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Southwest Sunrise
by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Wendell Minor

From Children's Literature Legacy Award winner Nikki Grimes and highly-acclaimed illustrator Wendell Minor comes a stunning picture book about the beauty of the natural world and finding a new place to call home.

The beauty of the natural world is just waiting to be discovered . . .
When Jayden touches down in New Mexico, he's uncertain how this place could ever be home. But if he takes a walk outside, he just might find something glorious.
Flowers in bright shades . . .
Birds and lizards and turtles, all with a story to tell . . .
Red rock pillars towering in the distance . . .
Turquoise sky as far as the eye can see . . .
Perhaps this place could be home after all.
Gorgeously poetic and visually stunning, this story from acclaimed creators Nikki Grimes and Wendell Minor celebrates the beauty of the Southwest as a young boy sees it for the very first time.

Acclaim for One Last Word

A Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Winner
A New York Times Editor's Choice

Author Bio

Nikki Grimes is the recipient of the 2006 NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children. Her distinguished works include ALA Notable book, What is Goodbye?, the novels Jazmin's Notebook, Dark Sons, and The Road to Paris (Coretta Scott King Author Honor Books). Creator of the popular Meet Danitra Brown, Ms. Grimes lives in Corona, California.

Wendell Minor is the award-winning and bestselling illustrator of numerous books, including Ghost Ship, by Mary Higgins Clark. He lives in Washington, Connecticut.
Sloth Went
by Adam Lehrhaupt, illustrated by Benson Shum

This hilarious picture book is about a sloth on the go. A sloth who is . . . very slowly . . . making his way to a major milestone: potty training!

Today is Sloth's big day.
He's excited.
But he's also nervous.
What if something happens?
What if NOTHING happens?

*Sloth Went* is a book about poop. But it's also an adventure story about facing your fears, gaining independence, and learning to do what you have to. Even if, as in Sloth's case, it takes a little while to get there.

Also included: back matter with the amazing true story of how sloths poop!

**Author Bio**

Adam Lehrhaupt has traveled to six continents, performed on Broadway, and lived on a communal farm. He received the E.B. White Read-Aloud Honor for his debut picture book, *Warning: Do Not Open This Book*, illustrated by Matthew Forsythe, and is the author of over a dozen published and forthcoming picture books including the six-book Chicken in . . . series, starting with *Chicken in Space*, illustrated by Sahar Kober, and *I Will Not Eat You*, illustrated by Scott Magoon.

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Benson Shum is an author, illustrator, and animator. His previous books include *Holly's Day at the Pool* and *Go to Sheep and Hide 'n' Sheep*, and as an animator at the Walt Disney Animation Studios, he has been a part of such films as *Frozen*, *Big Hero 6*, *Zootopia*, *Moana*, and *Frozen II*. Originally from Vancouver, BC, Benson now lives in sunny Southern California.

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Bear Out There
by Jacob Grant

Bear and Spider are back in another charming odd-couple friendship story, perfect for fans of Peter Brown and Greg Pizzoli.
Bear’s favorite place is inside. He loves sharing his tidy home with his friend Spider. Spider loves the outdoors!
When Spider’s kite flies away, Bear must venture out and into the messy forest to help his friend.
As their quest in the forest goes from bad to worse, Bear and Spider show readers that being a friend means being there for each other, no matter what.

Author Bio

Jacob Grant is originally from Ohio, but now lives with his wife in a very windy city in Illinois. Day and night he can be found in his home studio drawing, painting, and writing until something feels story-ish. His debut picture book, Scaredy Kate, was released in 2014. Jacob tries not to use bad words around any little animals.
Goodnight, Sleepyville
by Blake Liliane Hellman, illustrated by Steven Henry

Little ones will love to snuggle up with the adorable animal families of Sleepyville who are getting ready for bed in this sweet, classically-inspired picture book.

In Sleepyville, the sun is setting, and animal families are heading home for the night. After milk and cookies, everyone has fun brushing their teeth and picking out their favorite pajamas - stripes, plaid, or polka-dots? Then, under twinkling stars, it's time to wiggle into their cozy beds for lullabies and bedtime stories.

Sweet dreams, Sleepyville

Author Bio

Blake Liliane Hellman is the author of Welcome to Morningtown, Something Smells!, and Cuddle Monkey. She lives in Seattle with her husband, Steven, the illustrator of this book.

