Meet Toby - a very special dog with a very important purpose - in another stand-alone story in the bestselling A Dog's Purpose Puppy Tales young reader series by W. Bruce Cameron.

Toby is a beagle who doesn't seem to have a purpose. While all of his littermates are adopted right away, Toby is left behind because he's not as energetic as they are. But because he is so quiet, he is adopted by a girl named Mona and her mother, who works at a nursing home. As Toby comforts the residents of the home, he discovers that his purpose may be the most important of all!

*Toby's Story* is another uplifting tale of the bond that exists between humans and their cherished animal companions. Young fans of *Ellie's Story*, *Bailey's Story*, *Molly's Story*, and *Max's Story* will welcome this new addition to the bestselling series. Includes heartwarming illustrations by Richard Cowdrey and a reading and discussion guide at the end of the book.

Middle grade students who love animals will enjoy Bailey's character. Readers will laugh out loud at his antics and feel tears in their eyes. Overall, this is a very heartwarming story. - VOYA on *Bailey's Story*

"Ellie's view of the world is spot-on, feeling just like the thoughts dogs must have. A satisfying and illuminating tale." - Kirkus Reviews on *Ellie's Story*

"Ellie's Story is heartwarming and suspenseful. A fine read for young animal lovers." - School Library Journal on *Ellie's Story*

**Author Bio**

Molly's Story
A Dog's Purpose Puppy Tale
by W. Bruce Cameron

Meet Molly - a very special dog with a very important purpose - first introduced in W. Bruce Cameron's novel *A Dog's Journey*, soon to be a major motion picture!

Molly knows that her purpose is to take care of her girl, C.J., but it won't be easy. Neglected by her mother, Gloria, who won't allow her to have a dog, C.J. is going through some tough times. Molly's job is to stay hidden in C.J.'s room, cuddle up to her at night, and protect her from bad people. And no matter what Gloria does to separate them, nothing will keep Molly away from the girl that she loves.

Adorable black-and-white illustrations by Richard Cowdrey bring Molly and her world to life. Also includes a discussion and activity guide that will help promote family and classroom discussions about *Molly's Story* and the insights it provides about humankind's best friends.

Cameron has written other books about dogs for adults, and this one is a charming and delightful story about what it means to be a working dog. The book is a must for middle school libraries.” - VOYA 4Q 4P Mon *Ellie's Story*

"Through this heartwarming story about a dog's unconditional love for his best friend, readers learn about life from a dog's perspective." - Children's Literature on *Bailey's Story*

Author Bio

Emperor of the Universe
by David Lubar

The launch of a madcap space adventure trilogy for young readers by David Lubar, author of the popular Weenies Tales!

When seventh grader Nicholas V. Landrew, his beloved pet gerbil Henrietta, and a package of ground beef are beamed aboard an alien space ship, they soon find themselves on the run in a madcap chase across the universe.

Now all Nicholas wants to do is get back home before his parents find out and ground him forever, but with the Universal Police hot on his trail, that won't be easy. Before it's all over, Henrietta will find herself safely ensconced back in her cage, Nicholas will be crowned Emperor of the Universe, and something even more surprising will happen to the package of ground beef.

This book is ridiculous! Ridiculous crazy fun and deep truth." - Jon Scieszka, bestselling author of the Time Warp Trio series

"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

"David Lubar's Emperor of the Universe is The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy for middle school!" - Alan Gratz, bestselling author of Refugee

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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, and much more. You can find more about David at www.DavidLubar.com.
Happily and Madly
by Alexis Bass

A mature, twisty, compulsively readable YA suspense for fans of One of Us Is Lying

Maris Brown has been told two things about her destiny:
1. She will fall happily and madly in love with a boy who lives in a house with a periwinkle door.
2. She will be dead before she turns eighteen.

The summer before that fateful birthday, Maris is in the wealthy beach town of Cross Cove with her estranged father and his new family. And their bizarre obsession with the wealthy family across the bay. The infamous Duvals. And since the youngest member of their family, Edison, is back from college and back in the arms of Maris's new stepsister, her summer looks to be a long string of lazy days on the Duval's lush beach.

