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Grandpas Are the Greatest
by Ben Faulks

A heartwarming picture book about the special bond between grandpas and grandchildren.

There's a great long line of grandpas that leads all the way to you. And like my grandpa did for me, I'll love you through and through.

Do you have a grandpa who bakes delicious treats with you? One who can build the perfect playhouse? A grandpa who shows you all the best magic tricks? Or maybe you have a grandpa who simply spends time with you and gives the best hugs.

What makes grandpas the GREATEST? No two grandpas are the same, but whether they're a wacky barber, a daring explorer, a genius inventor, or a stay-at-home-papa, you can always count on grandpas for the love they have to give.

From Ben Faulks and Nia Tudor comes a heartwarming story that celebrates all kinds of grandpas and the special bonds they share with their grandchildren. Grandpas Are the Greatest is the perfect gift to celebrate grandfathers.

Here's to all the grandpas, whatever lives they live. You can always count on grandpas for the love they have to give.

Author Bio

Ben Faulks is a British actor, author, presenter, and producer. Born in Cornwall, he now lives in the Northwest of England with his wife and children. He is best known for co-creating the award-winning British television show Mr. Bloom's Nursery for CBeebies. He is the author of Watch Out for Muddy Puddles, What Makes Me a Me, and Grandpas Are the Greatest.

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Nia Tudor is a freelance illustrator living along the Welsh coast in South Wales, UK with her husband, three children, and two cats. Nia loves depicting heartfelt and intricate family relationships taking inspiration from her three children whom she unschools. Books she's illustrated include When You Joined Our Family, The Queen on Our Corner, and Grandpas Are the Greatest.

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

Celebrate the spookiest day of the year with the award-winning creators of I Got the Rhythm, Connie and Frank Morrison.

Happy Halloween . . . it's time to trick-or-treat.

Hear the spooky spirit howling in the windy, misty gloom - SWOOM, SWOOP, SWOOSH!

Dance with other ghouls and goblins - MONSTER MASH!

Trade candy with new spooky friends - CRACKLE CRUNCH!

When you share the spooky spirit with family and friends, there's fun for all on the best night of the year!

Author Bio

Connie Schofield-Morrison has been writing since she was a young girl and is inspired every day by the big sounds and bright colors of the world around her. I Got the Rhythm is her first picture book. Frank Morrison is a renowned fine artist whose work was featured in Our Children Can Soar. He has lent his talents to many picture books, including Alex Rodriguez's Out of the Ballpark, Queen Latifah's Queen of the Scene, and Brenda Roberts' Jazzy Miz Mozetta, for which he won the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent. He lives in Georgia.
May's Brave Day
by Lucy Morris

This gorgeous picture book about finding your bravery is perfect for fans of Corinna Luyken and Julie Morstad.

Some days are brave days... some days are not.

The butterflies are back in May's tummy on the first day of school. She thinks back to other brave days and tries to hop, skip, and dance away her worries. Nothing helps and May wishes she could simply fly away. But her mom reassures her that everyone has worries, even the birds, bees, and butterflies. With a little time, May will feel ready to spread her wings again.

From author/illustrator Lucy Morris comes a beautifully gentle picture book about working through your worries and finding courage in your own authentic way.

Author Bio

Lucy Morris is based in Norfolk, UK, has an MA in Children's Book Illustration at Anglia Ruskin in Cambridge and a Degree in Fine Art Painting from Brighton University. She has been an artist all her life. www.lucymorrisart.co.uk

Notes

Promotion
Independent bookseller outreach, National media campaign, Targeted influencer outreach across all platforms, School and library promotion, Social media and newsletter promotion
Out of the Blue
by Robert Tregoning, illustrated by Stef Murphy

This picture book about a boy who overcomes his fear of being different is a celebration of diversity, acceptance, and pride, perfect for fans of Julian is a Mermaid.

In a very blue house, on a very blue street, in his very blue bedroom, sits a little boy who's feeling very blue. He has a secret: he loves the color yellow. And in a world where everyone loves blue, he knows in his heart that loving a different color must be bad.

Can the boy find the courage to share his true self with his dad? Can the world see the benefits of letting everyone love any color they want to?

A stunning celebration of being yourself and living in ALL the colors of the rainbow, from debut author Robert Tregoning and rising star illustrator Stef Murphy.

Author Bio

Robert Tregoning studied at the Glasgow School of Art before leaping in to a career on the West End stage. He has appeared in stage shows including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, directed by Academy Award Winner Sam Mendes, and the Royal Shakespeare Company's Matilda the Musical. As an LGBTQ+ writer, Robert hopes to help children and adults alike to accept and celebrate all that makes us uniquely ourselves. The stories Robert writes are stories he wishes he could have read as a child. He hopes they provide a voice of recognition, validation and kindness to those who need it.

Stef Murphy is a freelance illustrator and storyteller living in London. She loves drawing animals and making up stories, and she has illustrated books including The Fire Fox by Alexandra Page. Out of the Blue is her first book for Bloomsbury.
Sonny Says No!
by Caryl Hart, illustrated by Zachariah OHora

This darling young picture book series - featuring four adorable animal friends - explores relatable social/emotional learning topics. Sonny LOVES painting, so when he finds a paint set in the garden, he gets right to work! But then Boo and Meemo ask to use the paints, too. And now Honey and Boo ask for Sonny’s help blowing balloons. But Sonny just wants to paint by himself, so he says, “No!” Why can’t they see that Sonny doesn’t have time to help? Suddenly Sonny realizes he forgot something important - it’s Meemo’s birthday! Honey and Boo have been trying to make Meemo a birthday present. Will Sonny help them make Meemo’s big day special?

Caryl Hart and bestselling illustrator Zachariah OHora continue this sweet and funny series, about sharing, caring, and playing together. The format is perfect for toddlers, with rounded edges and sturdy cardstock pages.

Author Bio

Caryl Hart writes picture books and young fiction and loves walking her dog and sitting in cafes and libraries. She runs creative literacy workshops for schools and libraries. She has written Whiffy Wilson, How to Catch a Dragon, Welcome to Alien School, How to Catch a Dinosaur, Supermarket Zoo, The Princess and the Peas, The Princess and the Presents, Catch That Rat, and Big Box Little Box. She lives in Derbyshire with her husband and two daughters.
Summer Is Here
by Renee Watson, illustrated by Brittany Jackson

Bestselling creators Renee Watson and Brittany Jackson offer a picture book ode to a picture-perfect summer day, from sunrise to sunset. Summer is here! / No dark clouds in the sky, it's a perfect day for play. What joy will summer bring me today?

Summer is finally here, and she's bringing the most perfect day! From sun-up to sun-down, there's so much to do on this lovely summer day. With Summer comes fresh fruit, sweet and tangy, jump ropes leaping and dancing, and friends at the pool swimming and floating. She brings family cookouts under shady trees, gardens overflowing, and the familiar song of the ice cream truck. This beautiful ode to summer's sensations follows one girl's perfect day in a celebration of life, family, friendship, sunshine, and wonder.

Renee Watson celebrates iconic childhood joys in this love letter to summer featuring bright, sun-drenched art from Brittany Jackson.

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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Brittany Jackson is the award-winning artist of beloved picture books such as Hair Like Mine by Latashia M. Perry and the New York Times bestseller Parker Looks Up by Parker and Jessica Curry. She lives in Detroit, Michigan.
The Raven Heir  
by Stephanie Burgis

Perfect for fans of Robert Beatty and Shannon Hale comes a magical new middle grade fantasy series about a young shapeshifter trying to save her family.

Deep within an enchanted forest lies a castle where a set of triplets and their sorceress mother have lived for years - safe from the decades-long war for the Raven Throne that rages in the kingdom. Cordelia, one of the triplets, has the power to become any animal with just a thought, and she yearns to discover more about the world outside her castle.

But one day, the world comes to her, when the eldest of the triplets becomes the newest heir to the throne. Knowing that being named heir means certain death, Cordelia's mother hid the truth about which child is the eldest when she hid them in the forest. When her family is captured, it's up to Cordelia to use her powers to keep her siblings hidden and discover the truth about the Raven Heir - before it's too late.

From the author of The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart comes a thrilling new fantasy full of magic, adventure, and the power of family.

Acclaim for The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart
A Kids' Indie Next List Pick
An Amazon Best Book of the Month
A Mighty Girl Best Book of the Year
A Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year
A VOYA Top Shelf Pick

Brimming with magic, The Raven Heir (...)

Author Bio

Stephanie Burgis is a dual citizen of the US and the UK and lives in South Wales (land of dragons) with her husband, the author Patrick Samphire, and their children. The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart is Stephanie's first (delicious) novel for Bloomsbury.
The Raven Throne
by Stephanie Burgis

From the author of The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart comes a thrilling new fantasy full of magic, adventure, and the power of family.


Now that Cordelia sits on the Raven Throne, things in Corvene must change.

When their triplet sister became the Raven Queen, Giles and Rosalind knew they would have to learn to behave at court. For Rosalind, no more fighting. For Giles, no more loud singing. But what they didn’t foresee was having to foil a wicked plot against their sister.

So when Cordelia falls into an enchanted sleep and cannot be woken, Rosalind and Giles must find the Great Raven - the spirit who protects queen and castle in times of trouble. But the Raven is missing

Author Bio

Stephanie Burgis is a dual citizen of the US and the UK and lives in South Wales (land of dragons) with her husband, the author Patrick Samphire, and their children. The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart is Stephanie’s first (delicious) novel for Bloomsbury.
Wolfboy is back in another hilarious story about not being afraid . . . to be afraid!
The only way for Wolfboy to get home before moonset is by sneaking through
the Grumble Monster's lair.

This is no problem for Wolfboy, who's super brave and totally not afraid of
anything! But . . . the rabbits should walk ahead. Wolfboy needs to watch their
backs after all!

Wait, are those monster claws? Are those monster eyes? Maybe Wolfboy IS
scared!

With bold art and a high energy text perfect for reading aloud, Wolfboy Is
Scared shows how being afraid is totally normal.

Author Bio

Andy Harkness is the author and illustrator of Wolfboy, which received two
starred reviews, and of Bug Zoo. He is an award-winning art director who has
worked on Moana, Frozen, and Wreck-It Ralph, among other movies. After 25
years at Disney, he moved to Sony Pictures Animation. He is currently at
Skydance Animation, where he is the production designer on an upcoming
project. He lives in California with his family. www.andyharknessart.com
All That Shines
by Ellen Hagan

A contemplative novel in verse that questions what it means to lose everything you once treasured and rediscover yourself, falling in love along the way.

Chloe Brooks has only ever known what it's like to have everything. Her parents' wealth and place in society meant she had all she wanted, and friends everywhere she turned. Until it all crashes down: Her father is arrested in the middle of the night, under investigation for fraud.

Bankrupt and facing foreclosure, Chloe must forgo her lavish summer plans as she and her mom are forced to move into one of the rundown apartments they still own, just outside Lexington, Kentucky. Without her riches, Chloe loses her friends, her comfort, her confidence, and her sense of self, unsure of who she is and if she is even worth anything if she nothing to offer.

To Chloe's surprise, she bonds with her neighbors, Clint, Skye, James, and Natalia, and they introduce her to the side of Kentucky she's long ignored. Her new friends are the only ones who see her for who she truly is, but will they stay by her side once they discover her family's true identity, or will Chloe lose them, too?

In her signature captivating verse, Ellen Hagan encapsulates the hesitant joy of reshaping your identity and rediscovering yourself.

When I read Don't Call Me a Hurricane with my niece she said: 'a climate change activist love story in verse?! Yes (...)'

Author Bio

Ellen Hagan is a writer, performer, and educator. Her poetry collections include: Hemisphere and Crowned. Her work can be found in ESPN Magazine, She Walks in Beauty and Southern Sin. She is the recipient of a NoMAA Creative Arts Grant and received grants from the Kentucky Foundation for Women and the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts. National arts residencies include The Hopscotch House and Louisiana Arts Works. Ellen is the Director of the Poetry & Theatre Departments at the DreamYard Project and directs their International Poetry Exchange Program with Japan, South Korea and the Philippines. She co-leads the Alice Hoffman Young Writer's Retreat at Adelphi University.

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All That’s Left to Say
by Emery Lord

Told in an unputdownable then/now narrative, this poignant exploration of grief is perfect for fans of Robin Benway and Jandy Nelson.

Then: At the start of junior year, Hannah's cousin, Sophie, died of an overdose. Through the haze of grief and disbelief, Hannah became obsessed with one unanswered question: Who gave Sophie those pills? When no one came forward, Hannah decided to find out for herself, concocting a risky plan to enroll at Sophie's elite private school and work through a list of people most likely to know what happened.

Now: At the start of senior year, Hannah is ready. With a new look and new confidence, she's willing to risk anything - her reputation, her chance at new love, her entire future - to find out the truth. She needs to make up for the life Sophie will never get to live. But the deeper Hannah goes, the farther away she pushes the people still in her life. If uncovering the truth doesn't help her, what will?

Author Bio

Emery Lord is the author of Open Road Summer, The Start of Me and You, and When We Collided. She lives in a pink row house in Cincinnati, with a husband, two rescue dogs, and a closet full of impractical shoes.

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Notes

Promotion
Extensive independent bookseller campaign, Major national trade and consumer advertising campaign, National media campaign, Select author appearances including trade shows and festivals, Targeted influencer outreach across all platforms including Instagram and TikTok tours, Major school and library promotion, Extensive social media and newsletter promotion
And They Lived . . .
by Steven Salvatore

From the author of Can’t Take That Away comes a sex-positive, fairytale-inspired YA novel that celebrates first love and self-acceptance, perfect for fans of What If It’s Us.

My heart didn’t stand a chance. I loved it from once upon a time all the way to its joyfully complex ever after.” - New York Times bestselling author Becky Albertalli

“A jolt of lightning to my soul. The characters are so bright, the emotion is so vibrant, and the love is exquisitely electric.” - Jason June, author of Jay’s Gay Agenda

Chase Arthur is a budding animator and hopeless romantic obsessed with Disney films and finding his true love, but he’s plagued with the belief that he’s not enough for anyone: he’s recovering from an eating disorder and suffers from body dysmorphia fueled by his father, and can’t quite figure out his gender identity. When Chase starts his freshman year of college, he has to navigate being away from home and missing his sister, finding his squad, and contending with his ex-best friend Leilawho is gunning for the same exclusive mentorship. If only he can pull together a short for the freshman animation showcase at the end of the semester.

Then Chase meets Jack Reid, a pragmatic poet who worships words and longs to experience (...)
Don't Call Me a Hurricane
by Ellen Hagan

An affecting and resonant YA novel in verse that explores family, community, the changing ocean tides, and what it means to fall in love with someone who sees the world in a different way.

It's been five years since a hurricane ravaged Eliza Marino's life and home in her quiet town on the Jersey shore. Now a senior in high school, Eliza is passionate about fighting climate change-starting with saving Clam Cove Reserve, an area of marshland that is scheduled to be turned into buildable lots. Protecting the island helps Eliza deal with her lingering trauma from the storm, but she still can't shake the fear that something will come along and wash out her life once again.

When Eliza meets Milo Harris at a party, she tries to hate him. Milo is one of the rich tourists who flock to the island every summer. But after Eliza reluctantly agrees to give Milo surfing lessons, she can't help falling for him. Still, Eliza's not sure if she's ready to risk letting an outsider into the life she's rebuilt. Especially once she discovers that Milo is keeping a devastating secret.

Told in stunning verse, Don't Call Me a Hurricane is a love story for the people and places we come from, and a journey to preserve what we love most about home.

When I read Don't Call Me a Hurricane with my niece she said: 'a climate change activist love story in verse?! Yes, please.' We both loved taking this journey with Eliza Marino. It is a salve and good company for all of (…)

Author Bio

Ellen Hagan is a writer, performer, and educator. Her poetry collections include: Hemisphere and Crowned. Her work can be found in ESPN Magazine, She Walks in Beauty and Southern Sin. She is the recipient of a NoMAA Creative Arts Grant and received grants from the Kentucky Foundation for Women and the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts. National arts residencies include The Hopscotch House and Louisiana Arts Works. Ellen is the Director of the Poetry & Theatre Departments at the DreamYard Project and directs their International Poetry Exchange Program with Japan, South Korea and the Philippines. She co-leads the Alice Hoffman Young Writer's Retreat at Adelphi University. www.ellenhagan.com; @ellenhagan
Every Body Shines
Sixteen Stories About Living Fabulously Fat
edited by Cassandra Newbould

An intersectional, feminist YA anthology from some of today's most exciting voices across a span of genres, all celebrating body diversity and fat acceptance through short stories.

Fat girls and boys and nonbinary teens are: friends who lift each other up, heroes who rescue themselves, big bodies in space, intellects taking up space, and bodies looking and feeling beautiful. They express themselves through fashion, sports and other physical pursuits, through food, and music, and art. They are flirting and falling in love. They are loving to themselves and one another. With stories that feature fat main characters starring in a multitude of settings, and written by authors who live these lives too, this is truly a unique collection that shows fat young people the representation they deserve.

With a foreword by Aubrey Gordon, creator of Your Fat Friend, and with stories by:
Nafiza Azad, Chris Baron, Sheena Boekweg, Linda Camacho, Kelly deVos, Alex Gino, Claire Kann, amanda lovelace, Hillary Monahan, Cassandra Newbould, Francina Simone, Rebecca Sky, Monique Gray Smith, Renee Watson, Catherine Adel West, Jennifer Yen

"A deeply validating and joyful collection! Every Body Shines is the kind of book I've been waiting to see on shelves my whole life." - Julie Murphy, New York Times bestselling author of Dumplin'

"Readers can expect diverse takes on the experience of living as a fat person in modern times [. . . ], to find characters of different gender identities, sexual orientations, cultural heritages, and race. No longer relegated to comedic relief or token sidekick, these fat teens, who are given multidimensional personalities, face troubles beyond others' views of their size ( . . . )

Author Bio

Cassandra Newbould is the creator and host of the Fat Like Me podcast and community. Fat Like Me is a show where Cass chats all things fat with authors, entertainers, and activists about life, the arts, and why we desperately need more body diversity in kidlit today. As a writer of middle grade and young adult fiction, Cassandra creates stories where kids of all sizes can see themselves featured as the main character and not just the funny fat friend.

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Forging Silver into Stars
by Brigid Kemmerer

An instant *New York Times* bestseller!


All's fair in love, war . . . and magic.

When Tycho, the King's Courier, arrives in the remote village of Briarlock, he wants only to escape the demands of his new life in the royal court, where magic reigns for the first time in ages. The last thing he expects is to fall for a handsome blacksmith with a bruised heart.

After years of toil under his father's cruel hand, Jax never dared to dream of a better life. When rumors of a rebellion reach their small forge, he begins to wonder if he'll even survive - until a magic-wielding young lord offers him an enticing escape.

Jax's best friend, Callyn, doesn't trust this mysterious new friend. Magic once killed her parents, and she would do anything to protect Jax. But when another powerful man arrives from the capital, seeking her help, Callyn will be forced to question everything she thought she knew about magic - and herself.

War is brewing. Love is blooming. And magic may doom - or save - them all . . .

Propulsive (...)

Author Bio

Brigid Kemmerer is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Defy the Night*, 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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If Tomorrow Doesn’t Come
by Jen St. Jude

_We Are Okay_ meets _They Both Die at the End_ in this YA debut about queer first love and mental health at the end of the world—and the importance of saving yourself, no matter what tomorrow may hold.

Avery Byrne has secrets. She’s queer; she’s in love with her best friend, Cass; and she’s suffering from undiagnosed clinical depression. But on the morning Avery plans to jump into the river near her college campus, the world discovers there are only nine days left to live: an asteroid is headed for Earth, and no one can stop it.

Trying to spare her family and Cass additional pain, Avery does her best to make it through just nine more days. As time runs out and secrets slowly come to light, Avery would do anything to save the ones she loves. But most importantly, she learns to save herself. Speak her truth. Seek the support she needs. Find hope again in the tomorrows she has left.

_If Tomorrow Doesn’t Come_ is a celebration of queer love, a gripping speculative narrative, and an urgent, conversation-starting book about depression, mental health, and shame.

**Author Bio**

Lambda Literary Fellow Jen St. Jude (she/they) grew up in New Hampshire apple orchards and now lives in Chicago with her wife and dog. She holds degrees in creative writing from Colby College and Harvard University Extension School, and has served as an editor for _Chicago Review of Books, Just Femme & Dandy_, and _Arcturus Magazine_. When she’s not reading or writing, you can find her cheering on the Chicago Sky and Red Stars. _If Tomorrow Doesn’t Come_ is her first novel.

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No Perfect Places
by Steven Salvatore

From lauded author Steven Salvatore comes a moving YA novel about twins whose incarcerated father dies and leaves behind a life-changing secret, perfect for fans of I'll Give You the Sun and Euphoria.

When their father went to prison last year for embezzlement, twins Alex and Olly Brucke lost everything: their house, their college funds, most of their friends, and even their mother, who's so focused on making ends meet that she's never around anymore. The only thing they can count on lately is each other.

But after their father dies unexpectedly in prison, the twins start to fracture. Alex is spiraling, skipping classes to spend all of her time drunk or high. And Olly is struggling with a secret his dad ordered him to keep: they have a secret half-brother named Tyler.

When Tyler shows up in their lakeside town for the summer, hoping to get to know his siblings, Olly hides the truth from Alex. But as Alex and Tyler start to form a friendship, the lies become harder to juggle. If they can't confront their father's past and fix their relationship, Olly and Alex each risk losing two siblings forever.

No Perfect Places is a thought-provoking novel about grief, family secrets, and figuring out how to belong against the odds.

Author Bio
Steven Salvatore is a gay and genderqueer author, writing professor, Mariah Carey lamb, and Star Wars fanatic. They hold an MFA in Creative Writing from The New School. They currently live in Peekskill, New York. They are also the author of Can't Take That Away and And They Lived, and cofounder of the Pride Book Fest.

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Secret of the Moon Conch
by David Bowles and Guadalupe Garcia McCall

Award-winning authors David Bowles and Guadalupe Garcia McCall join forces to craft a sweeping fantasy romance about falling in love despite all odds.

In modern-day Mexico, Sitlali has no family left and has caught the attention of a dangerous gang leader. She has no choice but to make the perilous trip to the US border and track down her long-absent father. The night before her journey, she finds a beautiful conch shell detailed with ancient markings.

In 1521, Calizto is an Aztec young warrior in Tenochtitlan, fighting desperately to save his city from Spanish imperialists. With his family dead and the horrors of war surrounding him, Calizto asks a sacred moon conch for guidance.

Connected by the magical conch, Sitlali and Calizto can communicate across centuries, finding comfort in each other as they fight to survive. With each conversation, they fall deeper in love, but will they be able to find a way to each other?

Author Bio

David Bowles is an award-winning Mexican American author and translator from Texas. His books include The Smoking Mirror, Feathered Serpent Dark Heart of Sky, and They Call Me Guero. He has been published in the New York Times, School Library Journal, Strange Horizons, English Journal, Rattle, Translation Review, and the Journal of Children's Literature. In 2017, he was inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters, and in 2020, he co-founded #DignidadLiteraria, a social justice movement advocating for greater Latinx representation in publishing.

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Guadalupe Garcia McCall is the award-winning author of Under the Mesquite, Summer of the Mariposas, Shame the Stars, All the Stars Denied, and Echoes of Grace. She has received a Pura Belpre Author Award, a Westchester Young Adult Fiction Award, and the Tomas Rivera Mexican-American Children's Book Award, and was a finalist for the William C. Morris Award and the Andre Norton Award for Young Adult Science Fiction and Fantasy, among many other accolades. She advocates for literacy and diverse books. She lives with her husband in Texas.

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Promotion

Extensive independent bookseller campaign, National media campaign, Select author appearances including trade shows and festivals, Targeted influencer outreach across all platforms including Instagram and TikTok tours, Major school and library promotion, Extensive social media and newsletter promotion.
Sing Me to Sleep
by Gabi Burton

In this dark and seductive YA fantasy debut, a siren must choose between protecting her family and following her heart in a prejudiced kingdom where her existence is illegal.

Saoirse Sorkova survives on lies. As a soldier-in-training at the most prestigious barracks in the kingdom, she lies about being a siren to avoid execution. At night, working as an assassin for a dangerous group of mercenaries, Saoirse lies about her true identity. And to her family, Saoirse tells the biggest lie of all: that she can control her siren powers and doesn't struggle constantly against an impulse to kill.

As the top trainee in her class, Saoirse would be headed for a bright future if it weren't for the need to keep her secrets out of the spotlight. But when a mysterious blackmailer threatens her sister, Saoirse takes a dangerous job that will help her investigate: she becomes personal bodyguard to the crown prince.

Saoirse should hate Prince Hayes. After all, his father is the one who enforces the kingdom's brutal creature segregation laws. But when Hayes turns out to be kind, thoughtful, and charming, Saoirse finds herself increasingly drawn to him-especially when they're forced to work together to stop a deadly killer who's plaguing the city. There's only one problem: Saoirse is that deadly killer.

Featuring an all Black and Brown cast, a forbidden romance, and a compulsively dark plot full of twists, this thrilling YA fantasy is perfect for fans of *A Song Below Water* and *To Kill a Kingdom*.

Author Bio

Gabi Burton grew up reading and writing in St. Louis, Missouri. She graduated from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine in 2021. Now, she works as a paralegal and author on the East Coast. When she's not working or writing, she's probably watching Netflix, scrolling through Twitter, or finding beautiful places to walk-preferably near a body of water.
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This Wicked Fate
by Kalynn Bayron

An instant New York Times bestseller, this alluring tale of ancient magic is perfect for fans of Legendborn and Lore.

Would you tempt even the most dangerous fate to save the ones you love?

Briseis has one chance to save her mother, but she'll need to do the impossible: find the last fragment of the deadly Absyrtus Heart. To locate the missing piece, she must turn to the blood relatives she's never known, learn about their secret powers, and take her place in their ancient lineage.

But Briseis is not the only one who wants the Heart, and her enemies will stop at nothing to fulfill their own ruthless plans. The fates tell of a truly dangerous journey, one that could end in more heartache, more death. Strengthened by the sisterhood of ancient magic, can Briseis harness her power to save the people she loves most?

New York Times bestselling author Kalynn Bayron continues the story of Briseis and her family's unique magic in the sequel to This Poison Heart.

"The book centers Black characters, and its prose sings. . . . This Wicked Fate is a delightful novel about literal Black Girl Magic, found family, and queer love, with adventures and a satisfying twist on Greek mythology." - Foreword Reviews, starred review

"This duology closer delves deeper into mythology (...)"

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.
You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight
by Kalynn Bayron

At Camp Mirror Lake, terror is the name of the game . . . but can you survive the night?
Charity Curtis has the summer job of her dreams, playing the "final girl" at Camp Mirror Lake. Guests pay to be scared in this full-contact terror game, as Charity and her summer crew recreate scenes from a classic slasher film, Curse of Camp Mirror Lake. The more realistic the fear, the better for business.

But the last weekend of the season, Charity's co-workers begin disappearing. And when one ends up dead, Charity's role as the final girl suddenly becomes all too real. If Charity and her girlfriend Bezi hope to survive the night, they'll need figure out what this killer is after. Is there is more to the story of Mirror Lake and its dangerous past than Charity ever suspected?

This heart-pounding slasher by New York Times bestselling author Kalynn Bayron is perfect for fans of Fear Street.

Author Bio
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Omen of Ice
by Jus Accardo

_Serpent and Dove meets These Hollow Vows_ in this all-new YA fantasy series about a druid and the Fae royal she's been tasked to protect.

When a spell goes wrong, linking the life force of 18-year-old druid Keltania to the Fae royal she's been tasked to protect, the two must embark on a dangerous trek through a violent wilderness.

Betrayal, stolen magic, and lies taint their journey as they work to break the magic linking them together before it consumes them both.

**Author Bio**

Jus Accardo spent her childhood reading and learning to cook, until she realized her true path lay with fiction, not food. Jus is the bestselling author of the popular Denazen series from Entangled Publishing, as well as the Darker Agency series and the New Adult series The Eternal Balance. A native New Yorker, she lives in the middle of nowhere with her husband, three dogs, and sometimes guard bear, Oswald.

[Visit Jus Accardo's website](https://jusaccardo.com)

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National media outreach to Girls Life Magazine, Paste magazine, and PopSugar., Spotlight and distribution at PLA and TLA 2023., Custom box mailing to 200 influencers (35M+ reach), Extensive ad campaign on popular Podcasts and YA sites such as Hey YA, YA Books Central, Pop!, Fictional Hangover, Bookriot, and more., Extensive social media campaign to begin 2 months prior to release., Early Galley Promotions on Goodreads, Netgalley, and Edelweiss, Social media advertising.
I just saved the boy I'm falling for from a gruesome death by a demon. And what does he have to say? I'm the key to opening the gates of Hell. I mean, a thank-you would've been nice. Or another scorching-hot, forbidden kiss. Either way, destiny will have to find someone else to torment, because I'm so done.