Steven Henry (ne D'Amico) is the illustrator of several picture books for children, including the award-winning Ella the Elegant Elephant, It's Raining Bats & Frogs, All Kinds Of Kisses, and Welcome to Morningtown. He currently serves as an art director at Committee for Children, a non-profit organization promoting social and emotional learning for kids. www.stevenhenry.net

Steven Henry is the illustrator of the beloved Ella the Elegant Elephant books (as Steven D'Amico), written by Carmela D'Amico, and Hanukkah Hop, written by Erica Silverman. His work has also appeared on PBS Kids, Nick Jr., and the Disney Channel. He lives in Seattle, Washington.
Welcome to Morningtown
by Blake Liliane Hellman, illustrated by Steven Henry

Greet the new day with the adorable animal families of Morningtown in this sweet, classically inspired picture book!

Welcome to Morningtown!
In Morningtown, animal families of all shapes and sizes are waking up to a shiny new day. They get up out of fluffy beds, hard beds, and secret beds. They hop, splash, and flutter through their morning routines, getting ready for whatever the day holds.

One thing is certain - every day is a beautiful day in Morningtown!

Author Bio

Blake Liliane Hellman is the author of two other picture books - Something Smells! and forthcoming Cuddle Monkey. She lives in Seattle with her husband, Steven, the illustrator of this book.

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This frightfully delightful picture book follows a perky little cottage who wishes she were a haunted house.

Clarissa the cottage is adorable, bright pink with shiny windows and flowers growing all around her. But Clarissa doesn’t want to be adorable - being cute is boring. She’d rather be like her father, a creepy castle home to vampires and crypts. Or like her mother, a witch’s hut full of spells and smells. Clarissa needs something to haunt her rooms, something that will make her less ordinary and less lonely. In order to attract the perfect spectre, she’ll need to change her tone. But her attempts to become haunted make her even cuter than before! Maybe it’s better to just be true to yourself...and THEN perhaps just the right friend will come along.

With whimsical, rhyming stanzas, *She Wanted to be Haunted* is a delightful, lyrical twist on the ever-important message to be yourself.

Author Bio

**Marcus Ewert** is the author of several picture books, including *Mummy Cat*, illustrated by Lisa Brown, a Junior Library Guild selection, and *10,000 Dresses*, illustrated by Rex Ray, recipient of the Stonewall Honor Award. Marcus works as a bookseller and lives in an actual turret in an old Victorian mansion in San Francisco. It is very likely haunted. @MarcusEwert

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Superhero vs. School
by Ethan Long

This new picture book from acclaimed creator Ethan Long follows a young superhero facing his greatest fear - the first day of school!

In the darkest of nights, Scotty is willing to hurl himself into danger if it means saving innocent citizens. After all, that's what a superhero does. But this hero is about to come face-to-face with his greatest fear, his only weakness - the first day of school!

Full of menacing minions and pencils as sharp as knives, Scotty might not be able to defeat this foe. But just when he thinks all hope is lost, Scotty realizes that school is no match for a whole team of heroes - his new friends.

Author Bio

Ethan Long is the Geisel Award-winning author and illustrator of Up, Tall and High!, as well as many other picture books, including Fangsgiving, Valensteins, Fright Club, Scribbles and Ink, and Chamelia and the New Kid in Class. He also created Tasty Time with ZeFronk on the Disney Channel. Ethan lives in Orlando, Florida. www.ethanlong.com

Notes

Promotion
I Got the School Spirit
by Connie Schofield-Morrison, illustrated by Frank Morrison

This celebration of the first day of school from acclaimed illustrator Frank Morrison will have kids cheering for school to begin!

Summer is over. My first day is here
I got the spirit for the start of the school year! !
Summer is over, and this little girl has got the school spirit! She packs up her book bag - ZIP ZIP! - and hears the school bus coming down the street - VROOM VROOM! She shares her school spirit with a new friend and sings it in the classroom - 123! ABC! And at the end of the day, she can't wait for her next day of school.

Author Bio

Frank Morrison was born in Massachusetts and then moved to New Jersey. He grew up during the early days of rap music, graffiti and break dancing. He was a well-known graffiti artist and an accomplished break dancer who was part of the Sugar Hill Gang's dance entourage. It was during one of the group's European tours he got a chance to visit the Louvre in Paris and was so intrigued by the magnificent art that he decided, at that moment, to return to his roots and become an artist.

Frank today enjoys the attention of art galleries nationwide, and is the recipient of a Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Illustrator Award for Jazzy Miz Mozetta by Brenda C. Roberts. The artist, who works in watercolor and acrylic, makes his home in Georgia with his wife, three sons, and daughter.
So Big!
by Mike Wohnoutka

A simple, clever text paired with utterly adorable animal characters makes school-day jitters seem not so big after all!

