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CATALOGUES:

YOUNG ADULT & CHILDREN’S BOOKS

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My Jolly Christmas Activity and Sticker Book
by Bloomsbury

Have a jolly holiday with this activity book packed with busy fun and more than 200 stickers!

The perfect gift for under the tree . . . an activity and sticker book full of holiday cheer!

Don't let Santa give the best gift this year! This delightful activity and sticker book will brighten anyone's Christmas season! Whether children are designing their own holiday decorations, writing a letter to Santa, or helping snowmen find their noses, there is so much to discover in this wonderful seasonal title. With more than 200 stickers and packed full of festive prompts and puzzles, this entertaining book will put even the grumpiest person in your family into a jolly mood.

Bloomsbury
On Sale: Sep 19/23
8.5 x 10.87 • 40 pages
9781547613014 • $8.99 • pb
Juvenile Nonfiction / Activity Books • Ages 4-8 years

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Promotion
A Taste of Magic
by J. Elle

An enchanting adventure that will leave readers hungry for more.” - Kwame Mbalia, #1 New York Times bestselling author

New York Times bestselling author J. Elle makes her middle grade debut in this magical new series about a Black girl who learns she's a witch and must save her inner-city magic school from closing, perfect for fans of Wendy Mass.

Kyana Turner has just found out the family secret - she's a witch! This means mandatory lessons every Saturday at Park Row Magick Academy, the magic school hidden in the back of her local beauty shop. Learning spells, discovering charms and potion recipes, and getting a wand made to match her hair's curl pattern, Kyana feels like she's a part of something really special. The hardest part will be keeping her magic a secret from non-Magick folks, including her BFF, Nae.

But when the school loses funding, the students must either pay a hefty tuition at the academy across town or have their magic stripped . . . permanently. Determined not to let that happen, Kyana comes up with a plan to win a huge cash prize in a baking competition. After all, she's learned how to make the best desserts from her memaw. But as Kyana struggles to keep up with magic and regular school, prepare for the competition, and keep her magic secret, she wonders if it's possible to save her friendships, too. And what will she do when, in the (...

Author Bio

J. Elle is the New York Times bestselling author of the YA novels Wings of Ebony and Ashes of Gold and is an advocate for marginalized voices in both publishing and her community. Born in Houston, Texas, J. is a first-generation college student with a Bachelor of Journalism and Master of Arts in Educational Administration and Human Development. Her passion for empowering youth dates back before writing to her first career in education. She's worked as a Preschool Director, Middle School Teacher, and High School Creative Writing Mentor. In her spare time you'll find her volunteering at an alternative school, providing feedback for aspiring writers, loving on her three littles, or cooking up some dish true to her Texas and Louisiana roots. authorjelle.com
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Bear’s Big Dreaming
by Michael Rosen

The Cold is coming, and it's time for Big Bear and Little Bear to get ready for the Big Sleep: for bears sleep all winter long, and wake up in the spring. But Little Bear is worried. What if they run out of dreams during the Big Sleep? Little Bear sets out bravely to find enough dreams to see them through the long winter. On his journey, he discovers dreams of happiness, dreams of homecoming, and dreams of hope.

But with the Cold approaching fast, will Little Bear make it back home in time for the Big Dreaming?

A resonant and uplifting tale from a master storyteller, The Big Dreaming is a classic in the making, filled with luminous illustrations by award-winning artist Daniel Egneus.

Author Bio

Michael Rosen is a beloved children's author, poet, broadcaster and activist who has written over 140 books, including the mega-bestselling classic We’re Going on a Bear Hunt. He served as Children's Laureate from 2007 to 2009 and is a Professor of Children's Literature at Goldsmith's, University of London.

Daniel Egneus is a prolific artist who has illustrated numerous books, including several Neil Gaiman titles and the much-loved picture book, Be Wild, Little One by Olivia Hope. He was voted Best Illustrator by the Association of Illustrators in 2005, and his picture book, Lubna and Pebble (written by Wendy Meddour) was chosen by TIME Magazine as one of the 10 best picture books 2019. He is based in Athens, Greece.
Finn’s Little Fibs
by Tom Percival

What happens when one little lie turns into a big problem? From the creator of Ruby Finds a Worry comes the perfect picture book for helping children learn the importance of honesty.

Finn always looks forward to spending time at Grandma’s house. But when he accidentally breaks her clock, he panics and tells a little fib, blaming it on his sister. Then—pop!—a little blob appears! As Finn’s fibs start piling up, more and more blobs appear. All the fibs make Finn feel awful and upset, until staying at Grandma’s isn’t fun anymore! Can Finn get rid of the fibs and work up the courage to tell the truth?

Heartwarming and genuine, this book in the Big Bright Feelings series is the perfect starting point for helping children learn the importance of honesty, forgiveness, and responsibility.

The Big Bright Feelings picture book series provides kid-friendly entry points into emotional intelligence topics—from being true to yourself to dealing with worries, managing anger, and making friends. These topics can be difficult to talk about. But these books act as sensitive and reassuring springboards for conversations about mental and emotional health, positive self-image, building self-confidence, and managing feelings.

Don’t miss these books in the Big Bright Feelings series!

Ruby Finds a Worry
Perfectly Norman
Ravi’s Roar
Meesha Makes Friends
Tilda Tries Again
Milo’s Monster

Author Bio
Tom Percival had an unconventional childhood in a remote and beautiful part of South Shropshire and these formative years are almost certainly what first got him interested in writing and drawing.

Tom is now a writer, artist, video producer and musician. He is the author of many bestselling picture books, including the six titles in his award-winning Big Bright Feelings for Bloomsbury (Perfectly Norman, Ruby’s Worry, Ravi’s Roar, Meesha Makes Friends, Tilda Tries Again and Milo’s Monster). He lives in Gloucestershire with his partner, their two children and a dog called Luna.
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban: MinaLima Edition
by J.K. Rowling

The third book in the Harry Potter series, illustrated in brilliant colour by the iconic design house MinaLima and featuring interactive paper-engineered elements, including the Marauder's Map!

Return to Hogwarts in this stunning edition of Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. J.K. Rowling's complete and unabridged text is accompanied by full-colour illustrations on nearly every page and eight paper-engineered interactive elements. Readers are invited to explore the Knight Bus, reveal the Grim in a teacup, spin the Time-Turner and more!

Designed and illustrated by MinaLima - the award-winning studio behind the graphic style of the Harry Potter and Fantastic Beasts films - this keepsake edition is the perfect gift for Harry Potter fans of all ages, a beautiful addition to any collector's bookshelf and an enchanting way to share this beloved series with a new generation of readers.

Author Bio

J.K. Rowling is the author of the enduringly popular Harry Potter series, as well as several stand-alone novels and a bestselling crime fiction series. After the idea for Harry Potter came to her on a delayed train journey in 1990, she plotted out and started writing the series of seven books and the first, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, was published in the UK in 1997. The series took another ten years to complete, concluding in 2007 with the publication of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. Smash hit movie adaptations followed. The Harry Potter books have now sold over 600 million copies worldwide in 85 languages and been listened to as audiobooks for over one billion hours. To accompany the series, J.K. Rowling wrote three short companion volumes for charity: Quidditch Through the Ages and Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, in aid of Comic Relief and Lumos, and The Tales of Beedle the Bard, in aid of Lumos. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them went on to inspire a new series of films featuring Magizoologist Newt Scamander. Harry's story as a grown-up was continued in a stage play, Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, which J.K. Rowling wrote with playwright Jack Thorne and director John Tiffany, and which is now playing in multiple locations around the world. In 2020, she returned to publishing for younger children with the fairy tale The Ickabog, the royalties from which she donated to her charitable trust, Volant, to help charities working to alleviate the social effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Her latest children's novel, The Christmas Pig, was published in 2021. J.K. Rowling has received many awards and honours for her writing, including the OBE and Companion of Honour, the...
Penguin and Ollie
by Salina Yoon

Salina Yoon’s beloved Penguin is always ready for new adventures with new friends!

Penguin is searching the ocean for treasure when he meets Ollie, a shy octopus who is curious about Penguin’s adventure. So curious that he can’t stay camouflaged for long!

But as the two meet other sea creatures during their search, Ollie is still too shy and hides again. Worried about his new friend, Penguin recruits the other animals to help look for Ollie, and they discover a treasure more precious than jewels.

Perfect for young readers, award-winning author/illustrator Salina Yoon’s signature bright illustrations and touching, humorous text brings to life this uplifting story that demonstrates how having true friends who appreciate and care for you is the best treasure of all!

Don’t miss these other books from Salina Yoon!

The Penguin series
Penguin and Penelope
Penguin on Vacation
Penguin in Love
Penguin and Pumpkin
Penguin’s Big Adventure
Penguin’s Christmas Wish

The Bear series
Found
Stormy Night
Bear’s Big Day

The Duck, Duck, Porcupine series
Duck, Duck, Porcupine
My Kite is Stuck! And Other Stories
That’s My Book! And Other Stories

Be a Friend

Yoon’s signature illustrative style is on display; . . . each page feels simultaneously simple and detailed. . . . Sweet and earnest and sure to resonate with fans and newcomers. Darling illustrations and (...)
Plague-Busters!
Medicine's Battles with History's Deadliest Diseases
by Lindsey Fitzharris and Adrian Teal, illustrated by Adrian Teal

Smallpox! Rabies! Black Death! Throughout history humankind has been plagued by . . . well, by plagues. The symptoms of these diseases were gruesome—but the remedies were even worse.

Get to know the ickiest illnesses that have infected humans and affected civilizations through the ages. Each chapter explores the story of a disease, including the scary symptoms, kooky cures, and brilliant breakthroughs that it spawned. Medical historian and bestselling author Lindsey Fitzharris lays out the facts with her trademark wit, and Adrian Teal adds humor with cartoons and caricatures drawn in pitch black and blood red.

Thanks to centuries of sickness and a host of history's most determined plague-busters, this riveting book features everything you've ever wanted to know about the world's deadliest diseases.

* An excellent biography of a genuine miracle worker." - Kirkus Reviews (starred review), on THE FACEMAKER
"** Meticulously researched and compulsively readable." - Publishers Weekly (starred review), on THE FACEMAKER

"This book is riveting. It is gruesome but it is also uplifting . . . What a triumph." - Mary Roach, author of FUZZ and STIFF, on THE FACEMAKER

"Atmospheric . . . The story it tells is one of abiding fascination." - Jennifer Senior, The New York Times, on THE BUTCHERING ART

Author Bio

Lindsey Fitzharrisis the bestselling author of The Butchering Art and The Facemaker. Dr. Fitzharris, who holds a Ph.D. in the History of Science and Medicine from Oxford University, regularly writes for the Wall Street Journal, Scientific American, the Guardian, the Lancet, and other major publications. She is also the writer and host of the Smithsonian Channel TV series The Curious Life and Death of . . .
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Adrian Teal is a caricaturist, cartoonist, fine artist, and illustrator with clients around the world. His work has appeared in numerous TV shows including Spitting Image and Big Heads. He has produced art for publications such as
Race for the Ruby Turtle
by Stephen Bramucci

A heartfelt middle grade eco-adventure story full of friendship and self-discovery, perfect for fans of Dan Gemeinhart and Gary D. Schmidt.

Jake Rizzi is about to spend the summer at his great-aunt's cabin in the mossy, sodden Oregon backwoods. His parents seem to need a break from him and his ADHD. He tries not to take it personally, but isn't sure about his aunt's off-the-grid lifestyle and strange stories about a turtle with a ruby-colored shell.

Soon, Jake learns that the turtle is more than a myth. And thanks to a viral article online, strangers from all over the world have arrived to search for it - including a sinister animal poacher and towering twin zoologists from Sweden. Jake is sure that finding the turtle will change how people see him and his attention issues" - but he'll need help. Setting off with his new friend Mia, Jake must decide what matters more - personal glory? Or protecting the wonders of nature?

Author Bio

Steve Bramucci is the author of The Danger Gang series, travel/food writer, adventurer, teacher, and storyteller. He's rowed down the Mekong River in a traditional Vietnamese x'ampan, ventured into the Outback with Aboriginal elders, and spent four months driving a rickety Nissan Patrol through East Africa.

Steve's story of exploring a long-forgotten pirate graveyard in Madagascar won the $10K Trazzler Oasis prize and his trip across Australia in a car fueled with French fry oil was turned into a TV show. He's written for National Geographic Books, *Afar, Outside*, the *Orange County Register* Magazine, and dozens of other outlets. He's the founding editor of the LIFE section at Uproxx.com and is a passionate conservationist. He lives in Southern California with his family.

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Discover the charming young middle grade series starring Ryan Hart, a girl who is pure spirit and sunshine, from Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Award winner Renee Watson, in this charming box set.

Ryan Hart can be and do anything. Her name means king and she's determined to keep growing into the name her parents gave her. She is all about trying to see the best in people, to be a good daughter, sister, and friend.

But as Ryan enters the fifth grade, it feels like everything is changing. She must learn how to cope with all the changes, like a new (old) house, new friends, new dreams, and even a new family member! Even when it seems like nothing goes her way, Ryan still looks on the bright side and refuses to let anything curb her growth or steal her joy.

This box set includes paperback editions of the first three Ryan Hart books: Ways to Make Sunshine, Ways to Grow Love, and Ways to Share Joy.

Acclaim for Ways to Make Sunshine
A New York Times Best Children's Book of the Year
A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year

Author Bio

Renee Watson is the New York Times bestselling, Newbery Honor Book, and Coretta Scott King Award-winning author of Piecing Me Together, This Side of Home, What Momma Left Me, and Betty Before X, co-written with Ilyasah Shabazz, as well as two acclaimed picture books: A Place Where Hurricanes Happen and Harlem's Little Blackbird, which was nominated for an NAACP Image Award. She is the founder of I, Too, Arts Collective, a nonprofit committed to nurturing underrepresented voices in the creative arts, and currently lives in New York City.

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Ways to Build Dreams  
by Renee Watson, illustrated by Nina Mata

**Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Award winner Renee Watson continues her bestselling young middle grade series starring Ryan Hart, a girl who is pure spirit and sunshine.**

Middle school is just around the corner for Ryan Hart, which means it's time to start thinking about the future - and not just how to prank her brother, Ray!

During Black History Month, Ryan learns more about her ancestors and local Black pioneers, and their hopes for the future, for her generation. She wonders who she wants to be and what kind of person her family hopes she becomes. Drawing on the ambitions of those who came before her and her own goals, Ryan is determined to turn her dreams into reality.

Grow and shine and share with Ryan Hart in this series that brings ever more humor, more love, and more fun.

**Acclaim for Ways to Make Sunshine**
A New York Times Best Children's Book of the Year  
A Parents Magazine Best Book of the Year  
A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year  
A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year  
A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year  
A WORLD Magazine Best Book of the Year  
An Amazon Best Book of the Year

Move over Ramona Quimby, Portland has another neighbor you have to meet!" - Kirkus Reviews, starred review, on WAYS TO MAKE SUNSHINE

"Beautifully rendered. . . . A strong start to a new middle-grade series." - Booklist, starred review (…)

**Author Bio**


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Ways to Share Joy
by Renee Watson, illustrated by Nina Mata

Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Author Award winner Renee Watson continues her charming young middle grade series starring Ryan Hart, a girl who is pure spirit and sunshine.

Ryan Hart is caught in the middle. She has an older brother and a new baby sister, and she's in a friendship tug-of-war with two friends who both want to be her best best friend. How can Ryan think about being kind to a classmate who is relentless with his teasing? Or be her signature sunny self when her brother, Ray, pulls the ultimate prank?

But even when it seems like nothing is going her way, Ryan still looks for a way to see the bright side of things, refusing to let anything steal her joy, and finding ways to share it with everyone she meets.

A lovely cast of characters, delightfully relatable dilemmas and solutions, and a character with an authentic voice. A tale of family and friendship that exudes pure joy." - Kirkus Reviews

"Move over Ramona Quimby, Portland has another neighbor you have (...)"

Author Bio

Renee Watson is a #1 New York Times bestselling author. Her novel, Piecing Me Together, received a Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Award. Her books include the Ryan Hart series, Some Places More Than Others, This Side of Home, What Momma Left Me, Betty Before X, cowritten with Ilyasah Shabazz, Watch Us Rise, cowritten with Ellen Hagan, and Love Is a Revolution, as well as acclaimed picture books: Maya’s Song, The 1619 Project: Born on the Water, written with Nikole Hannah-Jones, A Place Where Hurricanes Happen, and Harlem’s Little Blackbird, which was nominated for an NAACP Image Award. Renee splits her time between Portland, Oregon and New York City.

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Secret of the Reaping
by Kalynn Bayron

The Vanquishers are back and ready to defend their town against the undead in this spooky middle grade from New York Times bestselling author Kalynn Bayron.

Boog and her best friends, Cedrick, Jules, and Aaron - aka the Squad - stick together, no matter what. Now that vampires have returned, they'll need to take their Vanquisher lessons more seriously than ever. But who is behind this return of the undead?

When strange disappearances begin across their community and the Department of Vampire Affairs not-so-subtly warns Boog's mom to keep quiet about vampires returning, it looks like uncovering the truth won't be so easy. The Squad is eager to kick some undead butt, but will they be able to convince their parents they are ready to fight alongside the Vanquishers?

Author Bio

Kalynn Bayron is the bestselling author of the award-winning YA fantasy Cinderella Is Dead and This Poison Heart. She is a classically trained vocalist and when she's not writing you can find her listening to Ella Fitzgerald on loop, attending the theater, watching scary movies, and spending time with her kids. She currently lives in upstate New York with her family.
The Vanquishers
by Kalynn Bayron

In *New York Times* bestselling author Kalynn Bayron's middle grade series, vampires were history . . . until now.

A sharp vampire tale full of bite, heart, and humor.” - Rena Barron, author of the Maya and the Rising Dark series

"Boog and her friends will capture your heart in an instant." - Mark Oshiro, author of *The Insiders*

Malika "Boog" Wilson and her best friends have grown up idolizing The Vanquishers, a group of heroic vampire hunters who wiped out the last horde of the undead decades ago. Nowadays, most people don't take even the most basic vampire precautions - the days of garlic wreaths and early curfews long gone - but Boog's parents still follow the old rules, much to her embarrassment.

When a friend goes missing, Boog isn't sure what to think. Could it be the school counselor, Mr. Rupert, who definitely seems to be hiding something? Or could it be something more dangerous? Boog is determined to save her friend, but is she ready to admit vampires might not be vanquished after all?

No one ever expected the Vanquishers to return, but if their town needs protection from the undead, Boog knows who to call.

Inspired by *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *The Watchmen*, this adventure launches readers into the exciting world of the Vanquishers.

A sharp vampire tale (...)

Author Bio

Kalynn Bayron is the bestselling author of the award-winning YA fantasy *Cinderella Is Dead* and *This Poison Heart*. She is a classically trained vocalist and when she’s not writing you can find her listening to Ella Fitzgerald on loop, attending the theater, watching scary movies, and spending time with her kids. She currently lives in upstate New York with her family.
The only good thing about Sofia's mom sending her to live with her abuela is that finally Sofia and the sea will meet face-to-face.

The sea has always called to Sofia, even when she and her mom lived in a big city nowhere near its shore. That's how Sofia always knew she was a mermaid - that, and the fact that the sea and its creatures are much easier to understand than people. Like her mother, who is sending Sofia away instead of her barracuda of a boyfriend; that's a flying fish if Sofia's ever seen one, spending so much time reaching for the sky she can't see what's going on below the surface. When Sofia meets her abuela, she knows she's up against a sea dragon: fierce and guarded, but maybe not so bad when you're the one she's guarding. Still, Sofia longs to meet another mermaid, someone who understands her and the sea completely.

When Sofia meets Louisa, it seems like she's found just that - until the sea betrays them both in one irreversible moment. Soon their town is overtaken by hurricanes and floods and emotions and questions so big Sofia doesn't know what to do with them. Like, how do you catch a flying fish? How do you make friends with the sea again? And how do you calm the rough waters within yourself?

Author Bio

Martha Riva Palacio Obon is a Mexican author of novels, poetry, stories, and television for children of all ages. She won the 2011 Premio Barco de Vapor for Mermaids Dream of Trilobites (which was also selected in 2013 for the White Ravens International Children's Library Catalog), as well as the 2014 Premio Hispanoamericano de Poesia para Ninos for her illustrated poetry book Lunatica. She has a degree in psychology.

Lourdes Heuer is a children's book author and poet. She was born in Spain to Cuban immigrant parents, then moved to the United States in 1984. She holds an MFA in Writing from the Vermont College of Fine Arts and is an Associate Professor of English at Broward College. She lives in South Florida with her husband, son and three dogs. Connect with her on Twitter and Instagram @LourdesHeuer.
The Bedtime Book of Incredible Questions
by Isabel Thomas, illustrated by Aaron Cushley

Have you ever struggled to concentrate because there are SO many questions buzzing around your brain? Here are answers to seventy-one of the most bamboozling questions and curious queries that you can think of.

How many stars are in the night sky? Why don’t animals wear clothes? Do plants have feelings?

This book will define, debunk, and demystify the trickiest of questions and open your eyes to amazing facts you have never even thought of!

With engaging and accessible text and accompanied by exciting, inviting illustrations, The Bedtime Book of Incredible Questions is the perfect bedtime companion to delve into when you are wondering if there really is an answer to everything.

Author Bio

Isabel Thomas is a science writer and the author of a galaxy of books for young audiences. They include Moth: An Evolution Story, illustrated by Daniel Egneus, which won the AAAS/Subaru Prize for Excellence in Science Books. She also writes for science magazines including The Week Junior Science + Nature and creates STEM outreach resources for organizations such as the Wellcome Sanger Institute and the BBC. Isabel studied Human Sciences at the University of Oxford and Education Research at the University of Cambridge. Find out more at www.isabelthomas.co.uk

Aaron Cushley is a talented illustrator from Belfast. He was shortlisted for the Information Book Award 2021 for How Many Mice Make an Elephant?, written by Tracey Turner, published by Pan MacMillan and for the North Somerset Teachers' Book Awards 2020 for Poems for a Green Blue Planet written by Sabrina Mahfouz, published by Hodder.
The Otherwoods
by Justine Pucella Winans

The Otherwoods is calling. And it won't be ignored.

Some would call River Rydell a 'chosen one': born with the ability to see monsters and travel to a terrifying spirit world called The Otherwoods, they have all the makings of a hero. But River just calls themself unlucky. After all, it's not like anyone actually believes River can see these things-or that anyone even believes monsters exist in the first place. So the way River sees it, it's better to keep their head down and ignore anything Otherwoods related.

But The Otherwoods won't be ignored any longer.

When River's only friend (and crush) Avery is kidnapped and dragged into The Otherwoods by monsters, River has no choice but to confront the world they've seen only in their nightmares—but reality turns out to be more horrifying than they could have ever imagined. With only their cat for protection and a wayward teen spirit as their guide, River must face the monsters of The Otherwoods and their own fears to save Avery and become the hero they were (unfortunately) destined to be.

Justine Pucella Winans will have you cowering and cackling as you follow River's reluctant hero's journey, perfect for fans of Doll Bones, Ghost Squad, and Too Bright to See.

Author Bio

Justine Pucella Winans is a queer and nonbinary writer who resides in Los Angeles with their husband and orange tabby cat. They graduated with a B.F.A in Acting from Chapman University and now work at a talent agency. Originally from Cleveland, they still say pop” and have love for the city, just not the cold. When not writing, they try their best at Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, read an alarming amount of manga, and try to make pasta even a fourth as good as their nonna's. Connect with them on Twitter and Instagram @JustinePWinans and www.justinepucellawinans.com.
The Very Best Hug
by Smriti Prasadam-Halls, illustrated by Alison Brown

A delightful picture book about the power of hugs, from the mega-bestselling creators of *I Love You Night and Day, You Make Me Happy* and *I'll Never Let You Go*.

Have you ever wondered who gives the very BEST hug? The kind that's warm and cozy and snug?
Extra squeezy, but never too tight, the kind that fits you COMPLETELY right?

From bear hugs to koala cuddles, hippo huddles to walrus wiggles, penguin pecks to porcupine prickles, there are a LOT of hugs to choose from.

But the perfect hug may not be far-in fact, it might be right where you are!
Who gives the best hugs? Have you guessed? It's the ones at home, who love you the best!

Full of silly and snuggly animal cuddles, this irresistible story from the bestselling creators Smriti Prasadam-Halls and Alison Brown is perfect for sharing and reading aloud.

With nearly endless variations, Prasadam-Halls has made hugging into a zoo of opportunity for passing the love around.

Author Bio

**Smriti Prasadam-Halls** is an award-winning children's author published in more than thirty-five languages. Her picture books include the *Wall Street Journal* and #1 *Publishers Weekly* bestseller *I Love You Night and Day, I'll Never Let You Go, You Make Me Happy*, and *Kiss it Better*, plus modern classics *Rain Before Rainbows* and *I'm Sticking with You*. Others. She lives and works in London.

**Alison Brown** studied Fine Art at Liverpool and then became a graphic designer. She is the illustrator of the *Wall Street Journal* and #1 *Publishers Weekly* bestseller *I Love You Night and Day, I'll Never Let You Go, Snow Bear, You Make Me Happy*, and the Little Owl series by Debi Gliori. Alison lives in the United Kingdom.
The Yawnicorn
by Emily Hamilton, illustrated by Emily Hamilton

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Juvenile Fiction / Bedtime & Dreams • Ages 4-8 years

Notes

Promotion
National media campaign including trade, children’s, and parenting media, Targeted influencer outreach across all platforms focusing on parenting influencers, Social media promotion, School and library promotion
We’re Going on a Sleigh Ride
A Lift-the-Flap Adventure
by Martha Mumford, illustrated by Cherie Zamazing

A fun and festive Christmas board book with more than a dozen exciting flaps to lift! Another sure holiday hit from the creators of We’re Going on an Egg Hunt.

We’re going on a sleigh ride,
Ho, ho ho!
Can you find the hidden gifts?
Whoosh! OFF WE GO!

Santa and his helpers are delivering Christmas gifts around the world, and they need YOUR help! There are lots of presents to find and count - but watch out for obstacles along the way!

With a merry refrain and more than a dozen hidden flaps to lift, this board book is perfect for interactive reading aloud with little ones. Get in the festive spirit as you hunt for gifts with Santa and his helpers!

Children will delight in finding and flipping the flaps, and each page invites readers to linger over and absorb the lovely artwork. . . . Charming visuals and manipulatives make this Christmas tale highly appealing to little readers."

"Colorful, ink-spattered illustrations by Hughes imbue the text with energy. . . . Lift-the-flap action, onomatopoeic chants, and an array of (...)"

Author Bio

Martha Mumford is the author of Hop Little Bunnies and We’re Going on an Egg Hunt, among many other picture books. Martha loves baking, patchwork, and has a mild obsession with interior magazines. She lives in Berkshire, England, with her husband and young daughters.

Cherie Zamazing is a successful freelance illustrator. She graduated from Loughborough University with a degree in Illustration and started work in the gift-card industry. Three years later, she returned to her main passion—storytelling! She is the illustrator of many beautiful picture books and loves to work in a variety of styles.
After Dark with Roxie Clark
by Brooke Lauren Davis

A twisty YA thriller about a girl who revels in leading ghost tours, but discovers that even she can be spooked when a chilling murder hits closer to home.

An Indie Next pick!

Roxie Clark has seen more dead bodies than your average seventeen-year-old. As a member of the supposedly-cursed Clark family, most of her ancestors have met tragic ends, including her own mother. Instead of fearing the curse, however, Roxie has combined her flair for performance and her gruesome family history into a successful ghost tour. But her tour never covers the most recent body she’s seen—her sister Skylar’s boyfriend, Colin Riley, found murdered in a cornfield.

A year after the murder, Roxie’s desperate to help Skylar find closure and start to heal. Instead, Skylar becomes fixated on finding the killer. As the sisters dig into what really happened, they discover that more than one person has been lying about that night. And the closer they get to the truth, the more Roxie starts to wonder if some scary stories might be better left untold. Brooke Lauren Davis offers another thought-provoking and eerily satisfying tale, perfect for fans of Kara Thomas and Cruel Summer.

The ghost tour is so well-painted that readers would eagerly hand over the money to be included on the next trip. . . Readers will enjoy this solid mystery with a satisfying resolution.” - School Library Journal

"A story about transgenerational haunting (…)

Author Bio

Brooke Lauren Davis grew up in rural Southern Ohio. Now she lives in North Carolina, where she spends her time dreaming up more stories about small towns with big secrets. She is also the author of The Hollow Inside.

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Defend the Dawn
by Brigid Kemmerer

In the eagerly anticipated sequel to the New York Times bestseller Defy The Night author Brigid Kemmerer continues her electrifying series with more royal intrigue, more sizzling romance, and shocking twists that will leave readers breathless.

What will they sacrifice to save their kingdom?
Their honor?
Their love?
Their lives?

Tessa Cade has gone from masked outlaw to palace advisor, but even with her newfound power, she can't stop the sickness still raging. And the kingdom's supply of Moonflower elixir dwindles all the while. Prince Corrick is trying to find a new way to lead, but it isn't easy to repair the rift between the royals and the people - or the one growing between himself and Tessa.

When an emissary from a neighboring kingdom arrives with an intriguing offer, Tessa and Corrick set out on an uncertain journey to find a new source of the lifesaving elixir. But with tensions brewing on deck and the sea swirling below, Tessa and Corrick must decide who they can trust - including each other. But they're shocked to discover that a craven betrayal may be much closer than they think . . .

Brigid Kemmerer has woven her compelling heroine into a kinetic tale of the tension between duty, love and (…)

Author Bio

Brigid Kemmerer is the author of the New York Times bestsellers Defy the Night and Forging Silver into Stars and the New York Times bestselling Cursebreaker series, which includes A Curse So Dark and Lonely, A Heart So Fierce and Broken, and A Vow So Bold and Deadly, and Forging Silver into Stars. She has also written the contemporary young adult romances Call It What You Want, More Than We Can Tell, and Letters to the Lost, as well as paranormal young adult stories, including the Elemental series and Thicker Than Water. A full-time writer, Brigid lives in the Baltimore area with her family.