Or I was, until my little sister starts cackling exorcist-style and stares at me with eyes that aren't hers. They're Marid's, the Greater Demon I just kicked back to the dark realm he came from. Possessing Ray whenever he wants is his ultimate revenge.

The only way to break the tether between them includes a road trip through Hell, aka the Ather. I quickly discover nothing is as it seems in this place. Yeah, there are realms of terror, greed, and desire, but there's also peace, and a beauty I never knew existed... and it's eerily familiar.

With each obstacle we encounter, I slip a little further into the chaotic energy of my growing dark powers. And when an unexpected betrayal hits me square in the chest, I freefall into them.

Fate painted me as the monster of nightmares, and after this? Destiny is about to learn just how monstrous I can be.

The Ember of Night series is best enjoyed in order.

Reading Order:
Book #1 Ember of Night
Book #2 Shadow of Light
Book #3 Spark of Ash

Author Bio
Molly E. Lee writes adult and young adult contemporary featuring strong female heroines who are unafraid to challenge their male counterparts, yet still vulnerable enough to have love sneak up on them. In addition to being a military spouse and mother of two plus one stubborn English bulldog, Molly loves hiking, enjoying the outdoors around her mountain home, and digging for treasures in antique stores. She is the author of Ask Me Anything, the Grad Night series, and the Love on the Edge series.

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The Stolen Throne
by Abigail Owen

The hidden princess, now in the clutches of the king, must find a way to stop him - and the Shadowraith she's fallen for - in the next installment of Abigail Owen's sprawling, sexy upper YA fantasy.

The Dominions series is best enjoyed in order.
Reading Order:
Book #1 The Liar's Crown
Book #2 The Stolen Throne

Author Bio

Multi-award-winning author Abigail Owen writes adult paranormal romance and upper YA fantasy romance. She loves plots that move hot and fast, feisty heroines with sass, heroes with heart, a dash of snark, and oodles of HEAs! Other titles include wife, mother, Star Wars geek, ex-competitive skydiver, spreadsheet lover, eMBA, organizational guru, Texan, Aggie, and chocoholic.

Abigail currently resides in Austin, Texas, with her own swoon-worthy hero husband and their angelic (mostly) kids, who are growing up way too fast. abigailowen.com

Notes

Promotion
Exclusive cover reveal with major media outlet such as Paste Magazine, Bookriot, or The Nerd Daily followed by an Instagram cover reveal tour with MTMC tours.
Custom box mailing to influencers both existing fans and new to the series (45M+), Social media read along of The Liar's Crown with giveaways, Extensive social media campaign with author videos including reading excerpts, diving into the world, and more, "Winter is coming" pre-release teaser video campaign
From the time she was born, Sigrid has only ever been ordinary. Being paired at birth with a plain horse - instead of the powerful winged mare of a valkyrie - meant there would be no warrior path for her. No riding the skies, no glory among the nine worlds. Just the simple, unremarkable life of a stable hand.

Everything changes when a terrible enemy ambushes Vanaheim and Sigrid sees a vision of herself atop a mythical stallion, leading the valkyries into a harrowing battle. Finally, she can grab her future with her own two hands and become the hero of her own story... if she dares.

But her destiny is tied up with Mariam, a fallen valkyrie who's allied herself with the very enemy Sigrid is trying to stop.

Now Sigrid has left ordinary behind as she begins a journey with the beautiful - if treacherous - valkyrie, each step bringing her closer to answers... and to awakened feelings for Mariam.

Only, the life Sigrid has escaped may have been paradise compared to the one she's racing toward. Because her destination is the realm of the dead: the gates of Hel.

**Author Bio**

Tiana Warner is an LGBTQ+ author from Coquitlam, BC, Canada, best known for her critically acclaimed, #1 Amazon bestselling series, Mermaids of Eriana Kwai.

Tiana is a lifelong horseback rider and has tried several disciplines, including eventing, extreme trail, and mounted archery. Her mare, Bailey, is now semi-retired as a therapy horse, and Tiana spends her afternoons zipping around on a spunky gelding named Flynn.

In addition to writing stories, Tiana is a tech nerd and former programmer, as well as an outdoor enthusiast who loves to explore nature with her musician boyfriend and their hyperactive rescue mutt, Joey.

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### Notes

**Promotion**

Title to be included 50 custom box mailings of The Valkyrie's Shadow (15M+ reach), National digital advertising and social media advertising of first two books in series, Included in pitches to national media outlets with The Valkyrie's Shadow, Spotlight at ALA and PLA 2023, In person author signings and events, Storygram release day blitz on Instagram, Extensive social media campaign with author videos
The Valkyrie’s Shadow
by Tiana Warner

A thrilling Sapphic fantasy based on unique Norse mythology that ups the stakes of adventure, romance, and mystery.

Sigrid defied all odds to earn her place among the valkyries, and now, with Sleipnir as her steed, she has the potential to be a leader—but only if she can harness the dangerous magic coursing through the stallion’s veins.

When Night Elves launch a full-scale invasion on her home world, Sigrid and the valkyries go to war to protect the cosmic balance. But irresistible power pulses through Sigrid whenever she rides Sleipnir, clouding her judgment and putting her and everyone under her command in danger. Sigrid must trust her friends to pull her from the shadows, especially Mariam, whose gentle touch and scorching kisses ground Sigrid as much as they melt her from the inside out.

As turmoil builds in the nine worlds and Sigrid leads the valkyries to war, she must overcome the darkness threatening to change her—or else lose the valkyrie she loves, her friends, and the world she is fighting to protect.

The life Sigrid dreamed of as a valkyrie may have been filled with glorious purpose, but with the realms out of balance, all the future holds is chaos.

Author Bio

Tiana Warner is an LGBTQ+ author from British Columbia, Canada, best known for her critically acclaimed, #1 Amazon bestselling series, Mermaids of Eriana Kwai” trilogy and its comic adaptation. Tiana is a lifelong horseback rider, a former programmer with a Computer Science degree, and an outdoor enthusiast who loves to explore nature with her musician boyfriend and their hyperactive rescue mutt, Joey. Find her online at tianawarner.com
Wrath of the Talon
by Sophie Kim

"The sequel to the bloodthirsty, addictive, and searingly romantic"* debut from Sophie Kim is an unflinching roller coaster ride of action, romance, and intricate fantasy lore.

After a tumultuous stay in the realm of the Dokkaebi, Shin Lina has returned to Sunpo. Believed to be dead, the last remaining Talon is set on destroying crime lord Konramd Kalmin’s cruel reign of her beloved kingdom, bringing waves of wrath and ruin in her wake.

Lina is no longer the girl she used to be—no longer weak, and no longer entirely human. She is a new creature entirely, and wears the scales of the wicked, monstrous Imugi...serpentine creatures who warred against the Dokkaebi and gods in a centuries-long battle for blood.

But when Lina's connection to the Imugi is revealed to be more than just physical, her alliances are called into question by those she cherishes most. And when promises are broken by her beloved Haneul Rui, secrets and suspicions bring forth a Prophecy and a hidden history that change everything.

For Lina’s fight to reclaim Sunpo goes beyond vengeance.

Her fight is fate.

And she will not be denied.

*Quote from Axie Oh, NYT bestselling author

Author Bio

Sophie Kim spends her days both studying at her university and writing her novels, which are strongly influenced by her firm belief that diversity and non-stereotypical representation in the world of literature are vastly important. Blessed (or cursed) with an impressively voracious appetite for all things bookish, Sophie can often be found wandering the aisles of a bookstore or curled up with a precariously balancing stack of books. sophiekimwrites.com
Accountable
The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives It Changed
by Dashka Slater

From the New York Times-bestselling author of The 57 Bus comes a propulsive and thought-provoking new young adult narrative nonfiction book about the revelation of a racist social media account that changes everything for a group of high school students and begs the question: What does it mean to be held accountable for harm that takes place behind a screen?

When a high school student started a private Instagram account that used racist and sexist memes to make his friends laugh, he thought of it as edgy” humor. Over time, the edge got sharper. Then a few other kids found out about the account. Pretty soon, everyone knew.

Ultimately no one in the small town of Albany, California, was safe from the repercussions of the account’s discovery. Not the girls targeted by the posts. Not the boy who created the account. Not the group of kids who followed it. Not the adults - educators and parents - whose attempts to fix things too often made them worse.

In the end, no one was laughing. And everyone was left asking: Where does accountability end for online speech that harms? And what does accountability even mean?

Award-winning and New York Times-bestselling author Dashka Slater has written a must-read book for our era that explores the real-world consequences of online choices.

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.
Moving and evocative, *Disappearing Act* is a YA memoir-in-verse following author Jiordan Castle's coming of age as her family reckons with the aftershocks of her father's imprisonment.

*It was the summer before high school,*
*the beginning of everything.*
*But also an end.*

Jiordan's family was never quite like everyone else's, with her father's mood swings, her mother's attempts at normalcy, and her two older sisters with a different last name. But on the surface, they fit in.

Until the day the FBI came knocking on the door.

After that, her father's mood plunged to a dangerous new low. After that, there was an investigation into his business and a sentencing in court. Soon Jiordan's father would have to leave home, and her family would change forever.

Reckoning with the aftershocks of her father's incarceration, Jiordan had to navigate friends who couldn't quite understand what she was going through, along with the highs and lows of first love. Under it all was the question: If Jiordan's father was gone, why did she feel like the one who was disappearing?

Recounting her own experiences as a teenager, poet Jiordan Castle has created a searing and evocative young adult true-story-in-verse about the challenge to be free when a parent is behind bars.

**Author Bio**

Jiordan Castle is the author of *Disappearing Act*, a true story. Her writing has appeared in *HuffPost, The New Yorker*, and elsewhere. She is a contributor to the LA-based food and culture magazine *Compound Butter*. Originally from New York, she received her BA in English from the University of San Francisco and her MFA in Poetry from Hunter College. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband and their dog.
Forever Is Now
by Mariama J. Lockington

A poignant and lyrical young adult novel-in-verse about a Black teen coming of age in an anxiety-inducing world, from the author of For Black Girls Like Me and In the Key of Us.

I'm safe here.

That's how Sadie feels, on a perfect summer day, wrapped in her girlfriend's arms. School is out, and even though she's been struggling to manage her chronic anxiety, Sadie is hopeful better times are ahead. Or at least, she thought she was safe. When her girlfriend reveals some unexpected news and the two witness a violent incident of police brutality unfold before them, Sadie's whole world is upended in an instant.

I'm not safe anywhere.

That's how Sadie feels every day after - vulnerable, uprooted. She retreats inside as the weeks slip by and relies on her phone to stay connected to the outside world. When Sadie's therapist gives her a diagnosis for her debilitating panic - agoraphobia - she starts on a path of acceptance and healing. Meanwhile, Sadie's best friend, Evan, updates her on the protests taking place in their city. Sadie wants to be a part of it, to use her voice and affect change. But how do you show up for your community when you can't even leave your house?

I can build a safe place inside myself.

That's what Sadie learns over the course of one life-changing summer, with some help from her family, her best friend, an (…)

Author Bio

Mariama J. Lockington is an adoptee, writer, and nonprofit educator. She has been telling stories and making her own books since the second grade, when she wore short-alls and flower leggings every day to school. She is the author of For Black Girls Like Me, her middle-grade debut, as well as a poetry chapbook The Lucky Daughter. Mariama holds a Masters in Education from Lesley University and Masters in Fine Arts in Poetry from San Francisco State University. She lives in Lexington, KY with her partner and dapple haired dachshund, Henry.
Gloria Buenrostro Is Not My Girlfriend
by Brandon Hoang

A contemporary YA debut about a Vietnamese-American boy who tries to attain popularity by befriending the most beautiful girl in school, inspired by the Vietnamese-American author's teen experience.

Gary Vo is one of the few Vietnamese kids in his school and has been shy for as long as he can remember - being ignored and excluded by his classmates comes with the territory. So when the most popular guy in his grade offers Gary the opportunity to break into his inner circle, Gary jumps at the chance. All he needs to do is steal the prized possession of the most beautiful and untouchable girl they know - Gloria Buenrostro.

But as Gary gets to know Gloria, he's taken in by her authenticity and genuine interest in who he really is. Soon, they're best friends. Being part of the in crowd has always been Gary's dream, but as he comes closer to achieving infamy, he risks losing the first person who recognizes his true self. Gary must consider if any amount of popularity is worth losing a true friend.

Author Bio

Brandon Hoang is the author of the YA debut, Gloria Buenrostro Is Not My Girlfriend. Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, Brandon grew up coveting The Baby-Sitters Club books and slurping noodles. Before he was a writer, Brandon spent 10 years as an animation executive. Now a television writer by day and novelist by night, he currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife and two daughters.

Notes
In partnership with Mac UK, we preempted the first of a middle-grade trilogy following a girl uncovering a hidden world of magic in the wake of her mother's disappearance. The Secret Garden meets A Wrinkle in Time, Secrets of the Greenwild is an emotionally gripping, modern classic in the making.

WELCOME TO MALLOWMARSH: a busy settlement in a magical world and home to the extraordinary association of botanists who nurture its abundance. On stumbling through the Mallow Gate, eleven-year-old Daisy Thistledown finds wonders beyond her wildest dreams but also hidden secrets that might point to where her missing mother has been taken. As she forges friendships, unearths a life-changing power, and starts to put down her own roots for the first time, Daisy sets out to uncover the truth about her mother. But in doing so she could start a fight that puts at risk the entire magical world's future existence. The Grim Reapers - deadly, evil giants - are desperate to find a way into Mallowmarsh, and the mysterious paperweight left to Daisy by her mother seems to hold an importance that will put her at the heart of the battle.

Join Daisy, Indigo, Acorn, and the Prof in this timeless, uplifting, and thrilling fantasy-adventure from debut author Pari Thomson as they rise up to fight with all their hearts. The first in a planned trilogy, there is more magic to come.

Author Bio

Pari Thomson works as a Senior Commissioning Editor for picture books at Bloomsbury Children's Books. Half Persian, half English, she lived in many places while she was growing up, including India, Pakistan, the USA, the UK and Belgium. She studied at Oxford University and now lives near the river in London, not far from Kew Gardens. @PariThomson on Twitter.
Hope in the Valley
by Mitali Perkins

*Hope in the Valley*, from National Book Award Nominee Mitali Perkins, is a middle-grade novel exploring grief, friendship, family, and growing up in a community facing a housing crisis.

Twelve-year-old Indian-American Pandita Paul doesn't like change. She's not ready to start middle school and leave the comforts of childhood behind. Most of all, Pandita doesn't want to feel like she's leaving her mother, who died a few years ago, behind. After a falling out with her best friend, Pandita is planning to spend most of her summer break reading and writing in her favorite secret space: the abandoned but majestic mansion across the street.

But then the unthinkable happens. The town announces that the old home will be bulldozed in favor of new - maybe affordable - housing. With her family on opposing sides of the issue, Pandita must find her voice - and the strength to move on - in order to give her community hope.

**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.
How to Stay Invisible
by Maggie C. Rudd

*My Side of the Mountain* meets *How to Steal a Dog* in this high-stakes and heartfelt middle-grade story of a young boy and his dog surviving on their own in the woods.

Being alone is something Raymond is used to.

Twelve-year-old Raymond Hurley has never had a place to call home. His free-wheeling parents move their family from town to town, and he's living in a trailer in a brand-new state when one day, they just up and abandon him. All alone with nothing but a duffle bag full of clothes and his reliable pup, Rosie, he is forced to live in the woods behind his middle school.

With a fishing pole in hand and survival guide checked out from the library, Raymond scrapes by and doesn't tell anyone his secret. This isn't the first time he's had to rely on himself. However, when winter days get colder and finding food becomes nearly impossible, Raymond makes new friends, including a curious coyote, in unexpected places. Soon, he learns that his fate will depend not just on his wilderness skills, but on the people and animals he chooses to trust.

In her heartfelt debut novel, Maggie C. Rudd takes readers on a journey of survival that speaks to friendship, adventure, and the everyday wonders of nature. In middle school, blending in is easy but sometimes the braver thing is being seen.

**Author Bio**

Maggie C. Rudd is from rural North Carolina where she lives with her husband and two boys. 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*.
If animals trick-or-treated . . . what would they do on Halloween night?

Owlet and friends would knock-knock-knock at nests, outside dens, and under a rock, promising a trick if they didn't get treats. And Parrot would give out her yummy seed sweets.

Across the animal kingdom, every creature would celebrate Halloween 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.

David Walker has illustrated many books for children, including Victoria Adler's Baby, Come Away and Ann Whitford Paul's Little Monkey Says Good Night and If Animals Kissed Good Night. He lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
I'll Tell You No Lies
by Amanda McCrina

From Amanda McCrina, the acclaimed author of Traitor and The Silent Unseen, I'll Tell You No Lies is a riveting YA novel of the Cold War era about a girl in post-World War II America who becomes entangled with an escaped Soviet pilot and must learn to decipher truth from lies.

New York, 1955. Eighteen-year-old Shelby Blaine and her father, an Air Force intelligence officer, have just been wrenched away from their old life in West Germany to New York's Griffiss Air Force Base, where he has been summoned to lead the interrogation of an escaped Soviet pilot. Still in shock from the car accident that killed her mother barely a month earlier, Shelby struggles with her grief, an emotionally distant father, and having to start over in a new home.

Then a chance meeting with Maksym, the would-be defector, spirals into a deadly entanglement, as the pilot's cover story is picked apart and he attempts to escape his military and intelligence handlers - with Shelby caught in the middle. The more she learns of Maksym's secrets, including his detention at Auschwitz during the war, the more she becomes willing to help him. But as the stakes become more dangerous, Shelby begins to question everything she has been told, even by her fugitive friend. Allies turn into enemies, and the truth is muddled by lies. Can she trust a traitor with her life, or will it be the last mistake she ever makes?

Author Bio

Amanda McCrina was homeschooled through high school and graduated from the University of West Georgia with a BA in history and political science. For three years, she taught high school English and government at an international school in Madrid, Spain, and is now a bookseller in Franklin, Tennessee. She is the author of Traitor, The Silent Unseen, and I'll Tell You No Lies.
**It's Pride, Baby!**
by Allen R. Wells, illustrated by India Valle

*It's Pride, Baby* is a love letter to the Black gay community and instills hope, assurance, and love within young readers.

*Let your soul soar high.*  
*Like summer sunbeams -*  
*Don't live behind clouds.*  
*You shine.*

It’s Black Gay Pride Day in Washington, DC, and two gay parents are getting their child ready for a day at the National Mall. From cheerful neighbors to colorful outfits to fireworks, the vast LGBTQIA+ community is represented here in body, spirit, and pride flags galore!

With vibrant illustrations by India Valle and lyrical words by Allen R. Wells, this picture book promises kids that they will be loved no matter who they love - as the refrain goes

*It's pride, baby*

**Author Bio**

*Allen R. Wells* is an author and engineer. He was born in Jackson, Mississippi. He studied Architectural Engineering at Tennessee State University in Nashville. *It's Pride, Baby!* is his debut picture book. He currently lives in Virginia.

*India Valle* is an illustrator based out of Richmond, Virginia who loves to create whimsical, relatable characters and fun settings. Their picture books include *Georgia in the Jungle* and *Tiffany and the Two Missing Teeth*.
In the seventh book in the Jasmine Toguchi series, Debbi Michiko Florence and illustrator Elizabet Vukovic takes us on a family adventure in Kabo, Japan full of warmth, laughter, and summer fun.

Japan is awesome but Jasmine is beginning to miss home and her best friend, Linnie. She's hoping her next adventure to a village called Kabo, where her grandmother grew up, is just what she needs to get out of this rut. Jasmine is pleased to find out there's a beach, tangerine grove, and even a local festival to attend.

She is hoping to explore with her big sister, Sophie. But, walnuts! Sophie is no fun. All she wants to do is read her Japanese manga and stay inside. If Jasmine's best friend Linnie was there, she'd definitely play with her, so why won't Sophie?

Regardless, Jasmine is determined to make the most of her time in Japan, only getting into a little trouble along the way.

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.
My Dad Is a DJ
by Kathryn Erskine and Keith Henry Brown, illustrated by Keith Henry Brown

National Book Award winner Kathryn Erskine teams up with Keith Henry Brown on this lyrical picture book that celebrates music and Black identity.

Trevor’s dad is a DJ, and he always picks the best music - tunes jivin’, beat drivin’, high livin’ - he’s DJ Dap Daddy!

But after his parents split up and Dad moves out, Trevor feels like the pitch doesn’t fit between them. Trevor has his own music now - hip-hop - and Dad can’t seem to let go of his old soul favorites. As the end-of-year dance approaches, Trevor and his father will have to find their new groove to get the party started.

My Dad Is a DJ is a hip-hoppin’, beat boppin’, tunes poppin’, not stoppin’ story of a father and son’s shared love of music and each other.

Author Bio

Kathryn Erskine is the National Book Award-winning author of Mockingbird along with several other novels for children and teens. Her first picture book, Mama Africa! How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song, illustrated by Charly Palmer, received three starred reviews and won the Coretta Scott King-John Steptoe Award for New Talent in Illustration as well as the Africana Book Award.

Keith Henry Brown began his artistic career in comics, went on to pursue painting, and later became creative director for Jazz at Lincoln Center. He has had a lifelong love of music, particularly jazz, and has illustrated many album covers for prominent jazz musicians. He is the father of two sons, and their relationships inspired much of his writing and art for My Dad is a DJ. Keith lives in Brooklyn, New York.
My Name
by Supriya Kelkar, illustrated by Sandhya Prabhat

My Name is an inspiring picture book that encourages kids to celebrate themselves and all the things that make them unique, especially their name.

Your name means you're different
Your name means you're you

When an Indian American boy starts school in a new classroom, one child can't pronounce his name properly, which leads to giggles amongst his classmates. Later at home, his parents remind him of how special he is - and how his unique name reflects that.

With lush illustrations by Sandhya Prabhat, award-winning author Supriya Kelkar writes a stunning tribute to the word that identifies each of us the very most - our name, reminding readers of the beauty in celebrating difference, taking pride in uniqueness, and helping others to do the same.

Author Bio

Supriya Kelkar is an award-winning author, illustrator, and screenwriter who grew up in the Midwest, where she learned Hindi as a child by watching three Hindi movies a week. Winner of the New Visions Award for her middle grade novel Ahimsa, Supriya has worked on the writing teams for several Hindi films, including Lage Raho Munna Bhai and Eklavya: The Royal Guard, India's entry into the 2007 Academy Awards. Sandhya Prabhat is an independent animator and illustrator from Chennai, India, who resides in the Bay Area. She has a master's degree in animation and digital arts from New York University.
Nothing’s Wrong!

A Hare, a Bear, and Some Pie to Share
by Jory John, illustrated by Erin Kraan

A laugh-out-loud picture book from #1 New York Times -bestselling author Jory John about a rabbit who insists that nothing’s wrong, until a good friend helps him open up - a companion to the popular picture book, Something’s Wrong!

Anders does not seem like himself.

He and his friend Jeff are headed for a picnic, but no matter how much Anders insists that he’s feeling just fine, Jeff gets the sense that his best friend isn’t being totally honest. Should he check in on Anders or give him space? Should he help him out or just be by his side? How can he be a good friend if he doesn’t know what his friend might need?

This picture book reminds us that even when nothing seems to go right, a good friend will be there for you at the end of the day.

Author Bio

Jory John is a #1 New York Times -bestselling author of books for both children and adults. His previous collaboration with Erin Kraan was the popular picture book, Something’s Wrong! His work also includes the New York Times -bestselling picture books The Good Egg and The Bad Seed; the award-winning Goodnight Already! series; the popular picture books This Book Will Get You to Sleep!, Penguin Problems, and Giraffe Problems. He lives in Portland, Oregon.

Erin Kraan is the illustrator of numerous children’s books, including I Am Picky by Kristen Tracy and Something’s Wrong! by Jory John. She is also a woodcutter and printmaker. You can often find her doodling while drinking coffee and wearing cozy socks that are usually inside out or backwards. She lives in Vancouver, BC.
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Ode to My First Car
by Robin Gow

By the critically praised author of A Million Quiet Revolutions, this YA contemporary sapphic romance told in verse is about a bisexual teen girl who falls in and out of love over the course of one fateful summer.

It’s a few months before senior year and Claire Kemp, a closeted bisexual, is finally starting to admit she might be falling in love with her best friend, Sophia, who she’s known since they were four.

Trying to pay off the fine from the crash that totals Lars, her beloved car, Claire takes a job at the local nursing home up the street from her house. There she meets Lena, an eighty-eight-year-old lesbian woman who tells her stories about what it was like growing up gay in the 1950s and ‘60s.

As Claire spends more time with Lena and grows more confident of her identity, another girl, Pen, comes into the picture, and Claire is caught between two loves—one familiar and well-worn, the other new and untested.

Author Bio

Robin Gow is a trans and queer poet, editor, and educator from rural Pennsylvania. Their books include Ode to My First Car, A Million Quiet Revolutions, and Blue Blood. They are the supportive services coordinator at Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and founder of Trans-cendent Connections, an organization that provides trans education resources to support trans youth. Gow also founded the New York City trans and queer reading series Gender Reveal Party. They live in Allentown, Pennsylvania, with their partner, best friend, and pugs, Gertrude and Eddie.
On the Fourth of July

by Maggie C. Rudd, illustrated by Elisa Chavarri

This inclusive picture book celebrates community, summertime, and the Fourth of July, from the dynamic duo that brought you *I'll Hold Your Hand*.

When the cookouts are over and the pool gates are closed, families will walk from their houses, parade into town, and look to the stars. Surrounded by neighbors and friends, they will watch the fireworks show as it glitters and sparkles and paints the sky in celebration!

*On the Fourth of July* is an energetic picture book from Maggie C. Rudd, with sparkling illustrations by Elisa Chavarri, that serves as a joyous ode to uplifting traditions.

Author Bio

**Maggie C. Rudd** is from rural North Carolina where she lives with her husband and two boys. 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.

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Spare Parts (Young Readers' Edition)
Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream
by Joshua Davis, adapted by Reyna Grande

A riveting true story about dreams, dedication, and an amazing robot named Stinky, based on Joshua Davis’ New York Times bestseller and now adapted for young readers by bestselling Mexican American author Reyna Grande.

In 2004, four undocumented Mexican teenagers arrived at the national underwater robotics championship at the University of California, Santa Barbara. No one had ever told Oscar, Cristian, Luis, or Lorenzo that they would amount to much - until two inspiring high school science teachers convinced the boys to enter the competition. Up against some of the best collegiate engineers in the country, this team of underdogs from Phoenix, Arizona, scraped together spare parts and a few small donations to astound not only the competition’s judges but themselves, too.

Adapted by Reyna Grande - author of the acclaimed memoir The Distance Between Us about her experience as an undocumented child immigrant - this young readers’ edition of Joshua Davis’s New York Times bestseller showcases these students’ ingenuity and courage in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. Timely and empowering, Spare Parts is an accessible introduction to STEM, immigration, and the reality of the American Dream.

Author Bio

Joshua Davis is the cofounder of Epic Magazine and longtime writer at Wired, where his work was nominated for a National Magazine Award for feature writing. He is the executive producer of the critically acclaimed Apple TV+ series Little America, which tells stories of immigrants across the United States. He is also the author of The Underdog, a memoir about his experiences as an arm wrestler, backward runner, and matador. He lives in San Francisco with his family.

Reyna Grande is the author of several books, including the bestselling memoir The Distance Between Us, where she writes about her life before and after she arrived in the United States from Mexico as an undocumented child immigrant, and the much-anticipated sequel, A Dream Called Home. She also co-edited an anthology by and about undocumented Americans called Somewhere We Are Human: Authentic Voices on Migration, Survival, and New Beginnings. Her books have been adopted as the common read selection by schools, colleges and cities across the country.
Team Chu and the Epic Hero Quest
by Julie C. Dao

Check out acclaimed author Julie C. Dao's debut middle grade series, featuring a team of kids ready for any challenge—even saving the fantasy world of Pantaera from dark forces and certain ruin!

In Team Chu and the Epic Hero Quest, the popular fantasy video game War of Gods and Men is being adapted for reality television. Team Chu and company are competing for the title of child hero: the young person destined to unite the forces of Pantaera to save it from a sinister fate. Over the next week, they'll be challenged by sirens, vampires, elves, and more in Tests of Courage, Determination, Humility, Intelligence, and Strength.