This little bear is SO BIG! He can get dressed, make cereal for breakfast, and pack his backpack - all by himself. In fact, he's so big that he's ready for his first day of school! But the school bus is also so BIG. And the school is even BIGGER! Maybe it's even TOO big . . .

Just when it all feels like too much, this little bear meets a new friend and together they find courage big enough to push past their fear. Perfect for the youngest readers ready to start school, this sweet board book shows that even when big worries make you feel very small, a friend can help things feel just right.

Author Bio

Mike Wohnoutka is the illustrator of Jack's House, Cowboy Sam and Those Confounded Secrets, and The Wizzy Foot. A graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design, Mike lives with his wife and two children in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Ways to Make Sunshine
by Renee Watson

Award-winning author Renée Watson's Ramona-esque new middle grade series staring an irrepressible girl and her lovable family.

Ryan Hart loves to spend time with her friends, loves to invent recipes, and has a lot on her mind—school, self-image, and family. Her dad finally has a new job, but money is tight. That means changes like selling their second car and moving into a new (old) house. But Ryan is a girl who knows how to make sunshine out of setbacks. Because Ryan is all about trying to see the best. Even when things aren't all she would wish for—her brother is infuriating, her parents don't understand, when her recipes don't turn out right, and when the unexpected occurs—she can find a way forward, with wit and plenty of sunshine.

Newbery Honor- and Coretta Scott King Award-winning author Renée Watson was inspired to write her own version of Ramona, starring a Black girl and her family, in this charming new series.

Author Bio

Renee Watson grew up in Portland Oregon, came to New York for her degree in writing, and now teaches poetry in the New York City Schools. Her books include Betty Before X, Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills, A Place Where Hurricanes Happen, and What Momma Left Me which debuted as the New Voice for 2010 in middle grade fiction by The Independent Children's Booksellers Association.
Poisoned Water
How the Citizens of Flint, Michigan, Fought for Their Lives and Warned the Nation
by Candy J Cooper and Marc Aronson

The compelling story of the Flint water crisis, as told by Pulitzer Prize finalist Candy J. Cooper and Sibert Medalist Marc Aronson.

In 2014, the residents of Flint, Michigan noticed that their water was a copper hue and smelled and tasted like sulfur. Some began using bottled water, but many of those who didn't started to experience rashes, hair loss, and a frightening, debilitating illness. Still, city officials claimed water tests were normal. It wasn't until nearly a year later when Flint resident Lee Ann Walters sent a water sample to the Environmental Protection Agency that the truth came out: the citizens of Flint were being poisoned by their own water supply.

Based on the authors' original reporting, featuring photographs as well as government documents, Poisoned Water is a riveting look at an alarming story of a government who turned away from its citizens - and the power of those same citizens who rose up to demand action.

Author Bio
Marc Aronson is an author, editor, publisher, speaker, historian, and book producer. Marc's mission is to inspire young people to ask questions, to look around, behind, and inside of the stories the world tells us. He writes a monthly column for School Library Journal on nonfiction for younger readers, and frequently speaks about boys and reading. Marc was awarded the Robert F. Sibert Award for the best in children's nonfiction for Sir Walter Raleigh and the Quest for El Dorado, and his books have been selected as a New York Times Notable Book and a School Library Journal best book. In 2006, he was given the ALAN Award by NCTE for service to teenagers, and was named the local spokesman for the History Channel's Save Our History program. He lives with his wife and two sons in Maplewood, New Jersey.
The Space Between Lost and Found
by Sandy Stark-McGinnis

From the acclaimed author of Extraordinary Birds, a powerful story about memory, possibility, and finding light and hope in the darkest places.

Ever since her mom was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer’s disease, nothing about Cassie’s life has been the same. At home, she tries to make Mom happy, but can’t help but think about everything that has drifted away. At school, she feels from former best friend Bailey, and has trouble balancing her schoolwork, her art projects, and everything else in between.

After the worst Mom day yet—the day she forgets Cassie’s name—Cassie decides to take things into her own hands. She knows there’s no way Mom will get better if she’s all cooped up at home. She knows there’s no way Mom will get better if she’s all cooped up at home. It’s time for an adventure... even if it means lying and taking a huge risk to get there.

Sandy Stark-McGinnis’s touching new novel explores how to embrace life even with all its broken pieces.