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My Second Impression of You
by Michelle I. Mason

Perfect for fans of Tweet Cute and Instant Karma, this YA romcom is a heartfelt story about a girl who thinks she knows everything about love - until she relives a day and discovers she had it all wrong.

Sixteen-year-old Maggie Scott is a little dramatic. Both in the over-the-top sense and in the involved-in-every-possible-performing-arts-activity sense. Life is just more fun when you're always putting on a show! But apparently her boyfriend, Theo, disagrees, because he unexpectedly dumps her. She's so distressed she breaks her foot, has to be rescued by the most obnoxious boy in school, Carson, and can no longer star in the school play.

Now everything is terrible and Maggie doesn't understand where it all went wrong. So when she gets a mysterious text from an unknown number offering her a chance to relive the day when she and Theo met, Maggie can't help clicking (even though she knows what they say about suspicious links and clicking). Suddenly, she finds herself transported from her worst day ever to her best day ever - but on second review, Maggie realizes there are some details she overlooked. Maybe she was so focused on starring in the Maggie show that she didn't pay enough attention. Maybe Maggie doesn't know the people around her as well as she thought - particularly Carson. And maybe her worst day ever isn't quite as terrible as it seems.

In this funny and relatable YA romcom, Michelle I. Mason explores how there's always another way of looking at the situations we find (…)

Author Bio

Michelle I. Mason lives in St. Louis with her family. She spent ten years as a PR manager before shifting her focus to fictional stories. When she isn't writing novels, she enjoys reading, baking amazing brownies, playing the violin, watching her kids perform, and stockpiling best days with her family.

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Shades of Rust and Ruin
by A. G. Howard

New York Times bestselling author A.G. Howard launches a dark and compelling new YA fantasy series about a girl whose family is cursed by Halloween.

Packed with action scenes, detailed world-building, and allusions to other popular media, this will be a crowd-pleaser with avid fantasy readers, likely to appeal to fans of Melissa Marr and Holly Black." -BCCB

Phoenix “Nix” Loring knows her family is under a Halloween curse. When she was three, her parents tragically died on October 31st. Eleven years later, her twin sister Lark suffered a similar fate.

Ever since, Nix has battled survivor guilt. She can't even find comfort in Clarey, Lark's boyfriend and the one person who understands her pain, because Nix's hidden feelings for him go far beyond friendship. All that remains are her sketches, where she finds solace among the goblins and faeries in her imaginary world of Mystiquel. When her depression starts affecting her ability to see color, Nix all but gives up on her art, until her uncle goes missing on Halloween day. Hot on his trail, Nix and Clarey step through a portal, becoming trapped inside a decaying version of their town filled with Nix's own sketches come to life.

As Nix and Clarey search for her uncle within the sinister and dangerous world (...)

Author Bio

A. G. Howard is the #1 New York Times and international bestselling author of young adult retellings and adult gothic paranormal romances. Her dark Alice in Wonderland series, Splintered, has been published in over a dozen languages and hit the New York Times series list and her Phantom of the Opera retelling Roseblood was a #1 New York Times bestseller.
I Love Everything About Me
by Fatima Scipio, illustrated by Paige Mason

An empowering, feel-good picture book with an inspiring message of self-acceptance from the founder of Young Enterprising Sisters.

Author Bio

Fatima Scipio began her career as a teacher and has worked training social workers in the child welfare system. She is CEO of Young Enterprising Sisters (Y. E. S.) an entrepreneurial program for girls ages 8-17 that educates, empowers and energizes the next generation of business owners/entrepreneurs. Fatima has been featured in Essence, RedBook, Positively Black on NBC, among others and is a contributor blogger on the Huffington post. thefatimascipio.com

Paige Mason is a Central Valley based freelance illustrator/artist who has had the pleasure to have called San Jose, California, home for six years with her family of five! She now resides in Fresno, where she continues to make art and teach at a public elementary school. Paige has been extremely fortunate to still participate within the San Jose art community through Local Color, Nirvana soul Cafe, and SJMade. This is her debut picture book. pmillustrations.com

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Crave Boxed Set
by Tracy Wolff

A must-have for the holiday season, the Crave series boxed set will be on every Craver's wish list.

Author Bio

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Tracy Wolff wrote her first short story - something with a rainbow and a prince - in second grade. By ten, she'd read everything in the young adult and classics sections of her local bookstore. A one-time English professor with more than fifty novels to her name, she now devotes most of her time to writing and dreaming up heroes. She also writes under the name Tracy Deebs and lives in Austin, Texas, with her family. Visit her online at tracywolffbooks.com.
Frenemies with Benefits
by Lydia Sharp

A playful and sexy contemporary rom-com perfect for fans of The Kissing Booth and Tweet Cute by the author of The Night of Your Life.

One summer. One plan. Two boys.

Jess's older brother's best friend—aka her giant crush—is staying at their house for the summer. She either has the best luck ever or the worst. This is her chance to show him she's not just his best friend's shy little sister anymore. But he's a college boy. And she's... her.

Just turned eighteen. Just graduated high school. Just way too innocent for him. Jess is a virgin. She's never been ashamed of that, except now it's holding her back from what she wants. Her lack of experience is wildly obvious, a repellant for boys who want a partner who knows what they're doing. So the only way to get the boy she really likes to notice her is to ask the boy she really hates to show her how to be, well, less innocent.

And she hates Benjamin Oliver. Loathes. Despises. Can't stand the sight of his stupid hot face. He's her frenemy throughout and through, and a player, so not the kind of guy she'd ever seriously consider. But she needs his help—and he's actually willing to give it. All she has to do is promise him one little favor.

Author Bio

Lydia Sharp worked a number of different jobs, everything from retail management to veterinary medicine, before turning her passion for stories into a career. She is now an editor for Entangled Publishing and writes young adult novels with lots of kissing and adventures. Lydia lives in Ohio with her blended family of humans and dogs. When not completely immersed in a book, Lydia binges on Netflix, pines for fall, and hosts mad tea parties in Wonderland.

Follow her on Instagram @lydiadawnsharp for updates.
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Sweet Vengeance
by Tracy Wolff

When mysterious warlock Remy Boudreaux enters a deadly academy for rogue paranormals, secrets are everywhere and nothing is as it seems in the thrilling new spin-off series to Tracy Wolff's instant #1 New York Times bestselling Crave series.

Author Bio

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Tracy Wolff wrote her first short story in second grade. By ten, she'd read everything in the young adult and classics sections of her local bookstore. A one-time English professor with more than fifty novels to her name, she now devotes most of her time to writing and dreaming up heroes. She also writes under the name Tracy Deebs and lives in Austin, Texas, with her family. Visit her online at tracywolffauthor.com.

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The Lotus Flower Champion
by Pintip Dunn and Love Dunn

_Squid Game_ meets _Peter Pan_ with folktales from Thailand in this contemporary thriller with a fantasy twist, featuring a Thai heroine and hero.

Author Bio

Pintip Dunn
A first-generation Thai American, Pintip Dunn grew up in a tiny town in Kansas. She went on to graduate from Harvard University, magna cum laude, with an A.B. and to receive her J.D. at Yale Law School.

Pintip is a two-time RITA(Reg TM) award winner and a _New York Times_ bestselling author of young adult fiction. Her books have been translated into four languages, and they have been nominated for numerous awards, including the Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award and a Kirkus Best Book of the Year.

Visit her online at pintipdunn.com

Love Dunn
Love Dunn is a high school sophomore at Edmund Burke School in Washington, DC. She has a deep passion for storytelling and has written fourteen manuscripts to date. Her other interests include dance, volleyball, piano, violin, and public speaking. Her favorite activity, however, is cuddling her dog, Strawberry. She frequently engages in writing sprints with her mom - and easily beats Pintip's word count every time.

THE LOTUS FLOWER CHAMPION is her first novel.

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To Kill a Shadow
by Katherine Quinn

To bring the sun back to her cursed kingdom, a warrior and a handsome commander must venture into a monster-ridden fog in the first installment of this sweeping, romantic, and inclusive fantasy.

Author Bio

Katherine Quinn is a fantasy romance author and poet. She graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in psychology. She resides in Houston, Texas with her husband and three children.

Her love for writing began after she read her first fantasy series, Song of the Lioness, by Tamora Pierce. After that, she wanted nothing more than to be a dagger-wielding heroine. Unfortunately, it's frowned upon to give a child a dagger, so she settled on writing about daring adventures instead.
A Story No One Has Ever Heard Before
by Avi Steinberg, illustrated by Avi Steinberg

This hilarious and imaginative debut picture book from The New Yorker cartoonist Avi Steinberg encourages kids to explore their own creativity by telling three wonderfully wild and wacky stories at the same time.

Once upon a time there was a story no one has ever heard before, inspired by a carrot on the run, a knight who'd trade his sword for a pal, and an alien who just wants to get some rest and relaxation. It's a story about how to tell a story.

From choosing a main character to crafting a problem to solve to arriving at a satisfying conclusion, readers will learn storytelling tools in this playful, interactive read-aloud.

Whimsically witty and gloriously goofy, A Story No One Has Ever Heard Before is perfect for fans of The Book with No Pictures and Dragons Love Tacos.

Author Bio

Avi Steinberg is a kindergarten teacher in New York City whose favorite classroom activity - for himself and his students - is free draw™ time. He is a scrap-paper doodler, a cartoonist, a regular contributor to The New Yorker, and the Instagrammer behind @steinbergdrawscartoons. Avi Steinberg is a kindergarten teacher in New York City whose favorite classroom activity - for himself and his students - is free draw™ time. He is a scrap-paper doodler, a cartoonist, a regular contributor to The New Yorker, and the Instagrammer behind @steinbergdrawscartoons.

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Boys Don't Fry
by Kimberly Lee, illustrated by Charlene Chua

Jin wishes his family would ask him to help prepare the Lunar New Year feast. But boys, or Babas, never get asked - only Nyonyas, the girls.

It's the eve of Lunar New Year, and Jin can't wait for the big family reunion dinner. He loves the aromas and the bubbly chatter coming from the kitchen. His grandmother, Mamah, is cooking up a storm!

As his aunties dice, slice, and chop, there's nothing Jin wants more than to learn about the history of his family's cooking and to lend them a helping hand. After all, no one else can tell the difference between ginger and galangal as well as he can! But his aunties shoo him away, claiming he'll just get bored or be in the way. Luckily, Mamah steps in and asks Jin to help her prepare their special meal. Soon, Jin is squeezing, slicing, and stirring, too!

This loving picture book about a young Malaysian boy who defies gender expectations will make hearts warm and stomachs hungry. With beautifully vibrant illustrations of a traditional nyonya kitchen, Boys Don't Fry is a heartfelt celebration of family, culture, and traditions - both old and new.

Author Bio
Kimberly Lee is a lawyer, Managing Editor of parenting platform, makchic.com, the author of Boys Don't Fry, illustrated by Charlene Chua, and the co-author of What if? Her love of cooking good food is superseded only by her love of eating it. She lives in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with her husband and their two young sons. Find her online at www.kimberlyleebooks.com, or on Instagram and Twitter at @kimlsywrites.

Charlene Chua (she/they) is the illustrator of several picture books, including Pinkie Promises by Sen. Elizabeth Warren and LAMBDA nominated book Love, Violet by Charlotte Sullivan Wild. She is also the author-illustrator of Hug? When they are not making art, they enjoy cooking, reading, and playing with their cats. Charlene now lives with her husband (and cats!) in Hamilton, Ontario. charlenechua.com Twitter & Instagram @charlenedraws

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If Animals Kissed Good Night Boxed Set

If Animals Kissed Good Night, If Animals Said I Love You, If Animals Tried to Be Kind
by Ann Whitford Paul, illustrated by David Walker

With its whimsical art and playful rhymed verse, these read-aloud favorites from author Ann Whitford Paul and illustrator David Walker are sure to delight time and again.

What if animals did what YOU do? This adorable series imagines how animals might fall asleep at night, say I love you," show kindness, and so much more!

This boxed set contains three board books: If Animals Kissed Good Night, If Animals Said I Love You, and If Animals Tried to Be Kind, all a part of the bestselling If Animals Kissed Good Night series.

Author Bio

Ann Whitford Paul is the author of the bestselling If Animals series, including If Animals Kissed Good Night, which School Library Journal calls charming"; If Animals Went to School ; If Animals Celebrated Christmas ; If Animals Gave Thanks ; and If Animals Tried to be Kind . She lives in Los Angeles, California.

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If Animals Went to Work
by Ann Whitford Paul, illustrated by David Walker

Don't miss the other books in the adorable If Animals Kissed Good Night series by Ann Whitford Paul and David Walker: *If Animals Kissed Good Night, If Animals Said I Love You, If Animals Celebrated Christmas, If Animals Went to School, If Animals Gave Thanks*, and *If Animals Tried to be Kind*!

If animals went to work . . .

what would they do?

Mail carrier Kangaroo would carry cards and packages in her pouch.

Librarian Owl would read books aloud.

And Snake would rat-rattle to let everyone know about the wet cement and construction zone in the road.

Across the animal kingdom, every creature would be helpful in their own special way.

Author Bio

**Ann Whitford Paul** is the author of the bestselling If Animals series, including *If Animals Kissed Good Night*, which School Library Journal calls charming; *If Animals Went to School*; *If Animals Celebrated Christmas*; *If Animals Gave Thanks*; and *If Animals Tried to be Kind*. She lives in Los Angeles, California.

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I'll Hold Your Hand
by Maggie C. Rudd, illustrated by Elisa Chavarri

This sweet picture book celebrates a parent’s love and support of a child through life’s milestones, from learning to walk to the first day of school and all the highs and lows in between.

From the night you arrive to your first night away, from learning to crawl to healing a broken heart, and for all the highs and lows in between... through every season, every challenge, and every joy, you are loved.

With lyrical text from Maggie C. Rudd and stunning art by Elisa Chavarri, I'll Hold Your Hand celebrates the unbreakable bond of family, and all the ways our actions can say I love you” louder than words.

A rhythmic reassurance of unconditional love worth reading time and again... and again." - Kirkus Reviews

Author Bio

Maggie C. Rudd is from rural North Carolina where she lives with her family. When she isn’t writing, she is teaching middle school, making forts, or outside getting muddy with her kids. She is the author of the picture books On the Fourth of July and I'll Hold Your Hand. Elisa Chavarri is the illustrator of numerous books for children, including I'll Hold Your Hand by Maggie C. Rudd and the Pura Belpre Honor-winning book Sharuko: El Arqueologo Peruano / Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C. Tello. Originally from Lima, Peru, she did much of her growing up in Northern Michigan, where she now resides with her husband and two small children.
Jasmine Toguchi, Great Gardener
by Debbi Michiko Florence, illustrated by Elizabet Vukovic

Author Bio

Debbi Michiko Florence is a third-generation Japanese American and has many fond memories of sharing in her family's traditions while growing up in California and visiting her relatives in Japan. Debbi is also the author of novels and picture books, including Niki Nakayama: A Chef's Tale in 13 Bites. She now lives in Connecticut with her husband and their many animals (but no flamingo). Elizabet Vukovic received her BFA from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, California. She specializes in children's book illustration but enjoys experimenting with character design, concept art, fashion illustration, and decorative art. Her illustrated books include Debbi Michiko Florence's Jasmine Toguchi series, Katey Howes's Be A Maker, and Elana K. Arnold's An Ordinary Day. She currently resides in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
Jawbreaker
by Christina Wyman

Perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier’s Smile, a refreshingly honest middle-grade debut novel about toxic sibling rivalry, socioeconomic disparity, and dental drama.

Max Plink's life is complicated. Her parents aren't getting along. The school bullies are relentless - and her own sister is the cruelest of them. Worst of all, her mouth is a mess. With a mismatched puzzle of a jaw, Max has a Class II malocclusion, otherwise known as a severe overbite. She already has braces, which means she lives on Advil and soft foods after each orthodontist appointment. But now Max has to wear painful (and totally awkward) orthodontic headgear nicknamed the jawbreaker.” Could things get any worse?

Yes. The journalism competition Max wants to enter has a video component. But being on camera means showing her face not just to her junior high classmates, but possibly the whole city. Going viral is the last thing Max needs, but winning this competition is what she wants most. Turns out, following her dreams is complicated, too.

Inspired by Christina Wyman's own experience with a Class II malocclusion, Jawbreaker is a humorous, heartfelt, and refreshingly relatable story.

Author Bio

Christina Wyman is a teacher and writer living in Michigan with her husband, border collie, rescue cat and six raccoons that occupy a tree outside her bedroom window. Her work has been published in New York Magazine, The Washington Post, Elle, Ms. Magazine, The Independent, and other outlets. Jawbreaker is her debut novel. When not writing, she can be found enjoying chocolate and goat yoga. Connect with her on Twitter @CBWymanWriter.
Love, Escargot
by Dashka Slater, illustrated by Sydney Hanson

Bonjour! Escargot is back, with a magnifique beret and a special invitation.

From New York Times bestselling author Dashka Slater, Love, Escargot is the third hilarious book in the award-winning Escargot picture book series; perfect for - but not limited to - Valentine’s Day!

Today is Snailentine's Day, and Escargot is on his way to a party. Will his Snailentine be there? Maybe he will find another snail who also likes to read books and eat salad with a light vinaigrette.

But when he arrives at the party, Escargot is greeted not by a snail, but by a vole. Mon dieu! This is not a Snailentine's Day party at all. It is at a Volentine's Day party! At first, Escargot wants to hide in his shell, but in the end, he finds a surprising new friend.

School Library Journal 9 Books to Help Young Readers Feel the Love on Valentine’s Day

PureWow 25 Valentine’s Day Books for Toddlers That Get the Holiday Right

Breaking right through the fourth wall, the stylish snail encourages readers to embrace their snail selves . . . Sweet art means that when Escargot winsomely tells readers, 'You can kiss me if you like,' it'll be hard for them to pass up the chance . . . Though love and snails rarely go together, it's easy to be won (…)

Author Bio

Dashka Slater is the New York Times bestselling author of The 57 Bus, which won the Stonewall Book Award and was a YALSA nonfiction finalist. Her fiction includes The Book of Fatal Errors, the picture book Escargot, which won the Wanda Gag Book Award; Baby Shoes; The Antlered Ship, which was a Junior Library Guild Selection and received four starred reviews; and Dangerously Ever After. She is also an award-winning journalist whose articles have appeared in Newsweek, Salon, The New York Times Magazine, and Mother Jones. She lives in California. Sydney Hanson was raised in Minnesota alongside numerous pets and brothers. In addition to her traditional illustrations, Sydney is an experienced 2D and 3D production artist and has worked for several animation shops, including Nickelodeon and Disney Interactive. In her spare time she enjoys traveling and spending time outside with her adopted brother, a Labrador retriever named Cash. She is the
Silence and Shadow
by Erin Beaty

The sequel to Erin Beaty's buzzworthy YA medieval fantasy-thriller Blood and Moonlight, Silence and Shadow is full of swoony romance, dangerous magick, and murder - perfect for fans of Kerri Maniscalco and Mary E. Pearson.

After confronting a killer and fleeing her home to be with each other, Cat and Simon arrive in the sprawling city of Londunium pretending to be a newly married couple, but don't expect to keep up the ruse for long. Cat looks forward to honing her healing magick at the local Selanae university, but instead finds a council of ruthless leaders threatening to erase her non-Selanae husband's memories to protect their secrets.

Terrified to lose him, Cat takes desperate steps to keep him safe. But when a string of mutilated bodies turns up in the woods outside the city, and Simon is recruited to profile the killer, Cat is pulled back into a world of murder, mayhem, and magick - one that threatens to swallow her, and everything she loves, whole.

Author Bio

Erin Beaty was born and raised in Indianapolis. She graduated from the US Naval Academy with a degree in rocket science and served in the fleet as a weapons officer and a leadership instructor. She and her husband have five children, and live wherever the navy tells them to go - currently Kansas. She is the author of the Traitor's Kiss trilogy and the Blood and Moonlight duology.
Sometimes I Cry
by Jess Townes, illustrated by Daniel Miyares

From Jess Townes with illustrations by Daniel Miyares, this poignant picture book deftly tackles the wide array of emotions experienced in childhood, and especially reminding readers that there’s nothing wrong with crying.

Sometimes I cry
... when I’m angry.
... when I’m scared.
... when I’m happy.

There are all sorts of feelings that can make us cry - from disappointment to joy, from grief to love. Sometimes I Cry offers a gentle and necessary affirmation of the emotional complexity of growing up. Powerful, poignant, and universally relevant, it is a triumph for readers of any age.

Sometimes I cry.
And that’s okay.

Author Bio

Jess Townes is the author of Spellbound, illustrated by Jennifer Harney, and Groundhog Gets It Wrong, illustrated by Nicole Miles. She currently works as a bookseller at Main Street Books in St. Charles, Missouri. Jess lives outside St. Louis with her family. Daniel Miyares is the author and illustrator of numerous books for children, among them Float; That Is My Dream!, with text by Langston Hughes; and Night Out. He lives in Kansas City.
There's No Place Like Hope
by Janet Lawler, illustrated by Tamisha Anthony

There's no place like hope,
where possible lives,
where people are helpful
and everyone gives.

If you're feeling scared or sad, happy or helpful - hope will guide you. It's not always easy. And sometimes having hope means being brave, or determined, or kind. At the end of the day, hope is where better will be.

This sweet, rhythmic picture book is a gentle yet powerful exploration of how hope makes us loving, courageous, and connected to one another.

Author Bio

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by Deborah Diesen, illustrated by Dan Hanna

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Habla / Speak (Spanish edition)
by Laurie Halse Anderson, translated by Hercilia Mendizabal Frers

Por primera vez en español para el mercado norteamericano, un clásico moderno conmovedor sobre el consentimiento y la capacidad de encontrar el coraje para hablar.

Alza la voz; queremos oir lo que tienes para decir.

Desde el minuto uno de su primer año en la Secundaria Merriweather, Melinda sabe que esto es una gran mentira, parte del sinsentido de la secundaria. No tiene amigos, es marginada, porque arruinó una fiesta de finales del verano cuando llamó a la policía, así que nadie quiere hablar con ella, y mucho menos escucharla. Con el paso del tiempo, se aisla cada vez mas y practicamente deja de hablar. El único consuelo lo encuentra en su clase de Arte, y es mediante su trabajo en un proyecto de arte que finalmente es capaz de enfrentar lo que paso en realidad en esa terrible fiesta.

Su proceso de sanación apenas comienza cuando tiene otro encuentro violento. Pero esta vez, Melinda no se calla.

Author Bio

Laurie Halse Anderson is a New York Times- bestselling author whose writing spans young readers, teens, and new adults. Combined, her books have sold more than 8 million copies. She has been nominated three times for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. Two of her books, Speak and Chains, were National Book Award finalists, and Chains was short-listed for the prestigious Carnegie medal. Laurie was selected by the American Library Association for the 2009 Margaret A. Edwards Award and has been honored for her battles for intellectual freedom by the National Coalition Against Censorship and the National Council of Teachers of English.

In addition to combating censorship, Laurie regularly speaks about the need for diversity in publishing. She lives in Philadelphia, where she enjoys cheese steaks while she writes.

Hercilia Mendizabal Frers is a translator, copy editor and proofreader who has been working with renowned publishing houses for the past fifteen years. After working in an editorial setting, she decided to dive into the freelance world. This allowed her to live all around the U.S. and, more importantly, travel frequently to her native South America. She translates fiction and non-fiction, as well as children’s and young adult literature.
A Crown So Cursed  
by L.L. McKinney

“The fantasy series I’ve been waiting for my whole life.”  
- Angie Thomas, #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Hate U Give

Alice must save Wonderland from itself in A Crown So Cursed, the long-awaited third book in L.L. McKinney’s Nightmare-Verse series.

Alice and her crew are doing their best to recover from the last boss battle, but some of them keep having thes... dreams: visions of a dark past - and an even darker future. Sadly, the evil in Wonderland may not be as defeated as they’d hoped.

Attacked by Nightmares unlike any they’ve ever seen, Alice will have to step between the coming darkness and the mortal world once more. But this time is different. This time, the monsters aren’t waiting for her on the other side of the Veil.

They're in her own back yard.

"A breakout author." - Entertainment Weekly

Praise for A Dream So Dark

"The Alice I never knew I needed. The Alice I (...)"

Author Bio

Named one of The Root’s 100 Most Influential African-Americans of 2020, L.L. McKinney is a writer, a poet, and an active member of the kidlit community. She’s an advocate for equality and inclusion in publishing, the co-founder of Juneteenth Book Fest, and the creator of the hashtags #PublishingPaidMe and #WhatWOCWritersHear. She’s also a gamer girl and an adamant Hei Hei stan. She is the author of A Blade So Black, A Dream So Dark, and A Crown So Cursed.
A Gift for Nai Nai
by Kim-Hoa Ung

Author Bio

Kim-Hoa Ung is an author/illustrator of children's books. She enjoys creating stories that explore family relationships, friendship, empathy, culture and heritage, and immigrant life. She dreams of helping to bring more diversity to the book world. During her spare time, Kim-Hoa loves to crochet, take photos, and travel. She is a lover of all things kawaii and inspirational. Kim-Hoa lives with her two children and husband in Monterey Park, California.

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At the End of the World
by Nadia Mikail

When the world is ending, what matters most to you?

Seventeen-year-old Aisha hasn't seen her sister June for two years. She has no idea where she is, but that hasn't stopped her from thinking about her every day and hoping she's okay.

But now that a calamity is about to end the world in nine months' time, she and her mother decide that it's time to track her down and mend the hurts of the past. They don't have any time to spare - if they don't resolve their issues now, they never will.

Along with Aisha's boyfriend Walter and his parents (and a stray cat named Fleabag), the group embarks on a roadtrip through Malaysia in a wildly decorated campervan to put the past to rest, to come to terms with the present, and to hope for the future, even with the world about to end.

Author Bio

Nadia Mikail studies law in London. She is also a full-time houseplant owner and a part-time investigative journalist of what London's pigeons are planning when they flock together like that. She is mostly unsuccessful at (but still hopeful about) both these occupations. She is from Sarawak in Malaysia, where the air is always sweeter, the food is always tastier, and the pigeons are considerably less bold. The Cats We Meet Along The Way is her first novel.

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Catside Up, Catside Down
by Anna Hrachovec

Catsideup, catsidedown.
Catona turntable, spinningaround!
Undera piano, overthe moon,
swept high and away by a cat-shaped balloon.

A collection of cozy, knitted cats find themselves in all sorts of funny positions in this rhyming picture book that introduces prepositions like over, under, between, beside, and many more!

Author Bio

Anna Hrachovec is a designer and artist who loves to knit little creatures. Just about everything is more fun in tiny knitted form, so she's inspired by everything! Under her designer brand, Mochimochi Land, Anna has created hundreds of knitting patterns for a global following of creature-crafting fans. When she's not making cute stuff out of yarn, Anna is busy making stop-motion animations with her woolly friends. Her heart-knitting gnome is one of the most widely shared animated GIFs in the world. Anna lives in Chicago with her husband, two kids, and two cats.
Dogtown
by Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko, illustrated by Wallace West

Dogtown is a shelter for stray dogs, misbehaving dogs, and discarded robot dogs, whose owners have outgrown them.

Chance, a real dog, has been in Dogtown since his owners unwittingly left him with irresponsible dog-sitters who skipped town.

Metal Head is a robot dog who dreams of being back in a real home.

And Mouse is a mouse who has the run of Dogtown, pilfering kibble, and performing clever feats to protect the dogs he loves.

When Chance and Metal Head embark on an adventure to find their forever homes, there is danger, cheese sandwiches, a charging station, and some unexpected kindnesses along the way.

From beloved authors Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko, Dogtown is at once an uplifting story and a page-turning adventure, sure to find a forever home in readers' hearts.

Author Bio

Katherine Applegate is the author of several best-selling young adult series, including Animorphs and Roscoe Riley Rules. Home of the Brave, her first standalone novel, received the SCBWI 2008 Golden Kite Award for Best Fiction and the Bank Street 2008 Josette Frank Award. She lives with her family in Irvine, California. Gennifer Choldenko's best known Tales from Alcatraz series, has been called A cornerstone series in contemporary children's literature. Al Capone Does My Shirts - the first book in the series - was a Newbery Honor Book and the recipient of twenty other awards. All four books in the series were Junior Library Guild selections and garnered many starred reviews. Gennifer lives in the San Francisco Bay area with her loyal husband and naughty dog.

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Gone Wolf
by Amber McBride

In the future, a Black girl known only as Inmate Eleven is kept confined - to be used as a biological match for the president's son, should he fall ill. She is called a Blue - the color of sadness. She lives in a small-small room with her dog, who is going wolf more often - he's pacing and imagining he's free. Inmate Eleven wants to go wolf too - she wants to know why she feels so Blue and what is beyond her small-small room.

In the present, Imogen lives outside of Washington DC. The pandemic has distanced her from everyone but her mother and her therapist. Imogen has intense phobias and nightmares of confinement. Her two older brothers used to help her, but now she's on her own, until a college student helps her see the difference between being Blue and sad, and Black and empowered.

In this symphony of a novel, award-winning author Amber McBride lays bare the fears of being young and Black in America, and empowers readers to remember their voices and stories are important, especially when they feel the need to go wolf.

Author Bio

Amber McBride estimates she reads about 100 books a year. Her work has been published in literary magazines including Ploughshares and Provincetown Arts. Her debut young adult novel, Me (Moth) was a finalist for the National Book Award, and won the 2022 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent, among many other accolades. She is a professor of creative writing at University of Virginia, and lives in Charlottesville, Virginia.
How Mr. Silver Stole the Show  
by Kate Klise, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise

Everyone loves an underdog - especially when he's a cat!

On a rainy morning in 1947, a small gray kitten wandered into the Hamilton Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, two days before the Greater St. Louis Cat Club Show.