But Edison is hiding something. And the more Maris learns about him, the more she's given signs that she should stay as far away from him as possible. As wrong as it is, Maris is drawn to him. And when she sees the color of his front door, she knows why. It's more than her fate coming true, because around Edison, she feels truly alive and she's not willing to give that up. Even if it means a collision course with destiny.

Author Bio

ALEXIS BASS grew up in Washington, went to college in Arizona, and spent her early twenties in Seattle. She currently lives in North Carolina with her husband and a gorgeous and rambunctious Golden Retriever, Dylan McKay. She loves good fashion and good TV as much as a good book, and is a huge advocate of long beach vacations.
Dark Shores
by Danielle L. Jensen

Piracy, blackmail, and meddling gods meet in this thrilling first novel in a commercial, fast-paced new YA fantasy series by Danielle L. Jensen

A PIRATE’S DAUGHTER
Teriana is the daughter of a trading ship captain. Her people have the sea in their bones, their ships are guarded by demigods of the Sea Goddess, and they are the only ones who know how to traverse the never-ending ocean between the East and the West.

A SOLDIER WITH A SECRET
Marcus is the leader of the Thirty-Seventh legion, the notorious army that has led the Celendor Empire to conquer the entire East. The legion is the only family he has, and even they don't know the secret he's been hiding since childhood.

A DANGEROUS QUEST
When a tyrannical ruler gains power in Celendor, he kidnaps Teriana’s mother and threatens to reveal Marcus's deepest secret unless the two of them help him conquer the unknown West. The unwilling pair, distrusting each other's motivations, join together for the sake of their families, and must decide how far they are willing to go, and how much of themselves they are willing to sacrifice.

Author Bio
Danielle L. Jensen was born and raised in Calgary, Canada. She graduated from the University of Calgary with a bachelor's degree in finance, then went back to school to complete an English literature degree at Mount Royal University. She is the USA Today bestselling author of The Malediction Trilogy: Stolen Songbird, Hidden Huntress, and Warrior Witch (Angry Robot)

Princess or adventurer.

Duty or freedom.

Her Kingdom or the Stormhunter she loves.

If Aurora knows anything, it's that choices have consequences. To set things right, she joins a growing revolution on the streets of Pavan.

In disguise as the rebel Roar, she puts her knowledge of the palace to use to aid the rebellion. But the Rage season is at its peak and not a day passes without the skies raining down destruction. Yet these storms are different - they churn with darkness, and attack with a will that's desperate and violent.

This feels like more than rage.

It feels like war.

A rich and unforgettable fantasy forged from the power of storms, the danger of secrets, and the magic of Cora Carmack's imagination." - Kami Garcia, #1 New York Times bestselling coauthor of Beautiful Creatures & author of The Lovely Reckless

"Carmack shines with this unique fantasy and alluring romance." - #1 New York Times (...)

Author Bio

Location: New York City and Austin

Cora Carmack has done a multitude of things in her life: boring jobs (retail), fun jobs (theatre), stressful jobs (teaching), and dream jobs (writing). Raised in a small Texas town, she now lives in New York City and Texas, and spends her time writing, traveling, and marathoning various television shows on Netflix. Her first book, Losing It, was a New York Times and USA Today bestseller, and her subsequent books were also hits.
Five Midnights
by Ann Davila Cardinal


If Lupe Davila and Javier Utierre can survive each other's company, together they can solve a series of grisly murders sweeping though Puerto Rico. But the clues lead them out of the real world and into the realm of myths and legends. And if they want to catch the killer, they'll have to step into the shadows to see what's lurking there - murderer, or monster?

_Five Midnights_ is a wickedly thrilling" (William Alexander) novel based on the el Cuco myth set against the backdrop of modern day Puerto Rico.

"A frightening, fast-paced thriller." - Julianna Baggott, Alex Award-winning author of _Pure_

**Author Bio**

Ann Davila Cardinal is a novelist and Director of Student Recruitment for Vermont College of Fine Arts (VCFA). She has a B.A. in Latino Studies from Norwich University, an M.A. in sociology from UI&U, and an MFA in Writing from VCFA. Every January she runs VCFA's Writing residency in Puerto Rico. Cardinal co-wrote _Sister Chicas_ (2006, New American Library), a contemporary YA novel. _Five Midnights_ is her first solo novel.