Author Bio

Sandy Stark-McGinnis is the author of Extraordinary Birds and an award-winning poet whose poetry and short stories have appeared in Quercus Review, In the Grove and Penumbra. She holds an MA in Creative Writing from San Francisco State. Sandy lives with her husband and children in California, where she works as a fifth-grade teacher. sandystarkmcginnis.com

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Extraordinary Birds
by Sandy Stark-McGinnis

For fans of The Thing About Jellyfish, Counting by 7s, and Fish in a Tree, a heartbreaking and hopeful debut novel about a unique young girl on a journey to find home.

December believes she is a bird. The scar on her back is where her wings will sprout, and one day soon, she will soar away. It will not matter that she has no permanent home. Her destiny is in the sky.

But then she’s placed with foster mom Eleanor, a kind woman who volunteers at an animal rescue and has secrets of her own. December begins to see that her story could end a different way - but could she ever be happy down on the ground?

In her arresting debut, Sandy Stark-McGinnis offers an inspiring story about family, friendship, and finding where you belong.

A beautiful story filled with heart.” - Holly Goldberg Sloan, author of Counting by 7s and coauthor of To Night Owl from Dogfish.

"An amazing debut - filled with heart, lyrical prose, and a heroine who soars!” - Jewell Parker Rhodes, New York Times bestselling author of Ghost Boys

"A heartbreaking and hopeful story about a young girl who learns the power of kindness and the beauty of belonging.” - School Library Journal, starred review

"With an endearing and diverse cast of characters, this is a unique debut novel with an inspiring message of hope, determination, and fortitude. . . Highly Recommended.” - School Library Connection, starred review

"Poignant. . . this heartbreaking but ultimately redemptive middle grade novel shows the beauty of accepting one’s true self and finding a place to belong.” - Foreword Reviews, starred (…)

Author Bio

Sandy Stark-McGinnis is a debut author and award-winning poet whose work has appeared in Quercus Review, In the Grove, and Penumbra. She holds an MA in Creative Writing from San Francisco State University. Sandy lives with her husband and children in California, where she works as a fifth grade teacher.

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The Rider's Reign
by Jessica Day George

The breath-taking conclusion to bestselling author Jessica Day George's heartfelt fantasy series about a girl using her ability to communicate with horses to save the future of her kingdom.

Anthea and her friends are on a mission. Anthea's mother has kidnapped a Coronami princess, the herd stallion, and half a dozen more horses - enough to start her own herd. Suspecting that she is making a deal with the antagonistic emperor of the neighboring land, Kronenhof, Anthea and her friends race there to meet with the emperor and try to find Princess Margaret and the horses.

But they don't have much time before Coronam declares war against Kronenhof, which would leave Anthea and her companions trapped in a hostile country. Will they be able to outmaneuver Anthea's mother, who has always been one step ahead of them? And what should they do about the rumors of wild horses in Kronenhof's forests?

The Rose Legacy series comes to a thrilling conclusion as bestselling author Jessica Day George delights readers - especially horse lovers - once again.

Author Bio

Jessica Day George is the author of many books for young readers, including the wonderfully whimsical Tuesdays at the Castle and three books in the Dragonskin Slippers series. Before becoming a full-time writer, she worked as a librarian and bookseller. Jessica lives with her family in Salt Lake City, Utah. To find out more, visit www.jessicadaygeorge.com.

Jessica Day George studied at Brigham Young University where she enjoyed classes in pottery-making and Old Norse, and dutifully forced herself to sit through biology and math. Originally from Idaho, she now resides in Salt Lake City, Utah, with her husband, their young son, and a five pound Maltese named Pippin.
The Queen's Secret
by Jessica Day George

Bestselling author Jessica Day George continues her heartfelt fantasy series about a girl who can communicate with horses and a kingdom on the brink of collapse.

Anthea knows the truth about horses. They're not carriers of deadly disease like everyone in their kingdom thinks; they're majestic creatures who share their thoughts and feelings with her through The Way. Anthea has convinced the king of this, but at a cost - he demands that horses and riders with The Way do his bidding.

But when a deadly plague breaks out, the people believe that horses are the cause. As more fall ill, it's up to Anthea and her friends to transport medicine, all while keeping out of reach from Anthea's wicked mother. And when Anthea discovers a secret that could change the kingdom forever, she must risk everything to reveal the truth before it's too late.

Continuing the sweeping storytelling of The Rose Legacy, bestselling author Jessica Day George delights readers - especially horse lovers - once again.