A stray kitten. A fancy hotel. A serious contest for pedigreed cats. What could possibly go right?

Curl up with this heartwarming story based on a real-life stray cat who made international headlines just by showing up, being himself, and finding a little kindness.

Author Bio

Kate Klise is the author of several picture books and novels, including Grounded and Homesick. She frequently collaborates with her sister, the illustrator M. Sarah Klise. Kate travels all over the country speaking to classrooms about her work. She lives in Norwood, Missouri. M. Sarah Klise draws and paints in her studio in Berkeley, California. With her sister, Kate Klise, she previously collaborated on novels and the picture book Shall I Knit You a Hat.
Into the Bright Open: A Secret Garden Remix  
by Cherie Dimaline

In this bittersweet YA remix of *The Secret Garden*, Cherie Dimaline, award-winning author of *The Marrow Thieves*, weaves an enchanting story of family, healing, and girls reclaiming control of their own lives, part of the Remixed Classics series.

Mary Lennox didn't think about death until the day it knocked politely on her bedroom door and invited itself in. When a terrible accident leaves her orphaned at fifteen, she is sent to the wilderness of the Georgian Bay to live with an uncle she's never met.

At first the impassive, calculating girl believes this new manor will be just like the one she left in Toronto: cold, isolating, and anything but cheerful, where staff is treated as staff and never like family. But as she slowly allows her heart to open like the first blooms of spring, Mary comes to find that this strange place and its strange people - most of whom are Indigenous self-named halfbreeds* - may be what she can finally call home.

Then one night Mary discovers Olive, her cousin who has been hidden away in an attic room for years due to a "nervous condition." The girls become fast friends, and Mary wonders why this big-hearted girl is being kept out of sight and fed medicine that only makes her feel sicker. When Olive's domineering stepmother returns to the manor, it soon becomes clear that something sinister is going on.

With the help of a (...) 

Author Bio

Cherie Dimaline's 2017 book, *The Marrow Thieves*, won the Governor General's Award and the prestigious Kirkus Prize for Young Readers, was a finalist for the White Pine Award, and was the fan favorite for CBC's 2018 Canada Reads. Her novel *Empire of Wild* became an instant Canadian bestseller and was named Indigo's #1 Best Book of 2019. Cherie spent many years working in and for Indigenous communities and now lives in her home territory where she is a registered and active member of the Georgian Bay Metis Community.
Just a Pinch of Magic
by Alechia Dow

Alechia Dow's middle-grade debut is as warm and sweet as a cinnamon bun, bursting with magic and sure to please the pickiest readers.

Wini's family of enchanters runs a little bakery, but with the prices of magical ingredients skyrocketing, they're going under. Desperate to save her family's business, Wini takes a risk by casting a (sort of illegal) spell that would allow them to gather their own supply of their most needed magical ingredient: Love. But the spell doesn't work. And Wini soon discovers that it didn't just not work, it backfired. Badly. Now the whole town is in danger, and the Enchantment Agency is sniffing around for whoever cast the wayward spell.

It's just been Kal and her dad for as long as she can remember. They've weathered everything together, including Kal's mental health struggles. But just as they're about to move to a new town for a fresh start, Kal's grandfather - who mysteriously vanished years ago - has suddenly reentered their lives with a desire to make amends. He joins them in opening their bookstore in the new town, but Kal can't help but wonder if he has anything to do with the whispers around her new home about wicked magic. And it's not just the whispers of the magical books in their shop.

When Wini and Kal cross paths - both hoping for the chance to finally make a friend without worrying about their family histories following them - the girls bond over being fellow outcasts. Together they search for the solution to fixing the magic gone awry in their beloved town - and just (...)

Author Bio

Alechia Dow is a former pastry chef and librarian. She is the author of YA novels The Sound of Stars and The Kindred, and Just a Pinch of Magic is her middle-grade debut. When not writing, you can find her having epic dance parties with her daughter, baking, reading, or taking teeny adventures.

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**Mermaids Never Drown**
Tales to Dive For
by Zoraida Cordova, Natalie C. Parker and Darcie Little Badger

14 Young Adult short stories from bestselling and award-winning authors make a splash in *Mermaids Never Drown* - the second collection in the Untold Legends series edited by Zoraida Cordova and Natalie C. Parker - exploring mermaids like we’ve never seen them before!


Find all these stories and more in this gripping new collection that will reel you in from the very first page! Welcome to an ocean of hurt, fear, confusion, rage, hope, humor, discovery, and love in its many forms.

Edited by Zoraida Cordova and Natalie C. Parker, *Mermaids Never Drown* features beloved authors like Darcie Little Badger, Kalynn Bayron, Preeti Chhibber, Rebecca Coffindaffer, Julie C. Dao, Maggie Tokuda-Hall, Adriana Herrera, June Hur, Katherine Locke, Kerri Maniscalco, Julie Murphy, Gretchen Schreiber, and Julian Winters.

**Author Bio**

Zoraida Cordova is the acclaimed author of more than two dozen novels and short stories, including the Brooklyn Brujas series, *Star Wars: The High Republic: Convergence*, and *The Inheritance of Orquidea Divina*. In addition to writing novels, she serves on the board of We Need Diverse Books, and is the co-editor of the bestselling anthology *Vampires Never Get Old*, as well as the cohost of the writing podcast, Deadline City. Zoraida was born in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and calls New York City home. When she's not working, she's roaming the world in search of magical stories. **Natalie C. Parker** is an author, editor, and community organizer. She has written several award winning books for teens and young readers and has edited multiple anthologies including the Indie Bestselling anthology *Vampires Never Get Old*. Her work has been included on the NPR Best Books list, the Indie Next List, and the TAYSHAS Reading List, and in Junior Library Guild selections. In addition to writing, Natalie also runs Madcap Retreats, which has partnered with We Need Diverse Books and Reese's Book Club to host the writers workshops for their new internship Lit Up. She grew up in a navy family finding home in coastal cities from Virginia to Japan and currently lives with her wife on the Kansas prairie.
No Such Thing as Perfect
by Misako Rocks!

Emma can't help comparing herself to her bright and popular older sister, Julia. Try as she might, Emma can't seem to please her mom as much as her sister does.

The more Emma measures herself alongside Julia and others, the more pressure she feels to try to change. But trying to be as good as everyone else at everything is exhausting and frustrating.

With help from her friends and basketball teammates, as well as Lexi, the French bulldog she's dogsitting, Emma realizes that there's no such thing as perfect* - and it feels better to be true to herself, instead of trying to please others. But will other people, especially her mom, understand that Emma may not excel at the same things as her sister?

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Misako Rocks! is a Brooklyn-based manga artist. Her first break came when The Onion decided to use her illustrations for their Savage Love* column. Shortly afterward, in 2007, Misako self-published her autobiographical comic, Rock and Roll Love, which was featured on the New York Public Library's Best Books for Teens List. Outside of the U.S., she has published several books in Japan, including How to Learn English with Misako's Method. She teaches manga drawing classes at numerous middle schools in New York City, as well as at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Brooklyn Cherry Blossom Festival.
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She Kept Dancing
The True Story of a Professional Dancer with a Limb Difference
by Sydney Mesher and Catherine Laudone, illustrated by Natelle Quek

This warm and inviting picture book, cowritten with Catherine Laudone and brightly illustrated by Natelle Quek, takes young readers along on Sydney's journey - through the joyous ups as well as the crushing downs - and tells the story of how through it all, she kept dancing.

No two dances were the same. Each one was beautiful because it was different - just like how Sydney's body was also beautiful because it was different.

Sydney Mesher was born with ten toes and five fingers. But it was her toes that her mom noticed first. I can tell she's going to be a dancer," she said.

And it turned out Mom was right - after years of hard work, Sydney eventually danced her way onto the famous stage of Radio City Music Hall, becoming the first Rockette with a visible disability.

Author Bio

Sydney Mesher, originally from Portland, Oregon, is a bicoastal artist. She has danced on Disney Plus' Growing Up," the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Today Show, and with KPop group, BTS Official. She has been featured in an Olay Beauty product launch and by Health Magazine, ESPN, GMA, NBC, People Magazine, New York Post, and CNN. Mesher has modeled for Adidas, Hollister, Tommy Hilfiger, Neen, and Olay Beauty, and has walked in New York Fashion Week. Mesher is a Radio City Rockette and made her acting debut in "A Holiday Spectacular" on the Hallmark Channel. Her career is driven by bringing a new image to the entertainment industry by highlighting different body types and celebrating individuality.

Catherine Laudone is a children's book author and editor. She Kept Dancing is her co-authored picture book debut. She has an MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts and currently lives in New Jersey. When not writing or editing, she enjoys drinking chocolate tea, crocheting, and baking.

Natelle Quek is a Malaysian-born children's book illustrator who grew up in New Zealand, and now calls the UK home. In a previous life, she worked as a biochemistry technician in various laboratories before hanging up her lab coat and pursuing a career in illustration. Her debut as a published illustrator came in 2021 The Little Mermaid, a reimagining of the classic tale by Anna Kemp. She has since illustrated several young fiction and picture books, including She Kept Dancing by Sydney Mesher and Catherine Laudone. Natelle lives in leafy, historic Kent with her husband, a
The Changing Man
by Tomi Oyemakinde

A teenage girl is pulled into investigating the truth behind her new boarding school's decades-old legend, in this debut Young Adult speculative thriller by Tomi Oyemakinde

Face front. Watch your back. BE BRAVE.

If it was left to her, Ife Adebola wouldn't be starting at Nithercott School. Because despite being in the Urban Achievers scholarship program, her parents can barely afford the tuition. No matter who, like her classmate Bijal, is trying to be friends with her or how much the prestigious boarding school tries to pull her in, Ife is determined not to get caught up in any of it.

But when another student, Malika, begins acting strange, Ife can't help but wonder if there's more going on at Nithercott than she realizes. Could there be any truth to the school's decades-old legend of the Changing Man? Is there any connection to the missing older brother of her classmate, Ben?

As more questions arise, Ife has no choice but to team up with Ben and Bijal to investigate. But can the trio act quickly enough to uncover who is behind everything, before one - or all - of them is the Changing Man's next victim?

Author Bio

Tomi Oyemakinde grew up in London, before being uprooted at the age of 6 to head across the North Sea to the Netherlands. He is committed to crafting stories centered on Black protagonists thriving across genres, audiences & worlds. When Tomi is not busy writing, he can be found daydreaming about his future dog (namely a Rottweiler named Pan) and geeking out over all things anime. The Changing Man is his debut novel.
The Gilded Duology Boxed Set
by Marissa Meyer

#1 New York Times-bestselling author Marissa Meyer returns to the fairytale world with this thrilling and romantic duology.

In *Gilded*, Book One, a poor miller's daughter cursed by the god of lies, has developed a talent for spinning stories that are fantastical and spellbinding and entirely untrue. Or so everyone believes.

When one of Serilda's outlandish tales draws the attention of the sinister Erlking and his undead hunters, she finds herself swept away into a grim world where ghouls and phantoms prowl the earth and hollow-eyed ravens track her every move. The king orders Serilda to complete the impossible task of spinning straw into gold, or be killed for telling falsehoods. In her desperation, Serilda unwittingly summons a mysterious boy to her aid. He agrees to help her... for a price. Love isn't meant to be part of the bargain.

Soon Serilda realizes that there is more than one secret hidden in the castle walls, including an ancient curse that must be broken if she hopes to end the tyranny of the king and his wild hunt forever.

In *Cursed*, Book Two, Serilda finds herself ensnared in a deadly game of make-believe with the Erlking, who is determined to propel her deeper into the castle's lies. Meanwhile, Serilda is determined to work with Gild to help him solve the mystery of his forgotten name and past.

Can Serilda find a way to use her storytelling gifts for good--once and for all? And can Serilda and Gild break the spells that tether their spirits to the castle before the Endless Moon finds them truly cursed?

Romance and adventure collide in this stunning finale to the Rumpelstiltskin-inspired fairy tale

Author Bio

The Last Unexplored Place on Earth: Investigating the Ocean Floor with Alvin Submersible
by Aly Brown

Author Bio

Aly Brown is a novelist, newspaper copy editor/assistant managing editor, and award-winning journalist. By day, she chases stories, edits page proofs, and gets mad at production for turning off the coffee maker prematurely (Who made that choice for everyone?). By night, she escapes into her imagination to create her own stories and worlds. Given her split writing life, she is admittedly torn on her feelings about the Oxford comma.
The Night Hunt
by Alexandra Christo

From the author of To Kill a Kingdom comes The Night Hunt, a dark fantasy romance about a monstrous girl who feeds on fear and the Gods-cursed boy who falls in love with her.

Atia is a monster who feeds on fear. As the last of her kind, she hides in the shadows of the world to escape the wrath of the unpredictable Gods. Silas is a Herald, carrying messages and ferrying the dead as punishment for a past he can’t remember. Stripped of his true name, he yearns to recover his identity.

Atia would never dream of allying with someone like him, but when she breaks a sacred law and the Gods send monsters to hunt her, Silas offers an irresistible deal: he’ll help avenge her family and take on the Gods who now hunt her, if she helps him break his curse and restore his humanity. All they need to do is kill three powerful creatures: a vampire, a banshee, and one of the very Gods who destroyed both their lives. Only together can they finally rewrite their destinies.

For To Kill a Kingdom:

"Stellar world building and nonstop action will keep readers hooked on this twisted reimagining of "The Little (...)"

Author Bio

Alexandra Christo is a British author whose characters are always funnier and far more deadly than she is. She studied Creative Writing at university and graduated with the desire to never stop letting her imagination run wild. She currently lives in Hertfordshire with a rapidly growing garden and a never-ending stack of books. Her debut novel To Kill a Kingdom is an international bestseller and her Young Adult fantasy books have been translated into over a dozen languages worldwide.
The Secret Society of Aunts & Uncles
by Jake Gyllenhaal and Greta Caruso, illustrated by Dan Santat

The art of Auntieology and Uncleology is a sacred craft, but ten-year-old Leo has an Uncle Mo—a clueless stationery supply salesman with good intentions—who just doesn’t get it. Yet.

_The Secret Society of Aunts & Uncles_ is a madcap, magical adventure into the heart of what it means to have an aunt or uncle—how we learn to keep each other close and how we find love in the simplest things.

Jake Gyllenhaal and Greta Caruso paint a goofy, loving portrait of one of the most important relationships in children’s lives in this funny and heartfelt romp of a picture book with witty and inventive illustrations by award-winning illustrator Dan Santat.

Author Bio

**Jake Gyllenhaal** is an Academy Award- and Tony-nominated actor, producer, and, most importantly, uncle to Ramona and Gloria. He was born in Los Angeles and has been best friends with Greta Caruso (his coauthor) since they were kids.

**Greta Caruso** is the longtime niece of a small group of Hall-of-Famer aunts and uncles. (She is also an aspiring HoF aunt to Vincent.) A lifelong voracious reader-and entrepreneur and producer-Greta has loved writing this, her first book, with her best friend, Jake.

**Dan Santat** is the Caldecott Medal-winning and _New York Times_-bestselling author and illustrator of _The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend_, _Are We There Yet?_, and _After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again_. His artwork is also featured in numerous picture books, chapter books, and middle grade novels, including Dav Pilkey’s Ricky Ricotta series. Dan lives in Southern California with his wife, two kids, and many, many pets.
Vengeance of the Pirate Queen
by Tricia Levenseller

Pirates of the Caribbean meets The Mummy in Vengeance of the Pirate Queen, Tricia Levenseller's triumphant return to the Daughter of the Pirate King universe, which has sold nearly a million copies. This beautifully packaged adventure follows fan-favorite Sorinda and is a must read for anyone who loves fierce heroines and swoon-worthy romance.

You can’t be afraid of the dark when you’re the monster lurking in the shadows.

As an assassin working for the pirate queen, Sorinda is surprised when Alosa’s next task for her is not to kill a new target, but to captain a handpicked crew on a rescue mission. Unfortunately, her sailing master is Kearan. He may be the best helmsman the pirate queen has, but Sorinda finds him a real pain in the arse. Sadly, there are few places on a ship to hide from an attentive man.

As the crew of the Vengeance faces dangerous waters and deadly sea creatures, they accidentally awaken the King of the Undersea, a being who can control the dead. Their rescue mission quickly turns into a fight to save the world, but first, Sorinda must save herself from becoming an undead queen.

Author Bio

Tricia Levenseller, New York Times -bestselling author of several YA fantasy novels, including Daughter of the Pirate King and The Shadows Between Us, grew up in Oregon, where she spent her childhood climbing trees and playing make believe. She now lives in Utah with her bossy dog, Rosy, where she writes full time. When she's not writing or reading, Tricia enjoys putting together jigsaw puzzles, playing Overwatch and Sea of Thieves on her Xbox, and finding tasty restaurants to frequent.
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Faith Erin Hicks is a writer and artist who lives in Vancouver, Canada. Her published works include Friends with Boys, The Adventures of Superhero Girl, The Last of Us: American Dreams (with Neil Druckmann), The Nameless City trilogy, Comics Will Break Your Heart, and the New York Times bestselling Pumpkinheads (with Rainbow Rowell)
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InvestiGators: All Tide Up
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New York Times bestsellers and sewer surfing super-sleuths Mango & Brash are back in the seventh volume of the smash hit InvestiGators series!

Unsinkable detectives Mango and Brash are back in InvestiGators: All Tide Up, a high seas adventure that takes the hit series by John Patrick Green to uncharted waters!

When a cruise captain is found drifting at sea and delirious, the search begins for his missing ship and passengers! Did it sink? Was it boat-napped? Are supernatural forces at play? And can the InvestiGators unravel this maritime mystery before a second cruise befalls a similarly unfathomable fate? Seas the day and find out in this new nautical adventure

Author Bio

John Patrick Green is a human with the human job of making books about animals with human jobs, notably the smash-hit graphic novel series InvestiGators. John is definitely a multiple New York Times-bestselling human author and not just a bunch of animals in a trench coat pretending to have a human job. With over a million copies of InvestiGators in print, John is a successful human being with only two hands and a normal amount of fur. He lives in a Brooklyn apartment that doesn't allow animals other than the ones living in his head.

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Layers
A Memoir
by Penelope Bagieu, translated by Montana Kane

Following the Eisner-award winning Brazen, Penelope Bagieu pens her first autobiographical work in this hilarious and bitter sweet graphic memoir.

Penelope Bagieu never thought she’d publish a graphic memoir. But when she dust off her old diaries (no, really - this book is based on her actual diaries), she found cringe-worth, hilarious, and heartbreaking stories begging to be drawn.

In Overlays, Bagieu reflects on her childhood and teen years with her characteristic wit and unflinching honesty. The result is fifteen short stories about friendship, love, grief, and those awkward first steps toward adulthood.

Author Bio

Penelope Bagieu was born in Paris in 1982 to Corsican and Basque parents. She is a bestselling graphic novel author, and her editorial illustrations have appeared all over the French media. In America, her graphic novels include Exquisite Corpse, California Dreamin', The Witches (an adaptation of the Roald Dahl classic), and Brazen (a 2019 Eisner Award winner). She blogs, plays drums in a rock band, and watches lots of nature shows.

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Liz frog" Prince is a lifelong amphibian-enthusiast who just happens to write and draw comics. Her autobiographical work includes the much lauded works Tomboy: a graphic memoir and Will You Still Love Me If I Wet the Bed?, and a bunch of other stuff that no one seems to care all that much about. She lives in Portland, Maine, with a husband, 2 cats, 2 American toads, and 3 tomato frogs.

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Liz frog" Prince is a lifelong amphibian-enthusiast who just happens to write and draw comics. Her autobiographical work includes the much lauded works Tomboy: a graphic memoir and Will You Still Love Me If I Wet the Bed?, and a bunch of other stuff that no one seems to care all that much about. She lives in Portland, Maine, with a husband, 2 cats, 2 American toads, and 3 tomato frogs.

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by Gene Luen Yang, illustrated by Les McClaine and Alison Acton

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Gene Luen Yang writes, and sometimes draws, comic books and graphic novels. He was named a National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature by the Library of Congress in 2016, and advocates for the importance of reading, especially reading diversely. His graphic novel American Born Chinese, a National Book Award finalist and Printz Award winner, has been adapted into a streaming series. His two-volume graphic novel Boxers & Saints won the LA Times Book Prize and was a National Book Award Finalist. His nonfiction graphic novel, Dragon Hoops, received an Eisner award and a Printz honor. His other comics work includes Secret Coders (with Mike Holmes), The Shadow Hero (with Sonny Liew), and Superman Smashes the Klan and the Avatar: The Last Airbender series (both with Gurihiru). In 2016, he was named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow.

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by Stephanie Garber

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Our Crooked Hearts
A Novel
by Melissa Albert

NATIONAL BESTSELLER * #1 INDIE NEXT PICK * 6 STARRED REVIEWS
* AMAZON'S #1 YA BOOK OF THE YEAR

Secrets. Lies. Bad choices. Dangerous magic. . . . From NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author Melissa Albert comes OUR CROOKED HEARTS, a contemporary fantasy so precise and enthralling that the only explanation is that Albert herself is a witch” (Booklist, starred review)

On the way home from a party, seventeen-year-old Ivy and her soon-to-be ex nearly run over a nude young woman standing in the middle of a tree-lined road. It’s only the first in a string of increasingly eerie events and offerings: a dead rabbit in the driveway, a bizarre concoction buried by her mother in the backyard, a box of childhood keepsakes hidden in her parents’ closet safe. Most unsettling of all, corroded recollections of Ivy and her enigmatic mother’s past resurface, with the help of the boy next door.

What if there’s more to Ivy’s mother than meets the eye? And what if the supernatural forces she messed with during her own teen years have come back to haunt them both? Ivy must grapple with these questions and more if she’s going to escape the darkness closing in.

Straddling Ivy’s contemporary suburban town and her mother’s magic-drenched 1990s Chicago, this bewitching and propulsive story rockets towards a conclusion guaranteed to keep readers up all night.

Named a best book of the year by Booklist, School Library Journal, New (...)

Author Bio

Melissa Albert is the New York Times and indie bestselling author of the Hazel Wood series (The Hazel Wood, The Night Country, Tales from the Hinterland) and a former bookseller and YA lit blogger. Her work has been translated into more than twenty languages and included in the New York Times list of Notable Children's Books. She lives in Brooklyn with her family.
Balto and Togo: Hero Dogs of Alaska
by Helen Moss, illustrated by Solomon Hughes

It's the winter of 1924 and a diptheria outbreak is threatening the population of Nome, Alaska. The only way to stop the deadly illness from causing a full blown epidemic is to immediately deliver one million units of the diptheria antitoxin to the affected communities - a task that seems impossible given the only way to reach any place in Alaska at this time of year is by dog sled. The stakes are high, and the snow is piling higher, will the antitoxin make it in time? Or will the infection spread faster than they can treat it. . .

Follow along as Balto and Togo lead the way in this race against time to get the antitoxin and save lives.

Author Bio

Helen Moss is the author of many best-loved books for children, including the Adventure Island series and Secrets of the Tombs series. She lives near Cambridge with her family - including a menagerie of dogs, hens, gerbils and lizards.

When not writing, she can be found taking the dogs for long walks, climbing trees, playing badminton and, whenever possible, climbing up or skiing down mountains.

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I'm Sticking with You
by Smriti Prasadam-Halls, illustrated by Steve Small

From Smriti Prasadam-Halls, the internationally bestselling author of *I Love You Night and Day* comes the charming picture book *I'm Sticking with You*, a sweet celebration of friendship.

Bear and Squirrel are best friends. Wherever Squirrel goes, Bear follows. Bear vows to stick with Squirrel whether he's grumpy, or silly, or mad - which is put to the test when Bear sinks Squirrel's canoe. And catapults him from the seesaw. And breaks his favorite mug.

Finally, Squirrel has had enough. He tells Bear he needs his space - only to realize he has much more fun with his best friend around. Funny and poignant in equal measure, *I'm Sticking with You* shows that friendship always finds a way.

Mix together a little imagination, mushiness, amazing illustrations, and kind-hearted language and you get a heart-filled picture book about an unusual friendship between a squirrel and a bear." - *Booklist*

"A sweet, lively charmer . . . Kids will want to stick with this one." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"A give-and-take celebration of friendship in all its ups and downs." - *Publishers Weekly*

Author Bio

**Smriti Prasadam-Halls** is the internationally bestselling author of more than thirty children's books, including *I Love You Night and Day*. She lives in England with her husband and three sons.

**Steve Small** is a designer, an animator, and a BAFTA-nominated director. He lives in England, and *I'm Sticking With You* is his first picture book.

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Laolao's Dumplings
by Dane Liu, illustrated by ShinYeon Moon

Millie loves to help LaoLao cook, especially her favorite dish. Dumplings! They gather fresh ingredients from Chinatown. Chives from Auntie Lim, shrimp from Uncle Lee, and juicy, fragrant lychees that make their days together so sweet.

As the seasons change, LaoLao feels more and more tired, too tired to make dumplings. But can Millie make them without LaoLao? And will her dumplings come out delicious, and make LaoLao happy, too?

Full of humor, heart, and wholly original illustrations, this story is a timeless celebration of family, food, community, and the different ways we share love.

Author Bio

Dane Liu believes in the power of stories to affirm, transport, and transform. Her debut for young readers FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS, FOREVER is a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection, a Kids Indie Next Pick, and a Best Book of the Year from the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books. It has been selected for national and international reading programs, including the Forest of Reading in Canada, the Panda Award in Asia, and the Gold House Book Club. As a writer, Dane hopes to empower young people to see the importance of their own stories and the beauty of sharing them.
Skyscraper Babies
by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre, illustrated by Juliet Menendez

Skyscraper babies grow up, up high. Close to their families. Close to the sky.

This perfectly poetic story is an ode to family and nature in the big city. Squirrels and humans alike rush to get from place to place, all returning to their nooks and nests at the end of the day atop skyscrapers, amidst the stars. This gentle text is sure to lull little ones to sleep as well as instill the importance of coexisting with the natural world.

Author Bio

April Pulley Sayre loved to write about the natural world. She is the award-winning author of more than fifty books for young readers, including Woodpecker Wham! and Eat Like a Bear. Juliet Menendez is a Guatemalan American author and illustrator living between Guatemala City, Paris, and New York. While working as a bilingual teacher in New York City's public schools, Juliet noted the need for more books that depicted children like the ones in her classrooms. She studied design and illustration in Paris and now spends her days with her watercolors and notebook. Latinitas is her first children's book.
The Sixth Extinction (young readers adaptation)
by Elizabeth Kolbert

In this young readers adaptation of the New York Times-bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning The Sixth Extinction, Elizabeth Kolbert tells us why and how human beings have altered life on the planet in a way no species has before.

Over the last half-billion years, there have been five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life on earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists around the world are monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be the most devastating extinction event since the asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs. Adapting from her New York Times-bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning adult nonfiction, Elizabeth Kolbert explores how humans are altering life on Earth.

Author Bio

Elizabeth Kolbert is a staff writer at The New Yorker. She is the author of Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change. She lives in Williamstown, Massachusetts, with her husband and children.
Big Money
by Rebecca Donnelly

In this basic introduction to money, readers learn about various economic models throughout history with compelling illustrations and probing questions that explore the real world circumstances surrounding spending, selling, and saving.

Big Money aims to explain economic principles in a way that combines the weird and the meaningful, like Planet Money for kids. Organized in seven chapters, each posing a general question and answering it through real-world examples, this book explores the consequences of our everyday economic choices by connecting the dots between young consumers and the larger economic and social systems around them.

Author Bio

Rebecca Donnelly was born in England and has lived in California, Florida, and New Mexico. She has an MA in Humanities and a Master’s in Library and Information Science. She is the author of many best-loved books for children, including Cats Are a Liquid (nominated for the Mewbery Award), How Slippery Is a Banana Peel?, and Super Spaghetti. Her debut middle-grade novel, How to Stage a Catastrophe, was an Indies Introduce/Kids' Indie Next pick. Rebecca lives in and writes from northern New York.
I Feed Her to the Beast and the Beast Is Me
by Jamison Shea

There will be blood.

*Ace of Spades* meets *House of Hollow* in this villain origin story.

Laure Mesny is a perfectionist with an axe to grind. Despite being constantly overlooked in the elite and cutthroat world of the Parisian ballet, she will do anything to prove that a Black girl can take center stage. To level the playing field, Laure ventures deep into the depths of the Catacombs and strikes a deal with a pulsating river of blood.

The primordial power Laure gains promises influence and adoration, everything she's dreamed of and worked toward. With retribution on her mind, she surpasses her bitter and privileged peers, leaving broken bodies behind her on her climb to stardom.

But Laure quickly learns she's not the only monster around, and her vicious desires make her a perfect target for slaughter. As she descends into madness and the mystifying underworld beneath her, she is faced with the ultimate choice: continue to break herself for scraps of validation or succumb to the darkness that wants her exactly as she is—a monstrous heart and all. That is, if the god-killer doesn't catch her first.

From debut author Jamison Shea comes *I Feed Her to the Beast and the Beast Is Me*, an edge-of-your-seat thriller that lifts a veil on the institutions that profit on exclusion and the toll of giving everything to a world that will never love you back.

**Author Bio**

Jamison Shea was once a flautist, violist, anthropologist, linguist, choreographer, dancer, professional fire alarm puller, digital producer, and account executive—but they’ve always been a writer. Born in Buffalo, NY and now surrounded by darkness and gloom in Finland, when Jamison isn’t writing horror, they’re drinking milk tea and searching for long-forgotten gods in eerie places.
Lolo and Birdie: I'm Not Sleepy! / No Tengo Sueño!
by Angela Dominguez

This sweet and funny bilingual picture book series, from author Angela Dominguez, follows an adorable bird and tyrannosaurus rex as they navigate the hazards of bedtime, sharing, and friendship, in English and Spanish.

Birdie is ready to go to bed, but when he approaches Lolo to say goodnight, Lolo isn't tired! Birdie tries everything to help Lolo get ready for bed: reading, snacks, brushing teeth, but Lolo has way too much to do.