Popular athlete Clip is confident he'll take the prize, if it weren't for that test of humility. And despite claiming not to care about the game, Sadie finds herself pulled into the immersive world of Pantaera and rising to meet the challenges thrown her way. And her best friend, Jeremy, proud nerd and last pick for P.E. teams, wants more than anything to save the world of the game he loves, no matter the cost.

Join Clip, Sadie, Jeremy, and their friends on a thrilling adventure through an extraordinary fantasy world to learn who among them has what it takes to become Pantaera's child hero!

Author Bio

When growing up gets messy, find someone to hold on to.

Before the indie-pop duo Tegan and Sara took the world by storm, Tegan and Sara Quin were identical twins trying to find their place in a new home and new school. Tegan and Sara: Junior High tells their story. From first crushes to the perils of puberty, surviving junior high is something the sisters plan to face side by side, just like they've always faced things. But growing up also means growing apart, as Tegan and Sara make different friends and take separate paths to understanding their queerness. For the first time ever, they ask who one sister is without the other.

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Author Bio

During the course of their seasoned career, Tegan Quin and Sara Quin have sold well over one million records and released numerous studio albums. They have received three Juno Awards, a Grammy nomination, a Governor General's Performing Arts Award, and the New York Civil Liberties Union Award. Tegan and Sara have performed on some of the world's biggest stages, from Coachella to the Academy Awards, and are executive producers of the TV series High School based on their New York Times-bestselling adult memoir of the same name. They are also the authors of the Tegan and Sara graphic novel series for young readers, which is illustrated by Eisner Award-winner Tillie Walden. In 2016, they created the Tegan and Sara Foundation, which fights for health, economic justice, and representation for LGBTQ+ people. The sisters currently reside in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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Tegan and Sara: Junior High
by Tegan Quin and Sara Quin, illustrated by Tillie Walden

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The Nightmare House
by Sarah Allen

From Sarah Allen, the acclaimed author of *What Stars Are Made Of* and *Breathing Underwater*, comes a chilling middle-grade tale of fear, friendship, and finding courage even in the darkest of moments. In this monster story that’s also an allegory for relentless anxiety, see how far a penny’s worth of hope will take you when you enter *The Nightmare House*.

I saw a person with blank, colorless eyes . . . and this time, I wasn’t dreaming.

Penny Hope used to be brave, but that was before she met the Fear Maker. Years later, he still haunts her nightmares - a tall, thin man with red eyes, in a haunted house in the woods, who devours human souls and leaves their eyes hollow and empty. Penny's beloved grandma tells her to write down these nightmares as poems in her notebook. But then Penny starts seeing blank-eyed people in the waking world, too. She’s the only one who notices.

As more people around her fall prey to the Fear Maker, Penny must gather her courage once and for all to save the souls of those she loves. With the help of a magic garden and a new friend, she ventures to the Fear Maker's house. But the house is a labyrinth of shadows and tricks - and the Fear Maker's fun is just beginning. Can a pocketful of sunflower seeds and a notebook filled with poems be enough to defeat a master of nightmares? And if Penny sets foot in the Fear Maker's house, will she ever leave?

**Author Bio**

Sarah Allen is the author of *What Stars Are Made Of*, *Breathing Underwater*, and *The Nightmare House*, and has also been published in *The Evansville Review*, *Cicada*, and on WritersDigest.com. She grew up in the mountains of Utah where she got one MFA, and because she's a little bit crazy, she's now at work on a second MFA in the tropics of Florida. Other than writing poetry and books for children, she can be found singing show tunes too loudly, watching David Attenborough documentaries or, like Olivia and Ruth, hunting for treasure. You can find her on Twitter and Instagram!
The Pout-Pout Fish and the Mad, Mad Day
by Deborah Diesen, illustrated by Dan Hanna


The Pout-Pout Fish's morning has been maddening and rough. Disappointments and frustrations - Mr. Fish has had enough! It's been one thing, then another, then another stacked on top. He's mad and getting madder. Is there any way to stop?

Swim along with Mr. Fish as he faces his anger and gains new understandings. With a little help from his friends, he might just discover the healing power of words and self-compassion.

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Deborah Diesen has worked as a bookseller, bookkeeper, and reference librarian. Her first book, The Pout-Pout Fish, was a New York Times bestseller and one of Time magazine's Top 10 Children's Books of the Year. She lives in Michigan with her family. Dan Hanna has over ten years’ experience in the animation industry, and his work has appeared on BBC America and the Cartoon Network. He lives in Oxnard, California.
The Scariest Kitten in the World
by Kate Messner, illustrated by MacKenzie Haley

A hilarious picture book by Kate Messner and illustrated by MacKenzie Haley in the vein of The Monster at the End of This Book about a not-so-scary kitten and a not-too-terrifying haunted house.

WARNING! This is a VERY scary story.
It is the most spine-chilling story anyone could ever read.
It takes place in a horrifying haunted house (okay, not that terrifying) . . .
with a creepy creature (well, maybe not that creepy) . . .
and its frightening friends (but are they that frightening?).
Seriously. You're going to be scared right out of your underpants by these guys!
There's no way they're the cutest little critters you've ever seen . . . right?

Packed with humor and heart and adorable illustrations, this not-quite-scary story will keep you laughing until the very last page.

Author Bio

Kate Messner is a New York Times-bestselling author of multiple children's books, among them Over and Under the Pond, Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt, The Brilliant Deep, and How to Read a Story. Before becoming a full-time writer, Kate was a TV news reporter as well as an educator who spent fifteen years teaching middle school English. These days, she splits her time between Lake Champlain and southwest Florida and is trying to summit all forty-six Adirondack High Peaks in between book deadlines. MacKenzie Haley is an illustrator, runner, and cat lover who currently resides in Louisville, Kentucky. Her books include The Ninja Club Sleepover, Pega Sisters Go to Camp, and Funny Little Ghost. She has currently reached the maximum amount of cat shirts a grown woman is allowed to have, and is banned from buying any more (but can accept them as gifts).
Three Summers
A Memoir of Sisterhood, Summer Crushes, and Growing Up on the Eve of the Bosnian Genocide
by Amra Sabic-El-Rayess and Laura L. Sullivan

An epic middle-grade memoir about sisterhood and coming-of-age in the three years leading up to the Bosnian Genocide.

*Three Summers* is the story of five young cousins who grow closer than sisters as ethnic tensions escalate over three summers in 1980s Bosnia. They navigate the joys and pitfalls of adolescence on their family's little island in the middle of the Una River. When finally confronted with the harsh truths of the adult world around them, their bond gives them the resilience to discover and hold fast to their true selves.

Written with incredible warmth and tenderness, Amra Sabic-El-Rayess takes readers on a journey that will break their hearts and put them back together again.

**Author Bio**

Amra Sabic-El-Rayess grew up in Bihac, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Currently she is a professor at Columbia University's Teachers College working on understanding how and why societies fall apart and what role education can play in rebuilding decimated countries. She is also the author of the critically-acclaimed memoir *The Cat I Never Named*. Laura L. Sullivan is a former newspaper editor, biologist, social worker, and deputy sheriff who writes because storytelling is the easiest way to do everything in the world. Laura lives on the Florida coast.
You Can Be a Good Sport, Pout-Pout Fish!
by Deborah Diesen, illustrated by Dan Hanna

Our favorite fish is on the soccer field!

Mr. Fish is on a team, but his team does not win the game. All the fish are about to pout! But playing a game isn't always about who scores the most points - it's about having fun along the way! Turn little pouts into big smiles with this Beginning Reader about soccer, teamwork, and enjoying the moment featuring the characters from the New York Times-bestselling Pout-Pout Fish series by Deborah Diesen with illustrations from Dan Hanna.

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Brick Dust and Bones
by M.R. Fournet

A twelve-year-old cemetery boy and monster hunter—along with his flesh-eating mermaid friend—has to race against the clock to save the ghost of his dead mother in *Brick Dust and Bones*, M.R. Fournet’s magical middle grade debut.

Marius Grey hunts Monsters. He’s not supposed to. He’s only twelve and his job as a Cemetery Boy is to look after the ghosts in his family’s graveyard. He should be tending these ghosts and—of course—going to school to learn how to live between worlds without getting into trouble.

But, Marius has an expensive goal. He wants to bring his mother back from the dead, and that takes a LOT of mystic coins, which means a LOT of Monster Hunting, and his mother’s window to return is closing.

If he wants her back, Marius is going to have to go after bigger and meaner monsters, decide if a certain flesh-eating mermaid is a friend or foe, and avoid meddling Demons and teachers along the way. Can Marius navigate New Orleans’s gritty monster bounty-hunting market, or will he have to say goodbye to his mother forever?

**Author Bio**

M.R. Fournet’s ties to New Orleans are part of her own origin story. As a kid, she would go fishing in South Louisiana and eat crawfish with her family in Houma. She has always been fascinated by the myths and legends of New Orleans. When not writing, she is a professional artist, belly dancer, and autism mom. She now lives in Texas with her husband, son, and ungrateful cat. *Brick Dust and Bones* is her middle grade debut.
When nineteen-year-old Fin volunteers to take her secret love's place in their village's Finding, she is terrified. Those who are chosen at the Finding are whisked away to Castle Courtsheart, a vampire school where human students either succeed and become vampires, fail and spend the rest of their lives as human thralls... or they don't survive long enough to become either.

Fin is determined to forge a different path: learn how to kill the undead and get revenge for her mother, who was taken by the vampires years ago. But Courtsheart is as captivating as it is deadly, and Fin is quickly swept up in her new world and its inhabitants—particularly Gavron, her handsome and hostile vampire maker, whose blood is nothing short of intoxicating. As Fin begins to discover new aspects of her own identity and test her newfound powers, she stumbles across a string of murders that may be connected to a larger ritual—one with potentially lethal consequences for vampires and humans alike. Fin must uncover the truth and find (...)

Author Bio

A.M. Strickland was a bibliophile who wanted to be an author before she knew what either of those words meant. She shares a home base in Alaska with her spouse, her pugs, and her piles and piles of books. She loves traveling, dancing, tattoos, and every shade of teal in existence, but especially the darker ones. Her books include Beyond the Black Door, In the Ravenous Dark and Court of the Undying Seasons. She uses both she/her and they/them pronouns, and you can find her on Twitter.
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*There will be plenty of time for me to beat him soundly once I've gotten what I came for.*

Sent on a mission to retrieve an ancient hidden map - the key to a legendary treasure trove - seventeen-year-old pirate captain Alosa deliberately allows herself to be captured by her enemies, giving her the perfect opportunity to search their ship.

More than a match for the ruthless pirate crew, Alosa has only one thing standing between her and the map: her captor, the unexpectedly clever and unfairly attractive first mate Riden. But not to worry, for Alosa has a few tricks up her sleeve, and no lone pirate can stop the Daughter of the Pirate King.

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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.
Everybody Has a Body
by Molli Jackson Ehlert, illustrated by Lorian Tu

In this body neutral picture book, debut author Molli Jackson Ehlert and illustrator Lorian Tu show us all of the different ways bodies can look and all of the things they can do.

Everybody has a body. Whether you're short, tall, fat, thin, hairy, bald, whether you use a wheelchair or have a limb difference, we all rely on our bodies to take us through the world.

From hiking a mountain to playing baseball to exploring an aquarium, debut author Molli Jackson Ehlert and illustrator Lorian Tu show us all the different ways that bodies can look and the things they can do, with representation of all different types of bodies,

With a body neutral approach - your body isn't good or bad, it just is - this is an accessible and fun read that's perfect for kids who have questions about the different bodies they encounter every day.

Author Bio

Molli Jackson Ehlert grew up in Miami, Florida where she fell in love with cooking, animals, and helping others. Having grown up in a larger body, Molli knows first hand the disrespect and lack of acceptance people face when they are seen as different. Currently residing in West Orange, New Jersey, Molli is a mother to an active toddler she hopes will grow up with an open mind and an open heart. She is the author of Everybody Has a Body. Lorian Tu is an author and illustrator of children's books, living in New England with her family. When she's not making art, she's probably exploring the forest and mountains, working in the garden, or making something yummy to eat and share. She loves music and reading, watching old movies, and spending time with loved ones. She is the illustrator of Everybody Has a Body.
I'd Rather Burn Than Bloom
by Shannon C. F. Rogers

Packed with voice, this is a powerful coming-of-age YA novel about a Filipina-American teen who tries to figure out who she really is in the wake of her mother's death.

Some girls call their mother their best friend. Marisol? She could never relate. She and her mom were forever locked in an argument with no beginning and no end.

But when her mother dies suddenly, Marisol is left with no one to fight against, haunted by all the things that she both said and didn't say. And when Marisol sleeps with her best friend's boyfriend - and then punches said best friend in the face - she's left alone, with nothing but a burning anger.

And Marisol is determined to stay angry. After all, there's a lot to be angry about. But as a new friendship begins to develop, Marisol reluctantly starts to open up to her, and to the possibility there's something else on the other side of that anger - something more to who she is, and who she could be.

Author Bio

Shannon C.F. Rogers is a writer of young adult novels, short fiction, and plays. A former editor on Lunch Ticket, her work has appeared in Bodega Magazine and Newfound Journal as well as on stage with Tricklock Company and Lady Luck Productions. She earned her B.A. in Creative Writing from the University of New Mexico and her MFA in Writing For Young People at Antioch University Los Angeles. As an educator Shannon has served school communities in Albuquerque, Chicago, and New York City. She is the author of I'd Rather Burn than Bloom. She is based in Brooklyn, NY.
Julie loves all kinds of fruit, but mangoes are her absolute favorite. One sticky summer afternoon, Julie goes to the big mango tree in her yard to ask for a snack.

But no matter how nicely she asks or how patient she tries to be, the tree just won't drop a single sweet, juicy mango! Will Julie ever be able to convince the tree to let her have just a taste of her favorite treat?

Praise for Granny's Kitchen:

"Daley transports readers to Smith's clearly cherished Jamaica with joyful Photoshop illustrations that suit the setting wonderfully in a vibrant tropical palette with bold pops of turquoise and fuschia. This multigenerational homage to home cooking and heritage cuisine serves up a sweet message of confidence-building and can-do assurance." - Booklist

"Delivers the honesty, giggles, and punch . . . Daley's digital illustrations, in eye popping hues of juicy fruit and turquoise sea, convey the easy give-and-take (…)"

Author Bio

Sade Smith is a Canadian children's book author of Jamaican descent. Her books often involve food with colorful illustrations to capture the vibrancy and beauty of the Caribbean islands. In addition to writing, Sade is also a design technologist who loves the beach and enjoys fruits. She is very passionate about literature and she writes books of representation for young readers. She is the author of Granny's Kitchen and Julie and the Mango Tree.

Sayada Ramdial is a freelance illustrator from Trinidad & Tobago, who's now living and working in Oregon. Her passion for art started early, and was given direction when she attended the Savannah College of Art and Design, where she majored in Illustration, minored in Drawing, and graduated with honors. When she's not experimenting at the drawing board or in the kitchen, she enjoys exploring nature and meeting friendly, furry pets. She is the illustrator of Julie and the Mango Tree.
No Place Like Home
by James Bird

A middle-grade novel by James Bird about homelessness and hope.

When home is a car, life is unpredictable. School, friends, and three meals a day aren’t guaranteed. Not every town has a shelter where a family can sleep for a night or two, and places with parking lots don’t welcome overnight stays.

Opin, his brother Emjay, and their mother are trying to get to Los Angeles, where they hope an uncle and a new life are waiting. Emjay has taken to disappearing for days, slowing down the family’s progress and adding to their worry.

Then Opin finds a stray dog who needs him as much as he needs her, and his longing for a stable home intensifies, as his brother’s reckless ways hit a new high. Opin makes a new friend in the shelter, but shelters don’t allow dogs . . .

Will anything other than a real home ever be enough?

Author Bio

James Bird’s debut middle-grade novel, The Brave, was a Book Riot Best Book of 2020. He is also a screenwriter and director at the independent film company, Zombot Pictures; his films include We Are Boats and Honeyglue. Originally from California, James Bird is of Ojibwe descent, and now lives in Massachusetts with his wife, the author and actor Adriana Mather, and their son.
Oddbird
by Derek Desierto

A picture book from Derek Desierto about a bird who doesn't fit in... at first!

It's SO hot outside. All the fancy birds are gathered around the water, wishing they could cool off. But they don't want to get wet and ruin their fine feathers.

Oddbird isn't worried about his feathers; he wants to go for a refreshing dip. But he doesn't fit in. He's not fancy, or colorful. He's just... different. The other birds don't want him around. How can he join them?

Oddbird's story is one all readers will relate to, and ultimately celebrate.

"The messaging of self-acceptance and embracing who you are on the inside is welcome... a strong contribution to picture books celebrating diversity and inclusion." - Booklist magazine

Author Bio

Derek Desierto, illustrator of Juno Valentine and the Magical Shoes, is a Vancouver-based illustrator, designer, and overall nice guy from a nice family. His animation work has been recognized by the Ottawa International Animation Festival, the National Cartoonist Society, and 9 Story Media Group. Currently, he is living the dream as a freelance artist for animated TV shows and picture books. His ultimate goal in life is to meet Oprah and become one of her Favorite Things.

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Powerful You
by Kate Jane Neal

The author of Words and Your Heart’s new picture book introduces the power of the words YES and NO.

We all have the power to say two little words with big meaning . . . YES and NO!

You can say YES to trying new things and making new friends. And sometimes, saying YES can be tricky and lead you wishing you hadn’t said it!

You can also say NO to things that make you feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Saying NO can sometimes take great courage!

Listening to how our bodies and minds feel can help give us the strength to say YES or NO. And that is a brave and powerful thing!

Kate Jane Neal has created another heartfelt picture book for young ones growing up in this changing world - one that shows them they should listen to their guts. This is a necessary message and a timeless book for all children, at home and in classrooms.

Author Bio

Kate Jane Neal trained at Edinburgh College of Art, studying Ceramics & Painting, and won the Wedgwood New Designer of the year award. She was awarded the Andrew Grant Scholarship to study at postgraduate level, and went on to exhibit in various galleries throughout the UK, including the Scottish Gallery who represented her at SOFA in Chicago. She was compelled to write and illustrate her debut children’s book, Words and Your Heart, in response to observing verbal bullying within schools.
Skating on Mars
by Caroline Huntoon

A heartwarming debut from author Caroline Huntoon about a young figure skater discovering who they are on and off the ice.

Life isn't easy on twelve-year-old Mars. As if seventh grade isn't hard enough, Mars is also grappling with the recent death of their father and a realization they never got to share with him: they're nonbinary. But with their skates laced up and the ice under their feet, all of those struggles melt away. When Mars' triple toe loop draws the attention of a high school hot shot, he dares them to skate as a boy so the two can compete head-to-head. Unable to back down from the challenge, Mars accepts. But as competition draws near, the struggles of life off the rink start to complicate their performance in the rink, and Mars begins to second guess if there's a place for them on the ice at all.

Skating on Mars is a tender examination of grief and a hopeful middle grade tale of self-discovery.

Author Bio

Caroline Huntoon has always loved to tell stories, but it took a while for them to translate that love to writing books. After they graduated with a B.A. from Barnard College, Caroline wasn't sure what to do next, so they headed to the happiest place on earth, where they worked for three years making magic before moving to Michigan to become an English teacher and theater director. It wasn't until they earned an M.A. from The Bread Loaf School of English that they finally started writing stories for young people. Now they live in Ypsilanti, Michigan with their increasingly impetuous child, Winifred, and their adorable yet needy dog, Oscar David, both of whom allow Caroline to write after they go to sleep. Caroline writes across many genres, but their work often circles back to themes of loss, identity, friendship, and validating the messy and wonderful lives of young people.

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Small Knight and the Angry Prince

by Manka Kasha

Our favorite small knight must find a way to deal with big emotions during a royal visit in Small Knight and the Angry Prince, Manka Kasha's newest magical, heartfelt picture book.

The angry red grows and it spreads and it hurts Cousin and everyone around him.
We can’t leave it like that! We need to find some way to help.

When Small Knight's family shows up for an unexpected visit, they are excited to make a new friend. But their cousin the Prince is jealous of their skill as a knight and his anger quickly sours the visit. Can Small Knight find a way to help the Prince calm their contagious anger, or is their Knight’s Tournament doomed?

Heartfelt, whimsical, and real, Manka Kasha's Small Knight picture books are beautiful, deep stories about understanding your feelings and finding the courage and strength to deal with them.

Author Bio

Maria Biktimirova, a.k.a. Manka Kasha, is the author of Small Knight and the Anxiety Monster. A university teacher and a children's book illustrator, Manka has a postgrad degree in English Language and Literature, and is reluctantly trying to work on her PhD in her free-from-illustrating time. When they are not teaching their students (who are absolutely the best), or drawing, they prefer to read, listen to cast recordings of some musicals, or binge-watch TV-shows.

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Something Like Possible
by Miel Moreland

In this compelling YA contemporary from author Miel Moreland, a bisexual teen’s path to political staffer stardom is in jeopardy, until she convinces a cute new candidate to team up with her on the campaign trail.

On the worst day of her life, Madison is dumped by her girlfriend, then fired as said (ex)girlfriend's campaign manager. . . plus she accidentally rear-ends the student government advisor - the one person whose good word might help her win a spot at a prestigious youth politics summer camp.

But Madison is nothing if not a girl with a plan, and she isn’t going to let a little thing like heartbreak (or a slightly dented bumper) get in her way. Soon, she has a new junior class president candidate to back - although the two of them might be getting a little too close on the campaign trail. Between navigating her growing crush and corralling a less than enthusiastic election team, Madison has had it with unexpected changes to her carefully laid plans. But when she and a group of queer classmates discover a pattern of harassment within the student government, Madison's forced to shift gears once again.

Something Like Possible is a love letter to ambitious girls, queer solidarity, and how to keep moving forward when the world seems set on pushing you back.

Praise for It Goes Like This by Miel Moreland:

The Nerd Daily's Anticipated Queer Book Releases You Can't Miss In (…)

Author Bio

Miel Moreland is the author of It Goes Like This and Something Like Possible. When not writing - and sometimes while writing - she is likely to be found drinking hot chocolate and making spreadsheets. Born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota, she has a Midwestern heart but wandering feet, and currently resides in Boston.
Sometimes, a Tiger
by Z.B. Asterplume

A moving picture book by Z.B. Asterplume about imagination and kindness.

Dario’s day starts like many others: There’s not much to eat. But today, the pantry has a surprise as a tiger emerges and accompanies Dario through his day.

A tiger? Dario’s friends can’t believe their eyes! Soon, they too see the wonders around them, as they share their day with creatures large and small. Is it imagination? Whatever it is, the result is joy and kindness.

In a world where imagination and generosity can be as scarce as food in some pantries, here is a reminder for readers of all ages that kindness nourishes all of us.

Author Bio

Z.B. Asterplume began her illustration career as a scenic artist for the Denver Center Theater Company, and has worked as a teacher for special needs students. She now works for a software company and lives in Westminster, Colorado with her family. Dario’s Tiger is her picture book debut.
Teach the Torches to Burn: A Romeo & Juliet Remix
by Caleb Roehrig

In Teach the Torches to Burn, Caleb Roehrig’s breathlessly romantic remix of Shakespeare’s Romeo & Juliet and seventh book in the Remixed Classics series, a queer teen boy discovers first love amid a bloody, centuries-old feud.

Verona, Italy: Seventeen-year-old aspiring artist Romeo dreams of a quiet life with someone who loves him just as he is. But as the heir to the Montague family, he is expected to give up his womanly” artistic pursuits and uphold the family honor - particularly in their centuries-old blood feud with a rival family, the Capulets. Worse still, he is also expected to marry a well-bred girl approved by his parents and produce heirs. But the more Romeo is forced to mingle with eligible maidens, the harder it isto keep his deepest secret: He only feels attracted to other boys.

In an attempt to forget his troubles for just one night, Romeo joins his cousin in sneaking into a Capulet party. During a fateful encounter in the garden, he meets the kindest, most beautiful boy he’s ever encountered, and is shocked to learn he's Valentine, the younger brother of one of his closest friends. He is even more shocked to discover that Valentine is just as enamored with Romeo as Romeo is with him.

So begins a tender romance that the boys must hide from their families and friends, each of them longing for a world where they could be together without fear. And as the conflict between the Montagues and Capulets escalates out of control, Romeo and Valentine find themselves in danger of losing each (…)

Author Bio

Caleb Roehrig is a former actor and television producer who cannot seem to live in one place. Currently dividing his time between Chicago and Helsinki, he is an expert at writing on planes and recovering from jet lag. His young adult titles include Teach the Torches to Burn: A Romeo & Juliet; the acclaimed thrillers Last Seen Leaving, White Rabbit, Death Prefers Blondes, and The Fell of Dark; and The Poison Pen - a tie-in to the CW’s popular Riverdale television series - and the Archie Horror original novel A Werewolf in Riverdale . His short stories have appeared in anthologies such as His Hideous Heart, Out Now, and Serendipity . Wherever he's living at the moment, he's there with his husband and an overabundance of books.
The Brilliant Ms. Bangle
by Cara Devins, illustrated by K-Fai Steele

A brilliant librarian helps students to welcome big changes in this picture book by Cara Devins with illustrations from K-Fai Steele.

It's a new school year, and something is different. The students' beloved librarian, Ms. Stack, has retired. The new librarian, Ms. Bangle, is not the same! She has different ways of doing, well, everything! How will the students ever adjust?

Change isn't easy, but it can be a positive experience. With a bit of patience, and a lot of heart, it can be positively brilliant

Author Bio

Cara Devins was born and no one is going to dispute that! Don't even try. Where? Boston to Chris and Marie. Later Caitlin joined the party. Cara attended Boston College and went to grad school at NYU. It was in New York City where she wrote for everyone's favorite theater in the basement of a grocery store, Upright Citizens Brigade. Cara has also worked at Google since 2012. Her favorite children's book of all time is Eloise and no one should dispute that either. (The number of disputes here is getting out of control; it's just a bio!) She now lives in Brooklyn with her husband Patrick and their daughter Sienna. The Brilliant Ms. Bangle is her first picture book.

K-Fai Steele is an author-illustrator who grew up in a house built in the 1700s with a printing press her father bought from a magician. She wrote and illustrated A Normal Pig and All Eyes on Ozzy! and has illustrated several other books. She was a James Marshall Fellow at the University of Connecticut, a Brown Handler Writer in Residence at the San Francisco Public Library, and an Ezra Jack Keats/Kerlan Memorial Fellow at the University of Minnesota. Born in Charlton, Massachusetts, K-Fai now lives in Lausanne, Switzerland.
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Frankie knows who they are. They're a drummer, they're nonbinary, and they're... the Dog Knight?

One day Frankie is a relatively normal middle schooler, with relatively normal challenges, like finding the perfect outfit to wear during their drum solo during the upcoming band concert. The next, they save a friendly golden retriever from bullies and suddenly find themselves in a giant magical doghouse, with a funny looking helmet, talking to a group of dog superheroes called the Pawtheon about a job offer.

If Frankie can prove that they possess the six dog virtues of loyalty, kindness, honesty, justice, stubbornness, and smell, they will be named the Dog Knight and be given the power to fight alongside the Pawtheon and save the world from the forces of chaos.

Maybe there is more to Frankie than they thought?

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Jeremy Whitley is a writer of comic books, books, podcasts, and more living in Durham, North Carolina. He is the creator of the Eisner Nominated and Glyph award winning series *Princeless* as well as it spin-off "Raven the Pirate Princess" and "The School for Extraterrestrial Girls." He has also written several books and comics for Marvel Comics including the critically-acclaimed "The Unstoppable Wasp", "The Future Foundation", "Champions", and "Avengers". He has also written over fifty issues of the "MyLittle Pony: Friendship is Magic" comic book series.

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The Dos and Donuts of Love

by Adiba Jaigirdar

A pun-filled YA contemporary romance, The Dos and Donuts of Love by Adiba Jaigirdar finds a teenage girl competing in a televised baking competition, with contestants including her ex-girlfriend and a potential new crush - perfect for fans of The Great British Bake Off and She Drives Me Crazy!

Welcome to the first ever Junior Irish Baking Show!

Shireen Malik is still reeling from the breakup with her ex-girlfriend, Chris, when she receives news that she's been accepted as a contestant on a new televised baking competition show. This is Shireen's dream come true! Because winning will not only mean prize money, but it will also bring some much-needed attention to You Drive Me Glazy, her parents' beloved donut shop.

Things get complicated, though, because Chris is also a contestant on the show. Then there's the very outgoing Niamh, a fellow contestant who is becoming fast friends with Shireen. Things are heating up between them, and not just in the kitchen.

As the competition intensifies, Shireen will have to ignore all these factors and more - including potential sabotage - if she wants a sweet victory!