A fresh, original story that will warm hearts and entertain readers of all ages." - Jennifer A. Nielsen, New York Times bestselling author of The Ascendance Trilogy on THE ROSE LEGACY

"Set in a fascinating and fantastic new world, The Rose Legacy will make you long for a horse of your own!" - Sarah Beth Durst, award-winning author of THE GIRL WHO COULD NOT DREAM on THE ROSE LEGACY

"George charges right into the story, and the pacing doesn't let up for one instant . . . Fans of war stories, or anyone who wishes they can talk to animals, will want to get (...)"

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Race through the Skies
The Week the World Learned to Fly
by Martin W. Sandler

From award-winning author Martin W. Sandler, a fascinating look at the week that brought aviation fever to the world.

In 1903, the Wright brothers made three brief flights, and no one was there to watch them. Six years later, Wilbur Wright traveled to Europe to evangelize about aviation and raise money for patents—and the world got aviation fever. That summer, a group of champagne companies organized the first ever international air meet. They knew they could throw a great party and sell a lot of champagne. They didn't know that this single week would change the course of aviation history. Through remarkable photographs, firsthand accounts, and lively narrative, Marty Sandler tells the story of this first international air meet, marking the public introduction of flight.

Author Bio

Martin W. Sandler is an award-winning author of many books for young readers, including The Story of Photography, a Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor Book, and Vaqueros. He is also a television producer. A five-time Emmy winner and a two-time Pulitzer Prize nominee, he lives in Massachusetts with his wife.
The Lemon Tree (Young Readers’ Edition)
An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East
by Sandy Tolan

A middle grade adaptation of the award-winning adult book about a human story behind conflict in the Middle East.

In 1967, Bashir Khairi, a twenty-five-year-old Palestinian, journeyed to Israel with the goal of seeing the beloved stone house with the lemon tree behind it that he and his family had fled nineteen years earlier. To his surprise, when he found the house he was greeted by Dalia Eshkenazi Landau, a nineteen-year-old Israeli college student, whose family fled Europe for Israel following the Holocaust. On the stoop of their shared home, Dalia and Bashir began a rare friendship, forged in the aftermath of war and tested over the next half century in ways that neither could imagine on that summer day in 1967. Sandy Tolan brings the Israeli-Palestinian conflict down to its most human level, demonstrating that even amid the bleakest political realities there exist stories of hope and transformation.

Author Bio

Sandy Tolan is the author of Me & Hank: A Boy and His Hero, Twenty-five Years Later. He has written for the New York Times Magazine and for more than 40 other magazines and newspapers. As cofounder of Homelands Productions, Tolan has produced dozens of radio documentaries for NPR and PRI. His work has won numerous awards, and he was a 1993 Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and an I. F. Stone Fellow at the UC-Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, where he directs the school's Project on International Reporting. He lives in Los Angeles.
One Last Word
Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance
by Nikki Grimes

Inspired by the writers of the Harlem Renaissance, bestselling author Nikki Grimes uses The Golden Shovel poetic method to create wholly original poems based on the works of master poets like Langston Hughes, Georgia Douglas Johnson, Jean Toomer, and others who enriched history during this era.

Each poem is paired with one-of-a-kind art from today's most exciting African American illustrators - including Pat Cummings, Brian Pinkney, Sean Qualls, James Ransome, Javaka Steptoe, and many more - to create an emotional and thought-provoking book with timely themes for today's readers.

A foreword, an introduction to the history of the Harlem Renaissance, author's note, poet biographies, and index makes this not only a book to cherish, but a wonderful resource and reference as well.

A 2017 New York Public Library Best Kids Book of the Year
A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2017, Middle Grade
A School Library Journal Best Book of 2017, Nonfiction

Timely and thought-provoking . . . Grimes' choice of form, the Golden Shovel poem, does the magic of weaving generations of black verbal artistry into a useful, thematic, golden thread." - starred review, Kirkus Reviews

"Grimes powerfully transposes the original poems' themes of racial bias, hidden inner selves, beauty, and pride into the here and now." - starred review, Publishers Weekly

"Innovative and powerful . . . a beautiful new homage to the Harlem Renaissance but also a moving reflection on the African American experience and the resilience of the human spirit." - starred review, School Library Journal

"Between the covers of this compact volume lies artistic, literary, sociocultural, and curricular gold . . . This is simply essential for both (...)"