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**Promotion**
Bright Star
by Erin Swan

Erin Swan's YA fantasy debut, Bright Star, is an action-packed adventure tale of rebellion, romance, and finding one's voice in the heart of a storm.

No one remembers how the war between humans and elves began, but the bloodshed has torn the land of Paerolia apart for nearly five hundred years.

Half-human, half-elf, Andra has been rejected for her blood her entire life. A traumatic experience in her childhood left her mute and subdued, a servant in the Chief Judge's manor. But when an assassination team, led by the secretive and alluring Kael, infiltrates the manor and makes a quick escape, she takes her chance and flees with them.

Andra is thrust into the ranks of a secret rebellion - a group of outcasts and believers seeking to overthrow the Chief Judge and replace the corrupt government with new members, ones who will restore and preserve the land they love. Now, the girl who was once an outcast must somehow become the leader Paerolia needs. But she is stronger than she believes - and with the help of a fiercely loyal dragon, she may just be the one to lead them all to victory.

Author Bio

Erin Swan was born and bred San Antonio, Texas, but now lives in Utah. She works as a marketing copywriter, and started writing the Sky Rider series when she was 17.
Guardian
Book 3 in the Steeplejack series
by A. J. Hartley

In A. J. Hartley's thrilling and intriguing 19th-century South African-inspired fantasy world, which started with the Thriller Award-winning Steeplejack and continues with Guardian, Anglet Sutonga is a teenage detective fighting in a race against time as her beloved city is pushed to the brink.

This is what Ang knows:

A dear friend is accused of murdering the Prime Minister of Bar-Selehm.

A mysterious but fatal illness is infecting the poor.

A fanatical politician seizes power, unleashing a wave of violent repression over the city.

This is what Ang must do:

Protect her family.

Solve a murder.

RESIST, no matter what, before it's too late.

Author Bio

British-born writer A. J. Hartley is the bestselling author of a dozen novels including Sekret Machines: Chasing Shadows (co-authored with Tom DeLonge) and the YA fantasy adventure Steeplejack from Tor Teen. As Andrew James Hartley he is also UNC Charlotte's Robinson Distinguished Professor of Shakespeare, specializing in performance theory and practice, and is the author of various scholarly books and articles from the world's best academic publishers including Palgrave and Cambridge University Press. He is an honorary fellow of the University of Central Lancashire, UK. As well as being a novelist and academic, he is a screenwriter, theatre director, and dramaturge. He is married, with a son, and lives in Charlotte.
Heartwood Box
by Ann Aguirre

A dark, romantic YA suspense novel with an SF edge and plenty of drama, layering the secrets we keep and how appearances can deceive, from the New York Times bestselling author.

In this tiny, terrifying town, the lost are never found.

When Araceli Flores Harper is sent to live with her great-aunt Ottilie in her ramshackle Victorian home, the plan is simple. She’ll buckle down and get ready for college. Life won’t be exciting, but she’ll cope, right?

Wrong. From the start, things are very, very wrong. Her great-aunt still leaves food for the husband who went missing twenty years ago, and local businesses are plastered with MISSING posters. There are unexplained lights in the woods and a mysterious lab just beyond the city limits that the locals don’t talk about. Ever. When she starts receiving mysterious letters that seem to be coming from the past, she suspects someone of pranking her or trying to drive her out of her mind.

To solve these riddles and bring the lost home again, Araceli must delve into a truly diabolical conspiracy, but some secrets fight to stay buried.

Author Bio

Ann Aguirre has been a clown, a clerk, a savior of stray kittens, and a voice actress, not necessarily in that order. She grew up in a yellow house across from a cornfield, but she now lives in a terracotta adobe house in Mexico with her husband and two adorable children. The post-apocalyptic novel Enclave is her first book for young adults. She also writes the romantic science fiction series about Sirantha Jax, starting with Grimspace, as well as urban fantasy and paranormal romance. As Ava Gray, she writes paranormal romantic suspense.
Like Never and Always
by Ann Aguirre

An intense, emotional, compelling read." - Kate Elliott

Liv Burnham thinks nobody knows Morgan Frost like she does, but a terrible accident pushes her down the rabbit hole where Morgan's secrets hide and she'll be lucky to make it out alive. In Ann Aguirre's Like Never and Always

On a hot summer night, Liv, Morgan, Clay and Nathan are on the way home from a party in Clay's convertible. Best friends dating brothers? It doesn't get better than that. But the joyride ends in sudden impact, a screech of brakes, and shattering glass. On that lonely country road, four lives change forever.