Author Bio

Adiba Jaigirdar is the critically-acclaimed and bestselling author of The Henna Wars and Hani & Ishu’s Guide to Fake Dating. A Bangladeshi/Irish writer and teacher, she has an MA in Postcolonial Studies from the University of Kent, England and a BA in English and History from UCD, Ireland. All of her writing is aided by tea, and a healthy dose of Janelle Monae and Hayley Kiyoko. When not writing, she is probably ranting about the ills of colonialism, playing video games, or expanding her overflowing lipstick collection. She can be found at @adiba_j on Twitter and @dibs_j on Instagram

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The Gray
by Chris Baron

The Gray is a sensitively told middle grade story from Chris Baron about living with anxiety and finding ways to cope.

It's been a tough year for Sasha - he's been bullied at his middle school and his anxiety, which he calls the Gray, is growing. Sasha's dad tells him to "toughen up" - and he does, but with unfortunate, hurtful results. His parents and therapist agree that a summer in the country with his aunt might be the best medicine, but it's the last place he wants to be. He'll be away from his best friend, video games, and stuck in the house that reminds him of his beloved uncle who died two years earlier.

His aunt is supportive, and there are lots of places to explore, and even some potential new friends. When Sasha is introduced at a local ranch to a horse coincidentally - incredibly - nicknamed the Gray, he feels he's found a kindred spirit.

But his own Gray is ever-present. When one of his new friends disappears, Sasha discovers that the country is wilder and more mysterious than he imagined. He tries to muster enough courage to help in the search . . . but will the Gray hold him back?

Author Bio

Chris Baron is a professor of English at San Diego City College. He's also the author of the (adult) poetry collection, Lantern Tree, which was published as part of a poetry anthology, Under the Broom Tree, winner of the San Diego Book Award. He lives in San Diego, California, with his wife and their three children. All of Me is his first novel.
The Lost Library
by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass

A classic middle grade mystery of friendship and growth, about a small town's inexplainable fire, a little free library, and a cat searching for answers by New York Times-bestselling authors Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass.

When a little free library, guarded by Mortimer—a large orange cat, appears overnight suddenly in the small town of Martinville, ten-year-old Evan plucks two weathered books from the shelves with his friend Rafe.

They soon find a curious link between the author of one of the free library books and their town.

The two boys dig into the mystery surrounding the author, their town, the burned down public library, and the cat that always seems to be around. How could they all be connected?

Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass, two masterminds of classic, middle-grade fiction come together to craft this endearing story about growing up, friendship, and the of a power of a good book (and the librarian who gave it to you)

Author Bio

Rebecca Stead is the New York Times-bestselling author of When You Reach Me, winner of the Newbery Medal; Liar & Spy; FirstLight; and Goodbye Stranger. Her work has been also been awarded the Boston Globe/Horn Book Award for Fiction and the Guardian Children's Fiction Award. She lives in New York City with her family and their lazy but beautiful cat.

Wendy Mass is the New York Times bestselling author of The Candymakers series and many other novels for young readers, including the Schneider Family Book Award-winner A Mango-Shaped Space, Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life (which was made into a feature film), Every Soul a Star, Pi in the Sky, the Twice Upon a Time series, and the Willow Falls series that began with 11 Birthdays. She and her family live in New Jersey.
The One and Only Sparkella and the Big Lie

by Channing Tatum, illustrated by Kim Barnes

The One and Only Sparkella and the Big Lie continues actor, producer and director Channing Tatum’s Sparkella picture book series, a charming ode to self-reliance and the love between father and daughter, illustrated by Kim Barnes.

Sparkella is excited for her first playdate with the super cool new kid at school, Wyatt. But she's worried that all of her toys and games at home are too old, too homemade, or too un-cool, so she decides to borrow a shiny racecar from her best friend, Tam, without asking.

When Tam is upset that her car is missing, Sparkella feels bad, but she can't seem to make herself tell the truth about taking the toy. To make things right with her friend, it'll take a little help from her dad to learn the importance of honesty and taking responsibility when you make a mistake.

Praise for The One and Only Sparkella Makes a Plan:

"Laying on saturated colors and sprays of tiny stars with a lavish hand, Barnes depicts the two young 'royals' in flamboyantly decorated settings - even Dad's motorcycle is a dazzling confection awash in bows . . . A second scintillating celebration of personal style and dad-daughter DIY." - Kirkus Reviews

Praise for The One and Only Sparkella:

An Instant #1 New York Times Bestseller!
A Publishers Weekly Bestseller!

"Hollywood superstar Tatum pens a sparkling debut. . . . The endearing representation of a supportive single father makes this book shine; similarly, the illustrations (...)"

Author Bio

Channing Tatum is known for his work both on-screen as an actor and behind-the-scenes as a producer and director. In 2021, he added #1 New York Times-bestselling Author to his body of work when his first children's book, The One and Only Sparkella, debuted at the top spot. In 2014, Tatum founded his production company Free Association with partners Peter Kiernan and Reid Carolin. He and Carolin produced and co-directed Dog, in which Tatum also starred. Tatum's feature credits include the Magic Mike and Jump Street franchises; Matthew Vaughn's Kingsman: The Golden Circle; the critically-acclaimed drama Foxcatcher; the Coen Brothers' Hail, Caesar!,
Theo Tan and the Iron Fan
by Jesse Q. Sutanto

A Chinese American boy and his snarky fox spirit face down demon kings as they race against time to be reunited with his brother's spirit in Theo Tan and the Iron Fan, Jesse Q. Sutanto's magical, action-packed sequel to Theo Tan and the Fox Spirit.

Theo Tan and his fox spirit, Kai, are willing to go to hell and back for their family. Literally.

After exposing the corruption at Reapling Corporation and trapping the demon king Niu Mo Wang, they learn that Jamie (Theo's beloved brother and Kai's first human master) was not allowed to move on after death, and is now trapped in a waiting room in Diyu.

If they can reach his soul before it faces judgement on the solstice, they might be able to convince King Qingguang to send his soul back to earth! Still, a trip to Diyu is no easy matter, and Theo and Kai can't do it alone. Fortunately, they have good friends who are happy to help.

But even with Namita's knowledge and Danny's powerful dragon familiar, the odds are stacked against them. Can Theo and Kai's new bond hold up against lying demons with grudges, impatient Kings of Hell, and the wrath of the demon king's powerful wife, Princess Iron Fan?

Theo Tan and the Fox Spirit:
Heart-felt and heart-pounding, this book will have you cheering Theo on as he sets out to find the magic of his heritage!

Author Bio

Jesse Q. Sutanto is the author of books for adults and young readers, including Dial A For Aunties, The Obsession, Theo Tan and the Fox Spirit and Well, That Was Unexpected. She grew up shuttling back and forth between Indonesia, Singapore, and England, and considers all three places her home. She has forty-two first cousins and thirty aunties and uncles, many of whom live just down the road. When she's not writing, she's playing games with her husband, or making a mess in the kitchen with her two daughters.
Untitled (formerly Feathervein)
by Tonya Hurley

Wren Grayson hates birds.

She HATES them because they talk to her. She HATES them because when they do, SHE UNDERSTANDS.

With the loss of her mom, the only constants in Wren's life are her father and the birds that wake her from her dreams each morning. The birds are her most faithful companions, and at times. Their melancholy song provides comfort from the nasty whispers and gossip about her family that fly faster than hummingbirds around the small university town. Not to mention, the secrets and lies that circle around her own home.

A human boy who may be Wren's ally, an alternate world where Wren is transformed into a bird and will possibly free her mother's spirit, and threats that permeate both her human and bird lives add to the drama and suspense of a girl caught between two worlds.

Author Bio

Location: New York City

Tonya Hurley is the author of the New York Times-bestselling series ghostgirl, and the young adult Blessed series. She is also a filmmaker and video game creator. She lives with her family in New York City.
Venom & Vow
by Anna-Marie McLemore and Elliott McLemore

Two enemy kingdoms are forced to work together to break a curse in this lush YA fantasy, featuring a transgender prince and a bigender dama/assassin in the lead roles.

Keep your enemy closer.

Cade McKenna is a transgender prince who’s doubling for his brother. Valencia Palafox is a young dama attending the future queen of Eliana. Gael Palma is the infamous boy assassin Cade has vowed to protect. Patrick McKenna is the reluctant heir to a kingdom, and the prince Gael has vowed to destroy.

Cade doesn’t know that Gael and Valencia are the same person. Valencia doesn’t know that every time she thinks she’s fighting Patrick, she’s fighting Cade. And when Cade and Valencia blame each other for a devastating enchantment that takes both their families, neither of them realizes that they have far more dangerous enemies.

Cowritten by married writing team Anna-Marie and Elliott McLemore, Venom & Vow is a lush and powerful YA novel about owning your power and becoming who you really are (…)

Author Bio

Anna-Marie McLemore was born in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and taught by their family to hear la llorona in the Santa Ana winds. They are the author of The Weight of Feathers, a 2016 William C. Morris YA Debut Award Finalist; 2017 Stonewall Honor Book When the Moon Was Ours, which was longlisted for the National Book Award in Young People's Literature; Wild Beauty, a Kirkus, School Library Journal, and Booklist best book of 2017; Blanca & Roja, a New York Times Book Review Editors’ Choice; Dark and Deepest Red, a Winter 2020 Indie Next List title; and The Mirror Season, which was longlisted for the National Book Award in Young People's Literature.

Elliott McLemore is a nonbinary trans guy who comes from mountains and loves trees. As a child, he romped in dresses, fought with plastic swords, and dreamed up his first stories. Between then and now, he has focused on academic and professional writing, research, and advocacy, including work toward adding nonbinary gender markers to California identity documents. Venom & Vow is his debut novel.
You Be Daddy
by Karla Clark, illustrated by Steph Lew

A tired daddy lets his son have a turn being the parent at bedtime in Karla Clark's *You Be Daddy*, a humorously charming companion picture book to *You Be Mommy*, featuring illustrations by Steph Lew.

*Daddy's too tired to be Daddy tonight.*
*Can you be Daddy and hug me tight?*

In this clever, rhyming picture book, a father tells his child that he's simply too tired to be Daddy tonight and asks his son to take over for him.

An utterly relatable theme told with humor and heart provides a story parents and children will delight in reading together at bedtime.

**Author Bio**

*Karla Clark* writes fiction for adults and children, but picture books are her passion. Her favorite sound in the world is a child's giggle. Karla is a member of the Society of Book Writers and Illustrators and lives in Rockford, Illinois, with her husband and son. When she is not writing, she's creating paper collages and digital art that she sells at art shows.

*Steph Lew* is a Concept Artist/Illustrator from San Francisco, CA. She graduated from San Jose State University with a BFA in animation/illustration. She strives to have strong light and color in her artwork. She enjoys drawing people, animals, and mermaids. Books she has illustrated include *So Big and So Small* (John Coy), *Can't Catch Santa!* (Emily Cunningham), and the Little Golden Book *It's a Small World!*
You Don't Have a Shot
by Racquel Marie

A queer YA romance about rival soccer players from author Racquel Marie, perfect for fans of She Drives Me Crazy.

Valentina Vale* Castillo-Green's life revolves around soccer. Her friends, her future, and her father's intense expectations are all wrapped up in the beautiful game. But after she incites a fight during playoffs with her long-time rival, Leticia Ortiz, everything she's been working toward seems to disappear.

Embarrassed and desperate to be anywhere but home, Vale escapes to her beloved childhood soccer camp for a summer of relaxation and redemption... only to find out that she and the endlessly aggravating Leticia will be co-captaining a team that could play in front of college scouts. But the competition might be stiffer than expected, so unless they can get their rookie team's act together, this second chance - and any hope of playing college soccer - will slip through Vale's fingers. When the growing pressure, friendship friction, and her overbearing father push Vale to turn to Leticia for help, what starts off as a shaky alliance of necessity begins to blossom into something more through a shared love of soccer... and maybe each other.

Sharp, romantic, and deeply emotional, You Don't Have a Shot is a rivals-to-lovers romance about rediscovering your love of the game and yourself, from the author of Ophelia After All.

Praise for Ophelia After All by Racquel Marie:
This contemplative coming-of-age is a perfect (...)

Author Bio
Racquel Marie grew up in Southern California where her passion for storytelling of all kinds was encouraged by her friends and big family. She received a B.A. in English with an emphasis in Creative Writing and a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies from the University of California, Irvine. Racquel primarily writes YA contemporaries starring queer Latine characters like herself. When not writing or reading, she loves practicing beauty and special effects makeup, watching and producing YouTube videos, and teaching herself to play ukulele in spite of her extremely long nails. She is the author of Ophelia After All and You Don't Have a Shot.
Adventures in Cartooning: Characters in Action (Enhanced Edition)
by James Sturm, Andrew Arnold and Alexis Frederick-Frost

This enhanced and expanded edition of Adventures in Cartooning: Characters in Action contains over forty new pages filled with adventure and cartooning lessons!

The Knight, Edward the Horse, and the Magical Cartooning Elf are back, and sharing the stage with a cast of kooky characters. The famous director Otto Airs is making a movie, and he's invited everyone in the kingdom to audition! It's up to you to dream up and draw new characters to star in the film. Design a disguise for an undercover spy and give a superhero a makeover. Discover how body language can help tell your story, and how unique costumes can make your characters stand out from the crowd. Before long, you'll have all the tools you need to create original characters for your own comic book!

"This is a Zen sort of art book. It teaches advanced art techniques while hardly talking about drawing at all . . . Hysterical - and useful." - Kirkus Reviews

"Focuses on promoting creativity through zany scenarios and humorous characters . . . Children will appreciate the humor." - School Library Journal

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Adventures in Cartooning: Create a World  
by James Sturm, Alexis Frederick-Frost and Andrew Arnold

In this long-awaited third volume in Adventure in Cartooning series, you’ll find everything you need to dream up and draw fantastical worlds for your character to inhabit!

The Knight is back and ready for another cartooning adventure with Edward the Horse! As every adventurer knows, you can’t have an epic journey without an epic new world to explore. They could fly to a floating metropolis or swim through an underwater empire, trek across a frozen tundra or climb to the top of a majestic mountain - the possibilities are endless! But before they do, they’ll need to draw it first. Luckily for them, the Magical Cartooning Elf is ready to help, with brand-new tips and tricks that will turn simple drawings into boundless worlds.

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From the twisted mind of Graham Annable comes five horrifying stories that will scare your skeleton right out of your skin. Are you ready to stare down The Face in the Forest? Do you think you can handle the truth behind The Village that Vanished?

Lock the doors, turn on all the lights, and arm yourself with candy - you'll need all the help you can get to face these nightmares.

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by Marc Bernardin, illustrated by Ron Salas

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Marc Bernardin is a WGA Award-winning television writer-producer who has worked on Star Trek: Picard, The Continental, Carnival Row, Treadstone, Castle Rock, Critical Role: The Legend of Vox Machina, Masters of the Universe: Revelations, and Alphas . In an earlier life, he was a journalist for the Los Angeles Times, The Hollywood Reporter, Playboy Weekly . In comics, he’s an Inkpot-winning writer of Adora and the Distance, Peter Parker: The Amazing Shutterbug, Genius, The Highwaymen, and Monster Attack Network . And he cohosts the Fatman Beyond podcast with Kevin Smith.

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Though drawing and cosplay offer her an escape, she still struggles to connect with others. And in high school, the bullies are louder and meaner. Sarah's bubbling rage is threatening to burst.

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Sarah Myer is a comic artist and illustrator hailing from a ten-acre farm in White Hall, Maryland. An old-school cosplayer and anime fan, Sarah has attended anime/comic conventions as a fan and artist alley participant since 1999 and has constructed and worn more than fifty costumes. When they aren't drawing, writing, or cosplaying, Sarah enjoys cooking, weight training, and spending time with their mackerel tabby, Loki. Sarah graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design with BFA and MFA degrees in sequential art and taught foundation studies classes at the college for three years. In 2019, First Second published Maker Comics: Create a Costume!, Sarah's first graphic novel.
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From simple circuits to giant grids, fossil fuel power plants to wind farms, electricity keeps the world running. In Science Comics: Electricity, you'll discover where electricity comes from, why lightning suddenly strikes, and how we've harnessed it all to turn the lights on in your room. Ready for action? Get energized with electricity!

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Andy Hirsch is a cartoonist living in Dallas, Texas. He is the author and illustrator of several entries in First Second's Science Comics series, including Dogs: From Predator to Protector, Trees: Kings of the Forest, and Cats: Nature and Nurture.
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Mucus monsters! Rock-and-rollin' trolls! All-powerful rotting cat-mummies!

What would YOU do if your boogers tried to take over the world? What if teen-girl ghosts unleashed an army of pooping cockroaches on you?

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Squire is brainy, bookish, and terribly under-appreciated by the brawny, inept knight Sir Kelton, who somehow always gets all the glory. So when the two mismatched heroes find themselves in a cursed village plagued by a demonic dragon, Kelton rides off to slay it and Squire stays behind to catch up on some reading. But Squire starts to notice that something isn’t quite right about this town . . . Can he uncover its strange secrets?

Author Bio

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Things in the Basement
by Ben Hatke

From New York Time's bestselling author Ben Hatke comes a young readers graphic novel about Milo, a young boy who discovers a portal to a secret world in his basement.

It was supposed to just be a normal basement - some storage boxes, dust, you know, the usual basement stuff. But when Milo is sent by his mother to fetch a sock from the basement of the historic home they've moved into, Milo finds a door in the back that he's never seen before. Turns out that the basement of his house is enormous. In fact, there is a whole world down there. As Milo travels ever deeper into the Basement World, he meets the many Things that live in the shadows and gloom... and he learns that to face his fears he must approach even the strangest creatures with kindness.

Author Bio

Ben Hatke is the author and illustrator of the New York Times-bestselling Zita the Spacegirl trilogy, the picture books Julia's House for Lost Creatures and Nobody Likes a Goblin, and the graphic novels Little Robot and Mighty Jack. He lives and works in the Shenandoah Valley with his wife and their boisterous pack of daughters.
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Beating Heart Baby

by Lio Min

Lio Min's *Beating Heart Baby* is an achingly romantic" (Publishers Weekly, starred review) love letter to internet friendships, anime, and indie rock

When artistic and sensitive Santi arrives at his new high school, everyone in the wildly talented marching band welcomes him with open arms. Everyone except for the prickly, proud musical prodigy Suwa, who doesn't think Santi has what it takes to be in the band.

But Santi and Suwa share painful pasts, and when they open up to each other, a tentative friendship begins. And soon, that friendship turns into something more. . . .

Will their fresh start rip at the seams as Suwa seeks out a solo spotlight, and both boys come to terms with what it'll take, and what they'll have to let go, to realize their dreams?

This book is alive with ache, grief, hunger, love, pain and awe. . . . It should be read for the reasons all good books should be read: because it's beautiful and moving, nuanced and humane. Most of all, because it's *fun*." - *Los Angeles Times*

"Min's exploration of coming out and owning your story as an artist is particularly exhilarating and nuanced. . . . It's an epic tale of queer validation, filtered through the light of the California sun and Sailor Moon, and an essential read for anyone searching for a (...)"

Author Bio

Lio Min has listened to, played and performed, and written about music for most of their life. Their debut novel *Beating Heart Baby* is about boys, bands, and Los Angeles. They've profiled and interviewed acts including Japanese Breakfast, Rina Sawayama, MUNA, Caroline Polachek, Christine and the Queens, Raveena, Tei Shi, Speedy Ortiz, and Mitski.
This Golden State
by Marit Weisenberg

Marit Weisenberg’s This Golden State follows a family on the run, a restless teenage daughter hungry for the truth, and the simple DNA test that threatens their carefully crafted world.

The Winslow family lives by five principles:

1. No one can know your real name.
2. Don't stay in one place too long.
3. If you sense anything is wrong, go immediately to the meeting spot.
4. Keeping our family together is everything.
5. We wish we could tell you who we are, but we can't. Please - do not ask.

Poppy doesn't know why her family has been running her whole life, but she does know that there are dire consequences if they're ever caught. Still, her curiosity grows each year, as does her desire for real friends and the chance to build on something, instead of leaving behind school projects, teams, and crushes at a moment's notice.

When a move to California exposes a crack in her parents' airtight planning, Poppy realizes how fragile her world is.

Author Bio

Marit Weisenberg has a master’s degree from UCLA in Cinema and Media Studies and worked as a film and television executive for a number of years. She currently lives in Austin, Texas, with her husband and two daughters. Her previous titles include Select and Select Few.
Return to Tokyo for a royal wedding in Emiko Jean's New York Times bestseller Tokyo Dreaming, the sequel to beloved rom-com Tokyo Ever After!

When Japanese-American Izumi Tanaka learned her father was the Crown Prince of Japan, she became a princess overnight. Now, she's overcome conniving cousins, salacious press, and an imperial scandal to finally find a place she belongs. She has a perfect bodyguard turned boyfriend. Her stinky dog, Tamagotchi, is living with her in Tokyo. Her parents have even rekindled their college romance and are engaged. A royal wedding is on the horizon! Izumi's life is a Tokyo dream come true. Only...

Her parents' engagement hits a brick wall. The Imperial Household Council refuses to approve the marriage citing concerns about Izumi and her mother's lack of pedigree. And on top of it all, her bodyguard turned boyfriend makes a shocking decision about their relationship. At the threat of everything falling apart, Izumi vows to do whatever it takes to help win over the council. Which means upping her newly acquired princess game.

But at what cost? Izumi will do anything to help her parents achieve their happily ever after, but what if playing the perfect princess means sacrificing her own? Will she find a way to forge her own path and follow her heart?

New York Times bestseller!

A heartwarming and thrilling story about royal love." - Time

"Fans of [Tokyo Ever After]will find much to enjoy in Princess Izumi's continued struggles to fit into the highly conformist society of Japanese royalty. . . . Readers will cheer as Izumi faces new (...)"

Author Bio

When Emiko Jean isn't writing, she is reading. Before she became a writer, she was an entomologist, a candlemaker, a florist, and most recently, a teacher. She lives in Washington with her husband and children (unruly twins). She is also the author of Empress of all Seasons and We'll Never Be Apart.
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by Nina Kenwood

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A Guide to the Dark
by Meriam Metoui

The Haunting of Hill House meets Nina LaCour in this spine-chilling yet soft debut horror YA about the ghosts we carry with us. Something is building, simmering just out of reach.

The room is watching. But Mira and Layla don't know this yet. When the two best friends are stranded on their spring break college tour road trip, they find themselves at the Wildwood Motel, located in the middle of nowhere, Indiana. Mira can't shake the feeling that there is something wrong and rotten about their room. Inside, she's haunted by nightmares of her dead brother. When she wakes up, he's still there.

Layla doesn't see him. Or notice anything suspicious about Room 9. The place may be a little run down, but it has a certain charm she can't wait to capture on camera. If Layla is being honest, she's too preoccupied with her new and confusing feelings for Mira to see much else. But when they learn eight people died in that same room, they realize there must be a connection between the deaths and the unexplainable things that keep happening inside it. They just have to find the connection before Mira becomes the ninth.

Author Bio

Meriam Metoui is a writer, book editor, and (when she has the time) a photographer. She graduated from the University of Michigan and Hunter College, where she received a master's degree in English literature. Born in Tunisia, she now lives in Detroit, Michigan with her partner and puppy. Both are sweet except when they're hungry. A Guide to the Dark is her first novel.

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Benito Juarez Fights for Justice
by Beatriz Gutierrez Hernandez, illustrated by Beatriz Gutierrez Hernandez

From the incredible illustrator of Dreams from Many Rivers comes the story of Benito Juarez, a man who devoted himself to his country and became president of Mexico.

Juarez grew up in a village filled with orange trees, surrounded by the mountains of Oaxaca. As he got older, he wondered: How could such a paradise be home to hungry children, temples in ruins, and shacks made out of straw and branches? Armed with a deep-seated belief in justice, he set out to make a difference.

Following Juarez from his childhood to his career in politics, this is a story of hope and determination.

Author Bio
Beatriz Gutierrez Hernandez is an illustrator and animator born and raised in Guadalajara, Mexico and based in Brooklyn. She graduated from Pratt Institute with a BFA in Communications Design, with a focus in illustration.
Fitz and Cleo Put a Party on It
by Jonathan Stutzman, illustrated by Heather Fox

The dynamo duo responsible for Llama Destroys the World return to their early reader graphic novel series for its hilarious third installment, perfect for fans of the Narwhal & Jelly and Peter & Ernesto series. Happy-go-lucky Cleo and stoic Fitz are back again . . . and they are ready to celebrate (for once, Mr. Boo approves).

Follow the most adorable siblings this way of the afterlife as they discover the secrets to throwing a ghoul old-fashioned party! But it's not all silly hats and confetti. Fitz and Cleo learn a valuable lesson amidst all the festivities: When you are having a bad day, there's nothing like a good friend and a good time to turn it all around!

Jonathan Stutzman and Heather Fox conjure up another delightful collection of silly and heartwarming stories in the Fitz and Cleo universe that are perfect for newly independent readers and comics enthusiasts alike.

Author Bio

Jonathan Stutzman is an award-winning filmmaker and a picture book author. He is the author of numerous books for children, including Don't Feed the Coos, Santa Baby; the Llama trilogy, and the Tiny T-Rex series. He received his masters at Temple University for film and digital media. He lives in Lititz, Pennsylvania, with his wife, the illustrator Heather Fox. Fitz and Cleo is his debut graphic novel.

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Garden of the Cursed  
by Katy Rose Pool

In this edge-of-your-seat YA fantasy/mystery duology from award-winning author Katy Rose Pool, cursebreaker Marlow Briggs reluctantly pretends to be in love with one of the most powerful nobles in Caraza City to gain entry into an illustrious - and deadly - society that holds clues to her mother's disappearance. *Garden of the Cursed* is perfect for fans of *Veronica Mars*, *These Violent Delights*, and *Chain of Iron*.

Since fleeing the gilded halls of Evergarden for the muck-filled canals of the Marshes, Marlow Briggs has made a name for herself as the best godsdamn cursebreaker in Caraza City. But no matter how many cases she solves, she is still haunted by the mystery of her mother's disappearance.

When Adrius Falcrest, Marlow's old friend and scion of one of Caraza's most affluent spell-making families, asks her to help break a life-threatening curse, Marlow wants nothing to do with the boy who spurned her a year ago. But a new lead in her mother's case makes Marlow realize that the only way to get the answers she desperately seeks is to help Adrius and return to Evergarden society - even if it means suffering through a fake love affair with him to avoid drawing suspicion from the conniving Five Families.

As the investigation draws Marlow into a web of deadly secrets and powerful enemies, a shocking truth emerges: Adrius's curse and her mother's disappearance may just be clues to an even larger mystery, one that could unravel the very foundations of Caraza and magic itself.

Praise for *Into the Dying Light*:

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**Author Bio**

*Katy Rose Pool*, author of the *Age of Darkness* trilogy, was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA before graduating from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in history. Currently, she resides in Oakland, CA, where she can be found dreaming up spells and prophecies, rooting for the Golden State Warriors, and reading books that set her on fire.
Ghost Book
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Hidden Gem
by Linda Liu, illustrated by Linda Liu

Blending the palettes and imaginations of Eric Carle and Jon Klassen, this debut picture book is the irresistibly quirky story of a tiny, unassuming rock's journey to self-confidence.

In a world full of glittering crystals, geodes, and gemstones, one pebble finds it hard to love his dull and gray exterior. And after a trip to the Museum of Rocks, he fails to see himself represented in the institution's regal halls.

Until he finds a sign for the World's Most Beautiful Gem. In the sparkling, gorgeous facets of a gigantic diamond, he sees something beautiful: his own reflection.

With deadpan wit and stunning art, Linda Liu's debut cracks the rock-hard struggle of insecurity and finds a precious gem of a story about identity and self-acceptance that will have readers laughing along with its infectious warmth and cheering on its charming hero.

Author Bio

Linda Liu is an LA-based illustrator/designer with a taste for tactile textures, saucy shapes, and palatable palettes. A SoCal native, she graduated from Rhode Island School of Design and most recently served as an in-house designer for Plansponsor and Planadviser. Hidden Gem is her debut picture book.

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I'm Not Supposed to Be in the Dark
by Riss M. Neilson

From the author of Deep in Providence comes a paranormal young adult romance that follows a teen convinced that her best friend-turned-enemy is possessed by a ghost, perfect for fans of White Smoke and Twilight.

Seventeen-year-old Aria Cayetano dreams of ghosts. She used to see them too, but thanks to a special tea brewed by her grandfather, Aria's connection to the spirit world has been severed. Until a decades old rosebush suddenly dies across the street, convincing Aria that something supernatural is happening in her neighborhood.