This delightful bilingual picture book is perfect for young readers who, like most, are reluctant for the day to end.

Author Bio

Angela Dominguez was born in Mexico City and grew up in the great state of Texas. She now resides on the east coast with her boyfriend, Kyle, and their petite dog, Petunia. She is also the author and illustrator of several books for children and a two-time recipient of Pura Belpre Illustration Honor. Her debut middle grade novel, Stella Diaz Has Something To Say, was a New York Public Library and a Chicago Public Library pick for Best Books for Kids, Sid Fleischman Award winner, and an ALA Notable. She recently illustrated Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor’s newest picture book, Just Help! How to Build a Better World. As a child, she loved reading books and making a mess creating pictures. She’s delighted to still be doing both.

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Mole Is Not Alone
by Maya Tatsukawa, illustrated by Maya Tatsukawa

In this cozy picture book, Mole anxiously decides to journey through underground tunnels to attend a friend’s party.

Mole is invited to a party, which is very worrisome. What if the party is too rowdy for Mole? What if Mole doesn’t know anyone there? What if Mole is just too shy to make friends? Mole worries through the tunnels, around Snake’s burrow, under the forest, past Bear’s den, and all the way to Rabbit’s door. But despite all those worries, maybe Mole can find a quiet way to make friends . . .

With warm and sweet illustrations, every page is an invitation to look and look again. Readers can follow Mole’s tunnel as it connects from one page to the next, learning along the way that everyone can make friends, even if some parties are quieter than others.

Author Bio

Maya Tatsukawa is a children’s book illustrator and designer residing just out of Boston with her cat/studio manager. When she’s not designing, illustrating, or thinking about children’s books, you can find her baking cream puffs, eating ice cream, or searching for the perfect scone. Maya Tatsukawa is a children’s book illustrator and designer residing just out of Boston with her cat/studio manager. When she’s not designing, illustrating, or thinking about children’s books, you can find her baking cream puffs, eating ice cream, or searching for the perfect scone.
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Not He or She, I'm Me
by A. M. Wild, illustrated by Kah Yangni

In this bright and joyous picture book readers follow a day in the life of a young gender non-binary child.

A child gets ready for a wonderful day. They gleefully get dressed, hug their parents, go to school, and play with friends. All the while, unapologetically reminding themselves that they are and can only be themselves.

The non-binary experience is brightly illustrated as we follow our main character through their typical day. The story's bouncy and fun refrain reminds all readers of gender neutral pronouns and affirms the identities of non-binary children - encouraging readers to practice empathy for themselves and others.

Author Bio

A.M. Wild is a queer, nonbinary writer of children's books, poetry, and creative non-fiction. They look within and to their communities for fresh inspiration. Each project they work on is a unique reflection of the world as they see it or dream it could be.

Kah Yangni is an illustrator living in Philadelphia, PA. They make heartfelt art about justice, queerness, and joy. Kaha's artistic mission is to heal themself and others by making art that focuses on radical optimism, and the power we have to make the world a better place.
Okra Stew
A Gullah Geechee Family Celebration
by Natalie Daise, illustrated by Natalie Daise

This rhythmic, joyous picture book from the co-star of the hit Nickelodeon show Gullah Gullah Island™ celebrates a special day of father-son cooking, and serves up a love letter to food, family, Gullah Geechee culture, and tradition - and includes the author’s own recipe! For fans of Fry Bread, My Papi Has a Motorcycle, and Thank You, Omu!

Papa has something special planned for tonight's family dinner - and Bobo can't wait! Excited to learn how to make okra stew like his ancestors, Bobo helps Papa pick veggies from the garden, catch shrimp from the creek, rain down rice in the pot, simmer the stew, and even make a tasty side of cornbread. When the stew begins to bubble and pop, Bobo and his family gather around for a mouthwatering feast.

Author Bio

Natalie Daise is a magnetic performer, speaker, and artist who has long connected with young people in her community and beyond, sharing Gullah songs and traditions. Best known as the co-star of the hit Nickelodeon show Gullah Gullah Island™, Natalie is embarking on a new form of storytelling with her debut picture book, Okra Stew, and hopes to continue to entertain, educate, empower and inspire. She has been married to Ron Daise, her cheerleader, supporter, and committed partner in creativity and life since 1985. They have two children, Sara and Simeon, by birth, and one, Sabrina, by heart. Natalie Daise is a magnetic performer, speaker, and artist who has long connected with young people in her community and beyond, sharing Gullah songs and traditions. Best known as the co-star of the hit Nickelodeon show Gullah Gullah Island™, Natalie is embarking on a new form of storytelling with her debut picture book, Okra Stew, and hopes to continue to entertain, educate, empower and inspire. She has been married to Ron Daise, her cheerleader, supporter, and committed partner in creativity and life since 1985. They have two children, Sara and Simeon, by birth, and one, Sabrina, by heart.
The Deadlands: Trapped
by Skye Melki-Wegner

Wings of Fire meets Jurassic Park in the second book of this action-adventure series about five outcasts - and former enemies - who are the only hope to save their warring kingdoms from impending doom.

As bloody battle rages on between the two surviving dinosaur kingdoms, Eleri and his fellow outcasts, newly exiled from their herds, are searching for evidence to prove a mass conspiracy - a conniving cabal of carnivores have manipulated the herbivore kingdoms into war, so they can feast on the slain. But after their temporary home is discovered by a vengeful pack of raptors, the exiles must flee and soon find themselves trapped inside the Fire Peak: the volcanic heart of the dreaded CarrionKingdom.

Before they have a chance to escape, they discover a cavern of imprisoned herbivores, who are being picked apart - literally - one by one. Can the outcasts stage an elaborate heist to free the prisoners and gather proof of the Carrion Kingdom's vicious plans in one fell swoop?

Praise for The Deadlands: Hunted
This is my favorite middle grade book of the year . . . Full of heart, I would have inhaled a series like this as a kid - I did as an adult. It’s the full package.” - New York Times - bestselling author Amie Kaufman

"A claw-biting epic fantasy full of family drama, clever humor, nonstop action, weighty themes, and of course, the coolest band of misfit dinosaurs around." - John David Anderson, author of Ms. Bixby’s Last Day and Posted

Author Bio
Skye Melki-Wegner started writing as soon as she could hold a pen. She was immediately drawn to fantasy - and soon her notebooks overflowed with dragons, pixies, and wizards. After graduating with an honors degree in law, she traded in practicing law for writing fantasy novels. Her first middle-grade trilogy, The Deadlands, draws inspiration from her time working in a museum (where some of her colleagues were dinosaurs).
The Memory Thieves
by Dhonielle Clayton

The action-packed sequel to the instant New York Times and #1 Indie Bestseller, The Marvellers! In this fantasy adventure set in a global magic school in the sky, Ella, Jason, and Brigit return for their second year at the Arcanum Training Institute.

Praise for The Marvellers

"The Marvellers deserves the highest compliment I can give a book: I want to live in this world." - Rick Riordan, #1 New York Times bestselling-author

"A marvelous gift of a novel! With fantastical twists at every turn, Clayton has created a world that readers won't want to leave." - Angie Thomas, #1 New York Times -bestselling author of The Hate U Give and Concrete Rose

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A New York Times -bestseller

The Marvellers deserves the highest compliment I can give a book: I want to live in this world. You can stop looking at admissions brochures for all those other schools of magic. The Arcanum Training Institute for Marvelous and Uncanny Endeavors is definitely where you want to apply." - #1 New York Times bestselling-author Rick Riordan

"An enthralling fantasy adventure full of bravery, love, and humor." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"[A] myriad [of] global cultural traditions with an intersectionally inclusive, fantastical adventure." - Publisher's Weekly, starred review

"An exemplary example of diversity with a Black girl (...)"

Author Bio

Dhonielle Clayton spent most of her childhood under her grandmother's table with a stack of books. She hails from the Washington, D.C. suburbs on the Maryland side. She is the New York Times- bestselling author of The Belles series, Shattered Midnight, co-author of Blackout, and the co-author of The Rumor Game and the Tiny Pretty Things duology, a Netflix original series. She taught secondary school for several years, and is a former elementary and middle school librarian. She is COO of the non-profit We Need Diverse Books, and President of Cake Creative, an IP story kitchen dedicated to diverse...
Tough Cookie
A Christmas Story
by Edward Hemingway, illustrated by Edward Hemingway

When a cookie discovers he does NOT taste delicious, he has to find a new identity in this clever picture book twist on a holiday classic now available as a board book.

Once upon a time, while Fox was visiting the land of Holiday Treats, a little cookie - still warm from the bakery oven - burst out the front door looking sweet and ready to be devoured. But, as it turns out, Cookie is not as fast as he thinks and when Fox finally catches him, they're both in for a big surprise: Sugar Cookie does not taste delicious - and he's certainly not fit to be eaten. What's an unsavory cookie to do? Is there another option for this not-so-sweet treat?

This inventive story celebrates the joy of being accepted for who we are.

Praise for Tough Cookie:

What if the candy-studded cookie in the classic 'Gingerbread Man' tale actually tasted terrible... that's the clever premise of this entertaining story." - The New York Times

"Hemingway bakes up a clever case of mistaken identity in this holiday treat-inspired tale. . . . The author's snappy pacing and silly scenarios keep the giggles coming." - Publishers Weekly

"Reminiscent of Lane Smith and Jon Scieszka's fairy-tale retellings . . . The fun is in the layout and pacing of the storyline on the page, and the variety of candy and cookie characters, all smiling away. This sweet and silly story is about friendship and making the best of what you've got." - Kirkus Reviews

Praise for Field Guide to the Grumpasaurus:

"Grumpasaurus's transformation from prickly to huggable is totally toddlerlike and (...)"

Author Bio

Edward Hemingway is the creator of Field Guide to the Grumpasaurus, Bad Apple: A Tale of Friendship, and Bad Apple's Perfect Day, as well as the illustrator of My Miserable Life by F.L. Block. He has written features in GQ and performed stand-up comedy in New York City. He lives in New York with his wife and two children.
Dona Quixote: Rise of the Knight
by Rey Terciero, illustrated by Monica M. Magana

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Rey Terciero, also known as Rex Ogle, has written and edited hundreds of books and comics for children and young adults. He is a Latinx writer who has always been drawn to classic stories, and enjoys retelling them for a contemporary audience. Born and raised (mostly) in Texas, Rey now lives in Los Angeles where he writes full-time - that is, when he's not outdoors hiking with his dog Toby, playing MarioKart with friends, or reading.

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Amazing Machines: Shiny Snow Machines
by Tony Mitton

Snow planes, sleds, and snowmobiles
drum across the snow.
You can see them coming,
as they shine and glow!

Amazing Machines: Shiny Snow Machines follows Bird, Mouse, and Rabbit as they wrap up warm and explore things that go in the snow! Each page is filled with details that machine-mad kids will love including zambonis, ice trucks, snow-making machines, snowgliders, and much more.

From tractors and trucks to robots and rockets, the bestselling Amazing Machines series is the perfect way for children to learn about all sorts of machines and vehicles! Each book introduces a new vehicle or machine and the many jobs it can do. Ant Parker’s bright, engaging artwork, and Tony Mitton’s simple, rhyming text combine to make these fantastic books for young children. Kids will love getting to know the friendly animal characters who feature throughout the series and reading about their fast-paced adventures!

Continue to explore all things that go with the rest of the Amazing Machines series, including Amazing Airplanes, Patrolling Police Cars, Roaring Rockets, and many more.

Author Bio

TONY MITTON was born in Tripoli, North Africa, and grew up in Africa, Germany, Hong Kong, and England. He divides his time between teaching and writing children’s books. He lives in Cambridge, England.
**Around the World in 80 Tales**

by Saviour Pirotta

Take a trip around the world and discover a classic tale from 80 different countries. *Around the World in 80 Tales* is written by renowned author and playwright Saviour Pirotta and beautifully illustrated by the brilliant Richard Johnson. Readers can journey across six continents, with entertaining folktales from dozens of countries, including the U.S., Canada, Hawaii, Mexico, Peru, Chile, Russia, Germany, Australia, Egypt, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and Japan.

This delightful collection is an excellent introduction to countries and cultures, enriching readers’ appreciation of diversity around the world. Stories include a dragon princess in China, a spell-casting Sioux grandmother, a helpful friend from Spain, and a rainbow snake from Venezuela; children will meet wonderful characters as they travel story-by-story around the globe. A perfect book for schools and libraries, and also for parents and children to read together at bedtime.

**Author Bio**

Saviour Pirotta has written more than sixty fiction and nonfiction books for children, and his works have been translated into ten languages. He has a special interest in myths and traditional legends from around the world. Saviour was born in Malta and is a trained chef.
The Spectacular Science of Planet Earth
Editors of Kingfisher

The Spectacular Science of Planet Earth is guaranteed to answer all those tricky science questions that children ask about earthquakes and volcanoes, weather and geology - and that parents often struggle to answer.

Did you know what causes an Ice Age? Or how a diamond forms? And where can you stand in a dinosaur footprint? Answers to all of these questions and many, many more are explained in Spectular Science of Planet Earth.

The bright, busy artworks will encourage science-hungry children to pore over every detail and truly get to grips with the science that underpins everything around us. The fascinating text by Rob Colson is delivered on multiple levels, allowing readers to dip in and out at speed, or take a deep dive into their favorite subjects.

Author Bio

Kingfisher is an award-winning publisher of non-fiction and fiction for children of all ages. Known around the world for its informative and engaging reference and early learning books, Kingfisher also receives widespread acclaim for its classic anthologies for five- to fourteen-year-olds and original picture books for very young children.
The Spectacular Science of the Human Body
by Rob Colson, illustrated by Moreno Chiacchiera

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Author Bio

Rob Colson is an author and editor of a wide range of books for children and adults, including many natural history, math, and science titles. Previous titles as author: Wayland: Ultimate Cars, Ultimate Machines (Wayland); Super Science (Franklin Watts). Other titles: Bone Collection: Animals (published by Scholastic), Puzzles, Conundrums, and Enigmas (published by Parragon). Contributing author to Battle (DK).

Moreno Chiacchiera is an Italian illustrator who has published dozens of history, math, and science books for children. His bright, busy artworks are full of intriguing details that children love to explore in great depth.
The Stories and Secrets of Color
by Susie Brooks

From prehistory to the present day, colours have shaped our world in more ways than you might expect. In The Stories and Secrets of Colour, young readers can explore the many meanings behind and uses for colour all over the world, from the Tuareg people of North Africa and their striking blue clothes, to why saffron is so expensive and what makes flamingos pink.

Through colour, we discover amazing facts about animals and plants, learn how colours have changed the course of history and find out how different colours affect our moods and health.

Vivid, imaginative full-spread illustrations from Indian illustrator Chaaya Prabhat are a joyful celebration of colour, revealing how colour is infused into every part of our lives.

Author Bio

Susie Brooks has a first-class history of art degree and has worked as an editor and writer of children's non-fiction and picture books for over ten years. She is the creator of the award-winning Get into Art: Animals book and its three companion titles People, Places and Telling Stories. She is an artist herself and runs art workshops for young children. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Sirjana Kaur is an illustrator and character designer, living in New Delhi, India. She enjoys telling stories through her art using smart shapes and bright colors. She loves drawing whimsical environments, eccentric characters and using lots of pinks and purples.
Up and Down
by Tracey Turner and Jane Burnard

Read one way, this book focuses on what's up above us - clouds, stars, the Sun and Moon, things that fly. Flip the book and read it the other way to find out what's down beneath our feet - burrowing animals, the Earth's crust, fossils, caves, the Earth's core.

Go star-spotting, find out about cave-dwelling creatures, and discover a whole world of fascinating information. Future titles in the series will include Night and Day and Land and Sea.

Author Bio

Jane Burnard has worked as a children's books editor for many years, and more recently as a writer, translator, and gardener. Her first children's fiction title is published in 2021. Her first non-fiction title is Kingfisher's An Arctic Story.

Dawn Cooper is an illustrator whose work includes non-fiction books for children, book covers, maps and packaging, all heavily inspired by the natural world and its many creatures, as well as traditional botanical drawings and works of fiction.
We Are All Different
A Celebration of Diversity!
by Tracey Turner, illustrated by Asa Gilland

Meet the children from one school, and their teachers, parents, and guardians. They have different kinds of families, likes and dislikes, cultures, ethnicities, abilities and disabilities... and A LOT in common!

There are BILLIONS of wonderful ways to be human - as many ways as there are people on planet Earth. We Are All Different is an inspiring celebration of the fact that all of us are individuals. Written by Tracey Turner, it has been created in collaboration with several Inclusion Ambassadors from the Inclusive Minds organization.

Vibrant and diverse, We Are All Different is both a beautiful gift book and a highly accessible home reference. It reinforces that everyone has something to offer, that diversity enriches our lives, and it also considers what all human beings have in common - that there is more that unites us than divides us.

Author Bio

Tracey Turner has written more than seventy books, most of them for children, on subjects including inventions, the universe, famous writers and deadly perils. For Macmillan, she is the author of The Curious Book of Lists, This is Our World and We Are All Different. As an editor, she commissioned and edited the Horrible Histories series. She lives in Bath, UK.

Asa Gilland is a Swedish illustrator who loves all things retro, quirky imagery, and folk art themes. She studied interior design at Accademia Italiana Moda and has twenty years of experience in illustration. She illustrated Macmillan's This is Our World and We Are All Different.

Inclusion Ambassadors

Overall consultant: Beth Cox is an Inclusion and Equality consultant, and founder of Inclusive Minds and Without Exception, who has many years' experience working with disabled children.

Syeda Mohshin has insight into ethnicity/culture/disability/nationality. She is a primary school teacher born in Bangladesh; she has children with dyslexia, hearing and vision impairment, and anxiety.

Jo Ross-Barrett is autistic and non-binary, and has experience of anxiety and depression, and has helped with the autism spread and boys and girls spreads in particular.
The Ultimate Wizarding World Joke Book
Laugh-out-loud fun for Harry Potter fans of all ages
by Jeremy Brown

The worlds of Harry Potter have always been imbued with wry humor and occasional moments of slapstick comedy, in both the books as well as the films. Harry Potter paired with humor is nothing new. But in this big new book of jokes, riddles and puns, Harry Potter hilarity is taken to new heights of broom-powered fun.

Inside readers will find more than 500 laugh-inducing entries, perfect for Harry Potter fans happy to have a little fun with their literary favorites.

Written by Jeremy Brown, author of the bestselling humor book *The Official John Wayne Big Book of Dad Jokes* and regular Fatherly columnist, this book also includes recurring special features such as Who is the funniest person in the Harry Potter universe?

**Author Bio**

Jeremy Brown is a writer and editor whose work has appeared in numerous publications around the world. He is also the author of *The Official John Wayne Big Book of Dad Jokes* and a regular contributor to Fatherly.com, the leading digital media brand for dads. He has authored four biographies for young readers and written animated shorts for Dreamworks' YouTube Channel featuring such characters as Puss in Boots and Kung Fu Panda. In addition, he spent ten years working for WWE as an editor of WWE Magazine and a writer for Raw and Smackdown. He lives in New York with his wife and sons.

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Review copy mailing to national media, family, entertainment, and children's books media, PR campaign to Harry Potter focused YouTubers, podcasts, and social media influencers, Social media marketing campaign to MuggleNet followers (Facebook: 860K, Twitter: 318K, Instagram: 219K), Featured ads, bonus content, and author interviews on MuggleNet.com (650K visitors/month)
Where in the Wizarding World . . . ?
A hidden objects picture book inspired by the adventures of Harry Potter
by Imana Grashuis, illustrated by Imana Grashuis

This beautiful book presents readers with more than 20 widescreen photographic spreads that capture the magic and mystery of the Harry Potter book and film series. Each spread features dozens of elements with at least 10 items hidden throughout each spread. Readers will be challenged to scour the jam-packed pages in search of these elusive treasures.

Each image is inspired by an iconic setting from Harry Potter's story, from a great dining hall to a classroom devoted to potions and other compelling magic. You'll spend hours poring over these extraordinary images, looking for those special hidden objects, but also just marveling at the beauty of what this world of magic has to offer.

Author Bio
Imana Grashuis is the founder and soul behind Magical Food Department. A Dutch practicing Kitchen Witch obsessed with the stories of Harry Potter, Imana is a full-time photographer and photo stylist. Her love for her heritage and passion for witchcraft came together as one and forged a path where she creates dishes she wishes existed. This process has made for an explosion of work and creativity, a dream that nurtures her purpose to inspire others to try vegan food and heal the world through every recipe in an immersive way. She is also the co-author of The Unofficial Harry Potter Vegan Cookbook.
Bears (A Day in the Life)
What do Polar Bears, Giant Pandas, and Grizzly Bears Get Up to All Day?
by Don Hardeman Jr. and Neon Squid, illustrated by Rebecca Mills

Set over a 24-hour period, meet black bears, grizzlies, and cute polar bear cubs in this kids' nonfiction book by expert Don Hardeman Jr.

Journey into forests around the world to follow the lives of these furry creatures as they play, hunt, and fight their way through their day. Biologist and black bear expert Don Hardeman Jr. tells the story of the world's most amazing bears in the style of a nature documentary, including gentle science explanations of topics such as hibernation that are perfect for future biologists. Witness incredible moments including:

- Grizzlies plucking salmon out of the air as they attempt to swim upstream
- The dramatic battle between a sloth bear and a tiger
- A sun bear using its gigantic tongue to get honey from a beehive

Beautifully illustrated by Rebecca Mills and packed with animal facts, Bears (A Day in the Life) encourages kids to look at the roles these incredible mammals play in ecosystems across the globe, and why it's important we protect them.

Also available: Bugs, Big Cats, Sharks, Horses, Birds, Frogs

Author Bio
Don Hardeman Jr. spent four and a half years as a black bear biologist in Florida where he conducted research on female black bear behavior in the human-dominated landscape. He specializes in mammalian ecology (carnivores, mammals, and bats) and has extensive experience as a lead biologist on mammal projects across the country, including the San Clemente Island fox project in California.

Rebecca Mills is an Illustrator based in Perth, Western Australia. Her work is bright, colorful and fun, focused on balancing playfulness with purpose-driven design. Rebecca's illustrations have made it into exhibitions and onto print, puzzles, clothing, stamps, even surfboards. Rebecca lives with her husband, two kids, and one very cute dog.

Neon Squid creates beautiful nonfiction books for inquisitive kids (and kids at heart). We believe the most amazing stories are real ones, so our books are for children who want to decipher ancient scrolls, orbit distant stars, and dive into the mysteries of the natural world.
Gray Wolf (Young Zoologist)
A First Field Guide to the Wild Dog from the Wilderness by Brenna Cassidy and Neon Squid, illustrated by Sally Agar

A beautifully illustrated guide to gray wolves from wolf expert Brenna J. Cassidy.

You might know that gray wolves live in packs, but there's so much more to learn about these incredible predators! Find out what makes wolves howl, why wolves sniffing each other's butts is their way of shaking hands, and how some wolves in Yellowstone National Park used thermal activity to heat their den! You'll also witness the incredible relationship gray wolves have with ravens (they play tug with wolf cubs), learn about wolf rewilding projects, and discover what it takes to become a wolf zoologist yourself. Filled with simple science and plenty of animal facts, this book also looks at the conservation challenges these animals face.

Featuring stunning illustrations by Sally Agar, Gray Wolf (Young Zoologist) is part of an exciting series of collectable animal books from Neon Squid aiming to inspire the next generation of biologists and conservationists.

Also available: Humpback Whale, Giant Panda, African Elephant, Emperor Penguin, Koala, Honey Bee, Green Sea Turtle

Author Bio
Brenna J. Cassidy is a wildlife biology PhD candidate at the University of Montana. She studies the survival and reproductive ecology of gray wolves. You can often find her half way up a snowy mountain tagging a tranquilised gray wolf so she can better study its movements. This is her first book.

Sally Agar is an illustrator and designer based in North Yorkshire, UK. She loves working with color, texture, and pattern, and aims to bring a bit of everyday magic to her illustrations. Sally recently returned to the UK after ten years living in Stockholm working as a Print Designer for fashion companies. When she's not in her attic studio working on her latest painting, Sally is happiest out in nature with her young son by her side.

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Secrets of the Forest
15 Bedtime Stories Inspired by Nature
by Alicia Klepeis and Neon Squid, illustrated by Kristen Adam

A beautifully illustrated collection of 5 minute bedtime stories about the wildlife found in woods around the world.

Every forest contains a thousand secrets... In this charming anthology of stories by Alicia Klepeis readers will be guided into forests to meet the amazing animals that live there. In one story a squirrel hunts for an elusive acorn it buried earlier in the year, while another looks at an Alaskan wood frog as it freezes itself alive to survive a harsh winter. Children will be thrilled by the tale of a reindeer that gets separated from its herd in the snowy woods of Scandinavia, and marvel at a chameleon changing colour in the forests of Madagascar.

Other stories feature elephants, wild cats, pangolins, badgers, foxes, monarch butterflies, otters, walking fish, a tree that can live for thousands of years, and even forest-dwelling penguins! All of these creatures and their habitats are brought to life with impressive skill by illustrator Kristen Adam.

Each story is based on the real biology and behaviour of these amazing wild animals, and at the end of each tale readers will find out more about the science that inspired the story. So as they drift off to sleep, they will know a little bit more about the world around them.

Author Bio

Alicia Klepeis loves to research fun and out-of-the-ordinary topics that bring the world to young readers - from amazing animals to extreme environments. Alicia began her career at the National Geographic Society. She is the author of more than 170 children's books, including Gutsy Girls Go For Science: Astronauts; Polar Bears & Penguins: A Pretty Cool Introduction to the Arctic and Antarctic; The Science And Technology Of Ben Franklin; and The World's Strangest Foods. A former middle school teacher, Alicia loves doing school visits. She lives with her family in upstate New York.

Kristen Adam is based in the beautiful city of San Francisco, but grew up a tiny explorer of the wild redwood forests of northern California. Her love of getting lost in the fantasies of her doodles led her to study illustration at California College of the Arts, where she discovered her passion for illustrating children's books. As a freelance illustrator, Kristen's work is a whimsical mix of digital media and traditional textures. A few of her favorite projects include illustrating the patterns on her nephews' favorite Harry Potter, Star Wars Mandalorian, and Lego sheet sets. She's inspired most by spending time in
Tales of World War II
Amazing True Stories from the War that Shook the World
by Hattie Hearn and Neon Squid, illustrated by Margarida Esteves

It's the Second World War as you've never seen it before - discover the hidden stories of incredible human spirit during the world's darkest hour.

Everyone knows what Adolf Hitler, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Winston Churchill were doing during World War II, but what about ordinary people? In this beautifully illustrated book, war historian Hattie Hearn reveals some of the most incredible true tales from the war, including:

- The Canadian cabin boy who avoided German U-boats crossing the Atlantic
- The Navajo soldiers who developed a secret code to outfox their enemies
- The African-American jazz singer who worked as a spy for the French Resistance

Beautifully illustrated by Margarida Esteves and featuring stories from all over the world, it also contains jaw-dropping tales including the dog used to find survivors in the London Blitz, the champion cyclist who carried secret messages to help Jews escape the Nazis, and the bear who was recruited by the Polish army!

Interspersed throughout the stories are pages explaining the key events of the war - from Pearl Harbor and Dunkirk to D-Day and the Holocaust.

Author Bio

Dr. Hattie Hearn has a passion for World War II that was ignited by a childhood spent exploring the forgotten wartime airfields of her native East Anglia. Since those early years, she's made a career out of researching and preserving the hidden histories of the world around her, from old country houses to long lost ancestors. She works as the curator of the RAF Radar Museum in Norfolk, UK. When she's not exploring dusty archives, she's spending time with her husband, rescue dog, and two naughty guinea pigs.

Margarida Esteves is an illustrator based in South London. She works digitally and likes to use bold and bright colors, lots of details, and rich textures. Maps, landscapes and ballet dancers are Margarida's favorite things to draw. People, films, photography, and vintage illustration inspire her - with history holding a special place in her heart!

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Baby Bear’s Busy Day with Brown Bear and Friends
(World of Eric Carle)
by Odd Dot, illustrated by Eric Carle

Author Bio

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Carle was the recipient of many honors including the American Library Association's Children's Literature Legacy Award and the Original Art Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Illustrators. In addition to writing and illustrating books of his own, he also collaborated on several others, including Bill Martin Jr's Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?, Isaac Bashevis Singer's Why Noah Chose the Dove, and the Eric Carle and Friends' What's Your Favorite picture book series. The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, which Carle and his wife Bobbie founded, opened in Amherst, Massachusetts in 2002.
Bear Hugs! from Brown Bear and Friends (World of Eric Carle)
by Odd Dot, illustrated by Eric Carle

Send a hug! Give a hug! Share a hug! Celebrate love and hugs with Brown Bear and friends! Hugs for all seasons and hugs for all reasons. This charming, sweet title is the perfect gift for Valentine's Day - or any day of the year.

Hugs when you're happy. Hugs when you're sad. Hugs when you're scared. Hugs when you're mad.

This very special hug in a book is the perfect way to say I love you. Using a range of images from the World of Eric Carle, and featuring Brown Bear, Polar Bear, Panda Bear, Baby Bear and more, this special gift book celebrates the affirming power of a hug.

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Sticker Countdown: Hanukkah
by Odd Dot, illustrated by Sarah Green

Count down the days to your favorite holidays with Sticker Countdown. Packed with dozens and dozens of holiday-themed surprise stickers, and designed to pop-up, play, and display as a holiday decoration!

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by Alli Brydon, illustrated by Harry Briggs

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Carry-Along Tab Book: My Valentine’s Box
by Roger Priddy

*My Valentine’s Box* is an illustrated board book with a carry handle which is perfect for Valentine’s Day. It has five shaped tabs with colorful letters on them, and search-and-find scenes of animals celebrating Valentine’s day.

Author Bio

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Festive Felt: Santa's Perfect Present
by Roger Priddy

Santa's Perfect Present by Priddy Books would delight any young child this festive season!