Liv wakes in the hospital. At first she's confused when they call her Morgan, but she assumes it's a case of mistaken identity. Yet when the bandages come off, it's not her face in the mirror anymore. It's Morgan's.

Morgan always seemed to have the perfect life. But as Liv tries to fit herself into Morgan's world, she discovers endlessly disturbing secrets of the criminal and murderous variety and a dark task to finish if she doesn't lose her mind first.

Forced to confront the disturbing truths that Morgan kept hidden in life, Liv must navigate a world of long-buried murder, a dangerous love affair - and a romance that feels like a betrayal.

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Anger Is a Gift
A Novel
by Mark Oshiro

Moss Jeffries is many things - considerate student, devoted son, loyal friend and affectionate boyfriend, enthusiastic nerd.

But sometimes Moss still wishes he could be someone else - someone without panic attacks, someone whose father was still alive, someone who hadn't become a rallying point for a community because of one horrible night.

And most of all, he wishes he didn't feel so stuck.

Moss can't even escape at school - he and his friends are subject to the lack of funds and crumbling infrastructure at West Oakland High, as well as constant intimidation by the resource officer stationed in their halls. That was even before the new regulations - it seems sometimes that the students are treated more like criminals.

Something will have to change - but who will listen to a group of teens?

When tensions hit a fever pitch and tragedy strikes again, Moss must face a difficult choice: give in to fear and hate or realize that anger can actually be a gift.

Anger is a Gift is an explosion of fury and revolution. Mark Oshiro's beautiful and brutal debut proves that not only can anyone be a hero, but great change comes when the heroes work together." - Adam Silvera, New York Times bestselling author of They Both Die at the End

"Raw, unflinching, and full of (...)"

Author Bio

Mark Oshiro is the Hugo-nominated writer of the online Mark Does Stuff universe (Mark Reads and Mark Watches), where he analyzes book and TV series. He was the nonfiction editor of Queers Destroy Science Fiction! and the co-editor of Speculative Fiction 2015, and is the President of the Con or Bust Board of Directors. When not writing/recording reviews or editing, Oshiro engages in social activism online and offline. Anger is a Gift is his debut YA contemporary fiction novel.
In the Woods
by Carrie Jones and Steven E. Wedel

New York Times bestselling author Carrie Jones teams up with acclaimed cowriter Steven Wedel in this supernatural mystery

It should have been just another quiet night on the farm when Logan witnessed the attack, but it wasn’t.

Something is in the woods.
Something unexplainable.
Something deadly.

Hundreds of miles away, Chrystal’s plans for summer in Manhattan are abruptly upended when her dad reads tabloid coverage of some kind of grisly incident in Oklahoma. When they arrive to investigate, they find a witness: a surprisingly good-looking farm boy.

As townsfolk start disappearing and the attacks get ever closer, Logan and Chrystal will have to find out the truth about whatever’s hiding in the woods... before they become targets themselves.

Author Bio

CARRIE JONES is the New York Times and internationally bestselling author of the Need series, as well as After Obsession with Steven E. Wedel. She is a distinguished alum of Vermont College’s MFA Program, and a part-time police dispatcher in Maine because she likes cop stories. Really. She blogs about her dogs, cops, and a bit about writing, too.
Kim Liggett's *The Unfortunates*, a haunting tale of privilege, guilt, and redemption from the author of the Bram Stoker Award winner, *The Last Harvest*

When seventeen-year-old senator's son Grant Tavish is involved in a fatal accident, all he wants to do is face the consequences of what he's done. But those consequences never come, even if headlines of affluenza do. The truth soon becomes clear: due to his father's connections, Grant is going to get away with murder.

As a family tradition approaches, a cave excursion on the Appalachian Trail, Grant seizes the opportunity to take justice into his own hands by staging an accident and never coming back. But before he has a chance to enact his plans, the cave system collapses, trapping him miles beneath the surface with four other teens from much less fortunate circumstances. As they struggle to survive, they share their innermost secrets and fears, and just when it seems they might be on track to finding a way out, they realize:

"There's something else down there. And it's hunting them."