She aches to investigate it, but the rosebush sits on her ex-best friend Derek Johnson's front lawn, and she can't question him because he hates her now. Aria doesn't know what drove them apart years ago, but she does know Derek's been acting strange for weeks, sneaking out in the dead of night to who knows where.

Then, days after the rosebush dies, Derek begins speaking to her again. At least Aria thinks it's him. Until she discovers there's a ghost inside of Derek that will take his life if it doesn't find what it's searching for. As Aria and Derek race to uncover the mystery, another kind of magic takes them by surprise: love. But Aria has to decide how far she's willing to go to save Derek, especially when helping the ghost means tapping into whatever the tea has buried inside of her.

Bone-chilling and spellbinding, I'm Not Supposed to Be in the Dark is an alluring ghost story that's about exorcising the past to find a future to believe in.

Author Bio

Riss M. Neilson is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of the Rhode Island College, she won the English department's Jean Garrigue Award, which was judged by novelist, Nick White. She is from Providence and lives for the city's art and culture scene. When she's not writing, she's watching anime or playing video games with her two children. Deep in Providence is her debut novel.
Invader from Mars: The Truth About Babies
by Peggy Robbins Janousky, illustrated by Karen Obuhanych

A hilarious new sibling story that ends with an out-of-this-world twist, for fans of Wolfie the Bunny.

One afternoon, Micah comes home to find trouble taped to the refrigerator door. His parents claim it’s a picture of his soon-to-be baby sister, but Micah is sure it’s a Martian.

When the baby arrives, his parents insist that she’s perfectly precious - but Micah’s no fool. He knows Martians do not come in peace. . .

But in a laugh-out-loud Show and Share day at school, Micah learns how special a baby sister can really be.

Author Bio

Peggy Robbins Janousky grew up in Brooklyn, NY, but never really felt like a city girl. She now lives in a small suburb of Orlando, where chickens are protected citizens and run wild in the street. Peggy holds a master's degree in education and has taught at all levels - preschool through college. She is the author of Move It, Miss Macintosh. Her love of writing is only matched by her love of animals.

Karen Obuhanych grew up in a family of five including big brother Mike and twin brother Brian. For this book, Karen drew from her many experiences as a little sister to two perfectly precious brothers. She now resides on the Big Island of Hawaii. Karen is author/illustrator of This Little Kitty as well as illustrator for Annie's Cat is Sad, The Fastest Tortoise in Town and Wonder Dogs!

Notes

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Outreach to Key Reviewers, Media, and School and Library Contacts<br>Digital ARE sent to Select Bloggers and Digital Influencers<br>Included in MacKids Social Media Promotions<br>Featured at Select School, Library, and Bookseller Conferences and Conventions<br>Digital ARE Available on Edelweiss
Mihi Ever After: A Giant Problem
by Tae Keller

Mihi and her friends Savannah and Reese have been back from the Rainbow Realm for a few months, and none of them can get it out of their minds. When Mihi's former best friend, Genevieve, goes through the fridge and into the fairy world herself, Mihi and her friends know that they're the only ones who can save her. But when the girls arrive in the fairy tale realm, they discover a giant and an enormous beanstalk have wrought a new kind of havoc in the fairy world, and Genevieve isn't the only one who needs saving.

Author Bio

Tae Keller grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she subsisted on kimchi, purple rice, and stories. Now, she writes about biracial girls trying to find their voices, and lives in Seattle with her husband and a multitude of books. She is the author of The Science of Breakable Things and When You Trap a Tiger, winner of the Newberry Medal.
Nature’s Design Challenge Book #1
by Rebecca Donnelly, illustrated by Misa Saburi

An adorable nonfiction graphic novel chapter book series for kids, introducing STEM subjects in a humorous game show format.

Welcome to Nature’s Design Challenge, the game show where animal contestants pitch the latest and greatest in scientific innovation to a panel of shark judges! Animals of all sizes and skills compete to see who can come up with the most useful, most creative, most brilliant design for a product based on something that exists in the natural world. Today’s theme is: engineering.

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Godwin Books

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North of Supernova
by Lindsey Leavitt

Stella North (Virgo) has waited her whole life for a coveted birthday party invite that will guarantee a friend-filled summer in Washington. Forget summer, this opportunity could change her universe. Maybe in this universe, she'll have less anxiety about big things, like the growing absence of her addict mom, and small things, like what everyone else is thinking or what she's wearing or or or... breathe.

But those perfect summer plans implode when her Dad returns with a surprise from his business trip: his new fiancee, Whitney. Even worse, Stella and her brother have to spend the next couple of weeks in Whitney's Las Vegas home pretending like these absolute strangers are her family. At least her potential stepsister feels the same way about ruining their parents' wedding. Together, the girls set out to discover (and ultimately change) the future through astrology, crystals, and even Magic 8 Balls. Yet nothing can predict the surprising friends, new maybe-more-than friends, and ghosts from the past that Stella encounters on her quest to find calm in a galaxy beyond control.

Godwin Books

Author Bio

Lindsey Leavitt is a Leo sun/Sagittarius rising, which makes her skilled at traveling, studying and sleeping in. She grew up in Las Vegas and now lives in the snowy mountains with her big, blended family. She is the author of over fifteen books for kids and teens. Lindsey had an MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts. Visit her online at https://lindseyleavitt.com
Painted Devils
by Margaret Owen

After accidentally starting a cult and invoking the wrath of the gods, a scam artist must fight to save everyone she has ever loved in this sequel to Margaret Owen's YA fantasy Little Thieves.

When misfortune strikes, the "reformed" jewel thief Vanja manipulates a remote village for help and in turn, accidentally starts a cult around a Low God, the Scarlet Maiden. Soon after, her nemesis-turned-suitor Emeric and a supervising prefect arrive to investigate the claim of godhood, and she realizes how in over her head she must be. But the Scarlet Maiden does reveal herself... only to claim Emeric as her virgin sacrifice. Desperate to save the only man she's ever cared for, Vanja decides to seek an alternative: bring the Scarlet Maiden a drop of blood from each of seven brothers for the midsummer feast.

While the thief and prefect-in-training still have feelings for one another, Emeric must determine whether Vanja has committed fraud as his final test for prefect-hood. And as they travel the Haarzlands, a harsh land far from the rules of the city, the past that Vanja barely remembers comes into full view and she fears a future that does not require her to keep running.

With vengeful apparitions, supernatural fraud, and ravenous hellhounds, readers will not be able to put down this Bavarian-themed YA fantasy, the thrilling sequel to Little Thieves.

Author Bio

Margaret Owen was born and raised at the end of the Oregon Trail and has worked in everything from thrift stores to presidential campaigns. The common thread between every job can be summed up as: lessons were learned. She now spends her days writing and negotiating a long-term hostage situation with her two monstrous cats. She is the author of the Merciful Crow series. In her free time, she enjoys exploring ill-advised travel destinations and raising money for social justice nonprofits through her illustrations. She resides in Seattle, Washington.
Pluto!
Not a Planet? Not a Problem!
by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by Stevie Lewis

From writer Stacy McAnulty and illustrator Stevie Lewis, Pluto! is a light-hearted nonfiction picture book about the history of the dwarf planet seen through the eyes of Pluto itself. Hot diggity dog! Meet Pluto! The runt of a litter of eight planets. Pluto may not be the biggest or fastest planet to revolve around the Sun, but it has a unique story to tell. From the tale of how it was found by humans to its naming as a dwarf planet, it’s Pluto’s turn to take the spotlight and properly re-introduce itself.

With characteristic humor and charm, Stacy McAnulty channels the voice of Pluto in this next celestial "autobiography" in the Our Universe series. Rich with kid-friendly facts and beautifully brought to life by Stevie Lewis, this is an equally charming and irresistible companion to Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years and Sun! One in a Billion.

Author Bio
Stacy McAnulty is the author of many books for children, notably the nonfiction picture book series Our Universe, which includes titles, Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years, Mars! Earthlings Welcome, and Moon! Earth’s Best Friend, among others. She’s also the author of picture books Brains! Not Just a Zombie Snack, A Small Kindness, Beautiful, Brave, and Love, and she writes books for middle grade readers including The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl and Millionaires for the Month. Stacy lives in North Carolina with her family and as many dogs as she can sneak in the house. Stevie Lewis has been living on the road, furthering her passion for climbing, art, and the outdoors. Striving to live simply and tread lightly on the earth, she gathers inspiration from a variety of places, be it climbing in the high desert in central Oregon, hiking in the wilderness of Alaska, or sharing laughs with fellow travelers around a campfire. After working for four years in animation, she now illustrates children's books and creates art based on her travels.

Stevie's books include A Week without Tuesday, Finding Serendipity, and Lost in the Library.
Pop’s Perfect Present
by Corey Finkle, illustrated by Lenny Wen

A heartwarming and playful celebration of a little girl's love for her father as she tries to gift him the best day ever.

In an effort to create the most perfect day for the best dad ever, a young girl organizes activities centered around his favorite hobbies. The day ends with her worrying she has let him down. Luckily, Dad comes to the rescue, letting her know that nothing can beat spending time with his daughter.

With a classic gift for rhythm and rhyme and a great sense of humor, Pop's Perfect Present is sure to make the perfect present for Father's Day and birthdays for new and seasoned dads alike.

Author Bio

Corey Finkle is an author and creative director whose perfect day with his kids would include baking, baseball, and board games. He is the author of Your Future is Bright. Originally from Gloversville, New York, he currently lives in Providence, Rhode Island with his family.

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Lenny Wen is an author/illustrator who was born in Indonesia. She is the illustrator of several picture books, such as Cal Everett's Halloween is Coming and Amy Robach's Better Together. Lenny currently lives in Austria. When she is not illustrating or writing, you might find her staring at the trees, contemplating story ideas, reading books, filling up her cup with coffee, or hugging her dog.
Maddie and Chloe have always been best friends - until last year, when Chloe's popularity and budding fame as an actor left Maddie in the dust one too many times. Their friendship is over, and they're both ready to move on.

Or so they think. The girls arrive at camp only to discover that the universe isn't ready to let go of this friendship just yet: They're cabinmates, and now they both have to spend the summer with their ex-best friend. Each of the girls has to decide: Is it time to try again, or is this friendship doomed for good?

Author Bio

Sarah Kapit lives in Seattle with her husband and their goofy orange cat, and is the author of Get A Grip, Vivy Cohen! and The Many Mysteries of the Finkel Family. She earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Los Angeles, and she's always happy to talk about the history of women, medicine, and any other history geek topic. She has a longstanding involvement in the disability rights and neurodiversity movements, and serves as chairperson of the Association for Autistic Community.
Special Operations Files Book 2
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BRANDON WEBB is a former U.S. Navy SEAL; his last assignment with the SEALs was Course Manager for the elite SEAL Sniper Course, where he was instrumental in developing new curricula that trained some of the most accomplished snipers of the twenty-first century. Webb has received numerous distinguished service awards, including the Presidential Unit Citation and the Navy Commendation Medal with a V” for "Valor," for his platoon's deployment to Afghanistan following the September 11 attacks. He is editor for Military.com's blog Kit Up, SOFREP's Editor in Chief, and a frequent national media commentator on snipers and related Special Operations Forces military issues.

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The Truth About Dragons
by Julie Leung, illustrated by Hanna Cha

An unforgettable lyrical picture book that celebrates biracial identity from the award-winning author of Paper Son: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist.

Lean in close, my darling bao bei, and I will whisper a most precious secret about a powerful magic that lives inside you.

Brought to life with lavish and ornate illustrations, The Truth About Dragons follows a young child on a journey guided by his mother’s bedtime storytelling. He quests into two very different forests, as his two grandmothers help him discover two different, but equally enchanting, truths about dragons. Eastern and Western mythologies coexist and enrich each other in this warm celebration of mixed cultural identity.

Author Bio

Julie Leung was raised in the sleepy suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia, though it may be more accurate to say she grew up in Oz and came of age in Middle-earth. By day, she is the Marketing Director for Random House’s sci-fi/fantasy imprint, Del Rey Books. By night, she writes to calm the ghosts from the past. In her free time, she enjoys furtively sniffing books at bookstores and winning at obscure board games. Her favorite mode of transportation is the library. She currently resides in Brooklyn, New York, with her husband and many untold stories.

Hanna Cha spent her childhood in both Korea and America. She graduated from Rhode Island School of Design in 2017 and currently lives in Boston.

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They Are Here!
How Invasive Species Are Spoiling Our Ecosystems
by Roland Smith

An exciting, fact-filled middle grade nonfiction book exploring how, as humans have traveled and migrated, we've introduced - on purpose and by accident - parts of the world to wildlife previously unknown, sometimes with disastrous results.

Did you know that sparrows were brought from Europe to the US in the 1850s, but they've been pestering humans for far longer? The ancient Egyptians had a hieroglyph for the sparrow - It meant "small" or "bad."

Did you know that thousands of exotic pets were released into the Florida Everglades after a hurricane in 1992, leading to today's booming Burmese python population?

This is a story of human error and nature gone wild. Looking at the cases of thirty plants and animals, we'll find out all about invasive species, their impact, and the steps we can take to support local ecosystems.

Author Bio

Roland Smith is a New York Times - bestselling author who has published many books for children and young adults, and a former zoo curator and research biologist. He spent more than twenty years working with animals and plans to spend the next twenty writing about them.
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Warrior Girl Unearthed
by Angeline Boulley

#1 New York Times bestselling author Angeline Boulley takes us back to the world of Firekeeper's Daughter in this high-stakes mystery about the power of discovering your stolen history.

Perry Firekeeper-Birch has always known who she is - the laidback twin, the troublemaker, the best fisher on Sugar Island. Her aspirations won't ever take her far from home, and she wouldn't have it any other way. But as the rising number of missing Indigenous women starts circling closer to home, as her family becomes embroiled in a high-profile murder investigation, and as greedy grave robbers seek to profit off of what belongs to her Anishinaabe tribe, Perry begins to question everything.

In order to reclaim this inheritance for her people, Perry has no choice but to take matters into her own hands. She can only count on her friends and allies, including her overachieving twin and a charming new boy in town with unwavering morals. Old rivalries, sister secrets, and botched heists cannot - will not - stop her from uncovering the mystery before the ancestors and missing women are lost forever.

Author Bio

Angeline Boulley, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is a storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She is a former Director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Angeline lives in southwest Michigan, but her home will always be on Sugar Island. Firekeeper's Daughter is her debut novel.
Whose Right Is It? The Fourteenth Amendment and the Fight for Equality
by Hana Bajramovic

A crucial and timely investigation of the Fourteenth Amendment and the impact it’s had - and continues to have - on our rights as citizens, for readers of Rise Up! and This Is Our Constitution.

In 1954, the Supreme Court held in Brown v. Board of Education that separate schools for Black and white students are inherently unequal. In 1973, the Supreme Court guaranteed that abortion was a fundamental right in Roe v. Wade. And in 2015, the Supreme Court legalized gay marriage nationwide in Obergefell v. Hodges. What do these three famous cases, separated by decades, have in common? Each one was decided under the Fourteenth Amendment.

Born in the years after the Civil War, the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments served as a sort of second Constitution, redefining what America would look like in the years after slavery ended. The Fourteenth was the most expansive, and the most complicated, of the three. But in the years after it was ratified, the Supreme Court interpreted it narrowly - disregarding what the drafters of the amendment said it was meant to do.

In this book, Hana Bajramovic expertly explores the limits, legacy, and impact of the Fourteenth Amendment by dissecting the critical court cases that it has helped decide. By examining the watershed legislation that has shaped our nation, Whose Right Is It? shows a new generation of activists what the fight for equality across race, sexuality, gender, and citizenship looks like.

Author Bio

Hana Bajramovic has an English degree from Harvard University and JD from Yale Law School. She has worked for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and at the New York law firm of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP. She now works to defend reproductive rights and access to reproductive healthcare. Whose Right Is It Anyway? is her first book. She lives in Brooklyn.

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Adopt Me!
Join the Pet Set
by Eddie Robson

Perfect your home, raise your pets, unlock and explore fun ways to play--this is the ultimate unofficial guide to the biggest game on Roblox

Adopt Me! is one of the biggest games on Roblox, clocking up over 28 billion visits in just five years. It was a huge hit with children during the Covid-19 pandemic, with its simple social game mechanics and plethora of cute pets to collect. Animal-loving kids are gripped by it--especially those who can't have a pet of their own at home.

This unofficial book lays out the basics of Adopt Me! for beginners, offers tips and tricks, and explains how to avoid getting scammed by unscrupulous traders. And for the keen collector, it goes through the different varieties of pet, from the common to the very, very rare. It's the ultimate Adopt Me handbook!

Author Bio

Eddie Robson is a British comedy and science fiction writer best known for his sitcom Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully and his work on a variety of spin-offs from the BBC Television series Doctor Who. He has written books, comics, short stories and for television and theatre, and has worked as a freelance journalist for various science fiction magazines.

Eddie is the author of Hearts of Oak
Amazing Machines: Big Bulldozers
by Tony Mitton, illustrated by Ant Parker

Bulldozers shove and shunt, their engines throb and thrum. Rumbling across the ground... here they come!

Amazing Machines: Big Bulldozers follows Rabbit, Bird, and Mouse as they become bulldozer operators and help out on a busy construction site. Zippy wordplay and zappy art make learning about bulldozers fun, and each page is filled with details that machine-mad kids will love.

From airplanes to electric cars, the internationally 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. Bright, engaging artwork and 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!

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.

Ant Parker studied drawing and printing at the Bath Academy of Art in England and has taught papermaking, printing and bookbinding workshops for children. Toddlers and parents around the globe have discovered the irresistible appeal of his wacky cartoon characters in Flashing Fire Engines, Terrific Trains, Dazzling Diggers, and Roaring Rockets. Other titles include Charlie the Chicken and Desmond the Dog.
Basher Science Mini: Forensics
illustrated by Simon Basher

Basher lifts the lid on solving crimes in this fact-filled science book. Chemistry (Hello, Chemical Analysis!), biology (That's you, DNA and Autopsy!), and physics (I'm looking at you, Blood Spatter and Ballistics!) are all on hand to help detectives find the guilty party.

From the first chapter that explains crime (and punishment), through collecting evidence and analysing it, to the last chapter on jobs in forensic science, kids will love reading all about how crimes are solved. With age-appropriate real-world examples, this book brings science to life.

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Discover It Yourself: Animals In Action
by Sally Morgan, illustrated by Diego Vaisberg

*Discover it Yourself: Animals In Action* is packed with scientific facts, experiments, and activities linked to the world of animals.

It brings a lively, hands-on approach to practical STEM experiments. Children can find almost everything they need for the experiments around the home, and the materials and instructions are simply, safely, and clearly presented. Written by Sally Morgan, this STEM-focused book will show readers how to test a hamster's IQ with a home-made maze, observe nocturnal animals, keep a diary of the changing seasons, and much more.

Kids will learn, explore, and discover STEM in the world around them with the Discover It Yourself series

**Author Bio**

Sally Morgan is an author of children's science and environmental books. A former science teacher, she has a degree in Biological Science from Cambridge University, UK.

Diego Vaisberg, DGPH art director, works as a designer and illustrator. He also works in product and design department for Ink-co kids accessories brand, and has been a professor since 2014 at Editorial design and Illustration at the Palermo University, Buenos Aires.
Discover It Yourself: Inside the Body
by Sally Morgan, illustrated by Diego Vaisberg

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Escape Room Puzzles: Attack of the Mega Bugs
Editors of Kingfisher

Are you smart enough to help Ethan, Kiran, Cassia, and Zane solve the mystery of a swarm of flying mega bugs that has invaded an animal sanctuary?

This dynamic, interactive book is packed with all kinds of puzzles, including fiendish mazes, cunning logic problems, codes to crack, tricky memory challenges, and much more. To escape from the animal park, you will need every ounce of brainpower to progress through the challenges, navigating through five locations to the final exit. Throughout the book, nuggets of non-fiction information about animals are scattered on the pages.

Do you have what it takes to help the gang carry out their mission? It's time to find out.

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.
Escape Room Puzzles: Ocean Reef Raiders
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Everyday STEM Technology - Machines
by Jenny Jacoby

Discover how machines are part of our daily lives with *Everyday STEM Technology - Machines*.

Explore a world full of technological innovation, from the first tools used in the Stone Age to the machines of the future. Learn about telescopes and rovers in space, see how modern machines can protect our planet, and meet the innovators and scientists who invented the machines that have improved our lives, including Dr Gladys West, Olafur Eliasson, and Fei-Fei Li. Readers can also carry out cool machine experiments at home.

With easy-to-understand text written by STEM expert Jenny Jacoby, and lots of colorful artworks, photos, and diagrams, readers can explore where we encounter machines and why they are even important at all.

The *Everyday STEM* series makes science relevant to tweens. Instead of telling kids STEM is important and is the key to their future success, these books show readers how we use science, technology, engineering, and math in our everyday lives. While the topics sound high-level and complex, this series makes these concepts age-appropriate and accessible. So, while we can't promise to teach 9 to 11-year-olds quantum physics, we can explain in the simplest terms the practical applications of STEM.

Author Bio

Jenny Jacoby writes and edits books and magazines for children. Whether writing science activity books, inspiring profiles, puzzles or quizzes, she is passionate about making information fun. Jenny lives in East London with her family.
Exploding Beetles and Inflatable Fish
by Tracey Turner, illustrated by Andrew Wightman

Enter the hilarious world of Sam Quigley, the strange-fact-obsessed owner of two stick insects called Twiggy and Wiggy in Exploding Beetles and Inflatable Fish.

Sam really likes interesting facts, the kind that will make you shout Wow! I never knew that.” Things like:
- Woodlice don't pee - instead a smelly gas comes wafting out of their shells
- There is a fish with a stomach so stretchy it can swallow things twice as big as itself
- Bombardier beetles can explode like toxic water pistols!

Written by Tracey Turner, this STEM-focused book is packed with incredible facts and stats about the world's weirdest animals. With a narrative that will have readers hooked, plus cool cartoon-style illustrations by Andrew Wightman, it's a perfect book for fact fans, animal lovers, and reluctant readers alike.

Author Bio
Tracey Turner has written more than 70 books, most of them for children, on subjects including inventions, the universe, famous writers, and deadly perils. Many have sold foreign rights all over the world, and some have become best sellers. She is also an editor, and commissioned and edited the Horrible Histories series for many years. She lives in Bath, UK.

Andrew Wightman is an illustrator who combines solid draughtsmanship with a sense of fun. He studied at Liverpool Art School and the Royal College of Art. His clients include The Guardian, Penguin, DK, Walker Books and Time Out.
How Many Hairs on a Grizzly Bear?
And Other Big Questions about Numbers
by Tracey Turner, illustrated by Jen Khatun

If big numbers worry you, DON'T BE SCARED! How Many Hairs On a Grizzly Bear? And Other Big Questions about Numbers introduces children to a world of eye-popping information about the infinite world of numbers.

Have you ever wondered . . .
- How many stars there are in the night sky?
- How many germs are in a sneeze?
- Or even how many grains of sand there are on a beach?

Well, help is at hand, because we're about to find out. On the way, we'll go whizzing around the Sun in the asteroid belt, stroke the world's furriest animal, and climb a staircase to the top of a mountain.

As if all that weren't enough, you'll discover a very large number of mind-boggling facts. Find out about farting gorillas, what goes on inside blood cells, and why you should ALWAYS close the toilet seat before you flush.

With an introduction by Kjartan Poskitt, author of the bestselling Murderous Math series, How Many Hairs On a Grizzly Bear? is bursting with STEM facts and guaranteed to help you get your head around ABSOLUTELY (…)

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Tracey Turner has written more than 70 books, most of them for children, on subjects including inventions, the universe, famous writers, rude words, and deadly perils. She is the author of Facts! One for Every Day, How Many Mice Make an Elephant, How Many Hairs on a Grizzly Bear and The Curious Book of Lists. Many of her books have sold foreign rights all over the world, and some have become bestsellers. She is also an editor, and commissioned and edited the Horrible Histories series for many years. She lives in Bath, UK, with Tom and their son, Toby.

Jen Khatun is a published Children's Book Illustrator of Bangladeshi/Indian heritage, who grew up in the beautiful quaint city of Winchester. She has published works with Bramble Kids Books, Pushkin Press, Walker Books, and exhibited at The Brighton & Hove Museum. Inspired by the natural surroundings, her childhood favourite stories and the hidden magical moments found in everyday life, Jen loves nothing better than to weave illustrations. She now lives quietly by the coast of East Sussex with her fiancé, and dreams of getting their first dog together.
I Wonder Why Camels Have Humps
And Other Questions About Animals
by Anita Ganeri

Why do leopards have spots? How high can a kangaroo hop? Why do opposums play dead? Which fish can climb trees?

With all-new illustrations to appeal to today's generation of knowledge-hungry children, in this fascinating Q&A book children will find out the answers to these and many more questions about animals.

Author Bio

Anita Ganeri is the author of the Award-winning book Horrible Geography. She is currently residing at West Yorkshire, England with her family. She was born in Calcutta India and her family immigrated to Europe. She attended primary and secondary school in England. Anita has spent many years working for publishers both as an editor and a foreign rights manager. She has published over 100 books.

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Colorful and charming illustrations bring the facts to life and capture the attention of young readers. Information is presented in bite-sized nuggets, making it ideal for reading aloud.

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Carole Stott has written more than twenty books on astronomy and space and is a feature writer for the U.K. magazine Astronomy Now. Carole authored Kingfisher Knowledge: Stars and Planets, I Wonder Why Stars Twinkle and Other Questions About Space, and Astronomy, and she was a chapter contributor to The Kingfisher Science Encyclopedia. Before turning to full-time writing, she was curator and then the head of the observatory at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England.
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I Wonder Why the Sun Rises
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by Brenda Walpole

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My First Ballet Book
by Kate Castle

From first exercises at the barre to graceful pirouettes and dramatic jumps, this amazing book is guaranteed to fuel the enthusiasm of every aspiring ballet dancer - whether they are just starting out or have already been dancing for some time.

Expertly written text by Kate Castle (former Royal Ballet dancer) provides a highly practical guide to every aspect of ballet, while beautiful photographs truly capture the magic of dance, from the excitement of a child's first class to the joy of dancing on stage and the wonder of watching ballet in performance.

Throughout, professionals give hints and tips that will help every child make the most of his or her ballet classes. It is much more than just a 'how to' as it covers wider aspects of dance education, including creating dance, understanding dance and watching ballet.

Author Bio

Kate Castle's career began as a dancer with the Royal Ballet at Covent Garden. She later became the education officer for the company, and has worked as a dance consultant and educator for many years, currently serving as the Director of Dance South West, one of the UK's National Dance Agencies. She has written several children's books about ballet, including Kingfisher's best-selling The Best-Ever Book of Ballet. She lives in Bournemouth, England. Anna du Boisson trained at the Rambert Ballet School and danced as a soloist with major ballet companies for 15 years before going on to teach internationally and in the UK. She founded the West London School of Dance, which offers classes for boys and girls from the age of two-and-a-half to 18; many of her pupils go on to achieve places and scholarships with top ballet companies or to dance in prestigious professional shows such as Billy Elliot (the film) and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (the West End musical). Children from the West London School of Dance feature in My First Ballet, and Anna has brought her expertise to each photoshoot.
My First Horse and Pony Book
From Breeds and Bridles to Jodhpurs and Jumping
by Judith Draper and Matthew Roberts

An exciting introduction to the world of riding - from breeds and bridles to jodhpurs and jumping

This stunningly photographed guide is the ideal handbook for young equestrians, whether they are budding riders with their own pony or those who dream of owning a horse.

The informative and inspiring text, combined with exquisite photographs, covers in detail all aspects of first horse and pony facts, care and riding. From explaining the different breeds of pony, to the importance of mucking out your horse's stables, My First Horse and Pony Book by Judith Draper and Matthew Roberts provides a solid foundation in the first principles of horse and pony management. Young horse and pony enthusiasts will love this exciting introduction to the world of riding.

Author Bio

Judith Draper has been a horse and pony enthusiast since she was a little girl, and she is an accomplished writer of books and articles about horses. In 1999, Judith was named Equestrian Writer of the Year by the British Horse Society. She is also the author of Kingfisher's My First Horse and Pony Book.

MATTHEW ROBERTS is Lecturer in Modern British History at Sheffield Hallam University, UK.
My First Horse and Pony Care Book
by Judith Draper, Elwyn Hartley Edwards and Matthew Roberts

This informative guide to horse and pony care is ideal for budding equestrians as well as those who dream of owning their own horse.

Packed with top tips, safety hints, and step-by-step instructions, this book ensures that young readers have the knowledge they need to keep a horse well fed and clean, happily stabled and healthy. Learn useful tips for grooming and bathing your pony, and important etiquette when you are out for a ride.