We all know Santa works very hard every year choosing the best presents for children all around the world, but how can we choose the perfect present for him? Would Santa like a cozy sweater, or a hamper of treats? This book is full of fun scenarios for children to enjoy and giggle at!

This book will also stand out on any shelf with its eye catching present shape with graduated felt ribbon and extra felt to touch and feel on every page. The perfect gift for Christmas!

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Fun Felt Learning: BUZZ!
A Counting Bug Book
by Roger Priddy

Fun Felt Learning: BUZZ! is a fantastic new format with shaped felt-trimmed pages, designed to make learning counting fun!

With engaging artwork featuring lots of friendly bugs, this book is an ideal introduction to counting for young children. Each shaped page has a soft, bright felt trim, perfect for little hands to explore as they count the bugs throughout the book.

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Fun Felt Learning: STOMP!
A Dinosaur Colors Book
by Roger Priddy

Fun Felt Learning: STOMP! is a fantastic new format with shaped felt-trimmed pages, designed to make learning colors fun!

With bright artwork featuring lots of friendly dinosaurs, this book is an ideal introduction to colors for young children. Each shaped page has a soft, bright felt trim, perfect for little hands to explore as they discover the colorful dinosaurs throughout the book.

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Happy Baby
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Learn and Explore: Touch & Feel Alphabet
by Roger Priddy

Learn and Explore: Touch & Feel Alphabet is a premium first-learning book from Priddy Books that introduces babies to their ABC, using touch-and-feel novelties to stimulate their senses on every page.

The tactile elements allow children to explore with their hands while learning first words. With 12 pages of charming illustrations, simple labels, and engaging elements to discover, Learn and Explore: Touch and Feel ABC is the perfect introduction to the alphabet.

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My Best Friend: is a Tiger
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Pop-Up Pals: Animals
by Roger Priddy

Pop-Up Pals: Animals is a fun new novelty title for toddlers from Priddy Books!

This vibrant board book has a different pop-up animal on every spread from a roaring lion to a mischievous monkey. The bright stand-out artwork and silly rhymes will make any toddler giggle!

Lion:
This big cat is the fiercest around.
When he lets out a roar, it shakes the ground!

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Pop-Up Pals: Trucks
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See Touch Feel Spanish
by Roger Priddy

Los padres y las madres pueden presentarles el español a sus bebes con esta nueva edición de *Mira, toca, y siente*, el libro sensorial más vendido.

Cada página tiene una colorida actividad de imágenes que invita a cada bebé a tocar y explorar con texturas elevadas para sentir, rastros de dedos para seguir y un espejo brillante para mirar. Junto a estas novedades de desarrollo, las palabras en español ayudan a construir el primer vocabulario del bebé, por lo cual este libro es un fantástico punto de partida para el aprendizaje de idiomas.

A medida que crece tu bebé, *Mira, toca y siente* lo ayudará a desarrollar un reconocimiento de idioma temprano y habilidades motoras finas mientras aprende a interactuar con el libro de nuevas maneras. Con muchas imágenes brillantes y novedades atractivas para explorar juntos, este es el libro perfecto para compartir con tu bebé.

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See Touch Feel: Cloth Book
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A noisy pull-tab book
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Autumn Peltier, Water Warrior SIGNED
by Carole Lindstrom, illustrated by Bridget George

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Bad Kitty Does Not Like Easter
by Nick Bruel, illustrated by Nick Bruel

Are you ready to find some Easter eggs, Kitty?

Kitty doesn’t want an Easter egg. Kitty wants the Easter egg. Kitty wants… the GOLDEN EGG!
So she goes on the hunt.
There! A blue egg! But Kitty doesn’t want a blue egg.
Or there! A purple egg! But Kitty doesn’t want a purple egg.
But then… Kitty sees something! Something round… and sparkly…

Will Kitty find the GOLDEN EGG?

Find out in this uproarious new addition to the New York Times bestselling Bad Kitty series.

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Bad Kitty Goes to the Vet (full-color edition)
by Nick Bruel, illustrated by Nick Bruel

Enter the mad-cap world of Bad Kitty with the FULL-COLOR edition of the phenomenal graphic novel hit, BAD KITTY GOES TO THE VET.

A sick Kitty is an unhappy Kitty.

An unhappy Kitty is a BAD Kitty.

When Kitty is sick, all she can do is lie in bed. But she wants to jump around! Eat everything in sight! Keep those slobbering puppies in their place!

Looks like it's time for this sick kitty to go to... the VET.

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Bad Kitty Makes a Movie (Graphic Novel)
by Nick Bruel, illustrated by Nick Bruel

Kitty achieves stardom - and, of course, a bit of trouble - in the brand new Bad Kitty graphic novel IN FULL-COLOR, Bad Kitty Makes a Movie.

When Uncle Murray accidentally uploads a video of Kitty to Viewtube, it goes VIRAL, and Kitty becomes a STAR... kind of.

Join Uncle Murray and Kitty in a bundle of Hollywood antics in the latest full-color graphic novel addition to the viral Bad Kitty series you will not want to miss.

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Tag along with Kitty and Puppy in the FULL-COLOR edition of Nick Bruel’s bestselling graphic novel BAD KITTY: PUPPY’S BIG DAY.

Kitty’s in a bad mood... a very bad mood. And Puppy is not helping.

Uncle Murray is tasked with taking care of Puppy for the day, so they go on a walk through the park. Everything is going just fine... until Uncle Murray almost gets arrested and Puppy ends up in the POUND!

It’s there that Puppy meets some very peculiar new pals.

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Be Kind
by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Jen Hill

Author Bio

Pat Zietlow Miller is a children's book lover and one of the creative forces behind the blog Picture Book Builders where she reviews books for young readers. Her picture books include Be Kind, When You Are Brave, Remarkably You, Wherever You Go, Sophie's Squash and The Quickest Kid in Clarksville. Pat lives in Madison, Wisconsin with her husband, two daughters and two pampered cats. Jen Hill is the illustrator of several picture books, including Diana's White House Garden by Elisa Carbone, Spring for Sophie by Yael Werber, and Doing Her Bit by Erin Hagar; and is also the author and illustrator of Percy and Tumtum: A Tale of Two Dogs. She is a graduate from the Rhode Island School of Design and lives in Brooklyn, NY with her husband and her intern, Little Bee, who is very helpful for a cat.

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Down Came the Rain
by Jennifer Mathieu

From the acclaimed author of Moxie - now a Netflix film - and Bad Girls Never Say Die comes a bold novel about two young activists who find love and themselves as they tackle the threat of climate change.

After Eliza’s home in Houston is destroyed by Hurricane Harvey, she is forced to transfer to Southwest High School. Traumatized by the floods and anxious in her new surroundings, Eliza throws herself into environmental activism, even if it’s against the wishes of her big-oil dad.

But when she meets Javi - a boy who has experienced climate-related trauma of his own - she’s finally able to connect with someone over the devastating mental effects of ecological disaster.

Filled with nuanced themes of mental health, classism, and eco-anxiety, Down Came the Rain is a riveting and moving tale of friendship, first love, and what it means to grow up in an ever-changing world.

Author Bio

Jennifer Mathieu is the author of Devoted, Afterward, The Liars of Mariposa Island, and The Truth About Alice, which won the Teen Choice Debut Author Award. Her 2017 novel, Moxie, was developed into a film by Amy Poehler for Netflix. Jennifer teaches high school English in Texas, where she lives in the Houston area with her husband and son.

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Eagle Drums
by Nasugraq Rainey Hopson, illustrated by Nasugraq Rainey Hopson

A magical realistic middle grade debut about the origin story of the Inupiaq Messenger Feast, a Native Alaskan tradition.

As his family prepares for winter, a young, skilled hunter must travel up the mountain to collect obsidian for knapping - the same mountain where his two older brothers died.

When he reaches the mountaintop, he is immediately confronted by a terrifying eagle god named Savik. Savik gives the boy a choice: follow me or die like your brothers.

What comes next is a harrowing journey to the home of the eagle gods and unexpected lessons on the natural world, the past that shapes us, and the community that binds us.

Eagle Drums is part cultural folklore, part origin myth about the Messenger's Feast - which is still celebrated in times of bounty among the Inupiaq. It's the story of how Inupiaq people were given the gift of music, song, dance, community, and everlasting tradition.

A soaring story of family and courage, culture and community, wonder and resilience.” - CYNTHIA LEITICH SMITH, anthologist of Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids

"An epic journey in every sense of the word, Eagle Drums is a new classic. Pinja welcomes the reader to travel with him on this treacherous quest and by the time his voyage is complete, you will grieve, struggle, and (...)"

Author Bio

Born and raised in the rural expanse of the North Slope of Alaska, Nasugraq Rainey Hopson grew up on fantastic tales from her unique and rich Indigenous Inupiaq culture. When she is not writing or creating art inspired by these stories, she is studying how to grow food in the arctic and is working at preserving traditional Inupiaq knowledge. She has a degree in Studio Art and has taught all levels of Art from kindergarten to college level. She lives in Anaktuvuk Pass Alaska with her husband and daughter, three dogs, and a small flock of arctic chickens where she lives off the land and the amazing bounty it provides like her ancestors did for thousands of years. Born and raised in the rural expanse of the North Slope of Alaska, Nasugraq Rainey Hopson, illustrated by Nasugraq Rainey Hopson

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Gorgeous Gruesome Faces
by Linda Cheng

_Squid Game_ meets _Wilder Girls_ in this debut YA sapphic horror that follows a disgraced teen idol who comes face to face with the demons of her past in a glittering, cutthroat K-pop competition.

After a huge scandal that ended her pop idol career, eighteen-year-old Sunny Lee spends her days longing for the past and cyber-stalking her former bandmate, Candie. When Sunny learns that Candie is attending an intensive workshop that promises stardom, she auditions and enters the program, desperate for one last shot at her dreams and a chance to mend their broken relationship.

But Sunny’s hopes are dashed when a hostile Candie leaves her to struggle alone through the grueling training. Things only get worse as Sunny notices eerie happenings as the workshop goes on - strange injuries and even stranger changes to her competitors bodies that quickly turn grisly as the girls begin to drop one by one.

Determined to survive, Sunny teams up with her fiercest competitor, a razor-tongued mean girl, as they race to expose just what’s behind the carnage. But when traumatic memories resurface and ghostly apparitions start haunting the halls, Sunny begins to question everything and every one, including her own unravelling mind.

**Author Bio**

Linda Cheng was born in Taiwan and spent her childhood moving between cultures and continents. She received her BFA from the Savannah College of Art and Design, and worked as an art director across South Carolina and Georgia where she developed a deep love for sweet tea, grits, and Southern Gothic stories. She currently resides in Vancouver, Canada, where she spends her off days exploring the British Columbia Coast and introducing her daughter to the wonderful world of obscure 90’s anime.
Meet Ellen Ochoa, once just a girl from Los Angeles, California. The granddaughter of Mexican immigrants, Ellen would pursue a career in physics at a young age, and go on to earn master’s and doctorate degrees in electrical engineering from Stanford University. In 1993, Ellen became the first Latina in space. As a retired astronaut, she's served as director of the Johnson Space Center, become an advocate for women and minorities in STEM fields, and was inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame.

Hispanic Star proudly celebrates Hispanic and Latinx heroes who have made remarkable contributions to American culture and have been an undeniable force in shaping its future. *If you can see it, you can be it.*

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Hispanic Star: Ellen Ochoa
by Claudia Romo Edelman and Nathalie Alonso, illustrated by Manuel Gutierrez

Read about the first Latina in space, Ellen Ochoa, one of the most groundbreaking, iconic Hispanic and Latinx heroes that have shaped our culture and the world, in this gripping biography written by Claudia Romo Edelman and Nathalie Alonso, with black-and-white illustrations by Manuel Gutierrez, perfect for fans of the Who Was and She Persisted series.

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Lee sobre la primera astronauta Latina en el espacio, Ellen Ochoa, quien se encuentra entre los heroes hispanos y latinos mas innovadores e iconicos que han dado forma a nuestra cultura y al mundo en esta apasionante biografia escrita por Claudia Romo Edelman y Nathalie Alonso con ilustraciones en blanco y negro por Manuel Gutierrez, perfecta para los fanaticos de la serie Quien fue? (Who Was?)

Conoce a Ellen Ochoa, antes solo una nina de Los Angeles, California. La nieta de inmigrantes de Mexico, Ellen siguio la carrera de fisica en su juventud, y alcanzo recibir una maestria y doctorado en ingenieria electrica de Stanford University. En el 1993, Ellen se convirtio en la primera astronauta Latina en el espacio. Ya retirada, Ellen ha trabajado como directora del Johnson Space Center, defensora por las mujeres y otras minorias en los campos STEM, y fue incluida en el Salon de la Fama de Astronautas.

Hispanic Star celebra con orgullo a los heroes latinos e hispanos que han hecho grandes contribuciones a la cultura estadounidense y representan una fuerza indiscutible para labrar su futuro. Si puedes verlo, puedes serlo.

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Hispanic Star: Sonia Sotomayor
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Meet Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, once just a girl growing up in The Bronx, New York, with her brother and Puerto Rican-born parents. From a young age, her mother emphasized the value of education. Sonia would eventually graduate summa cum laude from Princeton University, receive a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School, and later begin working as an assistant district attorney for New York County. Throughout her decades-long career, Sonia Sotomayor has been driven by her commitment to justice, inspiring young people to follow their dreams and strive to make them reality.

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Hispanic Star: Sonia Sotomayor
by Claudia Romo Edelman and Nathalie Alonso, illustrated by Alexandra Beguez

Read about Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, one of the most groundbreaking, iconic Hispanic and Latinx heroes that have shaped our culture and the world, in this gripping biography written by Claudia Romo Edelman and Nathalie Alonso, with black-and-white illustrations by Alexandra Beguez, perfect for fans of the Who Was and She Persisted series.

Meet Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, once just a girl growing up in The Bronx, New York, with her brother and Puerto Rican-born parents. From a young age, her mother emphasized the value of education. Sonia would eventually graduate summa cum laude from Princeton University, receive a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School, and later begin working as an assistant district attorney for New York County. Throughout her decades-long career, Sonia Sotomayor has been driven by her commitment to justice, inspiring young people to follow their dreams and strive to make them reality.

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Lee sobre la jueza de la corte suprema, Sonia Sotomayor, quien se encuentra entre los heroes hispanos y latinos mas innovadores e iconicos que han dado forma a nuestra cultura y al mundo en esta apasionante biografia escrita por Claudia Romo Edelman y Nathalie Alonso con ilustraciones en blanco y negro por Alexadra Beguez, perfecta para los fanaticos de la serie Quien fue?

Conoce la jueza de la corte suprema, Sonia Sotomayor, antes solo una nina de El Bronx, Nueva York criada por padres puertorriquenos. Desde pequena, su mama enfatizaba el valor de la educacion. Eventualmente Sonia se graduaria Summa Cum Laude de Princeton University, recibiria un grado Juris Doctor de la Escuela de Leyes de Yale University, antes de trabajar como fiscal asistente del distrito de New York. A traves de su carrera de sobre cuatro decadas, Sonia Sotomayor se ha dejado llevar por su compromiso a la justicia, inspirando a los jovenes a seguir sus suenos y luchar por hacerlos realidad.

Hispanic Star celebra con orgullo a los heroes latinos e hispanos que han hecho grandes contribuciones a la cultura estadounidense y representan una fuerza indiscutible para labrar su futuro. Si puedes verlo, puedes serlo.

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I Wish for You
by David Wax, illustrated by Brett Blumenthal

Author Bio

David Wax is a fun-loving dad who lives for fishing, hiking, snowboarding, and all things outdoors. He is a consultant, and entrepreneur, and a creative who enjoys time with his family and dreaming of ways to make the world a better place. Brett Blumenthal is co-creator and illustrator of I Wish for You. Prior to becoming a full-time artist, she was the International bestselling author of the wellness book series - 52 Small Changes. Her art career began after giving birth to her son and daring to paint his nursery art. Passionate about wildlife, animals, and the environment, Brett uses her art to raise awareness about the importance of preserving our beautiful planet.
Never After: The Missing Sword
by Melissa de la Cruz

Return to the land of Never After, where real life and fairy tales collide, in book four of New York Times -bestselling author Melissa de la Cruz's hit middle grade series.

To save her mother from Olga's evil clutches, Filomena and her friends will set off for new lands and new adventures. Without a moment to lose, Filomena must travel to the legendary land of Camelot to find the sword of Excalibur - the only thing that can save Fil's mother from Olga's mysterious illness that has poisoned her body.

But Camelot is not all that it seems. Fil and the crew quickly realize that there is another fairy tale that has taken hold in the land of Arthurian Legend. . . that of the Wizard of Oz! With the help (and hindrance) of the Wicked Witches of the East and West, lions and tigers and bears will surely be the least of Fil and the gang's troubles.

As the League of Seven follows the yellow brick road to retrieve the sword and complete their most important quest yet, they find nothing will thwart the ogres and their mission to destroy Never After. In a land where nothing is truly as it seems, will Fil and the League of the Seven survive the witch's tests? Or will Olga's perilous plans rip Fil's mother away from her forever?

Author Bio

MELISSA DE LA CRUZ is the #1 New York Times, #1 Publisher's Weekly and #1 Indie Bound bestselling author of many critically acclaimed and award-winning novels for readers of all ages, and edited the inspiring anthology of true stories, Because I Was a Girl. She grew up in Manila and moved to San Francisco with her family, where she graduated high school salutatorian from The Convent of the Sacred Heart. At Columbia University, she majored in art history and English. Melissa de la Cruz lives in West Hollywood with her husband and daughter.
Ordinary Days
The Seeds, Sound, and City That Grew Prince Rogers Nelson by Angela Joy, illustrated by Jacqueline Alcantara

Ordinary Days is a rhythmic, striking picture book biography of legendary singer/songwriter/performer Prince.

Before he became a legend, he was just a boy.

On an ordinary day, you could see him. A young boy named Prince Rogers Nelson, who had parents who fought, nowhere to call home, and a collection of memories turned into sound: the shouts of anger, the purr of pigeons, the roar of cars down a busy Minneapolis street, and the whisper of cold wind on budding lilac bushes.

Other sounds joined in as he taught himself to play the guitar, piano, drums, and much more, leading to the day this ordinary boy began to make music - and became extraordinary.

Black Is a Rainbow Color and Choosing Brave author Angela Joy’s exquisite words harmonize with acclaimed illustrator Jacqueline Alcantara’s sweeping art to create a tender, profound look into music icon Prince’s early life and the moments that shaped him.

Ordinary Days also includes an extensive author’s note and playlist of recommended Prince songs suitable for young listeners.

Author Bio

Angela Joy was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Before graduating Summa Cum Laude from the University of Minnesota, she attended New York University and Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia - where her heart will forever reside. Angela traveled abroad extensively as a background vocalist, also working in television and movie soundtracks. She currently lives in southern California with her husband and two children, writing from a small hallway desk where the walls are painted a royal shade of purple. Jacqueline Alcantara is the award-winning illustrator of The Field and its companion Climb On!, both written by Baptiste Paul, Freedom Soup, written by New York Times bestselling author Tami Charles, Jump at the Sun, written by Newbery Honoree Alicia D. Williams, and Your Mama, written by NoNieqa Ramos, which was a finalist for the Kirkus Prize. Her works have received multiple starred reviews and been named Best Books of the Year by Kirkus, School Library Journal, Shelf Awareness and The Horn Book, among others. She draws and teaches illustration in Chicago, IL.
Party Pooper
by Jennifer Gray Olson, illustrated by Jennifer Gray Olson

A hilarious, yet tender and sincere picture book about making mistakes, owning up to them, and asking forgiveness.

Every party has a pooper. You may not have wanted one. You certainly did no invite one. But, inevitably, every party will have one. So what should you do?

Maybe you can interest the pooper in a game? Hopefully the pooper doesn't lay down in defeat in the middle of your Twister mat... oh, there he goes. Directly on the blue dot you needed.

Perhaps you can entice the pooper with a delicious, scrumptious cake? Unless the pooper sticks his booger-y fingers directly into the layer you were most excited to eat... sigh.

Oh, I know what to do! Let's. Party. HARDER.

Until... things get taken too far. Then it might be time to take a step back and do the hardest thing of all: apologize.

In Party Pooper, Jennifer Gray Olson tackles complex SEL themes with expertise, grace, and laugh-out-loud humor. It's a thoughtful, yet entertaining examination that has equal empathy for the party goers and, of course, the party pooper.

Author Bio

Jennifer Gray Olson is the creator of Ninja Bunny, Ninja Bunny: Sister vs. Brother, and Me and Mr. Fluffernutter. Her love of creating entertaining and unique characters and the worlds in which they live led her into writing and illustrating. She is a graduate of California State University, Fullerton, where she earned her bachelor of arts degree in art education. Jennifer lives in sunny Southern California. Jennifer Gray Olson is the creator of Ninja Bunny, Ninja Bunny: Sister vs. Brother, and Me and Mr. Fluffernutter. Her love of creating entertaining and unique characters and the worlds in which they live led her into writing and illustrating. She is a graduate of California State University, Fullerton, where she earned her bachelor of arts degree in art education. Jennifer lives in sunny Southern California.
Patrick Griffin's Deadliest Day Ever
by Ned Rust

Instead of cake and presents, for his thirteenth birthday Patrick Griffin got a severely broken leg and a standoff with the power-hungry ruler of the planet Ith. Luckily, Patrick narrowly escaped, but he still has to stop the evil Rex Abraham before he destroys Earth.

Meanwhile, everyone's beginning to wonder if Patrick's appearance on Ith was mere happenstance, or if it was orchestrated by the mysterious third universe, Mindth. But what would the powerful beings of Mindth want with a (just barely) 13-year-old boy?

Find out in the breathtaking conclusion to the page-turning Patrick Griffin and the Three Worlds trilogy, a Douglas-Adams-meets-Kurt-Vonnegut adventure for kids.

Patrick Griffin's First Birthday on Ith :
"Recommend to readers who thought A Wrinkle in Time could have been funnier." — School Library Journal

Patrick Griffin's Last Breakfast on Earth :
"Clever—and utterly bonkers." — Kirkus Reviews

"Imaginative." — School Library Journal

"Part Narnia, part Home Alone. It wouldn't have shocked me to learn the book had been written by some guy named Lemony Vonnegut." — James Patterson, New York Times -bestselling author

Author Bio
Location: Croton, New York

Ned Rustis the author of the Patrick Griffin and the Three Worlds series as well as the co-author of books in the Daniel X series and Witch and Wizard: The Gift with James Patterson. He lives in Croton, New York, with his wife, son, and daughter.
This Dark Descent
by Kalyn Josephson

Steeped in Jewish folklore, The Scorpio Races meets Peaky Blinders in this dual-POV YA fantasy where the daughter of a famous horse breeder, a black-market enchanter, and an ambitious heir must work together to win a cutthroat magical horserace.

The Rusel family is famous throughout Enderlain as breeders of enchanted horses, but their prestige is no match for their rising debts. To save her family’s ranch, Mikira Rusel is left with only one option: enter the Illinir, a treacherous, cross-country horserace known for its high death rate as much as its flashy prize money.

To have any chance of success, she’ll have to recruit Ari, an unlicensed enchanter who creates golems in place of enchanted animals, and Damien Adair, a lord in the midst of a succession battle. Both her accomplices have reasons of their own to help Mikira - and their own blood feuds to avenge.

In a world as dangerous as this, will hidden agendas and conflicting desires butcher their chances of winning the Illinir. . . or will another rider’s dagger?

Author Bio

Kalyn Josephson works as a Technical Writer in the tech industry, which leaves room for too many bad puns about technically being a writer. She grew up in San Luis Obispo, California, and graduated from Santa Clara University with degrees in Biology and Creative Writing. Currently, she lives in the Bay Area with two black cats (who are more like a tiny dragon and an ever tinier owl). She is the author of the Storm Crow duology.

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To Dogs, with Love
A Love Letter to the Dogs Who Help Us
by Maria Gianferrari, illustrated by Ishaa Lobo

A book for anyone who has ever loved a dog.

Dear Dogs,

Thank you for being there when we are sick, or hurt, or in trouble.
Thank you for licks and hugs when we feel down, or just need to smile.
Thank you for all that you do, for always being at our sides.
This is our love letter to you!

Give thanks to every human’s best friend, in this sweet and inclusive ode to
dogs of all kinds - with an emphasis on service dogs - written by animal expert
Maria Gianferrari and illustrated by Ishaa Lobo.

Author Bio

Maria Gianferrari is a picture book reading/writing, tea-drinking, dog-loving,
birdwatching resident of Massachusetts. She lives with her scientist husband
and rescue dog, Maple, in a house encircled by trees. Maria writes books that
honor our bonds with creatures both domestic and wild, and that celebrate the
natural world around us. Bobcat Prowling is a companion book to Maria’s
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Witch Hunt
The Cold War, Joe McCarthy, and the Red Scare by Andrea Balis and Elizabeth Levy, illustrated by Tim Foley

A cutting-edge look into a pivotal moment in US history: McCarthy's infamous witch hunt* for communists during the 1950's Red Scare.

At the cusp of the Cold War, Americans were so afraid of communists living among them that they began to hunt them like witches. As Senator Joe McCarthy took up this mantle to hunt down "communists" in the US, citizens grew terrified of being accused, so they turned on each other - pointing fingers at neighbors, friends, and even family.

Told through a unique and inviting screenplay-format, brought to life with dozens of illustrations by Tim Foley, and comprised almost entirely of quotes derived from primary sources, Witch Hunt recounts the political craze that gripped America during the Red Scare when McCarthyism forced people to go to extraordinary lengths to keep themselves and their families safe from persecution against their own government.

Author Bio

Dr. Andrea Balis is a faculty member in the history department of John Jay College, City University of New York. Her specialization is twentieth century political history. She has also written extensively for the theater, and worked as a director. She is the author of two books for young people, What Are You Using: A Guide for Birth Control for Teenagers and a novel, PJ. Elizabeth Levy is the award-winning author of over 100 fiction and non-fiction books for children and young adults. She is known for the humor and research that she brings to her subjects, from studying stand-up comedy for My Life as A Fifth Grade Comedian, to working with renowned historians for America's Funny but True History and If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution.

From the Author

I grew up in Buffalo, New York. I loved to daydream, and through my fantasies I learned a lot about good writing. I had a crush on Elvis, and I made up what he would say to me. When I became a writer as an adult, I could make my daydreams almost come true. I put Elvis in several of my books. Kids have sent me pictures of Fletcher as Elvis. Principals have even dressed as Elvis when I visited their school.

I went to Brown University where I majored in history. After I graduated, I came to New York City and worked for ABC-TV and Radio, and then for Sony. Then I wrote a novel, "Fletcher the Falcon". I wrote it all on an old typewriter. And that's really about it.
Giraffe and Jackal Are Friends (Again!)
by Mary Mackenzie and Lisa Robinson, illustrated by Nicole Michels

Giraffe and Jackal express their feelings and resolve differences in a positive way, through the power of Nonviolent Communication.

Giraffe and Jackal are best friends, even though their personalities are different. Jackal tends to be grouchy and easily snap at others, while Giraffe is more peaceful and thoughtful. When the new kid, Aardvark, moves to school, Giraffe reaches out to be friends, but Jackal feels jealous and threatened. Jackal lashes out, endangering Aardvark, and a conflict ensues. By employing Compassionate Communication techniques, Giraffe helps Jackal work through his conflicted feelings in a positive way so that all three can be friends.

Based on the renowned Nonviolent Communication teachings of Dr. Marshall Rosenberg, this picture book offers kids easy-to-learn coping and communicating skills, all through the lens of a playful story with fantastic illustrations and great characters.

Author Bio

Mary Mackenzie is an author, trained mediator, and CEO of the NVC Academy. Learn more at marymackenzie.net. Lisa Robinson has a BA in psychology from Cornell University, an MD from Tufts University, and an MFA in Writing for Young People from Lesley University. She works as a therapist for children, teenagers, and adults, and is the author of numerous picture books. Lisa lives in Newton, Massachusetts. Learn more at author-lisa-robinson.com. Nicole Michels is an illustrator and co-owner of the design studio Bird and Banner. Learn more at nicolemichels.com.
Good Morning, I Love You, Violet!
by Shauna Shapiro, PhD and Jennifer Adams, illustrated by Susi Schaefer

By saying Good morning, I love you" to herself each day, a young girl changes her negative self-talk and embraces happiness.

When Violet and her classmates are taught to say, "Good morning, I love you" to improve their happiness, she's skeptical. How will saying she loves herself change anything? But with the encouragement of her friends and the kindness of her mother, Violet embraces the practice. With it, she learns to counter her negative self-talk, embrace self-love, and feel genuinely happy.

In her book Good Morning, I Love You: Mindfulness and Self-Compassion Practices to Rewire Your Brain for Calm, Clarity, and Joy, Shauna Shapiro illuminates the brain science behind why we feel the way we do and how we get stuck in negative patterns of thinking. Good Morning, I Love You, Violet! brings this message of self-kindness to young readers, helping children learn a practice that will serve them for a lifetime.