Wild, compulsive, and utterly gripping, Liggett's subterranean thriller plumbs the depths of human darkness and guilt." - Stephanie Kuehn, author of the Morris Award Winning *Charm & Strange*

"Absolutely spellbinding; a true tour de force. Haunting and heartbreakingly revealing - this is a book everyone is going to be talking about." - Jasmine Warga, author of *Here We Are Now*

"Taut, surprising and Kim-Liggett-style (...)"

**Author Bio**

At sixteen, Kim Liggett left her rural midwestern town for New York City, where she pursued a career in music and acting. While attending the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, Kim sang backup for some of the biggest rock bands of the 80's. After settling down to have a family, she became an entrepreneur, creating a children's art education program and a travel company specializing in tours for musicians. She's married to jazz musician KP kik id h b i f l s h i h h f Bld

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Promotion
Dive Smack
by Demetra Brodsky

A tense psychological drama with a voice that pulls you in and a twist you won't see coming." - Gretchen McNeil, author of Ten

A 2018 Junior Library Guild Selection

Theo Mackey only remembers one thing for certain about the fire that destroyed his home: he lit the match.

Sure, it was an accident. But the blaze killed his mom and set his dad on a path to self-destruction. Everything else about that fateful night is full of gaping holes in Theo's mind, for good reason. Maybe it's better that way. As captain of the Ellis Hollow Diving Team, with straight A's and solid friends, he's only one semester away from securing a scholarship, and leaving his past behind.

But when a family history project gets assigned at school, new memories come rushing to the surface, memories that make Theo question what he really knows about his family, the night of the fire, and if he can trust anyone - including himself.

"Heartbreaking, human and heroic, Demetra Brodsky's Dive Smack is a Perfect 10!" - Karen LaFace, 1992 USA Olympic Springboard Diver

"A twisty, witty thriller readers will (...)"

Author Bio

Demetra Brodsky is an award-winning art director and designer turned writer. She has a B.F.A. from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and lives in Southern California with her family of four and two lovable rescue dogs. Dive Smack is dedicated to the Monarch Butterfly she once saved from the brink of death.
Centuries ago, the people of Earth sent Ship into space. Deep within its core, it carried the seed of humankind.

More than twenty years have passed since Ship left its children, the seed of humanity, on an uninhabited, earthlike planet - a planet they named Home. Zoheret and her companions have started settlements and had children of their own. But, as on board Ship, there was conflict, and soon after their arrival, Zoheret's old nemesis, Ho, left the original settlement to establish his own settlement far away.

When Ho's daughter, fifteen-year-old Nuy, spies three strangers headed toward their settlement, the hostility between the two groups of old shipmates begins anew and threatens to engulf the children of both settlements. Can the divided settlers face the challenges of adapting to their new environment in spite of their conflicts? And if they do, will they lose their humanity in the process?

Author Bio

Pamela Sargent is the author of many highly praised novels for young adults and adults, among them the historical novel Ruler of the Sky, the alternative history Climb the Wind, and the science fiction novels Venus of Dreams, Venus of Shadows, Child of Venus, The Shore of Women, Alien Child, and Earthseed, which was recently optioned by Paramount Pictures. She has won the Nebula Award and the Locus Award, and has been a finalist for the Hugo Award and the Theodore Sturgeon Memorial Award. She lives with writer George Zebrowski in upstate New York.
The Stars Around Us

by Mark Oshiro

Anger is a Gift feels like the next natural step in contemporary young adult-realism. Anger is a Gift, and so is Oshiro's arresting, nuanced work." - Shelf Awareness, starred review

FROM MARK OSHIRO, THE ACCLAIMED AUTHOR OF ANGER IS A GIFT, COMES A LUMINOUS TALE OF SELF DISCOVERY

A family torn apart.

A young woman desperate to find a home - and unburden her heart.

A land of nightmares.

Somewhere underneath the stars, not far enough away from the ruins of the past, and too far from even uncertain dreams of the future - this is the gripping and timely story of those caught in between.

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