Award-winning author Judith Draper clearly explains every aspect of horse care, from feeding and grooming to tack cleaning and first aid. The accessible text is brought to life by vivid photography, providing a handy reference for young horse and pony enthusiasts.

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Really Big Questions For Daring Thinkers: Space and Time
by Mark Brake

- What's the difference between me, a planet, and a star?
- Does the Universe follow a recipe?
- If a wardrobe has three dimensions, what is the fourth?

These are some of life's biggest questions, and you are a daring thinker for even thinking about them!

So open your mind and prepare to explore some of the biggest, boldest ideas about astrophysics, space and time - from the ridiculously silly to the strikingly serious. Each question in this book will unlock new ways of thinking and may lead you to some intriguing answers. If you're daring enough to take on this mind-expanding challenge, then read on!

Written by science communicator and space expert Professor Mark Brake, the easy-to-understand text, intriguing mind-teasers, and incredible thought experiments make this philosophic journey unforgettably fu

Author Bio

MARK BRAKE is Professor of Science Communication at the Centre for Astronomy and Science Education, University of Glamorgan.
The Human Body Factory
A Guide To Your Insides
by Dan Green, illustrated by Edmond Davis

Step inside the busy, bustling factory that is the human body, and find out about all the different body parts and systems that keep whirring night and day!

_The Human Body Factory_ is an action-packed and informative guide to your insides. Each department is introduced by the busy workers who keep everything running smoothly, from the big boss sending out orders in the brain to waste being sorted and pushed out of the body. The ingenious artworks are packed with humorous details, all backed up with Dan Green's fascinating facts and easy-to-understand text describing and explaining the body's processes. There's a fun search-and-find activity on each page, as well as a quiz at the end to see how much you've discovered about the human body.

Whether it's busy workers wearing biohazard suits in the large intestine, lab technicians mixing gastric juices in the stomach with a giant whisk, or the lungs depicted as a gym, you'll find plenty to amaze and amuse in this comprehensive, fact-filled guide to the human body.

Author Bio

Dan Green is a freelance science writer and editor who consulted on Basher's previous book for Kingfisher, _The Periodic Table_.

Edmond Davis studied design in the 1980s and since then, he has embarked on a career as an illustrator. Passionate about technical drawing and the science-fiction subgenre 'steam punk', Edmond has worked for a variety of clients, including Penguin and British Gas.
The Spectacular Science of Buildings
by Rob Colson, illustrated by Moreno Chiacchiera

The Spectacular Science of Buildings is guaranteed to answer all those tricky questions that children ask about buildings, bridges, and other structures - and that parents often struggle to answer - such as:
- How did the Egyptians build the Great Pyramid of Giza?
- How can skyscrapers keep getting taller?
- How do guests stay warm in an ice hotel?
- And many, many more!

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. Information 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

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).

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The Spectacular Science of Space
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The Spectacular Science of Space is guaranteed to answer all those tricky science questions that children ask about planets, stars, and galaxies - and that parents often struggle to answer - such as:
- What is gravity?
- How do we know about the Big Bang?
- What's it like to live on the International Space Station?
- And many, many more!

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Everything I Need to Know I Learned from Reading Harry Potter
An Unofficial Handbook for Muggles
by Juliana Sharaf

Throughout J.K. Rowling's incredible seven book series (and subsequent films), Harry Potter stood as a beacon of bravery, daring and unexpected wisdom.

For 25 years, since first being published in 1998, Harry Potter and the rest of his Wizarding World companions have presented us with high drama, action, life, death and even a little romance. The things that Harry and his friends experienced, as well as the lessons taught to them by allies, mentors and even opponents, can give us all a little guidance when it comes to addressing life's everyday challenges, both big and small.

Presenting more than 40 life lessons inspired by the Wizarding World series, this book addresses matters such as reinventing oneself, believing that you can achieve victory over unimaginable odds, having faith in the face of crisis, learning to let your friends help, venturing into parts unknown without fear and much more. Readers will also find quotes and images that inspire them to take heart and comfort no matter what they may face.

With references to the books, films, stage play and more, Everything I Need to Know I Learned from Harry Potter provides answers to the questions we all face with magical insight and wizardly wisdom.

Author Bio

Juliana Sharaf is a writer, editor and Harry Potter enthusiast whose past credits include Everything I Need to Know I Learned from Dolly Parton, Everything I Need to Know I Learned from Berry White, John Wayne's Book of American Grit and many more. When she isn't penning or planning special projects for Media Lab Books or having craft cocktails on the lanai with family in Florida, she enjoys baking French desserts, mainlining espresso and binge-watching classic films. She and her husband live in New York City.
Peace Out Calm Down Workbook for Kids
Stories, activities and meditations to help children relax, get to sleep, manage emotions and more
by Chanel Tsang

Peace Out: Calm Down Workbook for Kids is a collection of relaxation stories for children that focuses on mindfulness and imagination to teach social-emotional skills. The vibe is calm and friendly, providing a safe space for kids to relax. The author speaks directly to her readers - children and their parents. Her approach has always been to speak to children as if they are curious and capable because they are!

The book includes 40 small sections, with each section including a two page story designed to help kids calm down, relax and think creatively about various interesting subjects, followed by a yoga relaxation exercise and a mindful moment to help them control their thoughts and emotions.

Many pages also include a creativity exercise or a QR code that takes readers directly to the Peace Out podcast episode on which the entry is based. It's enough to ensure kids relax, gain control of their emotions or fall asleep easily, as needed.

Author Bio

Chanel Tsang is a Montessori teacher, yoga and mindfulness meditation teacher, and family supports practitioner (supporting programs for families with children ages 0-4 years). She incorporates her 15+ years of experience working with children and families in the early years and education sectors to create the Peace Out podcast as a resource for teachers and parents who want to introduce social-emotional learning and mindfulness to their children.

She currently works at the Centre for Child Development, Mental Health, and Policy at the University of Toronto overseeing administration and community partnerships. Her work also includes supporting the development of social-emotional development training for educators and caregivers, including advising on mindfulness meditation strategies.
The Unofficial Harry Potter Guide to Wizard Studies
MuggleNet's comprehensive guide to Hogwarts classes and coursework
by The Editors of MuggleNet

This comprehensive tome examines every aspect of the Hogwarts curriculum, from class descriptions and exam questions to potion ingredients and the magical world's perspective on Muggle history.

Certain to make reading (or re-reading) the Harry Potter series that much more intriguing, this book explores the full breadth of instruction at Hogwarts, as well as the fine details of each class, from each class syllabus to final exams. Inside, readers will find insights into:

- Classes by year
- Textbooks and where to buy them
- Exams and school work
- Professors and students of note
- History of studies
- Classroom layouts
- Potion ingredients
- Plant field guide
- History of Magic
- Legilimency
- Defense against the dark arts
- And much, much more!

Author Bio

MuggleNet is the world's #1 Harry Potter website, hosting more than 1.5 million visitors each month. Having celebrated its 20th year in 2019, MuggleNet is one of the world's primary sources for all things Harry Potter. The site has been quoted by periodicals and news outlets such as Cosmopolitan, SyFy, Newsweek, Bustle, Nerdist, BBC Radio, The Los Angeles Times, People.com and many others. The site has even been a crossword puzzle clue in The New York Times.
Frogs (A Day in the Life)
What Do Frogs, Toads, and Tadpoles Get Up to All Day?
by Itzue W. Caviedes Solis and Neon Squid, illustrated by Henry Rancourt

Set over 24 hours, meet see-through frogs, tiny tadpoles, and rampaging toads in this kids' nonfiction book by expert Dr. Itzue W. Caviedes-Solis.

Journey into the rainforest to follow the lives of these nocturnal animals as they dance, hunt, and fight their way through their day. Frog scientist and conservationist Dr. Itzue W. Caviedes-Solis tells the story of the world's most amazing frogs and toads in the style of a nature documentary, including gentle science explanations of topics such as metamorphosis that are perfect for future biologists. Witness incredible moments including:

- The frog that can turn blue
- A wolverine frog that shoots claws out from beneath its skin
- A female frog that absorbs frogspawn into its own skin!

Beautifully illustrated by Henry Rancourt and packed with animal facts, Frogs (A Day in the Life) encourages kids to look at the incredible roles these mind-boggling amphibians play in ecosystems across the globe.

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

Author Bio

Dr. Itzue W. Caviedes-Solis is Assistant Professor in Conservation Biology at Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania. Hailing from Mexico, her research focuses on the ecology, evolution, and conservation of tropical frogs.

Henry Rancourt is a freelance illustrator based in Cleveland, Ohio. He completed his BFA in Illustration at the Cleveland Institute of Art. In 2021, Henry showed work in The Society of Illustrators Los Angeles West 59 Show. He is also a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

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Green Sea Turtle (Young Zoologist)
A First Field Guide to the Ocean Reptile from the Tropics
by Carlee Jackson and Neon Squid, illustrated by Daniel Rieley

Explore coral reefs to study green sea turtles in this beautiful nonfiction field guide for kids.

You might know that green sea turtles have incredible shells, but there's so much more to learn about these underwater marvels! Turn the pages to find out how green sea turtles keep seagrass beds healthy by mowing them, and how some species of fish like to hitch a ride on their shells. You'll also witness the amazing egg hatching frenzy that occurs - when baby turtles have to make a mad dash from the beach to the safety of the sea. Filled with simple science and plenty of animal facts, this book also looks at the conservation challenges these endangered animals face due to climate change, poaching, and plastic pollution.

Written by marine biologist Carlee Jackson and featuring stunning illustrations by Daniel Rieley, *Green Sea Turtle (Young Zoologist)* is part of an exciting series of 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*

Author Bio

**Carlee Jackson** is a marine biologist, environmental educator, and science communicator currently based in Florida. She co-founded Minorities in Shark Sciences (MISS), which aims to make the field of shark science more accessible to women of color.

**Daniel Rieley** is a freelance illustrator based in London, UK. His work is influenced by his travels and everyday adventures; he finds hiking in remote landscapes, French cinema, the ocean, animals (the wild kind), interesting people, and surfing particularly rich sources of inspiration. Daniel works with a range of media, including pencils, watercolour, inks, and digital.

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Plants to the Rescue!
The Plants, Trees, and Fungi That Are Solving Some of the World's Biggest Problems
by Vikram Baliga and Neon Squid, illustrated by Brian Lambert

In the ongoing fight against climate change, plastic pollution, and diseases, scientists are turning to an unlikely ally - Plants to the Rescue!

Everyone knows plants are pretty cool. They create oxygen for us to breathe (fairly essential), provide us with trees to climb, and give us pretty flowers to put in vases. But it turns out that plants can do a whole lot more than that too! In this brilliant botany book by podcaster, TikToker, and plant professor Dr. Vikram Baliga, get ready to drop your jaw on the floor when you find out about:

- The spinach that can detect landmines AND send emails
- The fig trees used to create living bridges
- The glow-in-the-dark plants that might one day light your home

You'll also learn about the prickly cactus that can be turned into an eco-friendly bag, the algae that could power spaceships, and the seeds that can purify polluted water, which could be used to save millions of lives.

Perfect for anyone who loves nature and wildlife, as well as the scientists of the future - you won't look at plants and trees in the same way again!

Featuring illustrations by Brian Lambert

Author Bio

Dr. Vikram Baliga is a Horticulture Lecturer at Texas Tech University. He hosts the Planthropology podcast, where he interviews amazing people from the world of botany, and has a popular account on TikTok called ThePlantProf.

Brian Lambert creates art that is bright, vibrant, and versatile with a unique and warm-hearted feel. Brian enjoys working on illustrations from his home in the beautiful Inland Northwest. He spends his spare time drawing, dreaming, and hanging out with his wife and cat.

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THE AIRPORT
The Inside Story
by John Walton and Neon Squid, illustrated by Hannah Abbo

Pack your bags and get ready to check in at the airport! Meet pilots and
baggage handlers, fly in an airplane, and learn about the science behind
how everything works in this nonfiction story for kids.

This book is perfect for any child who loves airports or is about to go on a trip.
Aviation expert John Walton takes readers behind the scenes to meet the
incredible people who work night and day to keep an airport working, from
control tower operators to security staff and janitors. The book also explains
the science and engineering behind how things work, from X-ray scanners to
baggage carousels.

Set over the course of one day, you’ll check in with different people in the
airport, including:

- An excited family heading on vacation
- A flight attendant preparing for takeoff
- A sniffer dog and its handler working at the security checkpoint

As you turn the pages of this book, illustrated by Jean Claude, marvel at the
way airport staff work together – from chefs in kitchens to cleaners and staff
assisting passengers with disabilities.

Author Bio

John Walton is an award-winning journalist who specializes in transport,
aviation, airlines, and the passenger experience. John grew up on three
continents and likes to joke that he was raised by cabin crew! His lifelong
interest in aviation was sparked during a life of shuttling around the world on
Boeing 747-100 and -200 aircraft, and he remembers with fondness the days
when bored pilots and cabin crew didn’t mind an inquisitive teenager hanging
around in cockpits and galleys asking questions.

Hannah Abbo is an illustrator from the UK who now lives in Lisbon with her
husband and son. Usually, Hannah will work from her dining room table and
take breaks tending to her garden or walking around and sketching the city
streets. Her other books include Albert Einstein in the Little People, Big
Dreams series.

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**Author Bio**

Hal Johnson is the author of several books, including the comparatively well-received *Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods*. Please invite him to your science fiction convention or competitive tea-tasting.

Cathrin Peterslund grew up in Denmark where she later studied comics and illustration at The Animation Workshop. In 2017 she graduated with a BA in Graphic Storytelling and has since worked as a freelance illustrator in a shared studio in Copenhagen.
**Keepsake Crafts for Grandpa and Me**
42 Activities Plus Cardstock & Stickers!
by Megan Hewes Butler, illustrated by Francesca De Luca

Make every moment special with your grandkiddo with Keepsake Crafts for Grandpa and Me! Includes instructions for 42 crafts to create and share with each other, as well as 32 cardstock sheets and over 30 stickers. Get together, pick a craft, gather your materials, and follow the easy step-by-step instructions to make your keepsake! Your grandkiddo will enjoy every moment with you as you craft together! Cherish your special creations forever, or give them as gifts to keep spreading the love.

Projects included:
- Custom Paper Gliders
- Cereal Catapult Game
- Secret Message Cipher
- You Rock Photo Frame
- and 38 other crafts to make together!

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Francesca De Luca is an illustrator and background designer based in Florence, Italy. Books she has illustrated include Justine Ablett's *Family Ever After*, Larissa Juliano's *Nana's Garden*, and Stephanie Moss's *Cake for Breakfast*.
Math Mysteries Book 1: The Triplet Threat
by Aaron Starmer, illustrated by Marta Kissi

Solve the Math, Solve the Crime!

It's the first day of the fourth grade at Arthimos Elementary and things are already off to a strange start—poisonous cookies, a zipline disaster, a missing iPad, and what are those strange sounds coming from the school custodian's wheelbarrow? Does this series of suspicious events have anything to do with the three new triplets in town? Luckily the Prime Detectives—Abby "the Abacus" Feldstein, Cameron "Cam" McGill, and Gabriel "Gabe" Kim—are on the case! Using arithmetic, geometry, and logic, the Prime Detectives are sure to figure out who did what, when, and why! A gripping new middle grade mystery series, each book contains multiple, interlinked mysteries that readers help solve using math. Includes answers showing step-by-step solutions.

Author Bio

Aaron Starmer was born in northern California and raised in the suburbs of Syracuse, New York. Before pursuing writing full-time, he worked in New York City for over ten years as an editor for a travel bookseller and as an operations director for an African safari company. His middle grade and young adult novels have been translated into multiple foreign languages and have appeared on best of the year lists from Time Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, New York Public Library, YALSA, Bank Street College of Education, Chicago Public Library and School Library Journal. He lives in Vermont with his wife and two daughters.

Marta Kissi is a London-based illustrator originally from Warsaw. She studied BA Illustration & Animation at Kingston University and MA Communication Art & Design at the Royal College of Art. Marta shares a studio in London with her boyfriend and their pet plant Trevor. Her books include Raise Your Hand, Ready, Steady, Mo! and The Pennypackers Go on Vacation
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- Packed with a WRITE-AND-WIPE game board and activities, so kids can practice and play again and again

This workbook covers: Uppercase Letters, Lowercase Letters, Matching Letters, Alphabetical (…)

**Author Bio**

Kate Avino is an editor and author from New Jersey. As part of the Odd Dot editorial team, Kate has worked to provide kids of all ages with the tools, toys, and books they need to learn and grow. She's also the founder of the online media conglomerate, Her Culture, which supports women's cultural exploration worldwide.

Katie Kear is a British illustrator and has been creating artwork for as long as
TinkerActive Early Skills Math Workbook Ages 4+
by Nathalie Le Du, illustrated by Gustavo Almeida

Learn through play in this exciting expansion of the TinkerActive series, with format innovations perfect for learners ages four and up!

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For ages 4 and up, this workbook covers: Human Body, Plants, Animals, The Earth, Energy, Objects & Sorting, and Experimenting.

Author Bio

Nathalie Le Du is a writer and editor of interactive books that kids write in, cut up, draw on, generally destroy, and ultimately learn from. Nathalie has been at the helm and in the pages of such brands as KUMON WORKBOOKS, BRAIN QUEST, STAR WARS WORKBOOKS, and the BIG FAT NOTEBOOKS. Nathalie is also a mom, native New Yorker, a first-generation American, and a proud product of public schools.

Gustavo (Gus) Almeida was born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He has over 10 years of experience in the industry and is passionate about children's literature. He is now represented by Lemonade Illustration Agency and has worked on many children's picture books throughout his career, including several TinkerActive workbooks.
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This workbook covers: Crayon Control, Coloring, Pencil Control, Mazes, Tracing, Using (…)

Author Bio

Enil Sidat is a writer of fiction and nonfiction for all ages across books, film, and TV. He loves to tinker, make, and engineer any number of projects. At any given time, he's joyful if not happy, learning if not winning, and playing as often as possible.

Karen Wall was born in Scotland, where she studied art and textile design, and now illustrates picture and chapter books for children. Karen dreams up her ideas in a studio above her local library in London, England.
TinkerActive Early Skills Science Workbook Ages 4+
by Megan Hewes Butler, illustrated by Katie Kear

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Katie Kear loves illustrating new worlds and characters and sharing her artwork with others. She is a graduate of the University of Gloucestershire, England, with a degree in illustration. Reading has always played an important part in Katie's life. Whether it was reading her first picture books with her mother and imagining new stories for the characters, or as an older child reading chapter books into the night, she remembers always having a love for books. That love is what made her choose a career in illustration. When she's not drawing, Katie enjoys adventures in nature, chocolate, stationery, the smell of cherries, and finding new artists to inspire her.
TinkerActive Workbooks: 1st Grade bind-up
Math, Science, English Language Arts
by Justin Krasner and Megan Hewes Butler, illustrated by Chad Thomas

TINKERACTIVE WORKBOOKS: 1ST GRADE DELUXE WORKBOOK is part of an illustrated educational series that combines curriculum-based exercises designed for all learners with hands-on activities to help kids learn through play.

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A charming cast of characters - the fuzzy, friendly TinkerActive MotMots, creatures of all shapes and sizes - guide kids through every new concept with cheer and humor. Once you've completed the workbook, paste the sticker badges of success on the included poster.

Created in consultation with award-winning educators, TinkerActive Workbooks are designed so kids can learn through play! They build your child's fundamental skills AND inspire them to try new things, discover new skills, and imagine new possibilities.


Author Bio
Justin Krasner is a writer and bookmaker, lover of learning, mischief maker, loud laugher and sneezer, and curious kid who can't grow up. He lives in Brooklyn, NY. Megan Hewes Butler, who has written several TinkerActive Workbooks, is a writer and producer who has been creating childrens' curriculum, games, and books for over 15 years. Megan lives, writes, and plays in Park Slope, Brooklyn with her husband and two sons. Chad Thomas first picked up a pencil in 1983, decided to draw cartoons in 1988, and finally started getting paid for it in 2005. He loves his family, comic books and Star Wars, and will let his children beat him in Checkers, but never in Mario Kart.
TinkerActive Workbooks: 2nd Grade bind-up
Math, Science, English Language Arts
by Enil Sidat and Megan Hewes Butler, illustrated by Les McClaine

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This workbook covers: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction Within 1,000, Comparing Numbers, Time and Money, Shape Attributes and Geometry, States of Matter, Water Cycle, Earth’s Surface, Habitats, Engineering Design, Parts of Speech, Reading Comprehension, Comparing Texts, Writing Stories, Writing Informational Texts.

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TinkerActive Workbooks: Kindergarten bind-up
Math, Science, English Language Arts
by Megan Hewes Butler, illustrated by Taryn Johnson and Ellen Stubbings

TINKERACTIVE WORKBOOKS: KINDERGARTEN DELUXE WORKBOOK is part of an illustrated educational series that combines curriculum-based exercises designed for all learners with hands-on activities to help kids learn through play.

With TinkerActive Workbooks, learning leaps off the page and into the real world. Start with interactive and entertaining exercises that cover the essential kindergarten Math, Science, and English Language Arts skills. Then, apply what you've learned with exciting hands-on tinkering, making, and engineering activities and common household materials.

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This workbook covers: Classifying and Sorting, Counting and Quantities, Comparing Quantities and Numbers, Addition and Subtraction, Measurement and Shapes, Weather and Seasons, Plants and Animals, People and the Environment, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Pulls, Pushes and Collisions, The Alphabet, Phonics, Reading Comprehension, Writing Sentences, Research and Informational Text

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TinkerActive Workbooks: Pre-K bind-up
Math, Science, English Language Arts
by Nathalie Le Du and Megan Hewes Butler, illustrated by Les McClaine

Skills leap beyond the page in this play-based workbook for preschoolers.

Each workbook is:
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Covers MATH, SCIENCE, and ELA CURRICULUM
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Filled with 45 HANDS-ON STEM projects
Jammed with over 200 STICKERS
Topped off with an ACHIEVEMENT POSTER to celebrate your child's success!

Covering math, science, and English language arts, TinkerActive Deluxe Workbooks are designed so kids learn through play! Build your child's fundamental skills with easy-to-understand workbook activities. Then inspire them to try new things, discover new skills, and imagine new possibilities with our hands-on tinkering, crafting, and engineering projects. The fuzzy and lovable TinkerActive MotMots guide kids through every new concept with cheer and humor.

This workbook covers: Same & Different, Sorting, Counting to 20, Quantities, Writing Numbers, Addition & Subtraction Fundamentals, Measurement, Spatial Reasoning, and Shapes, The Alphabet, Uppercase & Lowercase Letters, Phonics, Reading (...)

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Carry Along Tab Book: My Busy Backpack
by Roger Priddy

This school-themed board book has a fun shaped handle and lots to look for! Carry-along Tab Book: My Busy Backpack is a fantastic new novelty book from Priddy Books.

Set around a school day, this fun board book is shaped like a backpack with a carry-handle ideal for little hands to hold and take on the go. Each spread has a different shaped tab to turn the page and there is lots to look at in every scene from art class in the classroom to playtime outside.

Publishing as part of the same series as Carry-along Tab Book: Easter Basket, Carry-along Tab Book: Trick-or-Treat Bag, and Carry-along Tab Book: Santa’s Sleigh.

Author Bio

Roger Priddy’s passion for educating children through fun, informative and engaging books has led him to create some of publishing’s most enduring and successful nonfiction early learning books. Bestselling titles include First 100 Words, Bright Baby Animals, and Alphaprints: ABC. Roger lives in London and has three children, who have been the inspiration behind many of his best publishing ideas.
Halloween On The Farm
by Roger Priddy and Priddy Books

Halloween on the Farm is the perfect treat for any toddler this spooky holiday!

Follow Bunny through different spooky settings around the farm - from the Halloween barn party to the cornfield maze, and lift the flaps to find candy on every spread. There are simple questions to answer to reinforce first concepts and encourage children to interact with the scenes.

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Key Skills for Kids: Language Arts
by Roger Priddy

Key Skills for Kids: Language Arts is the launch of a fantastic new learning series for children in Grade 1.

The 128-page paperback workbook is jam-packed with different literacy activities such as grammar, spelling, punctuation, and more. Every exercise has been developed with an educational consultant specifically for this age group. The difficulty level increases throughout the book making it suitable for a range of abilities.

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Key Skills for Kids: Math
by Roger Priddy

Children can build on the skills they learn at school from home with Key Skills for Kids: Math, one of two titles launching a fantastic new learning series for children in Grade 1.
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Publishing alongside Key Skills for Kids: Language Arts in May 2023.

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Let's Learn & Play! Construction
by Roger Priddy

This engaging construction book has lots to look for and over twenty press-out pieces to use!
Explore the construction site with a new title from Priddy Books - Let's Learn & Play! Construction.

This fantastic new format is aimed at children aged three and over. Packaged in a sturdy case with a magnetic fastening, there is a board book with die-cut spaces to fit in over twenty play pieces. These pieces complete the busy scenes of different construction sites, from building a house, fixing the road, to creating an outside play area.

Each of the illustrated pages is full of things for children to spot and look for as they learn about how construction sites work. This book is great for encouraging problem solving skills as well as hand-eye coordination.

Publishing alongside Let's Play & Learn! On the Farm.

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Priddy Learning: My First Wipe Clean Phonics
by Roger Priddy

Priddy Learning: My First Wipe Clean Phonics is an ideal introduction to core skills by Priddy Books. This board book has simple instructions and activities, and encourages young children to develop their reading, writing, and understanding of phonics. Its handle shape and bold, colorful design make it a fun learning tool, and the wipe clean pages mean children can practice again and again. It even comes with its own dry-wipe pen.


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A Little Like Waking
by Adam Rex

You’ve Reached Sam meets The Good Place in this deeply-felt, unconventional love story about a girl, a boy, a dreamer, and a dream from best-selling and award-winning author Adam Rex.

Zelda is stuck in a dream. A very strange dream, where people can fly, bears sneeze money, and her childhood cat, Patches, is somehow alive - despite being run over years ago. Things only get stranger when Zelda meets Langston, a sweet if overly timid guy who feels more real to her than anyone she’s ever met.

As Zelda and Langston explore the far reaches of the dreamscape together, they find themselves growing closer and closer. But what they uncover along the way pushes them towards a truth neither of them wants to face. Will it turn out that he's the guy of her dreams, or is she the girl of his?

Full of mind-bending artwork, Adam Rex's A Little Like Waking is a tender, insightful read that defies time, space, and expectation that's perfect for fans of Every Day and Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Author Bio

Adam Rex is the illustrator of Amy Timberlake’s The Dirty Cowboy and Ste-e-e-eamboat a-Comin’! by Jill Esbaum. He lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
A Sky of Paper Stars
by Susie Yi, illustrated by Susie Yi

A Sky of Paper Stars is a heartrending middle-grade graphic novel about a girl's ill-fated wish to fit in, perfect for readers of Stargazing and Pashmina.

All Yuna wants is to belong. She wants to go to sleepovers, have a smart phone, and go to summer camp - just like her friends in middle school.

Furious at her Umma for never packing her a normal" American lunch, they get into yet another fight. Out of options and miserable, Yuna remembers a legend that her grandma, Halmoni, told her. If you fold 1,000 paper stars, you will be granted one wish.

When she reaches 1,000 paper stars, Yuna wishes for her family to move back to Korea, where she can finally be normal. Seconds later: a knock at her door. It's her sister with devastating news. Halmoni has died and they must go back to Korea to attend the funeral.

Yuna knows this is all her fault. As her guilt builds, her body begins to turn into paper. Yuna realizes she must undo her wish and bring her Halmoni back - or turn into paper forever.

Wholly heartbreaking and with light touches of magic realism, A Sky of Paper Stars is a captivating graphic novel about identity, family, and the love that can bridge generations.

Author Bio

Susie Yi is a Korean-American author-illustrator. She debuted her children's graphic novel career with the series Cat & Cat Adventures, published by HarperAlley, based on her beloved webcomic Cat & Cat Comics. She currently lives in sunny southern California with her two cats Mickey and Minnie.
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Furious at her Umma for never packing her a normal" American lunch, they get into yet another fight. Out of options and miserable, Yuna remembers a legend that her grandma, Halmoni, told her. If you fold 1,000 paper stars, you will be granted one wish.

When she reaches 1,000 paper stars, Yuna wishes for her family to move back to Korea, where she can finally be normal. Seconds later: a knock at her door. It's her sister with devastating news. Halmoni has died and they must go back to Korea to attend the funeral.

Yuna knows this is all her fault. As her guilt builds, her body begins to turn into paper. Yuna realizes she must undo her wish and bring her Halmoni back - or turn into paper forever.