Author Bio

Shauna Shapiro, PhD, is a clinical psychologist and an internationally recognized expert in mindfulness and self-compassion. She is a widely published scholar, and her TEDx Talk on this topic has been viewed over 2.5 million times. She is a professor at Santa Clara University. Dr. Shapiro has published over 150 journal articles and coauthored two previous books, The Art and Science of Mindfulness and Mindful Discipline . Her work has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Mashable, Wired, USA Today, Dr. Oz, the Huffington Post, Yoga Journal, and the American Psychologist . Dr. Shapiro has been an invited speaker for the King of Thailand, the Danish government, Bhutan's Gross National Happiness Summit, and the World Council for Psychotherapy, as well as for Fortune 100 Companies including Google, Cisco Systems, Proctor & Gamble, LinkedIn, and Genentech. Dr. Shapiro is a summa cum laude graduate of Duke University and a fellow of the Mind & Life Institute, cofounded by the Dalai Lama. Dr. Shapiro lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and can be found at drshaunashapiro.com. Jennifer Adams is the author of 50 books, including the best-selling BabyLit series, which introduces small children to the world of classic literature and has sold more than 2 million copies. Jennifer edits the children's book line at Sounds True and works weekends at her local independent bookstore The King's English. Susi Schaefer trained as a classical stained glass painter in Austria before studying graphic design at UCI in Irvine, California. There she fell in love with writing and illustrating children's books. Susi lives with her family in North Tustin, California. For more, visit susischaefer.com.
The Mermaid with No Tail

by Jessica Long, illustrated by Airin O'Callaghan

Dive into this illustrated picture book, where a mermaid with no tail decides she wants to compete in the Mermaid Games. The other mermaids make fun of her for being different. But her adoptive turtle parents are supportive and encouraging, and her shark coach Phelpsy teaches her to swim using her arms. The mermaid trains hard, maintains a good attitude, and eventually wins the games.

Inspired by the life of Paralympic champion swimmer Jessica Long, The Mermaid with No Tail celebrates the importance of dreaming big and the power of being different.

Author Bio

Jessica Long is an American Paralympic swimmer. She has won 29 Paralympic Medals, making her one of America's most decorated athletes of all time. Jessica is a speaker, author, advocate, and sports personality. Learn more at jessicalong.com. Airin O'Callaghan is an illustrator and artist. She received a bachelor's degree and MFA in fine art in Amsterdam, and an MFA in illustration in San Francisco. Airin lives in Berkeley, California. Learn more at airinocallaghan.com.
I am ugly. There’s a mathematical equation to prove it.

At only eight months old, identical twin sisters Ariel and Zan were diagnosed with Crouzon syndrome - a rare condition where the bones in the head fuse prematurely. They were the first twins known to survive it.

Growing up, Ariel and her sister endured numerous appearance-altering procedures. Surgeons would break the bones in their heads and faces to make room for their growing organs. While the physical aspect of their condition was painful, it was nothing compared to the emotional toll of navigating life with a facial disfigurement.

Ariel explores beauty and identity in her young (…)

Author Bio

Ariel Henleyis a writer from Northern California with a B.A. in English and Political Science from the University of Vermont. She is passionate about writing as a form of activism, and hopes to use her story to promote mainstream inclusion for individuals with physical differences. Her work has appeared in The New York Times, The Atlantic, The Washington Post, and Narratively. A Face for Picasso is her debut novel.
Afterlove
by Tanya Byrne

In this powerful, all-encompassing YA love story, a girl who becomes a grim reaper must figure out what the future holds - especially when it comes to the girlfriend she left behind.

When Ashana Persaud meets Poppy Morgan on a school trip, she's sure it's too good to be true. Ash has never had much luck with girls, but Poppy proves different. Coffee dates turn to museum trips until, soon, the two girls can see a future together - one that's seemingly snatched from them when a hit-and-run takes Ash's life on New Year's Eve.

As the last person to die before midnight, Ash is bestowed the title of reaper, tasked with finding lost souls and helping them cross over. Only those close to death can perceive a reaper, so when Ash runs into Poppy one lonely night - and Poppy recognizes her - they can't be sure if it's the second chance they've so desperately wished for, or a tragedy lying in wait.

A heartfelt and emotional queer romance with a fresh paranormal twist." - Kirkus

Author Bio

Tanya Byrne is an award-winning author and freelance journalist who lives in Brighton. She has written several young adult novels, including her first book, Heart-Shaped Bruise, which earned her a nomination for New Writer of the Year at the National Book Awards.
Between Us and Abuela
A Family Story from the Border
by Mitali Perkins, illustrated by Sara Palacios

A timely debut picture book about love overcoming the border fences between Mexico and the United States.

Americas Award for Children's and Young Adult Literature Winner
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NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Book Pick
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Northern California Book Award nominee
A California Department of Education Recommended Title

It's almost time for Christmas, and Maria is traveling with her mother and younger brother, Juan, to visit their grandmother on the border of California and Mexico.

For the few minutes they can share together along the fence, Maria and her brother plan to exchange stories and Christmas gifts with the grandmother they haven't seen in years. But when Juan's gift is too big to fit through the slats in the (...)

Author Bio

Mitali Perkins has written several books for young readers, including *Home Is in Between*, *Between Us and Abuela*, *Forward Me Back to You*, *You Bring the Distant Near* (a National Book Award Nominee, a Walter Honor Book, a South Asia Book Award Winner, a Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year, and a Shelf Awareness 2017 Best Book of the Year), *Rickshaw Girl* (a NYPL Top 100 Book), and *Bamboo People* (an ALA Top 10 YA novel). Mitali was born in India and currently resides in Northern California. Sara Palacios was the recipient of the 2012 Pura Belpre Illustrator Honor Award for her work on *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match*. A native of Mexico, Sara graduated from the National Institute of Fine Arts in Mexico City and went on to earn BFA and MFA degrees in illustration from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. She illustrates for companies in both the United States and Mexico.
Blood and Moonlight
by Erin Beaty

In Erin Beaty’s fantasy mystery-thriller, Blood and Moonlight, an orphan with a secret, magical sight gets caught between a mysterious genius and the serial killer he’s hunting.

Rising above the city of Collis is the holy Sanctum. And watching over its spires is Catrin, an orphan girl with unique skills - for she alone can spot the building’s flaws in construction before they turn deadly.

But when Catrin witnesses a murderer escaping the scene of his crime, she’s pulled into a dangerous chain of events where the only certainty is that the killer will strike again. Assigned to investigate is the mysterious and brilliant Simon, whose insights into the mind of a predator are frighteningly accurate.

As the grisly crimes continue, Catrin finds herself caught between killer and detective while hiding her own secret - a supernatural sight granted by the moon, destined to make her an outcast, and the only thing that might save her and those she loves from becoming the next victims . . .

Readers are quickly absorbed into this rich world of magic, murder, and mystery set in the medieval era . . . Fans of high fantasy and mystery will enjoy the lush details, from the buildings to the various characters." - School Library Journal

"Dark thrills for fans of psychology, magick, and murder." - Kirkus Reviews

"Beaty's protagonist is a medieval version of Clarice from The Silence of the Lambs, and she is constantly surrounded by chauvinistic men who underestimate her . . . Readers ( ...)

Author Bio

Erin Beaty was born and raised in Indianapolis. She graduated from the US Naval Academy with a degree in rocket science and served in the fleet as a weapons officer and a leadership instructor. She and her husband have five children, and live wherever the navy tells them to go - currently Kansas. She is the author of the Traitor's Kiss trilogy and the Blood and Moonlight duology.
Chinatown
by William Low, illustrated by William Low

Chinatown. City within a city. Home to street cobblerers and herbalists, tai chi masters and kung fu students, outdoor fish markets and lots and lots of restaurants. And best of all, when the Chinese New Year begins there's a New Year's Day parade, complete with a lion dance.

Young readers will be equally fascinated by the tour of this colorful neighborhood - and by their tour guide and his grandma who live there.

Author Bio

William Low is the author and illustrator of Daytime Nighttime, Machines Go to Work, and the New York Times Best Illustrated Book Old Penn Station, as well as a four-time Silver Medal winner at the Society of Illustrators. He teaches at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. William Low is the author and illustrator of Daytime Nighttime, Machines Go to Work, and the New York Times Best Illustrated Book Old Penn Station, as well as a four-time Silver Medal winner at the Society of Illustrators. He teaches at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.

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Fart Quest: The Barf of the Bedazzler
by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Cam Kendell

If you love fantasy, funny humor, flatulence, and friends, then Aaron Reynolds has written the perfect book for you!” - DAN SANTAT, author of The Aquanut, Sidekicks, and The Adventures of Beekle

Fart and his friends take on a new belly-quaking quest in the hilarious sequel Fart Quest: The Barf of the Bedazzler written by #1 New York Times bestselling author Aaron Reynolds and illustrated by Cam Kendell.

After crushing their very first quest, young adventurers Pan, Moxie, and Fart are hungry for their next challenge. Luckily, the Great and Powerful Kevin has cooked up something for the trio: Locate a bedazzler - a rare and monstrous creature of truly horrific power - and bring back . . . its barf.

But the danger in tracking down a bedazzler is hard to swallow. Rumor tells of a ruthless pirate captain who may be the only living soul that knows where to find a bedazzler. Our heroes must head to the high seas for a mission so deadly, they might lose their lives - or their lunch.

Bestselling author Aaron Reynolds and Cam Kendell bring even more laughs, adventure, and silliness in The Barf of the Bedazzler, book two in the Fart Quest series.

Gamers won’t be the only readers happy to see the tumultuous trio successfully level up on their delightfully disgusting quest. Stay tuned for a nautical adventure next. - Booklist

"A rousing and wholesome sequel." - Kirkus Reviews

"An entertaining, action-packed fantasy series that will (...)"

Author Bio

Aaron Reynolds is a New York Times bestselling author of many highly acclaimed books for kids, including Carnivores, Chicks and Salsa, Joey Fly, Nerdy Birdy, and the Caldecott Honor winning Creepy Carrots! He lives in the Chicago area with his wife, two kids, four cats, and between three and ten fish, depending on the day. Cam Kendell is the creator of such comics as Choose Your Gnome Adventure, Mortimer B. Radley: the Case of the Missing Monkey Skull, and Flopnar the Bunbarian and artist for board games like D&D’s Dungeon Mayhem: Monster Madness and 5-Minute Mystery. When not drawing gnomes and/or goblins Cam enjoys birding, rocking on the accordion, loosing at board games, and hiking in the beautiful Utah mountains with his...
First Friend
How Dogs Evolved from Wolves to Become Our Best Friends
by Kersten Hamilton, illustrated by Jaime Kim

With lyrical text by Kersten Hamilton and luminous illustrations by Jaime Kim, First Friend is an exploration of how the wild wolves became dogs, and how we learned to communicate and grow alongside the creatures we love.

Long, long ago, when the world was new...a girl met a pup.

In those days, everyone knew that wolves and children could not be friends. Still, they learned from each other - how to hunt, how to trade, how to survive, how to play. And years and years went by, and the world spun and changed. And then - a boy fished with a wolf, and a girl traded with a wild dog, and animal and human grew up side by side...into the best friends we are today.

Hamilton's repetitive story is simple but effective in conveying the evolution of wolves into dogs. Kids will love noticing the difference in the humans' lives as the years pass. . .Kim's watercolor, acrylic, and gouache artwork adds warmth and familiarity to the story with its friendly faces, guarded-then-playful pups, and use of vivid colors. . .A great story time choice for all libraries, perfect for launching discussions of fact and speculation, and how they can be combined." - School Library Journal, starred review

"A lyrical exploration of how wolves evolved into dogs. . .Delightful - especially appealing for young readers who have or wish for a puppy." - Kirkus Reviews

Author Bio
Kersten Hamilton is the author of numerous books for children, including the picture books Red Truck, Yellow Copter, and Blue Boat. She lives in New Mexico. Visit her website for more information! Jaime Kim is an artist and illustrator. Her debut illustrated picture book, Take Heart, My Child, was a #1 New York Times bestseller. She lives in North Carolina. Visit her website for more information.
Fall 2023 MAC Omnibus Kids

Forestfall
by Lyndall Clipstone

At the lake’s edge, I made my promise. In the forest, I will fall.

The curse that haunted Lakesedge Estate has been broken, but at great cost. Violeta Graceling has sacrificed herself to end the Corruption.

To escape death, Leta makes a desperate bargain with the Lord Under, one that sees her living at his side in the land of the dead. And though he claims to have given her all he promised, Leta knows this world of souls and mists hides many secrets.

When she discovers she is still bound to Rowan, Leta goes to drastic lengths to reforge their connection. But her search for answers, and a path back home, will see her drawn into even more dangerous bargains, and struggling to resist the allure of a new, dark, power in Forestfall by Lyndall Clipstone.

Clipstone’s gothic slow-burn has all the right romantic dark fantasy elements - shadowy magic and a tortuous love triangle... making for prose that reads like a hypnotic incantation and love scenes that are positively incendiary. An inventive and unconventional duology closer certain to spark discussion."
- Kirkus

"In an eerily vivid world of dark magic and darker monsters, this lush fairy tale of a book is so full of yearning, my heart physically ached - for Violeta, for Rowan, for the (...)

Author Bio

Lyndall Clipstone writes about monsters and the girls who like to kiss them. A former youth librarian who grew up running wild in the Barossa Ranges of South Australia, she currently lives in Adelaide, Australia, where she tends her own indoor secret garden. She is the author of Lakesedge and Forestfall.
Once upon a time, in a little village in India, there lived an old woman whom everyone called Grandma. She loved gardening and had the best vegetable patch in the village. One day, Grandma received a letter from her daughter, who loved on the other side of the jungle.

"Please come and visit me," said the letter. "I haven't seen you in so long. I miss you."

And so, Grandma begins a perilous journey to the far side of the jungle. Along the way, she encounters three very hungry animals: a sly fox, an intimidating black bear, and a sleek, striped tiger. Can Grandma use her sharp wit to escape the jungle animals and make it safely home?

Award-winning novelist Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's first picture book for children speaks of courage, cleverness, and most importantly, love. Her words are perfectly complemented by the rich, vibrant illustrations of Susy Pilgrim Waters.

Colorful in more than one sense of the word." - Booklist

"This fresh new version will soon have young listeners and readers telling the story themselves." - Kirkus Reviews

"Clever and crafty, this well-told tale will be a fun addition to most collections." - School Library Journal

"Grandma's witty resourcefulness and the opportunity to compare cross-cultural story traditions make this a useful resource and a good readaloud." - Publishers Weekly

"The acclaimed poet and novelist makes her picture-book debut with a Bengali folktale she remembers hearing from her grandmother in (...)"

**Author Bio**

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's first book in the Brotherhood of the Conch series, *The Conch Bearer*, was a Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year, and a Booklist Editors' Choice. She currently lives in Texas. **SUSY PILGRIM WATERS** is an award-winning illustrator, painter, and designer. She has
Por primera vez en español para el mercado norteamericano, un clásico moderno conmovedor sobre el consentimiento y la capacidad de encontrar el coraje para hablar.

«Alza la voz; queremos oír lo que tienes para decir.»

Desde el minuto uno de su primer año en la Secundaria Merriweather, Melinda sabe que esto es una gran mentira, parte del sinsentido de la secundaria. No tiene amigos, es marginada, porque arruinó una fiesta de finales del verano cuando llamó a la policía, así que nadie quiere hablar con ella, y mucho menos escucharla. Con el paso del tiempo, se aísla cada vez más y prácticamente deja de hablar. El único consuelo lo encuentra en su clase de Arte, y es mediante su trabajo en un proyecto de arte que finalmente es capaz de enfrentar lo que pasó en esa terrible fiesta.

Su proceso de sanación apenas comienza cuando tiene otro encuentro violento. Pero esta vez, Melinda no se calla.

Author Bio

Laurie Halse Anderson is a New York Times-bestselling author whose writing spans young readers, teens, and new adults. Combined, her books have sold more than 8 million copies. She has been nominated three times for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. Two of her books, Speak and Chains, were National Book Award finalists, and Chains was short-listed for the prestigious Carnegie medal. Laurie was selected by the American Library Association for the 2009 Margaret A. Edwards Award and has been honored for her battles for intellectual freedom by the National Coalition Against Censorship and the National Council of Teachers of English.

In addition to combating censorship, Laurie regularly speaks about the need for diversity in publishing. She lives in Philadelphia, where she enjoys cheese steaks while she writes.

Hercilia Mendizabal Frers is a translator, copy editor and proofreader who has been working with renowned publishing houses for the past fifteen years. After working in an editorial setting, she decided to dive into the freelance world. This allowed her to live all around the U.S. and, more importantly, travel frequently to her native South America. She translates fiction and non-fiction, as well as children’s and young adult literature.
Taking inspiration from the author’s own Afghan-Uzbek heritage, this contemporary YA debut is a breathtaking journey into the grief that lingers through generations of immigrant families, and what it means to confront the ghosts of your past.

Struggling to deal with the pain of her parents’ impending divorce, fifteen-year-old Sara is facing a world of unknowns and uncertainties. Unfortunately, the one person she could always lean on when things got hard, her beloved Bibi Jan, has become a mere echo of the grandmother she once was. And so Sara retreats into the family business, hoping a summer working on her mom’s latest home renovation project will provide a distraction from her fracturing world.

But the house holds more than plaster and stone. It holds secrets that have her clinging desperately to the memories of her old life. Secrets that only her Bibi Jan could have untangled. Secrets Sara is powerless to ignore as the dark truths of her family’s history rise in ghostly apparitions - and with it, the realization that as much as she wants to hold onto her old life, nothing will ever be the same.

Told in lush, sweeping prose, this story of secrets, summer, and family sacrifice will chill you to the bone as the house that wraps Sara in warmth of her past becomes the one thing she cannot escape. . .

Zargarpur has penned a dazzling debut that combines a complex intergenerational immigrant-family drama, a story of a teen dealing with sweeping life changes, and a genre-bending ghost story. - Booklist, STARRED REVIEW

"A suspenseful, artfully written (...)"

Author Bio

Deeba Zargarpur is an Afghan-Uzbek American. She credits her love of literature across various languages to her immigrant parents, whose eerie tales haunted her well into the night. If given the choice, Deeba would spend her days getting lost in spooky towns with nothing but a notebook and eye for adventure to guide her. House of Yesterday is her debut novel.
I Wonder
Celebrating Daddies Doin' Work
by Doyin Richards

Perfect for Father’s Day or all year round! What do daddies do with their children? They style hair, they carpool, they cuddle (after they look under beds for monsters). They play, they motivate, and they comfort. Dads may sometimes wonder if they’re doing a good job. But one thing they’re sure of is that they love every moment with their children.

Doyin Richards is a dad whose mission is to celebrate how fatherhood is the coolest and most rewarding gig a man will ever have in his lifetime. I Wonder is a book for families to share on special occasions, and every day.

Praise for I Wonder:

Writing in the voice of a parent expressing his hopes for his child, author and Daddy Doin’ Work blogger Richards strikes an affecting balance between insecurity and strength. Photographs - collected from Richards’s Instagram followers - show a diverse range of fathers and children spending time together: snowboarding, cooking, swimming, and even providing a patient potty-training audience. "I wonder if you think I'm being too hard on you when I tell you to never give up," reads a typical entry. "I do it because I know you have the toughness within you to do anything." Dads (and kids (...)

Author Bio

Doyin Richards is a father, husband, writer, consultant, and public speaker inspiring mothers and fathers to think, laugh, and learn while evolving as parents and couples. He is the author of the popular parenting blog Daddy Doin’ Work, and the book, Daddy Doin’ Work: Empowering Mothers to Evolve Fatherhood, and has appeared on nationally broadcast television shows including the Today show and Good Morning America. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife and their two daughters.
Lord of the Fly Fest
by Goldy Moldavsky

Influencers trapped on a deserted island with a murder suspect in their midst - what could possibly go wrong? Fans of White Lotus will love this hilarious and gripping take on Lord of the Flies from New York Times bestselling author Goldy Moldavsky.

Rafi Francisco needs a splashy case to put her true-crime podcast on the map. Her plan? A murder investigation, of course. Shea's heading to Fly Fest, an exclusive music festival on a Caribbean island, to interview River Stone, the pop star who rocketed to fame after his girlfriend's mysterious disappearance. And her interview is going to expose him as the killer she's sure he is.

But when Rafi - and hordes of influencers - arrive at Fly Fest, the dreamy Caribbean getaway they were promised turns out to be a nightmare. Soon, Rafi is fighting for her life against power-hungry beauty gurus and spotty WiFi. And as the festival from hell continues with no end in sight, and Rafi finds herself growing closer to River, she begins to discover that his secrets have much bigger consequences than she ever imagined.

Author Bio

Goldy Moldavsky was born in Lima, Peru, and grew up in Brooklyn, New York, where she lives with her family. She is the New York Times bestselling author of Kill the Boy Band and No Good Deed. Some of her influences include Buffy the Vampire Slayer, the esteemed works of John Irving, and the Mexican telenovelas she grew up watching with her mother.
Never After: The Broken Mirror
by Melissa de la Cruz

Real life and fairy tales collide in Never After: The Broken Mirror, book three of the funny and thrilling middle-grade saga perfect for fans of The Land of Stories series from the #1 New York Times bestselling creator of the Descendants, Melissa de la Cruz.

The Never After crew is back for another twisted adventure. This time, they're off to Snow Country - that is, after they rescue the beleaguered Lord Sharif of Nottingham from the evil Robin Hood, who has been plaguing the land with his thievery and mischief.

But Robin's antics aren't the only dangers afoot in the Kingdom of Never After. At the behest of her daughter, the evil Cinderella, Queen Olga has turned Prince Charming into a Frog after his wedding to the beautiful Hortense. And how could we forget the ominous Prophecy, which still looms large over Filomena and her friends?

Along with Jack, Alistair, Gretel, Beatrice, Byron Bessley, and some new Snow Country pals like Rose Red and a chatty magic mirror, Filomena sets off to find the only ones who can save the kingdom once and for all: The League of the Seven - a group of fearless warriors devoted to fighting the ogres at any cost.

Still, new threats lurk around every corner, both in Never After and back home in North Pasadena . . . Even with the League of the Seven's help, can Filomena and her friends rescue the land from Olga's clutches? Or (...)

Author Bio

MELISSA DE LA CRUZ is the #1 New York Times, #1 Publisher's Weekly and #1 Indie Bound bestselling author of many critically acclaimed and award-winning novels for readers of all ages, and edited the inspiring anthology of true stories, Because I Was a Girl. She grew up in Manila and moved to San Francisco with her family, where she graduated high school salutatorian from The Convent of the Sacred Heart. At Columbia University, she majored in art history and English. Melissa de la Cruz lives in West Hollywood with her husband and daughter.
Nowhere Better Than Here
by Sarah Guillory

In a town slowly being destroyed by rising tides, one girl must fight to find a way to keep her community's spirit from drowning.

For thirteen-year-old Jillian Robichaux, three things are sacred: bayou sunsets, her grandmother Nonnie's stories, and the coastal Louisiana town of Boutin that she calls home.

When the worst flood in a century hits, Jillian and the rest of her community band together as they always do - but this time the damage may simply be too great. After the local school is padlocked and the bridges into town condemned, Jillian has no choice but to face the reality that she may be losing the only home she's ever had.

But even when all hope seems lost, Jillian is determined to find a way to keep Boutin and its indomitable spirit alive. With the help of friends new and old, a loveable golden retriever, and Nonnie's storytelling wisdom, Jillian does just that in this timely and heartfelt story of family, survival, and hope.

In her stunning debut middle grade novel, Sarah Guillory has written a lush story about an indomitable girl fighting against the effects of climate change.

*Three Starred Reviews!*

*A Kirkus Reviews’ Best Book of 2022!*

? Come for gumbo and jambalaya; stay for the phenomenal hero with a powerful growth story." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

? "A poignant and emotional exploration of a people and place worth preserving." - School Library Journal, starred review

?"Necessity and (...)

Author Bio

Sarah Guillory has always had a passion for literature. Coming from a family of teachers, she learned to read before she'd even started school and has escaped into fictional worlds ever since. Sarah loves being outside, whether that's walking her dogs, sitting under a tree with a book, or running countless miles before the sun has even come up. She teaches high school English and lives in Louisiana with her husband. She is the author of Nowhere Better Than Here and Reclaimed.
Princess of Souls
by Alexandra Christo

From Alexandra Christo, the author of To Kill a Kingdom, comes Princess of Souls, a Rapunzel-inspired YA fantasy romance about a teen witch groomed to steal souls for an immortal king and the reckless, rebellious boy to whom her fate is tied.

For sixteen years, Selestra has been trapped in her tower on the Floating Mountain, preparing to take her mother's place as the King's Witch, who foretells deaths in the Festival of Predictions. Outrunning your fate earns a wish and the chance to steal the King's immortality. But die and your soul is forfeit. And though thousands have tried, nobody has ever beaten death.

A soldier in the King's army, Nox is an unlikely candidate for the Festival, but driven by revenge, he is determined to steal the King's immortality and kill the entirety of his court, starting with Selestra.

Yet when Selestra touches Nox in her very first prediction, their fates become entwined, and death seeks to take both their souls. Only by working together can they survive long enough to escape the dark fate and the immortal King that now hunts them.

High stakes and dangerous escapades. Princess of Souls takes you on a thrilling journey alongside a witch trying to walk her own path and the clever soldier laying the way. This is Rapunzel glistening with dark magic galore." - Chloe Gong, the New York Times bestselling author of These Violent Delights

"Christo has cast a spell with this decadently dark tale of witches, fate, and defying death; her hallmark humor is as sharp as a blade; equally, her expert (...)"

Author Bio

Alexandra Christo is a British author whose characters are always funnier and far more deadly than she is. She studied Creative Writing at university and graduated with the desire to never stop letting her imagination run wild. She currently lives in Hertfordshire with a rapidly growing garden and a never-ending stack of books. Her debut novel To Kill a Kingdom is an international bestseller and her Young Adult fantasy books have been translated into over a dozen languages worldwide.
Rise Up!
How You Can Join the Fight Against White Supremacy
by Crystal Marie Fleming

This urgent book explores the roots of racism and its legacy in modern day, all while empowering young people with actionable ways they can help foster a better world and become antiracists.

Why are white supremacists still openly marching in the United States? Why are undocumented children of color separated from their families and housed in cages? Where did racism come from? Why hasn’t it already disappeared? And what can young people do about it?

*Rise Up!* breaks down the origins of racial injustice and its continued impact today, connecting dots between the past and present. By including contemporary examples ripped from headlines and actionable ways young people can help create a more inclusive world, sociologist Crystal Marie Fleming shares the knowledge and values that unite all antiracists: compassion, solidarity, respect, and courage in the face of adversity. Perfect for fans of *Stamped: Remix*, *This Book is Antiracist*, *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy*, and *The Black Friend*.

Praise for *Rise Up!*

* A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2021
* A School Library Journal Best Book of 2021
* A Booklist Editors’ Choice Winner for 2021

* "A clear and damning appraisal of the United States’ long-standing relationship with White supremacy - with actionable advice for readers to do better." - *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

* "A standout . . . sure to inspire young people to act." - *Booklist*, starred review

* "Rise Up! is the invigorating, thought-provoking, eye-opening, and essential book about fighting white supremacy that (...)"

Author Bio

Dr. Crystal M. Fleming is an award-winning sociologist and writer. She is Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies at Stony Brook University. Crystal completed her Ph.D. at Harvard University and publishes scholarly research on racial oppression and anti-racism. She is the author of an academic book on race and white supremacy in France, as well as the critically acclaimed *How to Be Less Stupid about Race: On Racism, White Supremacy, and the RISE UP!*
Speak: The Graphic Novel
by Laurie Halse Anderson, illustrated by Emily Carroll

The critically acclaimed, award-winning, modern classic *Speak* is now a stunning graphic novel.

Speak up for yourself - we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless - an outcast - because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. Through her work on an art project, she is finally able to face what really happened that night: She was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. With powerful illustrations by Emily Carroll *Speak: The Graphic Novel* comes alive for new audiences and fans of the classic novel.

Praise for *Speak: The Graphic Novel*:

*A School Library Journal Best Book of 2018*
*2018 Booklist Youth Editors' Choice*
*A YALSA Great Graphic Novel Reading List Selection*
*A YALSA Teens' Top Ten List Selection*
*A 2019 Amelia Bloomer Best Feminist Book for Young Readers*
*A 2019 Amelia Bloomer Top Ten Book*
*A Quill & Quire Best Kids' Book of 2018*
*A 2019 Little Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List Selection*
"The EBSCO See-It Award Winner!"
*An ILA Young Adult Reading List Selection*
*A Kids' Comics Award Nominee*
*Eliot Rosewater Indiana High School Book Award Winner*

Carroll, well-known for her horror comics, does an excellent job of bringing the vignettes of Anderson's novel to the graphic format. With spellbinding artwork, this exceptional adaptation masterfully does (…)

**Author Bio**

Laurie Halse Anderson is a *New York Times*-bestselling author whose writing spans young readers, teens, and new adults. Combined, her books have sold more than 8 million copies. She has been nominated three times for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. Two of her books, *Speak* and *Chains*, were National Book Award finalists, and *Chains* was short-listed for the prestigious Carnegie medal. Laurie was selected by the American Library Association for the 2009 Margaret A. Edwards Award and has been honored for her battles for intellectual freedom by the National Coalition Against Censorship.
Steelstriker
by Marie Lu

Praise for the instant New York Times bestseller SKYHUNTER
"Riveting." - POPSUGAR
"Action-packed." - BuzzFeed
"Fresh." - Los Angeles Times
"Exhilarating...a rollercoaster of a reading experience." - The Nerd Daily
"My favorite YA of 2020." - Sabaa Tahir, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Ember in the Ashes series and National Book Award Winner All My Rage

Explosive action and swoon-worthy suspense collide in Steelstriker, the riveting conclusion to Marie Lu's instant New York Times bestseller Skyhunter.

The world's last free nation has fallen. And behind enemy lines, Talin stands alone.

With her friends scattered by combat and her mother held captive, Talin has no choice but to submit to the Federation's experiments and become their most deadly war machine - a Skyhunter.

But Red hasn't given up on Talin. Though the link between them is weak, it could be enough. To find their way back to each other. To reunite the Strikers. To fight back against the Federation, against all odds, against all hope.

Because the battle has only just begun.

Praise for Steelstriker:
Instant New York Times Bestseller!

Author Bio

Marie Lu is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Legend series, The Young Elites trilogy, the Warcross series, the Skyhunter series, Batman: Nightwalker, and The Kingdom of Back. She graduated from the University of Southern California and jumped into the video game industry, where she worked as an artist. A full-time writer, she spends her spare hours reading, drawing, playing games, and getting stuck in traffic. She lives in the traffic-jam capital, Los Angeles, with her illustrator/author husband, Primo Gallanosa, and their son.
Stolen City
by Elisa A. Bonnin

Twin thieves attempt to pull off a daring heist in Stolen City, the sophomore fantasy novel from Dauntless author Elisa A. Bonnin.

