand of epic storytelling to the teen audience with an engrossing tale of danger and suspense - the first of a series. With his trademark skills in world-building, Sanderson has created a magic system that is so inventive and detailed that readers who appreciate games of strategy and tactics just may want to bring Rithmatics to life in our world.


Illustrations from McSweeney, fiesty characters, and a complex plot likely to unwind over several volumes, this high-spirited, exciting (...) 

Author Bio

Brandon Sanderson grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska. He lives in Utah with his wife and children and teaches creative writing at Brigham Young University. He is the author of such bestsellers as the Mistborn (Reg TM) trilogy and its sequels, The Alloy of Law, Shadows of Self, and The Bands of Mourning ; the Stormlight Archive novels The Way of Kings and Words of Radiance ; and other novels, including The Rithmatist and Steelheart . In 2013, he won a Hugo Award for Best Novella for The Emperor’s Soul, set in the world of his acclaimed first novel, Elantris . Additionally, he was chosen to complete Robert Jordan’s Wheel of Time(Reg TM) sequence.
Briar Rose
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by Jane Yolen

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"Showcases Yolen's skill at transforming the real world into a realm of fantasy." - Library Journal

Author Bio

Jane Yolen is one of the most distinguished and successful authors for young readers and adults in the country. She is the author of more than 200 books - including Briar Rose, Sister Light, Sister Dark, Owl Moon, and the immensely popular The Devil's Arithmetic. Her books have won awards including the Caldecott Medal, two Nebula Awards, the World Fantasy Award, the Jewish Book Award, and two Christopher Medals. SFWA named her the 2017 Damon KNIGHT MEMORIAL GRAND MASTER for her contributions to the literature of Science Fiction and Fantasy. She lives in Hatfield, Massachusetts.
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Author Bio

Susan Dennard has come a long way from small-town Georgia. Working in marine biology, she got to travel the world - six out of seven continents (she'll get to Asia one of these days!) - before she settled down as a full-time novelist and writing instructor. She is the author of the Something Strange and Deadly series, as well as the Witchlands series, which includes the New York Times bestselling Truthwitch and Windwitch. When not writing, she can be found hiking with her dogs, slaying darkspawn on her Xbox, or earning bruises at the dojo.