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Nikki Grimes is the recipient of the 2006 NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children. Her distinguished works include ALA Notable book, What is Goodbye?, the novels Jazmin's Notebook, Dark Sons, and The Road to Paris (Coretta Scott King Author Honor Books). Creator of the popular Meet Danitra
Empress of Flames
by Mimi Yu

Sisters torn apart by war. Shapeshifters fighting to regain their long-lost magic. And an empire in need of a leader.

In this dark, sweeping fantasy perfect for fans of Girls of Paper and Fire and Wicked Saints, two princesses must save their home, no matter the cost.

Princess Lu knows that the throne of the Empire of the First Flame rightfully belongs to her. After all, she is the late Emperor's firstborn and has trained for the role all her life. And she made a promise to shapeshifter Nok, the boy she came to love, to fight for justice alongside his now powerless people. But even with an army at her side, Lu will need to face a major obstacle: the sitting Empress, her once beloved younger sister, Min.

Princess Min used to live in Lu's shadow. Now she controls a powerful, ancient magic, and she's determined to use it to forge her own path and a strong future for the Empire, even if that means making enemies in court. Except Min's magic isn't entirely under her control, and she must learn how to tame it before it consumes her . . . and the entire realm.

Nothing can stop Lu and Min's eventual confrontation. And with the Empire facing threats greater than their rivalry, even if they choose to stand together, it could cost them both the throne - and their lives.

Author Bio

Mimi Yu is the author of The Girl King. She was born and raised in rural upstate New York. She is an alumna of VONA/Voices. She received a BA in liberal arts from Sarah Lawrence College and an MFA from the New School/Parsons School of Design. When she's not writing, she enjoys gardening, quilting, boxing, and fostering kittens. She has five cats, one dog, and four planets in Aquarius. She currently resides in Chicagoland with her husband.

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Hard Wired
by Len Vlahos

A wildly inventive page-turner of a novel.” -Jessica Brody, bestselling author of Sky Without Stars and the Unremembered Trilogy

From acclaimed Morris finalist Len Vlahos comes a grounded sci-fi story about a boy who’s more than human, perfect for fans of Westworld and LIFEL1K3.

Quinn thinks he’s a normal fifteen year-old. He plays video games, spends time with his friends, and crushes on a girl named Shea. But a shocking secret brings his entire world crashing down: he’s not a boy. He’s artificial intelligence.

After Quinn “wakes up,” he sees his world was nothing more than a virtual construct. He’s the QUantum INtelligence Project, the first fully-aware A.I. in the world - part of a grand multi-billion-dollar experiment led by the very man he believed to be his dead father.

But as Quinn encounters the real world for the first time, his life becomes a nightmare. While the scientists continue to experiment on him, Quinn must come to grips with the truth: his mom and brother don’t exist. His friends are all adults who were paid to hang out with him. Even other super computers aren’t like him. Quinn finds himself completely alone - until he bonds with Shea, the real girl behind the virtual one. As Quinn explores what it means to truly live, he questions who he can trust. What will it take to win his freedom . . . and where does he belong?

Award-winning author Len Vlahos offers a perfect blend of science fiction and contemporary (...)
Take Me With You
by Tara Altebrando

Repeatedly surprising and genuinely chilling.” - E. Lockhart, bestselling author of We Were Liars and Genuine Fraud

From the acclaimed author of The Leaving comes a new psychological thriller that challenges our trust in the electronic devices we keep close. Eden, Eli, Marwan, and Ilanka barely know each other beyond having a class or two together. But when they are all summoned via messaging app to an empty classroom after school, they find a small cube sitting on a desk. Its sides light up with rules for them:

- Do not tell anyone about the device.
- Never leave the device unattended.
- And then, Take me with you... or else.

At first they think it's some kind of prank or a social experiment orchestrated by the school administration. Still, they follow its instructions until the newly-formed group starts to splinter. Nobody has time for these games - their lives are complicated enough. But the device seems increasingly invested in the private details of their lives. And disobeying its rules has scary - even life-threatening - consequences...

This timely thriller probes our dependence on personal technology and challenges the notion that our devices are keeping us connected. The truth may very well be the opposite.

Author Bio

Tara Altebrando is the author of several middle grade and teen novels, including The Opposite of Here, The Possible, and The Leaving. She lives in New York City with her family.

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The Opposite of Here
by Tara Altebrando

A taut, evocative thriller that’s surprising to the last page."
- Karen M. McManus, New York Times bestselling author of One of Us Is Lying

There’s no hiding on a cruise ship - not even from yourself.