Wholly heartbreaking and with light touches of magic realism, A Sky of Paper Stars is a captivating graphic novel about identity, family, and the love that can bridge generations.

Author Bio

Susie Yi is a Korean-American author-illustrator. She debuted her children's graphic novel career with the series Cat & Cat Adventures, published by HarperAlley, based on her beloved webcomic Cat & Cat Comics. She currently lives in sunny southern California with her two cats Mickey and Minnie. Susie Yi is a Korean-American author-illustrator. She debuted her children's graphic novel career with the series Cat & Cat Adventures, published by HarperAlley, based on her beloved webcomic Cat & Cat Comics. She currently lives in sunny southern California with her two cats Mickey and Minnie.
A young child learns that even superheroes hurt too in this heartrending story about loss and love, written by debut author Kevin Johnson and illustrated by #1 New York Times bestselling illustrator Kitt Thomas.

When a child loses the person in his life that he loves more than anything, he uses his cape as protection from his grief. On the day of the funeral, he uses it to block out the pictures and stories people share, refusing to acknowledge the memories that keep bubbling up. He won't think about them. He doesn't want to.

He avoids the memories, until he no longer can.

He remembers then. Their laugh, their smile, the moment they gave him the cape. The cape transforms, becoming a source of comfort and strength as the child navigates the sadness and joy that these memories bring up.

In Cape, Kevin Johnson has crafted an achingly beautiful and honest story about processing and redefining grief after the loss of a loved one. With evocative illustrations by New York Times bestselling artist Kitt Thomas (Stacey's Extraordinary Words), Cape is a powerful, unforgettable, and necessary story.

Author Bio

Kevin Johnson is the author of Cape. The adopted son of two loving educators, Kevin fell in love with storytelling at an early age. He studied screenwriting and filmmaking, receiving a Bachelors of Arts from Temple University. Kevin is a lover of movies, comic books, music, and gadgets. While his birthplace, Philadelphia, will always remain home, Kevin loves to travel and find inspiration for his next tale. Kitt Thomas, also known as Katelan, is a first-generation Saint Lucian American author-illustrator and graduate of the Ringling College of Art and Design. Kitt's mission is to celebrate Black culture with their drawings and encourage inclusion. They have worked with companies such as Netflix, Hasbro, and Cartoon Network. Their first picture book, Stacey's Extraordinary Words, was a #1 New York Times bestseller and a nominee for the NAACP Image Award.
Doris
by Sarah Jacoby, illustrated by Sarah Jacoby

Doris dances to her own tune in this whimsical and emotionally resonant tale about finding the courage to be yourself.

Doris has always reveled in the warmth of a spotlight.

Her whole life, she’s danced the nights away,

With friends from the only home she’s ever known.

But one day, Doris twirls . . .

Out
Of
Step

. . . Until she stumbles across a whole new kind of spotlight.

This gorgeous tale, filled with breathtaking art, is a classic in the making, reminiscent of favorites such as Ferdinand and Peter Rabbit. It will surely melt your heart and might even make you want to dance in the moonlight!

Author Bio

Sarah Jacoby is the award-winning author and illustrator of such picture books as Can I Sit With You? and Forever Or a Day, about which the New York Times wrote, Her soft illustrations, in lovely sunrise, sunset and moonlight colors, capture both wide-open spaces and the enduring bonds of family love.” Sarah often thinks about colors and light as she dances in her little row home in Philadelphia.
Fiona Builds a Fairy House
by Kristen Dickson, illustrated by Celia Krampien

Help Fiona build her very own fairy house in this quirky, magical tale about a girl who believes in fairies, and decides to do something about it!

When Fiona has the idea to build her very own fairy house,

She gets to work right away:

Foraging for supplies,

Scouting for the perfect location,

And recruiting some magical friends.

Building a fairy house isn't as easy as you might think!

But you'll see it's worth it when your guests arrive. . .

Perfect for fans of Carson Ellis and Emily Winfield Martin's whimsical fantasy, combined with STEM-related aspects reminiscent of The Most Magnificent Thing, Fiona Builds a Fairy House is a ball of fun all readers can enjoy.

Author Bio

Kristen Dickson spent her childhood surrounded by cats and brothers and imaginary friends, and dreamed of being an author or an architect when she grew up. She's never been an architect, but she has been a party planner, a bookseller, and a full-time mom to her daughters Jane and Rose. Kristen also runs Storytime Book Club, an online reading program for kids.

Celia Krampien is the author and illustrator of Sunny. She has illustrated several books for children including Secret, Secret Agent Guy, written by Kira Bigwood, and Mystery on Magnolia Circle, written by Kate Klise. When she's not creating, she loves long walks with her beagle and cuddling her trouble-making cat. She lives in Ontario, Canada.
Impossible Escape
The True Story of the Teen Who Broke Out of Auschwitz
by Steve Sheinkin

From award-winning author Steve Sheinkin, a true story of two Jewish teenagers racing against time during the Holocaust—one in hiding in Hungary, and the other in Auschwitz, plotting escape.

This is the true story of Rudolph (Rudi) Vrba. In 1944, he was just a teenager when he did the impossible and escaped Auschwitz, becoming one of the first survivors to share with the world what was actually going on in the Nazi concentration camps. But before he escaped, before he became one of the most famous whistleblowers in the world, he had to survive the concentration camp.

This is also the story of Gerta Sidonová, his highschool friend who fled from Slovakia to Hungary with her family. There, she lived under assumed names and hid her Jewish identity. Every day, she risked being found out as Hungary began to cave under pressure from German Nazis.

Rudi and Gerta's parallel storylines bring them together as the clock ticks down for Gerta and her family, and Rudi edges towards escape.

Author Bio

Steve Sheinkin is the acclaimed author of fast-paced, cinematic nonfiction histories, including Fallout, Undefeated, Born to Fly, The Port Chicago 50, and Bomb. His accolades include a Newbery Honor, three Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards, a Sibert Medal and Honor, and three National Book Award finalist honors. He lives in Saratoga Springs, New York, with his wife and two children.

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From bestselling artist Angela Dominguez, I Love You, Baby Burrito is an essential new-baby board book that uses simple Spanish to tell a newborn how much they're loved.

One of the first things parents do when a new baby arrives is gently swaddle their newborn to keep them warm and cozy, like a baby burrito."

Inspired by that phrase, I Love You, Baby Burrito depicts the love and care that goes into the act of wrapping a little one up: tucking in each piernita, each bracito, everything except the baby’s sweet carita .

With gentle text, simple Spanish words, and adorable illustrations, this new baby board book is delectable and lasting, a perfect gift for every new addition to the family.

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.
I See You, Sad Bear
by Vern Kousky, illustrated by Vern Kousky

A poetic and comforting story that explores emotional literacy and friendship, perfect for fans of The Rabbit Listened and Be Kind.

Sad Bear, why are you so sad?

As we follow Sad Bear through a gloomy day, we can only guess at why he's so blue.

Did you drop your ice cream on the ground?

Was it your birthday and did all your friends forget?

Or maybe there is no reason at all. You are just simply sad.

Soon a friend arrives and tries his best to cheer up Sad Bear. But the truth is, everyone gets sad, and sometimes all we need is a friend by our side.

For readers big and small, this moving and gentle tale takes on big concepts like sadness and empathy, helping young readers learn that offering comfort can mean lending a hand or an ear, or simply just being there.

Author Bio

VERN KOUSKY is the author-illustrator of Milo Is Missing Something; Harold Loves His Woolly Hat, called accessible and appealing* in a starred review from School Library Journal; and Lawrence: The Bunny Who Wanted to be Naked. He is also the creator of The Blue Songbird and Otto, the Owl Who Loved Poetry
Kiki Can! Go to School
by Susie Jaramillo, illustrated by Abigail Gross

The Farewell meets Nat Enough in this middle grade graphic novel about a Korean-American girl who makes an ill-fated wish to fit in and must grapple with the consequences when she returns to Korea to attend her grandmother's funeral.

All Yuna wants is to belong. Furious at her Umma for never packing her a "normal" American lunch, they get into yet another fight. Out of options and miserable, Yuna remembers a legend that her grandma, Halmoni, told her. If you fold 1,000 paper stars, you will be granted one wish.

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Wholly heartbreaking with light touches of magic realism, Paper Girl is a captivating graphic novel about identity, family, and the love that can bridge generations.

Author Bio

Susie Jaramillo serves as the President and Chief Creative Officer of Encantos, an award-winning entertainment-driven edtech company creating direct-to-learner family brands that both kids and parents love. Susie is also the creator of Canticos, the Emmy-nominated Latino-inspired bilingual nursery rhyme series which launched in 2016, and is also the author/illustrator of over 20 children's books.
Learning to Be Wild (A Young Reader's Adaptation)
How Animals Achieve Peace, Create Beauty, and Raise Families
by Carl Safina

From New York Times-bestselling author Carl Safina comes a young readers adaptation of the notable book Becoming Wild that explores community, culture, and belonging through the lives of chimpanzees, macaws, and sperm whales.

What do chimpanzees, macaws, and whales all have in common?

Some believe that culture is strictly a human phenomenon. But that's not true! Culture is passed down from parent to child in all sorts of animal communities. It is the common ground that three very different animals - chimpanzees, macaws, and whales - share.

Discover through the lives of chimpanzees in Uganda, scarlet macaws in Peru, and sperm whales in the Caribbean how they - and we - are all connected, in this wonderous journey around the globe.

Author Bio

Carl Safina's work has been recognized with MacArthur, Pew, and Guggenheim Fellowships, and his writing has won Orion, Lannan, and National Academies literary awards and the John Burroughs, James Beard, and George Rabb medals. He has a PhD in ecology from Rutgers University.

Safina is the inaugural holder of the endowed chair for nature and humanity at Stony Brook University, where he co-chairs the steering committee of the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science and is founding president of the not-for-profit Safina Center. He hosted the 10-part PBS series Saving the Ocean with Carl Safina. His writing appears in The New York Times, National Geographic, Audubon, Orion, and other periodicals and on the Web at National Geographic News and Views, Huffington Post, and CNN.com.

Carl's books include Voyage of the Turtle, Becoming Wild, and The View from Lazy Point.
Marta! Big & Small
by Jen Arena, illustrated by Angela Dominguez

Marta, a curious, science-loving girl, explores the world of opposites and animals in this Spanish bilingual board book, illustrated by bestselling artist, Angela Dominguez.

Hola, Marta!

Marta is una nina, an ordinary girl . . . with some extraordinary animal friends!

As Marta explores the jungle, she knows she's bigger than a bug, smaller than an elephant, and faster than a turtle. But then she meets the snake, who thinks Marta is sabrosa - tasty, very tasty! But Marta is ingeniosa, a very clever girl, and she outsmarts the snake with hilarious results.

With simple Spanish and a glossary at the end, this fun read-aloud board book teaches little ones to identify opposites and animals and learn new words.

Author Bio

Jen Arena is a former editorial director at Random House Books for Young Readers. She now writes books for children full time, including 100 Snowmen, a wintry counting story, and Besos for Baby, a bilingual board book of kisses. Her books have been translated into French, Korean, Arabic, and of course, Spanish. 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.

The Tarpon Anglers Rodeo is back in Sanibel Island, and Doc Ford is watchful of the million-dollar competition. When Lucas O. Jones notices a boat rigging a net to injure fish, Doc and Luke are certain there’s something wrong happening behind the scenes.

The kids of Sharks Inc. have a special talent of finding themselves in odd situations. So when they stumble onto a private island protected by a gate, No Trespassing” signs, and three scar-faced dogs, they ask a detective to visit the Island, but find it empty when police arrive.

Convinced something illegal is happening, Luke, Maribel, and Sabine return to the island, where they discover the truth behind one celebrity’s success at the tournament. There, they not only have to run for their lives, but must also try and save a world record tarpon from dying.

**Megalops**
A Sharks Incorporated Novel
by Randy Wayne White

**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*. 
Monster Baker
by Laura Lavoie, illustrated by Vanessa Morales

A punny picture book about a monster who learns about determination after a series of baking disasters, perfect for Halloween promotions and fans of Marigold Bakes a Cake.

Tomorrow is Grandmonster's 247th birthday, and Tillie has a boo-ri-lieant idea. She's going to bake a birthday cake! But when Uncle Hairy gobbles up Tillie's near-Pierrefect Clawberry Snortcake, she'll rush to bake another.

SPLAT!

And another.

"MY CAKE!"

And another.

SHRIEK!

Baking on her own isn't easy, and Tillie makes many mistakes, learning that with a little patience, care, and determination, she can do just about anything. After all, like star chef Pierre du Monstere says, "A baker always rises to the occasion!"

Author Bio

Laura Lavoie writes humorous, pun-filled picture books. She can also tap dance, tell terribly cheesy jokes, and bake a mean chocolate chip cookie. When she isn't reading or writing, Laura can usually be found in the kitchen, cooking up something delicious, or playing outside: gardening, hiking, kayaking, or hanging around in trees. Laura resides in upstate New York with her husband, daughters, two cats, one dog, and several sagging bookshelves.

Vanessa Morales is a Mexican illustrator with a deep love for the natural, the whimsical and the fantastical. When she's not working, she enjoys painting in traditional techniques like gouache & watercolor. She's worked in the publishing, animation and game industries for seven years, and some of her clients include Nick Jr., Scholastic, HarperCollins, Disney Hyperion/Rick Riordan Presents, and Kodansha VR Lab Japan. Vanessa lives in Chiapas, Mexico.

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Skeletina and the Greedy Tooth Fairy
by Susie Jaramillo, illustrated by Susie Jaramillo

In this follow-up to Skeletina and the In-Between World, Skeletina helps a child confront her anxieties and get her teeth back from a very greedy tooth fairy. When Skeletina meets Olivia, a little girl who's losing all her teeth, she knows there must be something wrong. And she knows Hada Malvada - the Tooth Fairy's greedy sister - is involved. With the help of Figaro the horse fly, Skeletina and Olivia follow Hada Malvada's trail of mice to uncover the truth - and get Olivia's teeth back!

Inspired by Mexican culture and perfect for fans of the hit movies Coco and The Nightmare Before Christmas, Skeletina and the Greedy Tooth Fairy is the second book in a series that combines kooky characters and a spooky story with important and resonant themes about empathy, bravery, self-esteem, and the enduring power of love.

This book was developed in partnership with Encantos. Learn more about Encantos here: Encantos creates stories with purpose inspired by a world of culture. We are an award-winning Latino-owned entertainment company that helps children see the magic in who they are and all they can be. We create worlds kids want to hang out in, make them feel seen and heard, make stories with purpose, and make parents very very happy.

Author Bio

Susie Jaramillo serves as the President and Chief Creative Officer of Encantos, an award-winning entertainment-driven edtech company creating direct-to-learner family brands that both kids and parents love. Susie is also the creator of Canticos, the Emmy-nominated Latino-inspired bilingual nursery rhyme series which launched in 2016, and is also the author/illustrator of over 20 children’s books.
Skeletina y el hada malvada [Spanish ed]
by Susie Jaramillo, illustrated by Susie Jaramillo

En esta continuación de Skeletina y el entre mundos, una niña recibe ayuda de Skeletina para confrontar sus ansiedades y recuperar sus dientes de un hada malvada.

Cuando Skeletina conoce a Olivia, una niña pequeña que ha perdido todos sus dientes, ella sabe que algo anda mal. Y Skeletina sabe que Hada Malvada - la codiciosa hermana del hada de los dientes - está involucrada.

Con la ayuda de Figaro el tabano, Skeletina y Olivia siguen el rastro de los ratones de Hada Malvada para descubrir la verdad - ¡y recuperar los dientes de Olivia!

Inspirado por la cultura mexicana y perfecto para los aficionados de las películas exitosas Coco y Pesadillas antes de Navidad, Skeletina y la hada malvada es el segundo libro de una serie que combina personajes chiflados y un cuento escalofriante con temas importantes y resonantes como la empatía, la valentía, la autoestima, y el poder perdurable del amor.


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Survival Scout: Lost in the Mountains
by Maxwell Eaton, illustrated by Maxwell Eaton

Scout's woe is your gain in SURVIVAL SCOUT, where Scout endures various natural disasters so we don't have to. Stay calm, and Scout it out!

1) Take inventory of what you have
2) Find shelter
3) Make a fire
4) Signal for help
5) Secure water and food

Follow Scout's trial through the mountains, as she explains how to survive if you ever find yourself lost in the wilderness. A perfect travel companion for those with a knack for adventure!

Author Bio

Maxwell Eaton III is a highly tolerated author and illustrator of numerous books for children, including his The Truth About Your Favorite Animals series which includes entries on dolphins, elephants, crocodiles, and more. When he isn't drawing talking animals, Eaton can be found in a canoe with his wife and daughter in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State.

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Survival Scout: Lost in the Mountains
by Maxwell Eaton, illustrated by Maxwell Eaton

Scout's woe is your gain in the first of the SURVIVAL SCOUT graphic novel series, where Scout endures natural disasters so we don't have to.

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The Duck Never Blinks
by Alex Latimer, illustrated by Alex Latimer

Can you make a duck blink? Probably not. But you can try, in this irreverent and hilarious staring contest between you and a duck that never, ever blinks.

Do you see that duck over there?

That duck doesn't blink.
Even if you look away then look back real quick.
Even if you tell it a really funny joke!

Perfect for fans of interactive stories like Do Not Lick This Book and Duck! Rabbit!, The Duck Never Blinks will have kids and adults alike bawling with laughter as they spend time with this one very sly duck.

Author Bio

Alex Latimer is an award-winning South African writer and illustrator. His picture books have been translated into dozens of languages and have been published all over the world. He lives in Cape Town and enjoys spending time in the sea or in the mountains above his house.
The Wave
by Tyler Charlton, illustrated by Tyler Charlton

An evocative, deeply moving picture book that tells an honest tale of depression, empathy, and hope.

Sometimes, the Wave takes me away.

I don't see it coming, and when it does,

I feel lonely. And sad.

I end up pushing people away.

But we can float in the water,

And keep breathing.

Together, we can ride out the Wave.

Debut author-illustrator Tyler Charlton introduces the metaphor of the Wave that makes this a relatable and age appropriate entry point for discussions about depression and creates tangible access to talking about emotions.

Author Bio

Tyler Charlton grew up near the beach in California where he played in actual, real waves. That experience gave him a way to think about the dark and foreboding metaphorical waves, which led to this book. Tyler is a former editor in history publishing, an Army veteran, illustrator, and children's book author. He now lives in northern Virginia with his wife and three children, who regularly pretend to be warrior robots or wild animals. The children will have you know there is one small, round cat as well. The Wave is Tyler's debut picture book.
On the first day of school, Isla's mind plays the what if game. Scary thoughts come, the world goes dark, and everything feels stormy. With Mami at her side, Isla takes a deep breath and blows her worries away in a big balloon. But as school gets closer, Isla's worries come back like a tornado. Mami encourages her to imagine something happy, and Isla remembers there's nothing she can't handle.

The storm might come again, but for now, her mind is quiet.

In this thoughtful and reassuring picture book, Monica Mancillas's text and Betty C. Tang's illustrations show how one child experiences anxiety and worry, providing different tools to practice mindfulness and strengthen one's mental health.

Author Bio

Monica Mancillas authors books for children of all ages, as well as adult fiction. She received her B.A. in Anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley before pursuing a decade-long career in the recording industry. Her picture book, The Worry Balloon, is inspired by the challenges she, and those she loves, sometimes face managing anxiety; and the tools, great and small, that have helped them to walk through each of those challenges. Betty C. Tang is a New York Times bestseller illustrator of the Jacky Ha-Ha graphic novel. She earned her BFA from CalArts and after a successful animation career, she is now passionate about creating books for children. Betty loves squirrels and hates roaches. Born in Taiwan, she currently lives in Los Angeles, California. Visit her at bettyctang.com.
You and the Bowerbird
by Maria Gianferrari, illustrated by Maris Wicks

Learn about the Bowerbird in this bold, dynamic picture book by award-winning author Maria Gianferrari, and illustrated by comic-star Maris Wicks.

Just on the edge of the rainforest,
Between your house and the trees,
Bowerbirds collect, pillage, and steal!
They swoop through the air,
And creep around the forest floor,
Searching for pretty objects everywhere. . .

Follow the Satin Bowerbird as he searches for the perfect welcome mat for his new home, in this delightfully colorful and action-packed nonfiction tale.

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 other predator titles with Roaring Brook including Hawk Rising and Coyote Moon, also illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. Maris Wicks lives in sunny Somerville, Massachusetts. She is the author behind Human Body Theater, as well as the illustrator of New York Times Bestselling Primates, with Jim Ottaviani. Wicks has also created comics for Spongebob Comics, DC and Marvel. When Maris is not drawing comics, she can be found prepping slides for her collection of vintage microscopes.
Yukie's Island
My Family's World War II Story
by Steve Sheinkin, illustrated by Kodo Kimura

A moving picture book autobiography about a family's resilience and path to healing after the devastation of war.

It's 1945, the final year of World War II. Yukie Kimura is eight years old. She lives on a tiny island with a lighthouse in the north of Japan with her family, and she knows that the fighting that once felt so far away is getting closer.

Mornings spent helping her father tend to the lighthouse and adventuring with her brother are replaced by weeks spent inside, waiting. At some point, Yukie knows, they may be bombed.

Then, it happens. One Sunday, bombs are dropped. The war ends soon after that. Everyone tells Yukie there's nothing to be scared of anymore, but she's not so sure. So she watches and she waits - until a miraculous sight finally allows her to be a kid again.

This is the true story of Yukie Kimura told in her own words, co-created with her son, illustrator Kodo Kimura, and co-written with bestselling Newbery Honor author Steve Sheinkin. Yukie's Island is an honest, thoughtful, and stirring picture book about being a child living through wartime.

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Forest Bath Right Down This Path
by Lisa Robinson, illustrated by Khoa Le

Join in a forest bathing adventure as a young girl helps her father to leave his cell phone behind and embrace the sights, smells, and sounds of the natural world around him.

On a sticky summer day, when it is too hot to do anything, Kayla suggests a forest bath. Daddy needs a little more convincing, but soon they are heading into the forest.

Kayla takes in the sights, sounds, and smells of the natural world around her. Cinnamon fern and bunchberry grow in the shade. The packed dirt under Kayla's feet is hard and the sunlight through the branches is soft. She breathes a symphony of scents - soil, sedge, and moss - and finds a stream with an icy current. A black-throated green warbler trills in the distance zee-zee-zeee-zoo-see.

As the worries and distractions of the day melt away, Kayla and her father relax and enjoy the pleasure of forest bathing - and of being together.

Author Bio

Khoa Le is an award-winning illustrator, graphic designer, and painter based in Vietnam. She has illustrated multiple books for children, including The Fish Who Found the Sea, The Most Beautiful Thing, and Beatrice Likes the Dark. Learn more at khoaleartwork.com.

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 and is the author of numerous picture books. Learn more at author-lisa-robinson.com.

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Print advertising in trade outlets, Social media advertising campaign, featuring video / illustrations / giveaways, Finished book mailing to national parks gift stores and youth organizations, Promotion on soundstruekids.com and ST Kids Instagram and other ST social platforms, Amazon A+ page, Storytime kit for bookstores, librarians, parents, and educators, Digital and print outreach to parenting, Mind Body Spirit, and mindfulness media, Finished book outreach to the #bookstagang (300k combined follower reach), Possible local event
Sylvie and the Wolf
by Andrea Debbink, illustrated by Merce Lopez

Sylvie’s fear of the wolf makes her world small. But when she is able to confront her fear, a wonderful discovery and healing unfolds.

Sylvie lives high in the mountains, where shadow meets light, wild streams follow twisting paths, and animals run free in the forest. Sylvie is not afraid of anything - until she meets the wolf.

She keeps her fear a secret, and it begins to control her life and makes her world small. Finally, with the encouragement of a loving aunt, Sylvie is able to confront her fear and learns that, instead of running or hiding, she can move forward and live alongside it.

A beautifully told story that helps children learn how to emotionally care for themselves, show love and empathy to others, and understand the negative nature of secrets.

Author Bio

Andrea Debbink is a former editor at American Girl magazine and the author of more than a dozen current and forthcoming books for children and adults, including The Wild World Handbook series. She lives in Madison, Wisconsin, with her husband and daughter. Learn more about Andrea and her work at andreadebink.com. Merce Lopez is the illustrator of dozens of projects in design, editorial, cinema, theater, and book publishing. Her work is inspired by her travels, friends, music, Japanese martial arts, and different cultures from around the world. Merce lives in Mallorca, Spain. Learn more at mercelopez.com.

Notes

Promotion

Preorder campaign to author’s community with behind the scenes content, Organic social media campaign with illustrations and a giveaway, Print advertising in trade outlets, Promotion on ST Kids Instagram and other ST social platforms, Amazon A+ page, Digital and print outreach to parenting, Mind Body Spirit, and mindfulness media, Finished book outreach to the #bookstagang (300k combined follower reach), Possible local event
A Whole New Ball Game
The Story of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League
by Sue Macy

Sue Macy presents an engrossing and deeply researched account of women's baseball in A Whole New Ball Game: The Story of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.

Play ball! yelled the umpires as the teams of the AAGPBL took the field in the tense, war-torn days of 1943. Like all professional baseball players, these athletes scrambled to their positions, tossed balls across diamonds, and filled the air with chatter. But there was something different about them - they all wore skirts, went to charm school, and continually had to answer one question: "What is a woman doing playing baseball?"

What were they doing? Having a great time, playing top-notch ball, and showing that a woman's place was at home only when she was at bat, behind the plate, or scoring a run. For twelve seasons, from 1943 to 1954, some of America's best female athletes earned their livings by playing baseball. This is their story in their own words, a tale of no-hitters and chaperones, stolen bases and practical jokes, home runs and run-ins with fans.

Life in the league, however, was not all fun. Born out of a wartime "manpower" shortage, the AAGPBL ended with the growth of television and the ideal of the suburban home. Here, too, is the story of America's changing attitudes toward men and women and the roles we expect each to play. Author Sue Macy spent eleven years tracking down the women of the AAGPBL, interviewing them, and looking at their scrapbooks. Along the way she found that their odyssey did not end with (…)

Author Bio
Sue Macy is a lifelong baseball fan and has been a writer and editor for children and young adults for more than fifteen years. A member of Princeton's first women's softball team as an undergraduate, she is now an editorial director in the magazine division of Scholastic Inc. She lives in Englewood, New Jersey.
Ace of Spades
by Faridah Abike-Iyimide

Gossip Girl meets Get Out in Ace of Spades, a YA contemporary thriller by debut author Faridah Abike-Iyimide about two students, Devon & Chiamaka, and their struggles against an anonymous bully.

All you need to know is . . . I'm here to divide and conquer. Like all great tyrants do. - Aces

When two Niveus Private Academy students, Devon Richards and Chiamaka Adebayo, are selected to be part of the elite school’s senior class prefects, it looks like their year is off to an amazing start. After all, not only does it look great on college applications, but it officially puts each of them in the running for valedictorian, too.

Shortly after the announcement is made, though, someone who goes by Aces begins using anonymous text messages to reveal secrets about the two of them that turn their lives upside down and threaten every aspect of their carefully planned futures.

As Aces shows no sign of stopping, what seemed like a sick prank quickly turns into a dangerous game, with all the cards stacked against them. Can Devon and Chiamaka stop Aces before things become incredibly deadly?

With heart-pounding suspense and relevant social commentary comes a high-octane thriller from debut author Faridah Abike-Iyimide.

Promotion
Bonus Material Included in Back-Of-Book<br>Dedicated Title Page on Macmillan.com

2022 NAACP Image Award Winner for Outstanding Literary Work - Youth/Teens
A 2022 William C. Morris Award Finalist
A Junior Library Guild Selection
A YALSA 2022 Best Fiction for Young Adults Finalist
An Amazon Best Book of (…)

Author Bio
Faridah Abike-Iyimide is the instant New York Times, International bestselling, & Award-winning author of Ace of Spades. She is an avid tea drinker, a collector of strange mugs, and a recent graduate from a university in the Scottish Highlands where she received a BA in English Literature. She is currently pursuing an MA in Shakespeare Studies from Kings College London. When she isn't spinning dark tales, Faridah can be found examining the deeper meanings in Disney channel original movies faridahabikeiyimide.com
All the Way to Havana
by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Mike Curato

So we purr, cara cara, and we glide, taka taka, and we zoom, zoom, ZOOM!

Together, a boy and his parents drive to the city of Havana, Cuba, in their old family car. Along the way, they experience the sights and sounds of the streets - neighbors talking, musicians performing, and beautiful, colorful cars putt-putting and bumpety-bumping along. In the end, though, it's their old car, Cara Cara, that the boy loves best. A joyful celebration of the Cuban people and their resourceful innovation.