The city of Leithon is under Imperial occupation and Arian Athensor has made it her playground.

In stealing magical artifacts for the Resistance, bounding over rooftops to evade Imperial soldiers, and establishing herself as the darling thief of the underground, Arian lives a life wrapped in danger and trained towards survival. She’ll steal anything for the right price, and if she runs fast enough, she can almost escape the fact that her mother is dead, her father is missing, and her brother, Liam, is tamping down a wealth of power in a city that has outlawed magic.

But then the mysterious Cavar comes to town with a job for the twins: to steal an artifact capable of ripping the souls from the living - the same artifact that used to hang around the neck of Arian’s mother. Suddenly, her past is no longer buried under adrenaline but intimately tied to the mission at hand, and Arian must face her guilt and pain head-on in order to pull off the heist.

As Arian and Cavar infiltrate the strongest fortress in Leithon and Liam joins the Resistance as their resident mage, the twins find themselves embroiled in court politics and family secrets, and the mission becomes more than just another artifact theft. The target is now the Imperial rule, and (...)

Author Bio

Elisa A. Bonnin was born and raised in the Philippines, after which she moved to the United States to study chemistry and later oceanography. After completing her doctorate, she moved to Germany to work as a postdoctoral scientist. A lifelong learner, Elisa is always convinced that she should maybe take a class in something and as a result, has amassed an eclectic collection of hobbies. But writing will always be her true love. Publishing a book has been her dream since she was eight years old, and she is thrilled to finally be able to share her stories.

Notes

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Notes
The Deadlands: Hunted
by Skye Melki-Wegner

Wings of Fire meets Jurassic Park in this action-adventure middle grade debut series about five outcasts - and former enemies - who are the only hope to save their warring kingdoms from impending doom.


Battle rages between the dinosaur kingdoms of Cretacea.

When the Fallen Star struck, it brought death and despair, ash and toxic rain. But some dinosaurs survived . . . and were changed. Their minds grew alert. They learned to speak. To dream. To wage war.

As the two remaining dinosaur kingdoms fight for territory, Eleri, the disgraced son of a prince, is exiled from his home for saving an enemy soldier. Banished to the merciless Deadlands, a terrifying desert full of tar pits, poisonous gas, and ruthless carnivores, he must join forces with a group of questionable allies - including the enemy soldier he saved - to avoid becoming prey.

When Eleri and his fellow exiles discover the horrific truth behind the war, the unlikely heroes must do all they can to save their kingdoms from a lurking predator. . . and a secret plot that might destroy them all.

This is my favorite middle grade book of the year . . . Full of heart, I would have inhaled a series like this as a kid - I did as an adult. It's the full package.” - New York Times - bestselling author Amie Kaufman

"A claw-biting epic fantasy full of family drama, clever humor, nonstop action, weighty themes, and of course, the coolest band of misfit dinosaurs around." - John David Anderson, author of Ms. Bixby's Last Day and Posted

Author Bio

Skye Melki-Wegner started writing as soon as she could hold a pen. She was immediately drawn to fantasy - and soon her notebooks overflowed with dragons, pixies, and wizards. After graduating with an honors degree in law, she traded in practicing law for writing fantasy novels. Her first middle-grade trilogy, The Deadlands, draws inspiration from her time working in a museum (where some of her colleagues were dinosaurs).
The Hunger Between Us
by Marina Scott

For fans of Elizabeth Wein and Ruta Sepetys, an absorbing, fast-paced YA debut novel from Marina Scott about a girl’s determination to survive during the Nazis’ siege of Leningrad - and to save her best friend from a horrible fate.

There are some lines that should never be crossed - even in a city ruled by hunger. The black market is Lizaa’s lifeline, where she barters family heirlooms and steals whatever she can get her hands on just for enough food to survive. Morality, after all, has become a fluid thing since the Nazi siege has cut off her city from the rest of the world. Hope for a quick liberation is obliterated as the Soviet government focuses on sustaining the Red Army and not the city, subjecting its people to unimaginable cruelties at the hands of the secret police. When Lizaa’s best friend Aka proposes that they go to the same bullying officials, rumored to give young women food in exchange for “entertainment,” Lizaa thinks there surely must be some other way. Then Aka disappears and Liza resolves to rescue her no matter the cost, entangling herself in an increasingly dangerous web with two former classmates, one a policeman, the other forced to live underground.

The Hunger Between Us is an absorbing novel about being trapped with impossible choices and the bonds of love that are tested along dangerous paths.

A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

Scott’s high-stakes debut . . . combines rich historical details, propulsive pacing, and a bleak, realistically wrought landscape to illuminate this dark chapter in history while raising moral questions about (…)

Author Bio

Marina Scott was born and raised behind the Iron Curtain in Vilnius, Lithuania. She graduated from a local university with a Master’s degree in library science, but a short stint in a Soviet library changed her mind about being a librarian in the U.S.S.R. She immigrated to the United States in 2000 and now resides in Salt Lake City. Her books include The Hunger Between Us, Neighbors, and Yearning.
The Shadows of Rookhaven
by Padraig Kenny, illustrated by Annie Carbonneau-Leclerc

The exquisite sequel to The Monsters of Rookhaven, following the half-human and half-monster Mirabelle on a mission to protect the only home she’s ever known from a sinister new threat bent on eradicating her family, perfect for fans of Christian McKay Heidicker, Robert Beatty, and Victoria Schwab.

Shadows are gathering over Rookhaven Village, and no human - or monster - is safe . . .

In the wake of the shocking revelation that Mirabelle is part human and part monster, our heroine feels like an outsider, both at home and in the greater human world. She isn’t quite like the rest of the monsters who raised her at Rookhaven Manor, but she also doesn’t recognize herself in humanity, especially after witnessing the terrifying damage left by The Blitz.

But as the Great Configuration, a once in a hundred years event, descends upon Rookhaven Village, there's barely enough time to think of herself. Humans and monsters are gathering from all over the country to take part in the festivities. Though, amid the guests is an insidious interloper: A young boy named Billy, who is desperate to protect his own, is working for someone who wants to destroy Mirabelle's family.

When Billy steals something precious to Mirabelle, there's more than just her family at stake. Billy is being used for an experiment that could incite a disaster that will affect humans and monsters alike. With the fate of the world on her shoulders, Mirabelle must (…)

Author Bio

Padraig Kenny is an Irish writer who hails from Newbridge in County Kildare. His debut novel Tin was Waterstones Children’s Book of the Month. It has been nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal and several other awards. His second novel Pog was an Independent Bookseller’s Book of the Month.
Vampires Never Get Old
Tales with Fresh Bite
by Zoraida Cordova and Natalie C. Parker

Eleven fresh vampire stories from young adult fiction's leading voices fill this bestselling anthology - including V.E. Schwab's *First Kill*, now a major Netflix adaptation!

*Boundary-pushing. . . Stories that stake a new claim on old tropes.* - *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

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*Vampires Never Get Old* includes stories by authors both bestselling and acclaimed, including Samira Ahmed, Dhonielle Clayton, Zoraida Cordova and Natalie C. Parker, Tessa Gratton, Heidi Heilig, Julie Murphy, Mark Oshiro, Rebecca Roanhorse, Laura Ruby, Victoria "V. E." Schwab, and Kayla Whaley.

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"Vampire fans, sink your teeth into this satisfying collection." - *Kirkus Reviews*

Proving that vampires never go out of style. . . *Vampires Never Get Old* is perfect for any and all lovers of vampires, be it *Twilight* stans or *Dracula* fans!" - *The Nerd Daily*

"This boundary-pushing collection seeks to upend the default with 11 toothsome stories that stake a new claim on old tropes, centering an intersectionally diverse range of protagonists." - *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"With (...)"

**Author Bio**

Zoraida Cordova is the acclaimed author of more than two dozen novels and short stories, including the Brooklyn Brujas series, *Star Wars: The High Republic: Convergence* and *The Inheritance of Orquidea Divina*. In addition
Where the Lost Ones Go
by Akemi Dawn Bowman

Where the Lost Ones Go is a middle grade contemporary fantasy by critically acclaimed author Akemi Dawn Bowman, in which a twelve-year-old biracial Japanese American girl grieves the loss of her beloved grandma and attempts to contact her beyond the grave.

Eliot is grieving Babung, her paternal grandmother who just passed away, and she feels like she's the only one. She's less than excited to move to her new house, which smells like lemons and deception, and is searching for a sign, any sign, that ghosts are real. Because if ghosts are real, it means she can find a way back to Babung.

When Eliot chases the promise of paranormal activity to the presumably haunted Honeyfield Hall, she finds her proof of spirits. But these ghosts are losing their memory, stuck between this world and the next, waiting to cross over. With the help of Hazel, the granddaughter of Honeyfield's owner (and Eliot's new crush), she attempts to uncover the mystery behind Honeyfield Hall and the ghosts residing within.

And as Eliot fits the pieces together, she may just be able to help the spirits remember their pasts, and hold on to her grandmother's memory.

This is a beautiful story that explores grief and friendship. . . A captivating story that will appeal to readers who love a mystery, have experienced loss, or anyone who has searched for friendship in a new place.” - School Library Journal, STARRED REVIEW

"A beautiful (...)"

Author Bio

Akemi Dawn Bowman is a critically-acclaimed author who writes across genres. Her novels have received multiple accolades and award nominations, and her debut novel, Starfish, was a William C. Morris Award Finalist. She has a BA in social sciences from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and currently lives in Scotland with her husband and two children. She overthinks everything, including this bio. Visit Akemi online at her website or on Instagram.
Why Is Everybody Yelling?
Growing Up in My Immigrant Family
by Marisabina Russo

"A wonderful book about figuring out who we are and who we want to be when we grow up. It's also about being an American - especially a first-generation American." - Roz Chast

This graphic-novel debut from an acclaimed picture book creator is a powerfully moving memoir of the author's experiences with family, religion, and coming of age in the aftermath of World War II, and the childhood struggles and family secrets that shaped her.

It's 1950s New York, and Marisabina Russo is being raised Catholic and attending a Catholic school that she loves - but when she finds out that she's Jewish by blood, and that her family members are Jewish survivors of the Holocaust, her childhood is thrown into turmoil. To make matters more complicated, her father is out of the picture, her mother is ambitious and demanding, and her older half-brothers have troubles, too. Following the author's young life into the tumultuous, liberating 1960s, this heartfelt, unexpectedly humorous, and meticulously illustrated graphic-novel memoir explores the childhood burdens of memory and guilt, and Marisabina's struggle and success in forming an identity entirely her own.

2023 TAYSHAS Reading List Selection

Why Is Everybody Yelling? is a marvel. It is so compelling, I couldn't put it down. It is a humorous, surprising, thoughtful look at identity, family, religion - life." - Kevin Henkes

"An unvarnished look at one complicated, opinionated, and personality-filled family." - The Horn Book, starred review

"Ably conveyed (...)"

Author Bio

Marisabina Russo is the acclaimed author and illustrator of numerous books for young people including two picture books based on her family's wartime experiences, Always Remember Me and I Will Come Back for You. Why Is Everybody Yelling? is her first graphic novel. She lives in Westchester, New York.marisabinabooks.com

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Author Bio
Erin Falligant has written more than 40 books for kids, including picture books, advice books, and educational workbooks. Erin has a master's degree in child psychology and writes from her home in Madison, Wisconsin.

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by Brian Boone, illustrated by Amanda Brack

Author Bio

BRIAN BOONE is the author of I Love Rock n’ Roll (Except When I Hate It) and many other books about everything from inventions to paper airplanes to magic to TV. He’s written jokes for lots of funny websites and he lives in Oregon with his family. AMANDA BRACK has a passion for drawing and illustration, and enjoys the creativity of working on a wide variety of projects in her freelance career. She currently lives in Boston, Massachusetts.
Artifacts of An Ex
by Jennifer Chen

In the tradition of Jenny Han and Emma Lord, Jennifer Chen’s *Artifacts of an Ex* is a story of love, art, and finding your way when everything you know has changed completely.

When Chloe Chang gets dumped via USPS after moving across the county from NYC to LA, her first instinct is to throw her box of memories in the garbage. Instead, she starts buying other teenagers’ break-up boxes to create an art exhibit, Heartifacts. Opening night is going great, until she spots Daniel Kwak illicitly filming his best friend's reaction to his ex's box. When she tries to stop him, an intense discussion ends up launching a creative partnership and friendship... and a major crush for Chloe.

There’s just one problem: Daniel is dead set on not being another rebound.

Five times he’s been the guy who makes the girls he’s dating realize they want to get back with their ex. And he refuses for there to be a sixth. She insists she’s over her ex, but when he shows up unexpectedly with his new girlfriend, it turns out Daniel was right. She isn’t ready for a new relationship.

She throws herself into making Heartifacts successful, but flashy influencers threaten her original vision of the exhibit. To create the exhibit she’s always wanted, Chloe needs to go back to basics, learn to work with artists in a more collaborative way, and discover what love can be. Only then will she convince Daniel she’s truly ready for everything they could be to one another.

With an artist's precision, Jennifer Chen shades the sweet (...)

Author Bio

JENNIFER CHEN (jchenwriter.com) is a freelance journalist who has written for *Today, New York Times, Oprah Daily, Real Simple,* and *Bust*. Jennifer has a MFA and BFA in dramatic writing from New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts. She is a proud volunteer for WriteGirl, a creative writing and mentoring organization. She lives in Los Angeles with her TV writer husband, twins, two pugs, and a cat named Gremlin. Follow her on Twitter, TikTok, and Instagram at @jchenwriter.
Down Comes the Night
A Novel
by Allison Saft

A YA fantasy classic in the making." - Christine Lynn Herman, author of The Devouring Gray

"Fans of Leigh Bardugo's "Grisha Trilogy" and Marie Rutkoski's "Winner's Trilogy" have been waiting for this Darkling-esque romance. . ." - School Library Journal (Starred Review)

New York Times bestselling author Allison Saft's Down Comes the Night is a snow-drenched romantic fantasy that keeps you racing through the pages long into the night.

He saw the darkness in her magic. She saw the magic in his darkness.

Wren Southerland's reckless use of magic has cost her everything: she's been dismissed from the Queen's Guard and separated from her best friend - the girl she loves. So when a letter arrives from a reclusive lord, asking Wren to come to his estate, Colwick Hall, to cure his servant from a mysterious illness, she seizes her chance to redeem herself.

The mansion is crumbling, icy winds haunt the caved-in halls, and her eccentric host forbids her from leaving her room after dark. Worse, Wren's patient isn't a servant at all but Hal Cavendish, the infamous Reaper of Vesria and her kingdom's sworn enemy. Hal also came to Colwick Hall for (...

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Author Bio
Allison Saft is the author of the eerie and critically acclaimed romantic fantasies, Down Comes the Night and A Far Wilder Magic. After receiving her MA in English literature from Tulane University, she moved from the Gulf Coast to the West Coast, where she spends her time hiking the redwoods and practicing aerial silks.
Enola Holmes, Sherlock's much younger, and feistier, sister, returns in an adventure of a confused young Baronet's daughter who is on the run from her father's devious schemes in Nancy Springer's *Enola Holmes and the Elegant Escapade*.

Enola Holmes, the much younger sister of Sherlock, is now living independently in London and working as a scientific perditorian (a finder of persons and things). But that is not the normal lot of young women in Victorian England. They are under the near absolute control of their nearest male relative until adulthood. Such is the case of Enola's friend, Lady Cecily Alastair. Twice before Enola has rescued Lady Cecily from unpleasant designs of her caddish father, Sir Eustace Alastair, Baronet. And when Enola is brusquely turned away at the door of the Alastair home it soon becomes apparent that Lady Cecily once again needs her help.

Affecting a bold escape, Enola takes Lady Cecily to her secret office only to be quickly found by the person hired by Lady Cecily's mother to find the missing girl - Sherlock Holmes himself. But the girl has already disappeared again, now loose on her own in the unforgiving city of London.

Even worse, Lady Cecily has a secret that few know. She has dual personalities - one, which is left-handed, is independent and competent; the other, which is right-handed, is meek and mild. Now Enola must find Lady Cecily again - before one of her personalities gets her into more trouble than she can handle and before Sherlock can find her and return her to her father. Once again, for Enola, the game is afoot.

**Author Bio**

NANCY SPRINGER is the author of the nationally bestselling Enola Holmes novels, including *The Case of the Missing Marques*, which was made into the hit Netflix movie, *Enola Holmes*. She is the author of more than 50 other books for children and adults. She has won many awards, including two Edgar Awards, and has been published in more than thirty countries. She lives in Florida.
In May of 1890, Enola Holmes is finally fully on her own and, no longer hiding from her older brothers Sherlock and Mycroft, attending classes and occasionally pursuing her chosen profession as a scientific perditorian, a finder of lost things and people.

Wolcott Balestier, the representative of an American book publisher, arrived in London on a singular mission - to contract with English authors for their latest works. When Balestier disappears on the streets of London one day, his great friend - Rudyard Kipling - bursts into Enola's office looking for help in finding him. Brash and unwilling to hire a young woman, instead he turns to Sherlock Holmes. Convinced that evil has befallen Balestier, at the hands of rival American publishers who pirate the works of English authors, he sets the elder Holmes on the trail. But Enola is not one to accept defeat, especially not to her brother, and sets off on her own - determined to learn the truth behind the disappearance of the young American. Can book publishing truly be so ruthless and deadly or can the missing man be rescued from his apparent fate and returned to his friends and loved ones?

The redoubtable is determined to do just that, even if it means working with her brother Sherlock!

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Fangirl: A Novel: 10th Anniversary Collector's Edition
A Novel
by Rainbow Rowell

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*A New York Times bestseller*
*A New York Times Book Review Notable Children's Book of 2013*

In Rainbow Rowell's Fangirl, Cath is a Simon Snow fan. Okay, the whole world is a Simon Snow fan, but for Cath, being a fan is her life - and she's really good at it. She and her twin sister, Wren, ensconced themselves in the Simon Snow series when they were just kids; it's what got them through their mother leaving.

Reading. Rereading. Hanging out in Simon Snow forums, writing Simon Snow fan fiction, dressing up like the characters for every movie premiere.

Cath's sister has mostly grown away from fandom, but Cath can't let go. She doesn't want to. Now that they're going to college, Wren has told Cath she doesn't want to be roommates. Cath is on her own, completely outside of her comfort zone. She's got a surly roommate with a charming, always-around boyfriend, a fiction-writing professor who thinks fan fiction is the end of the civilized world, a handsome classmate who only wants to talk about words . . . And she can't stop worrying about her dad, who's loving and fragile and has never really been alone.

For Cath, the question is: Can she do this? Can she make it without Wren holding her hand? Is she ready to start living her own life? And does she even want to move on if it means leaving Simon Snow behind?

Author Bio
RAINBOW ROWELL lives in Omaha, Nebraska, with her family. She's the author of Eleanor & Park, Fangirl, Attachments, Landline, Pumpkinheads, and the Simon Snow trilogy.
Flower and Thorn  
by Rati Mehrotra

One girl. One boy.  
A promise broken.  
A magic stolen.

Irinya has wanted to be a flower hunter ever since her mother disappeared into the mysterious mist of the Rann salt flats one night. Now seventeen, Irinya uses her knowledge of magical flowers to help her caravan survive in the harsh desert. When her handsome hunting partner and childhood friend finds a priceless silver spider lily - said to be able to tear down kingdoms and defeat an entire army - Irinya knows this is their chance for a better life.

Until Irinya is tricked by an attractive imposter.

Irinya’s fight to recover the priceless flower and to fix what she’s done takes her on a dangerous journey, one she’s not sure she’ll survive. She has no choice but to endure it if she hopes to return home and mend the broken heart of the boy she’s left behind.

Praise for Rati Mehrotra’s Night of the Raven, Dawn of the Dove:

Night of the Raven, Dawn of the Dove is ambitious and filled with grisly battles, sinister monsters and forbidden magic. The novel’s brisk pacing and escalating stakes create a gripping read, while Katyani’s (...)

Author Bio

Born and raised in India, Rati Mehrotra now lives and writes in Toronto, Canada. She is the author of the Asiana duology: Markswoman and its sequel Mahimata. Her short fiction has been shortlisted for The Sunburst Award and has appeared in multiple venues including The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction, Lightspeed Magazine, Apex Magazine, and Podcastle. She loves to cook; when not writing, she is often to be found in the kitchen, experimenting with new recipes.
Maybe I have always just been bad at being human because I'm not one.

Gem Echols is a nonbinary Seminole teen living in the tiny town of Gracie, Georgia. Known for being their peers' queer awakening, Gem leans hard on charm to disguise the anxious mess they are beneath. The only person privy to their authentic self is another trans kid, Enzo, who's a thousand long, painful miles away in Brooklyn.

But even Enzo doesn't know about Gem's dreams, haunting visions of magic and violence that have always felt too real. So how the hell does Willa Mae Hardy? The strange new girl in town acts like she and Gem are old companions, and seems to know things about them they've never told anyone else.

When Gem is attacked by a stranger claiming to be the Goddess of Death, Willa Mae saves their life and finally offers some answers. She and Gem are reincarnated gods who've known and loved each other across lifetimes. But Gem - or at least who Gem used to be - hasn't always been the most benevolent deity. They've made a lot of enemies in the pantheon - enemies who, like the Goddess of Death, will keep coming.

It's a good thing they've still got Enzo. But as worlds collide and the past catches up with the present, Gem will discover that everyone has something to hide.

Author Bio

H.E. Edgmon (he/they) is a questionable influence, a dog person, and an author of books both irreverent and radicalizing. Born and raised in the rural south, he currently lives in the Pacific Northwest with his eccentric little family. His stories imagine Indigenous worlds and center queer kids saving each other. H.E. has never once gotten enough sleep and probably isn't going to anytime soon. His highly acclaimed THE WITCH KING duology is out now.
Hurricane Summer
A Novel
by Asha Ashanti Bromfield

One of Indigo Canada's Best Books of 2021 *
* One of NYPL's Best Books for Teens 2021 *
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ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY, "The Best YA Novels to Read This Summer"

THE NEW YORK TIMES, "13 Y.A. Books to Add to Your Reading List This Spring"

BUZZFEED, "40 Contemporary Books We're Looking Forward To Reading In 2021"

BUZZFEED, "37 Must-Read YA Books By Black Authors That Come Out The First Half Of This Year"

In this sweeping debut, Asha Bromfield takes readers to the heart of Jamaica, and into the soul of a girl coming to terms with her family, and herself, set against the backdrop of a hurricane - now in trade paperback!

Tilla has spent her entire life trying to make her father love her. But every six months, he leaves their family and returns to his true home (...)

Author Bio

ASHA ASHANTI BROMFIELD is an actress, singer, producer and writer of Afro-Jamaican descent. She is known for starring in CW's Riverdale, and Netflix's Locke and Key. Her name means Life, and she is a lover of it. She currently lives between LA and Toronto, where she enjoys nature, family, and walking her dog Luka. She's the author of Hurricane Summer and Songs of Irie
Night of the Living Queers
13 Tales of Terror & Delight
edited by Shelly Page and Alex Brown

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Shelly Page is a young adult contemporary fantasy and horror writer making her editorial debut with Night of the Living Queers. By day, she's a practicing attorney representing homeless LGBTQ+ youth of color. By night, she's planning ways to scare her readers while simultaneously awakening their inner gay. She's an oil painter, a lover of autumn, and possibly the only lesbian who doesn't own a cat. Alex Brown loves rooting for the final girl - especially if she's a monster. Alex has a short story in the instant Indie bestselling young adult folk horror anthology, The Gathering Dark. Alex is also the cocreator of The Bridge, a narrative fiction podcast that's had over one million downloads to date! Alex's sapphic YA horror-comedy debut is Damned If You Do. Alex lives in Los Angeles with her partner and their two very chaotic cats. Night of the Living Queers is her editorial debut. As far as she knows, she hasn't summoned an Eldritch God who loves pizza . . . yet.
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Six days to remember.
Love or lose him forever.

Remy Kobata has always wished she was destined to be with her best friend, Cam Yasuda. All the way from being neighbors from birth to mixing up magical prank potions together to their just friends’ homecoming date during their senior year in high school, nothing’s a secret between Remy and Cam - except for how much she is in love with him.

Remy is trying to work up the courage to confess her feelings during their winter break trip to Japan, when she gets selected for a mystical tea leaves reading and it reveals that they’re not meant to be together. After they stumble upon a secret magical apothecary in the back alleys of Tokyo, Remy and Cam are offered an ancient soulmate elixir, created before all love potions were banned by the magical government. They each have their reasons for wanting to take it, but what could go wrong with finding your soulmate a little earlier?

Except, after they drink up, their senior year trip flips into the worst vacation ever: Cam has forgotten who she is. If Remy can’t help Cam remember her by midnight New Year’s Eve, they’ll both be cursed to forget each other. To unravel their past and rewrite the future, Remy and Cam must travel through Tokyo to rediscover Cam’s memories and make new (…)

Author Bio

Julie Abe is the author of many books, including the EVA EVERGREEN and TESSA MIYATA middle grade series, and the young adult novels OUR CURSED LOVE and THE CHARMED LIST. She has lived in Silicon Valley, spent many humid summers in Japan, and currently basks in the sunshine of Southern California with never enough books or tea, where she writes stories with a spark of magic. Find out more about her at julieabebooks.com or on Instagram @julieabebooks.
Ten teen influencers come to a remote island to star in a reality show, but when one of them winds up dead, they realize that this time, the price of being cancelled" could be their lives.

People to Follow
A Novel
by Olivia Worley

Welcome to "In Real Life," the hot new reality show that forces social media's reigning kings and queens to unplug for three weeks and "go live" without any filters. IRL is supposed to be the opportunity of a lifetime, watched closely by legions of loyal followers. But for these rising stars - including Elody, an Instagram model with an impulsive streak; Kira, a child star turned fitness influencer; Logan, a disgraced TikTok celeb with a secret; and Max, a YouTuber famous for exposes on his fellow creators - it's about to turn into a nightmare.

When the production crew fails to show up and one of their own meets a violent end, these nine little influencers find themselves stranded with a dead body and no way to reach the outside world. When they start receiving messages from a mysterious Sponsor threatening to expose their darkest secrets, they realize that they've been lured into a deadly game. . . and one of them might be pulling the strings.

With the body count rising and cameras tracking their every move, the creators must figure out who is trying to get them canceled - like, literally - before their #1 follower strikes again.

Author Bio
Olivia Worley is an author and actor born and raised in New Orleans. A graduate of Northwestern University, she now lives in New York City, where she spends her time writing thrillers, over-analyzing episodes of The Bachelor, and hoping someone will romanticize her for reading on the subway. People to Follow is her debut novel.
We call it the Dark Place. I don’t know who built it or when but, for us, it’s special.

Every year Sam Hall and his friends hold funerals for their secrets in an abandoned hut in the woods that they call the Dark Place. But this year, their secrets are coming back from the dead... to terrorize them.

Sam is a former child star whose career went up in flames—literally. And no one, not even his best friend knows why. His friends each hold a secret pertaining to the night. A secret they would all like buried.

Now someone from the past is blackmailing them with their dangerous secrets. Sam isn’t sure who he can trust, who’s watching him or how far he’s willing to go to bury the past once and for all.

When you’re alone in the dark, some things won’t stay hidden

Author Bio

VINCENT RALPH is the bestselling author of YA thrillers 14 Ways to Die and Lock the Doors. Both novels are New York Times bestsellers and Lock the Doors is also a USA Today bestseller and the winner of the Southern Schools Book Award. Vincent owes his love of books to his mother, who encouraged his imagination from an early age and always made sure there were new stories to read. He lives in the UK with his wife, two sons, and two cats.
Songs of Irie
by Asha Ashanti Bromfield

Perfect for fans of The Black Kids, Songs of Irie is a sweeping coming-of-age novel from Asha Bromfield about a friendship struggling to survive amidst the Jamaican civil unrest of the 1970s.

It's 1976 and Jamaica is on fire. The country is on the eve of important elections and the warring political parties have made the divisions between the poor and the wealthy even wider. And Irie and Jilly come from very different backgrounds: Irie is from the heart of Kingston, where fighting in the streets is common. Jilly is from the hills, where mansions nestled within lush gardens remain safe behind gates. But the two bond through a shared love of Reggae music, spending time together at Irie's father's record store, listening to so-called rebel music that opens Jilly's mind to a sound and a way of thinking she's never heard before.

As tensions build in the streets, so do tensions between the two girls. A budding romance between them complicates things further as the push and pull between their two lives becomes impossible to bear. For Irie, fighting - with her words and her voice - is her only option. Blood is shed on the streets in front of her every day. She has no choice. But Jilly can always choose to escape.

Can their bond survive this impossible divide?

Asha Bromfield has written a compelling, emotional and heart-rending story of a friendship during wartime and what it means to fight for your words, your life, and the love of your life.

Author Bio

ASHA ASHANTI BROMFIELD is an actress, singer, producer and writer of Afro-Jamaican descent. She is known for starring in CW's Riverdale, and Netflix's Locke and Key. Her name means Life, and she is a lover of it. She currently lives between LA and Toronto, where she enjoys nature, family, and walking her dog Luka. She's the author of Hurricane Summer and Songs of Irie.
Tell me again, Grandma, the story of how I die.

The Midnight Forest. The Fanged Creature. Two fortune-telling cards that spell an untimely death for 17-year-old Clara. Despite the ever-present warning from her fortune-teller grandmother, Clara embarks on a dangerous journey into the deadly Forest Grimm to procure a magical book, Sortes Fortunae, the Book of Fortunes with the power to reverse the curse on her village and save her mother.

Years ago, when the villagers whispered their deepest desires to the book, its pages revealed how to obtain them. All was well until someone used the book for an evil purpose. To kill another person. Afterward, the branches of the Forest Grimm snatched the book away, the well water in Grimm’s Hollow turned rancid, and the crops died from disease. The villagers tried to make amends with the forest, but every time someone crossed its border, they never returned.