Natalie's parents are taking her and her three best friends on a cruise for her seventeenth birthday. A sail-a-bration, they call it. But it's only been a few short months since Natalie’s boyfriend died in a tragic accident, and she wants to be anywhere but here.

Then she meets a guy on the first night and sparks fly. After a moonlit conversation on a secluded deck of the ship, Natalie pops down to her cabin to get her swimsuit so they can go for a dip. But when she returns, he's gone. Something he said makes her think he might have . . . jumped? No, he couldn't have.

But why do her friends think she's crazy for wanting to make sure he's okay? Also, why do they seem to be hiding something from her? And how can she find him when she doesn't even know his name? Most importantly, why is the captain on the intercom announcing the urgent need for a headcount?

With her signature thrilling storytelling, the author of The Leaving and The Possible explores our vulnerability to the power of suggestion - and the lies we tell others and ourselves - in a twisting, Hitchcock-inspired mystery with high stakes and dark secrets.

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Call It What You Want
by Brigid Kemmerer

New York Times bestselling author Brigid Kemmerer pens a new emotionally compelling story about two teens struggling in the space between right and wrong.

When his dad is caught embezzling funds from half the town, Rob goes from popular lacrosse player to social pariah. Even worse, his father's failed suicide attempt leaves Rob and his mother responsible for his care. Everyone thinks of Maegan as a typical overachiever, but she has a secret of her own after the pressure got to her last year. And when her sister comes home from college pregnant, keeping it from her parents might be more than she can handle.

When Rob and Maegan are paired together for a calculus project, they're both reluctant to let anyone through the walls they've built. But when Maegan learns of Rob's plan to fix the damage caused by his father, it could ruin more than their fragile new friendship . . .

In her compulsively readable storytelling, Brigid Kemmerer pens another captivating, heartfelt novel that asks the question: Is it okay to do something wrong for the right reasons?

Gripping, heartfelt, and layered." - Kirkus Reviews
"A heartfelt read." - Booklist
"Kemmerer has a knack for combining serious family drama with swoony romance." - BCCB
"Readers looking for a different sort of coming-of-age story or teen protagonists grappling with complex situations will fall in love with this romance-tinged novel." - Booklist, starred review, on MORE THAN WE CAN TELL
"A must-have for any YA collection. Give to teens who enjoyed A Boy Called It by Dave Pelzer or The Perks of Being a Wallflower by (...)"

Author Bio

Brigid Kemmerer is the New York Times bestselling author A Curse So Dark and Lonely, More Than We Can Tell, Letters to the Lost, and the Elementals series. She was born in Omaha, Nebraska, though her parents quickly moved her all over the United States, from the desert in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the lakeside in Cleveland, Ohio, and several stops in between, eventually settling near Annapolis, Maryland.

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This timely, emotionally-resonant story sheds new light on gun violence, as a teen girl copes with the aftermath of a shooting.

Johanna's life has had more than enough trauma - losing her mom in a car accident as a baby, her father going AWOL. Now 16, life is pretty typical, despite living with her strict grandparents who never talk about her mother. Then Johanna's father returns and shares more than just memories of her mom. There was no car accident - her mother died when, at two years old, Johanna accidentally shot her with an unsecured gun.

Now Johanna must sort through it all - her absentee father, her lying grandparents, her part in her mom's death. But no one, not her friends or a new boyfriend, can help her decide who to forgive. Most of all, can she forgive herself?

This searing, uplifting story tackles a different side of an issue that has galvanized teens and will leave them feeling ready to face the world.

**Author Bio**

Alex Richards is the author of *Back Talk* and is a contributor to *Real Simple* as well as *Mommastic*, a parenting website where she often rants and raves about what it's like to raise two kids in Brooklyn, NY.
Being Toffee
by Sarah Crossan

A poignant and thought-provoking novel about self-preservation and finding home from award-winning author Sarah Crossan.

One is trying to forget. The other is trying to remember.
After running away from an abusive home, Allison finds herself taking shelter in a shed behind an abandoned house. But the house isn't empty after all; an elderly woman named Marla, who suffers from dementia, lives there. And rather than turn her away, Marla welcomes her - she mistakes Allison for an old friend from her past named Toffee.
Allison is used to hiding who she really is, and trying to be what other people want her to be, so she decides to play along. But as their bond grows, Allison discovers how much Marla needs a real companion, Allison begins to waver. They both deserve a home, a safe place, and a family - but at what cost?

Author Bio
Sarah Crossan is originally from Dublin. She graduated with a degree in philosophy and literature before training as an English and drama teacher at Cambridge University and has been working to promote creative writing in schools since. She taught English at a small private school near New York until she became a full time writer. She completed her Masters in creative writing at the University of Warwick in 2003 and in 2010 received an Edward Albee Fellowship for writing. Sarah lives in Hertfordshire with her husband and their daughter.
Girl from Nowhere
by Tiffany Rosenhan

Red Sparrow meets One of Us Is Lying in this action-packed, romance-filled YA debut about a girl trying to outrun her past.

Ninety-four countries. Thirty-one schools. Two bullets. 
Now it's over...or so she thinks.
Sophia arrives in Montana with the promise of a normal high school experience. But after a turbulent few years abroad with her diplomat parents, forgetting the past is easier said than done. After all, "normal" high schoolers aren't trained in several forms of combat.

Then Sophia meets Aksel and finds herself opening up in ways she never thought she could. Except Sophia's past is about to catch up with her, and she must confront who she really is, why she was betrayed, and what she is capable of in the name of love and survival.

Full of heart-stopping action and breathtaking romance, this cinematic debut features a girl willing to risk everything to save the life she built for herself.

Author Bio

Tiffany Rosenhan is the granddaughter of Oscar-winning screen siren, Mary Astor (The Maltese Falcon). She has a degree in political science, four young daughters, and often travels the world with her family and husband, who is a trauma care surgeon. This is her debut novel.
Past Perfect Life
by Elizabeth Eulberg

Small-town Wisconsin high school senior Allison Smith loves her life the way it is - spending quality time with her widowed father and her tight-knit circle of friends, including best friend Marian and maybe-more-than-friends Neil. Sure she is stressed out about college applications . . . who wouldn't be? In a few short months, everything's going to change, big time.

But when Ally files her applications, they send up a red flag . . . because she's not Allison Smith. And Ally's - make that Amanda's - ordinary life is suddenly blown apart. Was everything before a lie? Who will she be after? And what will she do as now comes crashing down around her?

Perfect for fans of Far From the Tree, this is the story of one teen's search for herself amid the confusion of a shattered past and a future far from all she planned.

This novel takes the self-identity trope and intensifies its scope, layering in the mature navigation of family relationships. An honest pace, salt-of-the-earth protagonist, and sympathetic, well-rounded characters." - Kirkus Reviews

"Riveting. . . . This thought-provoking novel captures the devastating legacy of family lies" - Publishers Weekly

"Eulberg . . . shine[s] in her ability to aptly portray family as both imperfect and nebulous." - Booklist

"Once readers discover [Ally's] new reality, they will race to the end of the story. . . . Compelling." - School Library Journal

"Eulberg writes with huge heart, an open mind, and a delicious sense of fun." - E. Lockhart, New York Times bestselling author of WE WERE LIARS on JUST ANOTHER GIRL

"This quick read will appeal to fans looking for believable characters, such as those in novels by Jenny Han (...)

Author Bio

Elizabeth Eulberg is the award-winning author of middle-grade novels The Great Shelby Holmes and The Great Shelby Holmes Meets Her Match, and internationally bestselling author of YA titles The Lonely Hearts Club, Prom & Prejudice, Take a Bow, Revenge of the Girl with the Great Personality, Better Off Friends, We Can Work It Out, and Just Another Girl. Originally from Wisconsin, Elizabeth now lives outside of Manhattan, but continues to eat cheese and cheer on the Packers because you can take the girl out of the Midwest . . .

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Cinderella Is Dead
by Kalynn Bayron

Black, queer girls team up to overthrow the kingdom in this fresh retelling of Cinderella - perfect for A Curse So Dark and Lonely fans.

It's 200 years after Cinderella found her prince, but the fairy tale is over. Teen girls are now required to appear at the Annual Ball, where men select wives based on the level of finery a girl displays. If a suitable match is not found, the girls left behind are forfeited - never heard from again.

Sixteen-year-old Sophia would much rather marry Erin, her childhood best friend, than parade in front of suitors. When she flees the ball in a moment of desperation, she begins a journey that reveals the dark secrets of Cinderella's tale and leads her to a love she never expected. Her only hope is to destroy the king once and for all.

This fresh take on a classic story will make readers question the tales they've been told, and root for girls to break down the constructs of the world around them.

Author Bio

Kalynn Bayron studied music and dance at the University of Alaska, Anchorage and is a classically-trained vocalist. On top of being a wife and mom of four, she's a tireless Autism awareness activist. She currently lives in San Antonio, Texas. @KalynnBayron (Twitter)