Now, left with no alternative, Clara and her close friend, Axela—who is fated never to be with her—have set their minds to defying fate and daring to accomplish what no one else has been able (…)

**Author Bio**

KATHRYN PURDIE is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Burning Glass* series and the *Bone Crier’s Moon* duology. Trained in classical acting, she studied in England and met her husband when they were cast opposite each other in a Shakespeare play. They now live in Utah with their children and a tiny dog. Kathryn also writes songs on her guitar for each of her stories and shares them on her website. *The Forest Grimm* pays homage to her lifelong obsession with fairy tales and folklore.
The Project
A Novel
by Courtney Summers

The #1 Indie Next Pick and winner of the International Thriller Writers Award now in paperback with an exclusive bonus chapter.

BELIEVE HIM, BETRAY HER

1998: Six-year-old Bea doesn't want a sister but everything changes when Lo is born early. Small and frail, Lo needs someone to look out for her. Having a sister is a promise, Mom says - one Bea's determined not to break.

2011: A car wreck, their parents dead. Lo would've died too if not for Lev Warren, the charismatic leader of The Unity Project. He's going to change the world and after he saves Lo's life, Bea wants to commit to his extraordinary calling. Lev promises a place for the girls in the project, where no harm will ever come to them again... if Bea proves herself to him first.

2017: Lo doesn't know why Bea abandoned her for The Unity Project after the accident, but she never forgot what Bea said the last time they spoke: We'll see each other again. Six years later, Lo is invited to witness the group's workings, meet with Lev, and - she hopes - finally reconnect with her sister. But Bea is long gone, and the only one who seems to understand the depths of this betrayal is Lev. If it's family Lo wants, he (…)

Author Bio

Courtney Summers is the bestselling and critically acclaimed author of several novels for young adults, including Cracked Up to Be, All the Rage and Sadie. Her work has been released to multiple starred reviews, received numerous awards and honors - including the Edgar Award, John Sprag Mystery Award, Cybils Award, Odyssey Award, and International Thriller Award - and has been recognized by many library, 'Best Of' and Readers' Choice lists. She lives and writes in Canada.
The Search for Us
by Susan Azim Boyer

A sharp-witted and illuminating, impressive sophomore novel." - Isaac Blum, author of the award-nominated The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen

Two half-siblings who have never met embark on a search together for the Iranian immigrant and U.S. Army veteran father they never knew.

Samira Murphy will do anything to keep her fractured family from falling apart, including caring for her widowed grandmother and getting her older brother into recovery for alcohol addiction. With attendance at her dream college on the line, she takes a long shot DNA test to find the support she so desperately needs from a father she hasn't seen since she was a baby.

Henry Owen is torn between his well-meaning but unreliable bio-mom and his overly strict aunt and uncle, who stepped in to raise him but don't seem to see him for who he is. Looking to forge a stronger connection to his own identity, he takes a DNA test to find the one person who might love him for exactly who he is - the biological father he never knew.

Instead of a DNA match with their father, Samira and Henry are matched with each other. They begin to search for their father together and slowly unravel the difficult truth of their shared past, forming a connection that only siblings can have and recovering precious parts of their past that have been lost. Brimming with emotional resonance, The Search for Us beautifully renders what it means to find your place in the world through the deep and abiding power of family.

Author Bio

Susan Azim Boyer (she/her), authro of Jasmine Zumideh Needs a Win, writes young adult fiction featuring Iranian American heroines she *never* encountered growing up, who make messy, complicated choices that rapidly snowball into avalanches. She hails from Nebraska but grew up in Los Angeles before spending several years in San Francisco and the next twenty in Sonoma County. She now lives in the Coachella Valley with her husband, Wayne, and her Pug mix, Teddy. Their son, Alec, lives in New York.
**What the River Knows**

A Novel

by Isabel Ibanez

The Mummy meets Death on the Nile in this lush, immersive historical fantasy set in Egypt filled with adventure, a rivals-to-lovers romance, and a dangerous race.

Bolivian-Argentinian Inez Olivera belongs to the glittering upper society of nineteenth century Buenos Aires, and like the rest of the world, the town is steeped in old world magic that's been largely left behind or forgotten. Inez has everything a girl might want, except for the one thing she yearns the most: her globetrotting parents - who frequently leave her behind.

When she receives word of their tragic deaths, Inez inherits their massive fortune and a mysterious guardian, an archeologist in partnership with his Egyptian brother-in-law. Yearning for answers, Inez sails to Cairo, bringing her sketch pads and a golden ring her father sent to her for safekeeping before he died. But upon her arrival, the old world magic tethered to the ring pulls her down a path where she soon discovers there's more to her parent's disappearance than what her guardian led her to believe.

With her guardian's infuriatingly handsome assistant thwarting her at every turn, Inez must rely on ancient magic to uncover the truth about her parent's disappearance - or risk becoming a pawn in a larger game that will kill her.

Expertly plotted, explosively adventurous, and burning with romance." - Stephanie Garber #1 New York Times bestselling author

"Take a plucky heroine, a historically grounded Indiana Jones-esque (...)"

**Author Bio**

Isabel Ibanez is the author of *Together We Burn* (Wednesday Books), and *Woven in Moonlight* (Page Street), a finalist for the William C. Morris Award, and is listed among *Time Magazine’s* 100 Best Fantasy Books Of All Time. She is the proud daughter of Bolivian immigrants and has a profound appreciation for history and traveling. She currently lives in Asheville, North Carolina, with her husband, their adorable dog, and a serious collection of books. Say hi on social media at @IsabelWriter09.
As a Knight of Crystallia, I, Bastille, swore to protect the Smedry clan from the Evil Librarians. (And believe me, screwups like them constantly need protecting.) But when Alcatraz Smedry got strapped to an altar of outdated encyclopedias to be sacrificed to the dark gods, I arrived too late—and instead his father took his place.

Now Alcatraz is a blubbering mess, so it's up to me to lead the charge against his father's killer: Biblioden, founder of the Evil Librarians—I was sure he died centuries ago!—who's back to complete his goal of world domination. Now he's going to use the dark powers he gained from that sacrifice against everyone not under Evil Librarian control. Being burned up from the inside is not how I plan to die, so I'd better figure out some way to stop him or we're toast!

I know Alcatraz is wrong when he swears he's no hero. But when a hero falls short, that's the time for everyone else to step up and do what needs to be done.

Notes

Promotion
Marketing Campaign—New in paperback publicity campaign—Social media, Tor Teen blog content, and newsletter promotion—Backlist promotions

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. His bestsellers have sold 30 million copies worldwide and include the Mistborn (Reg TM) Trilogy and its sequels; the Stormlight Archive novels; and other novels, including The Rithmatist, Steelheart, and Skyward. He won a Hugo Award for for The Emperor's Soul, a novella 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. For behind-the-scenes information on all his books, visit brandonsanderson.com. Janci Patterson received her Master of Arts in creative writing from Brigham Young University. She lives in Orem, Utah with her family. Chasing the Skip is her first novel. Hayley Lazo is the lead illustrator for Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians.
The Emperor’s Last Stand
by David Lubar

What do you get when you combine a 7th grader, a gerbil, a package of ground beef, and an alien space ship on a chase across the universe? David Lubar’s latest masterpiece, of course!” - Dan Gutman, bestselling author of the My Weird School series, on Emperor of the Universe

Nicholas, Jeef, and Henrietta the gerbil face their most existential crisis yet when the universe is attacked by beings from a parallel universe intent on conquering every other parallel universe. If Nicholas fails in his mission to defend the universe, it’ll mean the end of life itself . . . The Empire’s Last Stand is the third and final intergalactic Emperor of the Universe adventure.

A cosmically comic caper, no matter how you slice it.” - Booklist on Emperor of the Universe

"This book is ridiculous! Ridiculous crazy fun . . . and deep truth." - Jon Scieszka, bestselling author of the Time Warp Trio series, on Emperor of the Universe

"David Lubar's Emperor of the Universe is The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy for middle school!" - Alan Gratz, bestselling author of Refugee

Author Bio

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, Beware the Ninja 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.
Anna Dressed in Blood
by Kendare Blake

Author Bio

Kendare Blake holds an MA in creative writing from Middlesex University in northern London. She is the critically acclaimed author of Anna Dressed in Blood, Girl of Nightmares, and Antigoddess. She lives and writes in Lynnwood, Washington.

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Find Him Where You Left Him Dead
by Kristen Simmons

AT DAWN HE'LL BE GONE AND YOU'LL BE HERE FOREVER.

Kristen Simmons's masterful breakout horror novel that's Jumanji but Japanese-inspired" (Kendare Blake) about estranged friends playing a deadly game in a nightmarish folkloric underworld.

"Intense." - Kendare Blake o "Unforgettable." - Margaret Rogerson o "Bone-chilling." - Lauren Shippen o "Twisted." - Lish McBride o "Won't let me sleep!" - Chelsea Mueller

Four years ago, five kids started a game. Not all of them survived.

Now, at the end of their senior year of high school, the survivors - Owen, Madeline, Emerson, and Dax - have reunited for one strange and terrible reason: they've been summoned by the ghost of Ian, the friend they left for dead.

Together they return to the place where their friendship ended with one goal: find Ian and bring him home. So they restart the deadly game they never finished - an innocent card-matching challenge called Meido. A game without instructions.

As soon as they begin, they're dragged out of their reality and into an eerie hellscape of Japanese underworlds, more horrifying than even the darkest folktales that Owen's grandmother told him. There, they meet Shinigami, an old wise woman who explains the (...)

Author Bio

Critically-acclaimed young adult author of more than a dozen books, including the Article Five trilogy, The Deceivers series, and The Glass Arrow, KRISTEN SIMMONS' writing is inspired by her work with trauma survivors as a mental health therapist. She currently lives with her husband and son in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she spins stories, herds a small pack of semi-wild dogs, and teaches Jazzercise. To learn more, join her circle on IG at @Kris10Writes, or at her website & newsletter at KristenSimmonsBooks.com
The Hunting Moon
by Susan Dennard

The highly anticipated sequel to The Luminaries by New York Times bestselling author Susan Dennard.

Winnie Wednesday has gotten everything she thought she wanted. She passed the deadly hunter trials, her family has been welcomed back into the Luminaries, and overnight, she has become a local celebrity.


Unfortunately, it all feels wrong. For one, nobody will believe her about the new nightmare called the Whisperer that's killing hunters each night. Everyone blames the werewolf, even though Winnie is certain the wolf is innocent.

On top of that, following her dad's convoluted clues about the Dianas, their magic, and what happened in Hemlock Falls four years ago is leaving her with more questions than answers.

Then to complicate it all, there is still only one person who can help her: Jay Friday, the boy with plenty of problems all his own.

As bodies and secrets pile up around town, Winnie finds herself questioning what it means to be a true Wednesday and a true Luminary - and also where her fierce-hearted loyalties might ultimately have to lie.

Praise for The Luminaries:

Will draw (…)

Author Bio

Susan Dennard is the award-winning, New York Times bestselling author of the Witchlands series (now in development for TV from the Jim Henson Company), and the Something Strange and Deadly series, in addition to short fiction published online. She also runs the popular newsletter for writers, the Misfits and Daydreamers. When not writing or teaching writing, she can be found rolling the dice as a Dungeon Master or mashing buttons on one of her way too many consoles.
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The Luminaries
by Susan Dennard

From Susan Dennard, the New York Times bestselling author of the Witchlands series, comes a haunting and high-octane contemporary fantasy about the magic it takes to face your fears in a nightmare-filled forest and the mettle required to face the secrets hiding in the dark corners of your own family.

An Instant New York Times Bestseller
A Barnes & Noble YA Book Club Pick
An Indigo Best Teen Book of 2022
A Junior Library Guild Pick
An Indie Next Pick
A Goodreads Most Anticipated YA Book

Hemlock Falls isn't like other towns. You won't find it on a map, your phone won't work here, and the forest outside town might just kill you.

Winnie Wednesday wants nothing more than to join the Luminaries, the ancient order that protects Winnie's town - and the rest of humanity - from the monsters and nightmares that rise in the forest of Hemlock Falls every night.

Ever since her father was exposed as a witch and a traitor, Winnie and her family have been shunned. But on her sixteenth birthday, she can take the deadly (...) 

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**The King Will Kill You**
The Kingdoms of Sand & Sky Book Three
by Sarah Henning

*The Princess Bride* meets *Game of Thrones* in this commercial YA trilogy from acclaimed fantasy author Sarah Henning.

Princess Amarande is finally on the verge of having everything she wants. To be with her true love Luca, no one nor law standing in the way. To rule Ardeni as queen outright, no marriage necessary, as Luca does the same with the reformed Torrence. To rebuild the continent of The Sand and Sky into a place not defined by archaic, patriarchal laws, but by the will of its people.

However, threats await in the shadows of Amarande’s hoped-for happily ever after. One expected and deadly to both her love and every one of her objectives. The other, unexpected, and arising with a vicious aim: revenge at any cost. Against the princess who killed him, the boy whose love made her do it, and the continent cruel enough to deserve his rage.

*The King Will Kill You* is the epic, pulse-pounding conclusion to Sarah Henning’s Kingdoms of Sand and Sky trilogy

**Author Bio**

Death is My BFF
by Katarina E. Tonks

When Faith Williams almost loses her life during a robbery, Death is there. While he spares her soul, he makes a promise to return when she’s eighteen and collect it.

Now it’s the eve of that special birthday, and Faith has no recollection of that fateful day. But echoes of Death appear in her art - his intense eyes, his intriguing demeanor - and she can’t get him out of her head. When he arrives in person, Faith is drawn into an epic supernatural battle where her very existence is questioned at every turn.

To add angst to agony, she meets the infamous David Star at a Halloween party, and he begins to show an interest in her. He’s handsome, rich, ambitious, and every girl’s dream, but Faith doesn’t know if she can trust him.

As Faith learns more about who David really is, and as Death pushes harder for her soul, an ancient prophecy emerges. When she discovers the secrets that bind all three together . . . all hell breaks loose.

Author Bio

Four-time Wattpay Award recipient, Katarina Tonks has become one of Wattpad’s most influential writers. Since joining the platform, Katarina has collected over 318,000 followers, 55 million reads on the Death Chronicles and 46 million reads on the Vendetta Series. In 2016, Kat was published in Simon & Schuster’s anthology, Imagines.” and has produced commissioned content for Coca Cola, Sour Patch Kids, and Universal Studios.
Everworld
by Rebecca Phelps

Author Bio

Rebecca Phelps started out as an actress and a screenwriter before completing her first novel, *Down World*. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two kids. Read more of her work on Wattpad: @geminiose. For updates on books, writing, and more, follow her on TikTok: @RebeccaPhelpsAuthor or Instagram: @RebeccaPhelpsWriter. Keep an eye out for *Everworld*, coming from Wattpad Books, spring 2023!
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by Jeho Son, illustrated by Kwangsu Lee

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The God of High School Volume One  
by Yongje Park

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When an island half-disappears from the face of the earth, a mysterious organization sends out invitations for a tournament to every skilled fighter in the world. It is called The God of High School (or GOH). "If you win, you can have ANYTHING you want", they claim. They are recruiting only the best to fight the best and claim the title of "The God of High School" and Mori Jin was one of those who were invited. This intrigued Mori Jin and he continues through the competition.

Throughout the competition, Mori Jin befriends allies such as Dae-Wi Han who is a full-contact Karate expert and Mi-Ra Yu who is an epeeist master. Will Mori Jin be able to take the title of God of High School with his allies or will their alliance collapse due to their own selfish desires?

The God of High School is a global sensation, with over 8 billion reads on WEBTOON and a hit animation series on Crunchyroll.

This volume collects episodes 1-10 of the hit WEBTOON comic.

Author Bio

Creator Yongje Park majored in cartoon animation at Sunchon National University, and has been creating comics for the WEBTOON platform since 2008. The God of High School was inspired by his love of classic fighting video games such as Street Fighter and Tekken, western and eastern action movies, and comic books. Park also draws inspiration from rock, hip hop, and classical music for his series' fight choreography.
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Tower of God Volume Three
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True Beauty Volume Three
by Yaongyi

Author Bio

Kim Na-young, better known by her nom de plume Yaongyi, literally Meow," is a South Korean comic artist (manhwaga), former model, and creator of True Beauty on Webtoon.
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Honestly Elliott
by Gillian McDunn

Schneider Family Book Award: Best Middle Grade Honor Book!

Highly-acclaimed author of Caterpillar Summer, Gillian McDunn explores boyhood in a funny, big-hearted story about a kid trying to find the best way to be his best self.

Elliott has been struggling since his closest friend moved away, and he's not too sure where he fits into his own family, especially since his newly remarried dad and stepmom are expecting a baby. His grades aren't too great, he's always forgetting things, and he doesn't really like sports. All together, the result is someone the complete opposite of his dad - a fact they're both very aware of. Elliott's only solace is cooking, where he can control the outcome, testing exciting recipes and watching his favorite cooking shows.

When he's paired with the super smart and popular Maribel for a school-wide project, Elliott worries they won't see eye to eye. But Maribel is also looking for a new way to show others her true self and this project could be the chance they've both been waiting for. Sometimes the least likely friends help you see a new side to things . . . and sometimes you have to make a few mistakes before you figure out what's right.

Acclaim for Caterpillar Summer
An Indies Introduce Pick
A Texas Bluebonnet Selection
A Parents Best Book of the Year
A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year
An Amazon Best Book of the Year

Starring a (…)

Author Bio

Gillian McDunn is the author of These Unlucky Stars, The Queen Bee and Me, and Caterpillar Summer, which received two starred reviews, and was selected for the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List, and Kirkus Reviews and Parents magazine Best Books of the Year lists. When she isn't reading or writing, she is probably baking gluten-free treats, traveling, or spending time with her family. She lives near Raleigh, North Carolina, with her husband and children, and a very silly dog named Friday.

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Bestselling author Danielle Paige puts a dark spin on fairy godmothers in a new YA series for fans of Brigid Kemmerer and Maleficent.

For centuries, the enchanted members of the Entente have worked in tandem with the Three Fates—the Present, the Past, and the Future—to maintain destiny across the Thirteen Queendoms. But when Queen Magrit learns of her untimely demise from Hecate, Fate of the Future, Magrit burns Hecate at the stake and decrees death to all Entente in order to live forever. But some survive, including sixteen-year-old Farrow, who hatches a dangerous plan to seek revenge. Along the way, she finds herself falling for the one person who could ruin everything. With life and love hanging in the balance, she must decide who to trust and what’s most important: living in the past or forging a new future.

Bestselling author Danielle Paige launches a brand-new fairy godmother origin story full of intrigue, magic, and romance.

Author Bio

Danielle Paige is the author of *Stealing Snow* and its prequel novellas *Before the Snow* and *Queen Rising*, as well as the *New York Times* best-selling *Dorothy Must Die* series: *Dorothy Must Die, The Wicked Will Rise, Yellow Brick War*, and seven prequel novellas. Before turning to young adult literature, she worked in the television industry, where she received a Writers Guild of America Award and was nominated for several Daytime Emmys. She is a graduate of Columbia University and currently lives in New York City.
My whole world changed when I stepped inside the academy. Nothing is right about this place or the other students in it. Here I am, a mere mortal among gods... or monsters. I still can't decide which of these warring factions I belong to, if I belong at all. I only know the one thing that unites them is their hatred of me.

Then there's Jaxon Vega. A vampire with deadly secrets who hasn't felt anything for a hundred years. But there's something about him that calls to me, something broken in him that somehow fits with what's broken in me. Which could spell death for us all.

Because Jaxon walled himself off for a reason. And now someone wants to wake a sleeping monster, and I'm wondering if I was brought here intentionally - as the bait.

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Don't miss a single book in the series that spawned a phenomenon! The Crave series is best enjoyed in order:
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Crave is about to become fandom's new favorite vampire romance obsession. If you need any further evidence of how much you'll enjoy this book, Universal Studios picked up the film rights. . . I will absolutely be first in line.” -Hypable

Author Bio

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Tracy Wolff is a lover of vampires, dragons, and all things that go bump in the night. A onetime English professor, she now devotes all her time to writing dark and romantic stories with tortured heroes and kick-butt heroines. She has written all her sixty-plus.
Looking for Grace
by Pamela Varnado

My brother is gone. My mom is too stuck in her own grief to see me, and my dad thinks pain isn't something to ever be discussed. Even my boyfriend has let me down over and over again. It feels like there is only one way forward, only one way out. Just when I'm ready to end my own life, something sucks me back in. One note. One sweet song to keep me going. Those melodic melodies sweetly singing in my ears give me hope.

Each morning, I figure, what's one day more? One more day for someone to see me. To hear me. To save me. But can they? Will they?

Find out how you can be the one to help save a life at bethe1to.com.

Author Bio

Pamela Varnado is an award-winning author who enjoys life and looks forward to spending every precious moment with her family. A Georgia transplant, she spends her days writing, gardening, and traveling with friends and family. pamelavarnado.com

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Waiting for Tomorrow
by Susan Yoon, illustrated by Julie Kwon

A debut picture book for fans of I Dream of Popo, Between Us and Abuela, Watercress, and Fry Bread.

Appa is coming home tomorrow after a long time away, and sisters Haejin and Hanna want to make something very special to greet his return. They spend the day preparing their favorite treat - hotteok, a brown-sugar-filled Korean pancake. But when their batter is ruined, how will they make something special for tomorrow?

Julie Kwon's illustrations are full of sweetness with a dash of eye-winking mischief, perfectly illuminating Haejin and Hanna’s everyday adventure. From warm hugs to sticky fingers, Waiting for Tomorrow is debut author Susan Yoon’s ode to the ordinary days that nourish the most special thing of all - family.

Author Bio

Susan Yoon writes picture books and novels from her home in Toronto, Canada. She draws inspiration from her Korean heritage, family, and friends. Waiting for Tomorrow is her first book.

Julie Kwon is an artist and illustrator based in Philadelphia. A graduate of the Brown/RISD Dual-Degree program, her work is heavily inspired by the many books and comics she read growing up, as well as her childhood memories of wandering in the woods of her hometown. Aside from illustrating several books, she has also worked in television animation.
The 156-Story Treehouse

Holiday Havoc!
by Andy Griffiths, illustrated by Terry Denton

New York Times-bestselling team Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton invite readers to come hang out with them in their 156-Story Treehouse - the twelfth book in the illustrated chapter book series filled with Andy and Terry's signature slapstick humor!

Andy and Terry live in a 156-story treehouse. (It used to be a 143-story treehouse, but they added 13 more levels.) It has a wishing well, a super-stinky stuff level, a bouldering alley (it's just like bowling, except you use boulders instead of balls), an enigma engine, a TV quiz show level hosted by Quizzy the quizzical robot, and the amazing mind-reading sandwich-making machine that knows exactly what sort of sandwich you want and makes it for you.

It's the night before Christmas but Andy and Terry aren't ready yet! They haven't written their letters to Santa, they haven't sung any carols or hung their stockings, and now Mr. Big Nose wants their next book done by tomorrow. When Santa Claus's sleigh crash-lands in the treehouse, the reindeer become tangled in the branches and Santa falls into the cloning machine. With dozens of Santas running around and no way to tell which one's the real one, who's going to deliver all the presents? It's up to Andy, Terry, and Jill to work together to save Christmas - and maybe even finish their book on time!

Praise for Andy Griffiths and the Treehouse series:

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Author Bio

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From award-winning author Lindsay Lackey comes a heartfelt story about a boy who wants to become an astronaut, but wonders if his dreams can include his brother with special needs, perfect for fans of *We Dream of Space* and *Song for a Whale*.

All thirteen-year-old Houston Stewart has ever wanted is to become an astronaut. His dreams feel like they're finally starting to come true when he's accepted to the highly-competitive Junior Astronaut Recruitment Program - if only he could bring his little brother Robbie with him.

Ever since their dad left, Houston and Robbie have been inseparable. It's hard to tell where Houston's love of space ends and where Robbie's begins. But Robbie's Cerebral Palsy and epilepsy mean he needs medical attention at home, so Houston is forced to take this giant leap for the two of them all on his own.

At camp, Houston is quickly drawn into the orbit of new friends, cosmic adventures, and a long-lost grandfather who happens to be a world-famous astronaut. But as Houston struggles to keep up with the rigorous demands of the program, he's forced to reckon with the truth that Robbie may never visit space like he's always hoped. Houston is determined to honor Robbie's dreams, even if it seems like an impossible mission. So, like a good astronaut, he dares to make a new plan - one that shoots for the stars.

**Author Bio**

Lindsay Lackey has trained as an opera singer, worked in children's and teen services at a public library, and worked for a major publishing house in publicity and marketing. Born and raised in Colorado, she now lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband and their spoiled dog. *All the Impossible Things* is her debut novel.
A Dream So Dark
by L.L. McKinney

The fantasy series I've been waiting for my whole life.*
- Angie Thomas, #1 New York Times -bestselling author of The Hate U Give

In L.L. McKinney's A Dream So Dark, the thrilling sequel to A Blade So Black, Alice goes deeper into a dark version of Wonderland.

Still reeling from her recent battle (and grounded until she graduates high school), Alice must cross the Veil to rescue her friends and stop the Black Knight once and for all. But the further she ventures into Wonderland, the more topsy-turvy everything becomes. It's not until she's at her wit's end that she realizes - Wonderland is trying to save her.

There's a new player on the board; someone capable of using Nightmare creatures to not only influence the living but raise the dead.

Dreams have never been so dark in Wonderland, and if there is any hope, Alice must confront the worst in herself - and in the people she loves - and face the very nature of fear.

An Imprint Book
"The Alice I never knew I needed. The Alice I was missing. McKinney conjures a Wonderland for those of us who weren't given the looking glass." - Dhonielle Clayton, New York Times -bestselling author of The Belles

"A breakout author." - Entertainment Weekly

"With memorable characters and page-turning thrills, the Nightmare-Verse is the fantasy series I've been waiting for my whole (...)"

Author Bio

Named one of The Root’s 100 Most Influential African-Americans of 2020, L.L. McKinney is a writer, a poet, and an active member of the kidlit community. She's an advocate for equality and inclusion in publishing, the co-founder of Juneteenth Book Fest, and the creator of the hashtags PublishingPaidMe and WhatWOCWritersHear. She's also a gamer girl and an adamant Hei Hei stan. She is the author of A Blade So Black, A Dream So Dark, and A Crown So Cursed
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Crocs
A Sharks Incorporated Novel by Randy Wayne White

The trio of brave friends who make up Sharks, Inc. - Luke, Maribel and Sabina - dive into a crocodile-filled adventure in Crocs, the third book in bestselling author Randy Wayne White’s Sharks Incorporated series.

Marine biologist Doc Ford has a new mission for Sharks Inc.: visit Sanibel Island’s remote Bone Field to find a wild orange tree that’s survived a disease destroying Florida’s citrus. There, the members of Sharks Incorporated find oranges unlike any they’ve ever seen, but can't find the tree Doc needs. Worse, the area is protected by a massive saltwater crocodile.

What the team doesn't expect is to meet a reclusive woman who threatens to call the police if they trespass on her land again. Reluctant to give up, the trio learns she needs help. When she was young, the woman found King Calusa’s grave. Now, she believes the ghost of the dead king, who was beheaded by Spanish explorers 500 years ago, is haunting her.

To uncover the truth, the kids return to the Bone Field. The thousand-pound crocodile is determined to protect its hatchlings, but crocs turn out to be the least of their worries. The intrepid trio discovers the woman's wealthy neighbor is selling illegal reptiles - and he knows the secret of the dead king’s missing gold medallion.

Praise for Stingers
Something for everyone but especially fans of fast-paced eco-fiction." - Kirkus

"Full of facts about wildlife and preservation and survival tips, all infused (...)" - Kirkus

Author Bio

Randy Wayne White is the New York Times bestselling and award-winning author of the Doc Ford series. In 2011, White was named a Florida Literary Legend by the Florida Heritage Society. A fishing and nature enthusiast, he has also written extensively for National Geographic Adventure, Men’s Journal, Playboy and Men’s Health. He lives on Sanibel Island, Florida, where he was a light-tackle fishing guide for many years, and spends much of his free time windsurfing, playing baseball, and hanging out at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille. Sharks Incorporated is his middle grade series, including Fins and Stingers.
The 117-Story Treehouse
Dots, Plots & Daring Escapes!
by Andy Griffiths, illustrated by Terry Denton

New York Times-bestselling team Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton invite readers to come hang out with them in their 117-Story Treehouse - the ninth book in the illustrated chapter book series filled with Andy and Terry's signature slapstick humor!

Andy and Terry live in a 117-story treehouse. (It used to be a 104-story treehouse, but it just keeps growing!) It now has a pajama-party room, a water-ski park filled with flesh-eating piranhas, an Underpants Museum, a giant-fighting-robot arena, and the Door of Doom (don't open it or you'll be COMPLETELY and UTTERLY DOOMED!).

For as long as Andy and Terry have been writing books together, Andy has always been the narrator and Terry has always been the illustrator. But when Terry tries to prove that he can narrate as well as draw, the story goes completely out of control and the Story Police arrive to arrest the whole treehouse team for crimes against storytelling! Andy, Terry and Jill go on the run, but how long can they evade the Story Police and stay out of Story Jail?

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"Will appeal to fans of Jeff Kinney and Dav Pilkey. . . . The wonderfully random slapstick humor is tailor-made for reluctant readers. . . . A (...)"

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Neverwraith
by Shakir Rashaan

Nothing stays hidden for long in this fast-paced, inventive new paranormal series that imagines The Hulk in high school.

Author Bio

Shakir Rashaan is the national bestselling author of over a dozen novels. He is currently creating The Netherwraith Series, an #ownvoices YA Paranormal Fantasy about a teenage descendant of an ancient metahuman bloodline who searches for the truth about the death of his parents and their connection to a centuries-old blood feud over sacred texts contained inside of his native Kindara, an island nation located near the West African Coast... all while navigating high school. ShakirRashaan.com.