ALSC Notable Book

"Engle and Curato provide a child's view of Cuba that is extremely accessible and as striking as it is unforgettable. A vibrant snapshot of modern Cuba, full of rich, sensory detail." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review, on All the Way to Havana

"He and Engle chronicle Cara Cara's journey in loving detail as the family moves along the coast and into bustling city streets, giving readers glimpses into daily Cuban lives - newlyweds in a Dodge convertible, laundry hanging from balconies as "a sea breeze sings." It's a wonderful introduction to America's very nearby neighbor." - Publishers Weekly, starred review, on All the Way to Havana

"Engle's tone is upbeat throughout: she highlights modest country vistas, picturesque contemporary Havana (...)

Author Bio

Margarita Engle is a Cuban American poet, novelist, and journalist whose work has been published in many countries. She is the author of young adult nonfiction books and novels in verse including The Surrender Tree, a Newbery Honor Book, The Poet Slave of Cuba, Hurricane Dancers, The Firefly Letters, and Tropical Secrets. She lives in northern California.

Mike Curato is the award-winning author and illustrator of the Little Elliot series and the graphic novel Flamer, and has illustrated a number of other books for children, including What If... (by Samantha Berger), Worm Loves Worm, and All the Way to Havana.
Bad Girls Never Say Die
by Jennifer Mathieu

From the acclaimed author of *Moxie* comes a gripping gender-flipped reimagining of *The Outsiders* that explores the deep bonds of female friendship and what it takes to be a bad girl."


Evie Barnes is a bad girl. So are all her friends. They're the sort who wear bold makeup, laugh too loud, and run around with boys. Most of all, they protect their own against the world. So when Evie is saved from a sinister encounter by a good girl from the "right" side of the tracks, every rule she's always lived by is called into question. Now she must redefine what it means to be a bad girl and rethink everything she knew about loyalty.

In this riveting story of murder, secrets, and tragedy, Jennifer Mathieu puts a female twist on S. E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*. *Bad Girls Never Say Die* has all the drama and heartache of that teen classic, but with a feminist take just right for our times.

Praise for *Bad Girls Never Say Die*:

"Mathieu has created a story that is wholly her own, and what a mighty story it is." - *The New York Times*

"[A] bold feminist take on *The Outsiders* . . . This important, thought provoking read will no doubt have a lasting impression on readers." - *Booklist*

"Jennifer Mathieu has rather ingeniously taken the social dynamics of *The Outsiders* and refocused them on a pack of teenage girls . . . a worthy expansion."

**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.
Bright
by Brigit Young

In this poignant middle grade novel, a struggling student joins her school's celebrated quiz team in a bid to avoid failing eighth grade.

Marianne Blume knows she's one of the stupid kids. After years of trying and trying and feeling like she's always failing, she has mastered the art of turning off her brain whenever questions or lectures arise. She gets by in school on a combination of luck, deflection, and charisma - that is, until she lands in the classroom of Mr. Garcia.

To avoid flunking Mr. Garcia's class, Marianne joins her school's Quiz Quest team, hoping the move will ingratiate her to him, the team's coach. Can Marianne learn to be smart if she puts her mind to it? And what does it really mean to be 'bright,' anyway?

Brigit Young's *Bright* is a readable and empowering story about bucking labels, overcoming preconceptions, and learning to find - and uphold - your own self-worth.

Praise:
A winning story about persevering and being enough. I fell in love with Marianne - my heart broke for her even as I was cheering her on. I wanted to wrap her in a hug and tell her to believe in herself. Friendship and heart make *Bright* a touching and joyful read.” -Debbi Michiko Florence

Author Bio

Brigit Young, born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, has published poetry and short fiction in numerous literary journals. She is a proud graduate of the City College of New York, and has taught creative writing to kids of all ages in settings ranging from workshops at Writopia Lab to bedsides at a pediatric hospital. Brigit is the author of the middle grade novels *Worth a Thousand Words* and *The Prettiest*. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and daughters.
**Dauntless**
by Elisa A. Bonnin

A teen girl must bring together two broken worlds in order to save her nation in this lush, Filipino-inspired young adult fantasy novel from debut author Elisa A. Bonnin.

*Be dauntless, for the hopes of the People rest in you.*

Seri's world is defined by very clear rules: The beasts prowl the forest paths and hunt the People. The valiant explore the unknown world, kill the beasts, and gain strength from the armor they make from them. As an assistant to Eshai Unbroken, a young valor commander with a near-mythical reputation, Seri has seen first-hand the struggle to keep the beasts at bay and ensure the safety of the spreading trees where the People make their homes. That was how it always had been, and how it always would be. Until the day Seri encounters Tsana.

Tsana is, impossibly, a stranger from the unknown world who can communicate with the beasts - a fact that makes Seri begin to doubt everything she's ever been taught. As Seri and Tsana grow closer, their worlds begin to collide, with deadly consequences. Somehow, with the world on the brink of war, Seri will have to find a way to make peace.

"*Dauntless captures the best parts of every action-packed fantasy - breathtaking scenes of power and victory that push the limits of human tenacity. This is a triumphant tale of courage and self discovery that will make you believe in your own (...)*

**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. She is the author of *Dauntless* and *Stolen City.*
Deep in Providence
by Riss M. Neilson

Haunting, intimate, and beautifully told: a magical debut novel from a writer to watch.” - Emily M. Danforth, national bestselling and award-winning author of The Miseducation of Cameron Post

A spellbinding young adult fantasy debut following three best friends who turn to magic when they're haunted by a friend's death... and perhaps her spirit, combining the atmospheric thrills of The Hazel Wood with the nuanced realism of Erika L. Sanchez.

For best friends Miliani, Inez, Natalie and Jasmine, Providence, Rhode Island has a magic of its own. From the bodegas and late-night food trucks on Broad Street to The Hill that watches over the city, every corner of Providence glows with memories of them practicing spells, mixing up potions and doing seances with the help of the magic Miliani's Filipino grandfather taught her.

But when Jasmine is killed by a drunk driver, the world they have always known is left haunted by grief... and Jasmine's lingering spirit. Determined to bring her back, the surviving friends band together, testing the limits of their magic and everything they know about life, death, and each other.

And as their plan to resurrect Jasmine grows darker and more demanding than they imagined, their separate lives begin to splinter the bonds they depend on, revealing buried secrets that threaten the people they care about most. Miliani, Inez and Natalie will have to rely on more than just their mystical abilities to find the light.

Author Bio
Riss M. Neilson is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of the Rhode Island College, she won the English department's Jean Garrigue Award, which was judged by novelist, Nick White. She is from Providence and lives for the city's art and culture scene. When she's not writing, she's watching anime or playing video games with her two children. Deep in Providence is her debut novel.
Falling into the Dragon’s Mouth
by Holly Thompson, illustrated by Matt Huynh

In a Japanese seaside neighborhood lives Jason Parker:
a sixth grader
one year older than his classmates
a stinking foreigner to some classmates
an orange belt in aikido
a big brother
Jason Parker is just a boy trying to get through his days with calm and
courage. If only everyone around him would let him.

Falling into the Dragon’s Mouth is a beautifully spare novel in verse by Holly
Thompson, full of detailed illustrations by Matt Huynh, about one boy's life - a
story that will resonate with anyone who has ever struggled to fit in.

"The free-verse format suits the story well, conveying Jason's emotions
powerfully in few words, allowing readers to fill in the unsaid and mirroring the
way Jason uses stoicism as a survival method at school. . . . This stirring read
will especially resonate with those who have been bullied." - School Library
Journal

"Well-crafted and emotionally compelling." - Kirkus Reviews

Author Bio

Location: Holly Thompson - Yokohama, Japan

Holly Thompson was raised in New England. She earned a BA in biology from
Mount Holyoke College and an MA in English from New York University's
Creative Writing Program. A longtime resident of Japan, she teaches creative
writing at Yokohama City University.
Thompson's books include Falling Into the Dragon's Mouth, Tomo, and One
Wave at a Time.

Illustrator Matt Huynh is a New York-based artist who takes inspiration from
Eastern sumi-e calligraphy and Western comic books. His work has been
exhibited by the Museum of Modern Art in New York, The Smithsonian, and
The Sydney Opera House, among others.
Firekeeper's Daughter
by Angeline Boulley

A PRINTZ MEDAL WINNER!
A MORRIS AWARD WINNER!
AN AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH LITERATURE AWARD YA HONOR BOOK!

A REESE WITHERSPOON x HELLO SUNSHINE BOOK CLUB YA PICK

An Instant #1 New York Times Bestseller

Soon to be adapted at Netflix for TV with President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama's production company, Higher Ground.

One of this year's most buzzed about young adult novels." - Good Morning America

A TIME Magazine Best YA Book of All Time Selection
Amazon's Best YA Book of 2021 So Far (June 2021)
A 2021 Kids’ Indie Next List Selection
An Entertainment Weekly Most Anticipated Books of 2021 Selection
A PopSugar Best March 2021 YA (...)

Author Bio

Angeline Boulley, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is a storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She is a former Director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Angeline lives in southwest Michigan, but her home will always be on Sugar Island. Firekeeper's Daughter is her debut novel.
Fitz and Cleo Get Creative
by Jonathan Stutzman, illustrated by Heather Fox

The dynamo team behind *Llama Destroys the World* continue their delightful and hilarious ghostly hijinks in their early reader graphic novel series, perfect for fans of Elephant & Piggie and Narwhal & Jelly.

Fitz and Cleo are:

- Siblings (the closest)
- Ghosts (the friendliest)
- Best friends (the tightest)
- Cat owners (Mister Boo approves... of Cleo)
- And now bandmates (only the gnarliest!), writers (watch out Hemingway!), filmmakers (auteurs), artists (the list goes on?!)...

These two know how to keep spirits high and the good times rolling! In their first-ever second book, join the most adorable apparitions this way of the afterlife through ten gut-busting creative farces, including flexing their storytelling muscles with ghost stories, songwriting, and directing their first film.

Praise for the Llama series!

- A Kids' Indie Next List Top 10 Pick
- NAIBA 2019 Picture Book of the Year

"Silly fun." *People Magazine*

"[W]ill have everyone laughing out loud." *Romper*


**Author Bio**

Jonathan Stutzman is an award-winning filmmaker and a picture book author. He is the author of numerous books for children, including *Don't Feed the Coos, Santa Baby*, the Llama trilogy, and the Tiny T-Rex series. He received his masters at Temple University for film and digital media. He lives in Lititz, Pennsylvania, with his wife, the illustrator Heather Fox. *Fitz and Cleo* is his debut graphic novel.
Girls on the Verge
by Sharon Biggs Waller

Absolutely essential, as is the underlying message that girls take care of each other when no one else will." - Booklist, Starred Review

"[C]ompelling. . . This title offers realistic viewpoints on teenage pregnancy, along with what it is like to have the right to choose, wanting that right, and living knowing that you will be judged for having exercised it." - School Library Journal, Starred Review

Girls on the Verge is an incredibly timely novel about a woman’s right to choose. Sharon Biggs Waller brings to life a narrative that has to continue to fight for its right to be told, and honored.

Best Books of 2019 - Cosmopolitan

Camille couldn't be having a better summer - she kills it as Ophelia in her community theater's production of Hamlet, catches the eye of the cutest boy in the play, and nabs a spot in a prestigious theater program. But on the very night she learns she got into the program, she also finds out she's pregnant. She definitely can't tell her parents. And her best friend Bea doesn't agree with the decision Camille has made.

Camille is forced to try to solve her problem alone. . . and the system is very much working against her. At her most vulnerable, Camille reaches out to Annabelle Ponsonby, a girl she only barely knows from the theater. Happily, Annabelle agrees to drive her wherever she needs to go. And in a last minute change of heart, Bea decides (...)

Author Bio

Sharon Biggs Waller is the Friends of American Writers-award winning author of A Mad, Wicked Folly and The Forbidden Orchid. She also writes for magazines about horses, chickens, and farming. Previously, she worked as a riding instructor at the Royal Mews in Buckingham Palace. In addition to writing, she is a dressage rider and trainer and Planned Parenthood volunteer. She lives on a ten-acre sustainable farm in Northwest Indiana with her husband, Mark
Godslayers
by Zoe Hana Mikuta

Godslayers - Zoe Hana Mikuta's high-octane sequel to Gearbreakers - is perfect for fans of Pacific Rim, Pierce Brown's Red Rising Saga, and Marie Lu's Legend series.

The only way to kill a god is from the inside. . .

The Gearbreakers struck a devastating blow against Godolia on Heavensday, but the cost of victory has been steep. Months later, the few rebels who've managed to escape the tyrannical empire's bloody retribution have fled to the mountains, hunted by the last Zenith - Godolia's only surviving leader.

Eris has been held prisoner since the attack on the capital city, which almost killed her. And she begins to wish it had when she discovers Sona - the girl she loves, the girl she would tear down cities for - also survived, only to be captured and corrupted by the Zenith. The cybernetic brainwashing that Sona has forcibly undergone now has her believing herself a loyal soldier for Godolia, and Eris' mortal enemy.

With the rebellion shattered and Godolia moving forward with an insidious plan to begin inducting Badlands children into a new Windup Pilot program, the odds have never been more stacked against the Gearbreakers. Their last hope for victory will depend on whether Eris and Sona can somehow find their way back to each other from opposite sides of a war. . .

Praise (…)

Author Bio

Zoe Hana Mikuta currently attends the University of Washington in Seattle, studying English with a creative writing focus. She grew up in Boulder, Colorado, where she developed a deep love of Muay Thai kickboxing and nurtured a slow and steady infatuation for fictional worlds. When she is not writing, Zoe can be found embroidering runes onto her jean pockets, studying tarot or herbology, or curled up with a cup of caramel coffee and a good, bloody but heartwarming book. She is the author of the Gearbreakers duology (Gearbreakers and Godslayers).
Icebreaker
by A. L. Graziadei

A. L. Graziadei’s Icebreaker is an irresistible YA debut about two hockey players fighting to be the best - and the romance that catches them by surprise along the way.

Seventeen-year-old Mickey James III is a college freshman, a brother to five sisters, and a hockey legacy. With a father and a grandfather who have gone down in NHL history, Mickey is almost guaranteed the league's top draft spot. The only person standing in his way is Jaysen Caulfield, a contender for the #1 spot and Mickey's infuriating (and infuriatingly attractive) teammate. When rivalry turns to something more, Mickey will have to decide what he really wants, and what he's willing to risk for it.

This is a story about falling in love, finding your team (on and off the ice), and choosing your own path.

Author Bio

A.L. Graziadei was born in Buffalo, New York and raised on Sabres hockey and video games, using their free time to write books inspired by both. Now living in Wisconsin, A.L. still plays plenty of video games and is a proud member of the Displaced Buffalo Sabres Fans group. Icebreaker is their first book.
In Plain Sight
by Richard Jackson, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

Sophie lives with Mama and Daddy and Grandpa, who spends his days by the window. Every day after school, it's Grandpa whom Sophie runs to.

Here I am, Grandpa!

"Ah, Sophie, how was your day?"

As Sophie and her grandpa talk, he asks her to find items he's "lost" throughout the day, guiding Sophie on a tour through his daily life and connecting their generations in this sweet, playful picture book from Richard Jackson, illustrated by Caldecott Medalist and Laura Ingalls Wilder Award winner Jerry Pinkney.

The best part of this collaboration between the longtime editor and the Caldecott Medalist is the playfulness that oozes from Jackson's well-chosen words and the warmth of Pinkney's artwork. There's one thing that's never missing from this gentle story about a special bond between the generations, and that's the love Grandpa and Sophie have for each other." - Publishers Weekly, starred review

"A fabulous family story with something for the young and old alike." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"This appealing story about a dynamic intergenerational relationship is large enough to share with a group, but individual children will want to pore over the art to spot (…)

Author Bio

Richard Jackson, co-founder of Bradbury Press, Orchard Books, and DK Ink, has been an editor and publisher since 1962. He is the author of Have A Look, Says Book, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes, and lives in Towson, Maryland.

Jerry Pinkney (1939-2021) was the author and illustrator of more than one hundred books for young readers, including The Lion and the Mouse, for which he earned the Caldecott Medal. He also received five Caldecott Honors, six Coretta Scott King Illustrator Awards, four Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honors, five New York Times Best Illustrated Book awards, the Children's Literature Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement, an induction into the Society of Illustrators Hall of Fame, and an appointment to the National Council on the Arts by President George W. Bush in 2003.

The first children's book artist elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He also received an Honorary Doctorate from the New School for Social Research.
In the Key of Us
by Mariama J. Lockington

From the author of the critically acclaimed novel For Black Girls Like Me, Mariama J. Lockington, comes a coming-of-age story surrounding the losses that threaten to break us and the friendships that make us whole again.

Thirteen-year-old Andi feels stranded after the loss of her mother, the artist who swept color onto Andi's blank canvas. When she is accepted to a music camp, Andi finds herself struggling to play her trumpet like she used to before her whole world changed. Meanwhile, Zora, a returning camper, is exhausted trying to please her parents, who are determined to make her a flute prodigy, even though she secretly has a dancer's heart.

At Harmony Music Camp, Zora and Andi are the only two Black girls in a sea of mostly white faces. In kayaks and creaky cabins, the two begin to connect, unraveling their loss, insecurities, and hopes for the future. And as they struggle to figure out who they really are, they may just come to realize who they really need: each other.

In the Key of Us is a lyrical ode to music camp, the rush of first love, and the power of one life-changing summer.

In the Key of Us is a touching and heartfelt story that rhythmically follows the ache and joy of first love and finding yourself. Lockington manages to hit all the right notes, breaking your heart and filling you with joy as she looks at grief, growing up, and the healing power of friendship. *- Lisa Moore Ramee, author of A Good Kind of Trouble and (...)

Author Bio

Mariama J. Lockington is an adoptee, writer, and nonprofit educator. She has been telling stories and making her own books since the second grade, when she wore short-alls and flower leggings every day to school. She is the author of For Black Girls Like Me, her middle-grade debut, as well as a poetry chapbook The Lucky Daughter. Mariama holds a Masters in Education from Lesley University and Masters in Fine Arts in Poetry from San Francisco State University. She lives in Lexington, KY with her partner and dapple haired dachshund, Henry.
Into the Sublime
by Kate A. Boorman

A gripping YA psychological thriller from the author of What We Buried, about four teenage girls who descend into a dangerous underground cave system in search of a lake of local legend, said to reveal your deepest fears.

When the cops arrive, only a few things are clear:
- Four girls entered a dangerous cave.
- Three of them came out alive.
- Two of them were rushed to the hospital.
- And one is soaked in blood and ready to talk.

Amelie Desmarais' story begins believably enough: Four girls from a now-defunct thrill-seeking group planned an epic adventure to find a lake that Colorado locals call The Sublime. "Legend has it that the lake has the power to change things for those who risk - and survive - its cavernous depths. They each had their reasons for going. For Amelie, it was a promise kept to her beloved cousin, who recently suffered a tragic accident during one of the group's dares.

But as her account unwinds, and the girls' personalities and motives are drawn, things get complicated. Amelie is hardly the thrill-seeking type, and it appears she's not the only one with the ability (…)

Author Bio

Kate A. Boorman is an award-winning writer from the Canadian prairies. She was born in Nepal, grew up in the small town of Rimbey, Alberta, and now lives in Edmonton, where she wrangles her family and schemes up travel to faraway lands. Kate has a MA in Dramatic Critical Theory and has held an odd assortment of jobs, from accordion accompanist to qualitative research associate. She is the author of What We Buried and the Winterkill trilogy.
It Goes Like This
by Miel Moreland

In Miel Moreland's heartfelt young adult debut, It Goes Like This, four queer teens realize that sometimes you have to risk hitting repeat on heartbreak.

Eva, Celeste, Gina, and Steph used to think their friendship was unbreakable. After all, they've been though a lot together, including the astronomical rise of Moonlight Overthrow, the world-famous queer pop band they formed in middle school, never expecting to headline anything bigger than the county fair.

But after a sudden falling out leads to the dissolution of the teens' band, their friendship, and Eva and Celeste's starry-eyed romance, nothing is the same. Gina and Celeste step further into the spotlight, Steph disappears completely, and Eva, heartbroken, takes refuge as a songwriter and secret online fangirl... of her own band. That is, until a storm devastates their hometown, bringing the four ex-best-friends back together. As they prepare for one last show, they'll discover whether growing up always means growing apart.

It Goes Like This was everything my music nerd heart needed AND wanted. Lyrical and heart-wrenching... beautiful representation, sweetest longing and the pop-star romance of my dreams; Swifties will swoon happily with this story tattooed on their hearts.” - Erin Hahn, author of You'd Be Mine and More Than Maybe

Praise for It Goes Like This:
The Nerd Daily’s Anticipated Queer Book Releases You Can't Miss In 2021*
Buzzfeed's “Contemporary Books We're Looking Forward To Reading In 2021”

"Debut author (...)

Author Bio

Miel Moreland is the author of It Goes Like This and Something Like Possible. When not writing - and sometimes while writing - she is likely to be found drinking hot chocolate and making spreadsheets. Born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota, she has a Midwestern heart but wandering feet, and currently resides in Boston.
In this voice-driven young adult debut by Andrea Mosqueda, Maggie Gonzalez needs a date to her sister's quinceanera - and fast.

Growing up in Texas's Rio Grande Valley, Maggie Gonzalez has always been a little messy, but she's okay with that. After all, she has a great family, a goofy group of friends, a rocky romantic history, and dreams of being a music photographer. Tasked with picking an escort for her little sister's quinceanera, Maggie has to face the truth: that her feelings about her friends - and her future - aren't as simple as she'd once believed.

As Maggie’s search for the perfect escort continues, she's forced to confront new (and old) feelings for three of her friends: Amanda, her best friend and first-ever crush; Matthew, her ex-boyfriend twice-over who refuses to stop flirting with her, and Dani, the new girl who has romantic baggage of her own. On top of this romantic disaster, she can't stop thinking about the uncertainty of her own plans for the future and what that means for the people she loves.

As the weeks wind down and the boundaries between friendship and love become hazy, Maggie finds herself more and more confused with each photo. When her tried-and-true medium causes more chaos than calm, Maggie needs to figure out how to avoid certain disaster - or be brave enough to dive right into it, in *Just Your Local Bisexual Disaster*.

**Author Bio**

Andrea Mosqueda is a Chicana writer. She was born and raised in Texas's Rio Grande Valley. She currently lives in Brooklyn with her partner and works in the publishing industry as an assistant editor. When she's not writing or editing, she can be found doing her makeup, drinking too much coffee, and angsting over children's media. *Just Your Local Bisexual Disaster* is her first book.
Katya's Book of Mushrooms
Fungi, Fauna, Facts & Folklore
by Katya Arnold and Sam Swope

Complete with vibrant botanical illustrations and personal anecdotes, Katya Arnold introduces us to the marvelous world of mushrooms in this thoughtful and scientific guide, perfect for any fungus fan.

Mushrooms are mysterious. They surround us, quietly, secretly, all the time. They appear overnight - like magic - in meadows, in forests. They're exciting to find, beautiful to look at, fascinating to identify, and delicious to eat. When you know what to look for, a mushroom hunt is as safe and fun as a treasure hunt.

Mushroom lover Katya Arnold has packed this comprehensive introduction with scientific information and quirky details. Her passion makes these wonders of nature exciting and immediate. A walk in the woods will never be the same!

Author Bio

Katya Arnold is the author of Katya's Book of Mushrooms. Sam Swope is the author of The Araboolies of Liberty Street, Gotta Go! Gotta Go! and I Am a Pencil. He lives in New York City.
Curtain up! Light the lights!

Nena wants to be a Diva - with a capital D - just like her mommy, who's a star on Broadway. She wants to sing and act and dance, but knows it will take lots of work - and lots of fun - for all her wishes to come true.

Tony Award-winning actress LaChanze and Caldecott Honoree Brian Pinkney present a showstopping story about a day in the life of a little diva with BIG Broadway dreams.

"This sparkling story of a show-biz hopeful - and family bonds - will inspire your young star to dream big." - Working Mother

"All young ones who dream of dressing up and performing will find a kindred spirit in Nena. This should play to sold-out audiences." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"LaChanze, a star of stage and screen herself, supplies a peek at the life of a Broadway performer in this enticing story about a girl's dream of one day conquering the Great White Way. . . . Youngsters, girls in particular, will pore over the pictures and imagine themselves right into the story. Look out (...)"

**Author Bio**

Acclaimed artist Brian Pinkney is the illustrator of several highly-praised picture books including *The Faithful Friend, In the Time of the Drums*, and *Duke Ellington*. He is a graduate of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and holds a master's degree in illustration from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He lives in Brooklyn, New York with his wife Andrea, with whom he often collaborates, and his two children. His and Andrea's latest collaboration, *Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down*, was on the New York Times bestseller list for three weeks.

Brian has won numerous awards including two Caldecott Honors, four Coretta Scott King Honors and a Coretta Scott King Award, and the Boston Globe/Horn Book Award. He has been exhibited at The Art Institute of Chicago, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, The Detroit Institute of Art, The Cleveland Museum of Art, The School of Visual Arts, and The Society of Illustrators.

He has been published by Greenwillow Books, Hyperion Books for Young Readers, and Candlewick Press, and Random House.

Betty Plum has never been in love. She's never even kissed a boy. But when Toby starts school it's like Betty has been hit with a thousand of Cupid's arrows. A bomb has exploded - a love bomb.

More than ever Betty wishes her mom didn't die when Betty was a baby. She really needs her mom here to ask her advice. And just when she misses her most, that's when she finds hidden letters for just these moments. Letters about what your first kiss should feel like and what real love truly is. Although her mom isn't really there, Betty feels closer to her than ever.

*Love Bomb* will have you in fits of both laughter and tears.

This is a cute and fast read that is perfect for young teens; readers looking for a clean romance will not be disappointed. . . . This tale of confusion, love, and romance will keep readers interested until the neat and tidy ending." - *School Library Journal*

"A sweet mother-daughter tale." - *Kirkus Reviews*

**Author Bio**

Location: UK

**Jenny McLachlan** lives in England with her husband and daughters, and has taught English at the high school and college level. She is currently a curriculum leader at a high school and an Advanced Skills Teacher who works with children and teachers in schools throughout England. *Flirty Dancing* is her first novel.
Mihi Ever After
by Tae Keller, illustrated by Geraldine Rodriguez

Newbery Medalist Tae Keller and illustrator Geraldine Rodriguez deliver a middle grade fantasy adventure in Mihi Ever After about three girls who fall into a fairy tale world. Should they stay forever, or find a way to escape?

Mihi Whan Park loves fairy tales. She wants to be a princess more than anything, but everyone tells her she’s not the princess type. Then Mihi gets her shot: When she and her new friends Savannah and Reese discover a portal to a fairy tale realm, they get a chance to learn how to be princesses! But the fairy tale world turns out not to be the wonderful place Mihi imagined. Soon, Savannah and Reese decide they’re ready to go home, and Mihi has to decide where her loyalties lie: With her friends and her future at home, or with her princess dreams?

Keller leans into the power of fairy tales, friendship, and self-acceptance via this quickly paced fantasy." - Publishers Weekly

Author Bio

Tae Keller grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she subsisted on kimchi, purple rice, and stories. Now, she writes about biracial girls trying to find their voices, and lives in Seattle with her husband and a multitude of books. She is the author of The Science of Breakable Things and When You Trap a Tiger, winner of the Newberry Medal.

Geraldine Rodriguez is an artist who loves buffalo wings, tacos, and iced tea. Geraldine has illustrated publishing projects across a range of formats, but Kindergarten Hat is her debut picture book. She lives in Mexico. Follow her @GeryRdz.
My Second Life
by Faye Bird

Fifteen-year-old Ana has a good life - she has friends and a boy she likes and a kind mother - but still, she's haunted by her past; she knows that she lived once before as a girl named Emma, and she still misses her old family. When, by chance in her life now, Ana meets a woman she knew in her previous life, a terrifying memory flashes through her mind of a young girl drowning. Was Emma responsible? And should Ana pay the price? Consumed by guilt, Ana sets out to find out as much as possible about the person she was before and what she had done, only to discover that the family she misses so deeply had dark secrets of its own. To come to terms with her life now, Ana must figure out how to let go of the past.

*My Second Life* by Faye Bird is a thoughtful, suspenseful novel about life, death, and overcoming the mistakes of the past, even if it was a lifetime ago.

The fateful night's magnetic pull will have readers staying awake until the very end. A page-turning mystery with a spot-on emotional core." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"Readers looking for a twisty mystery will find this an enjoyable diversion." - *Booklist*

**Author Bio**

Location: London, England

Faye Bird worked as a literary agent representing TV and film screenwriters before becoming a writer herself. She lives in London with her husband and their two children. *My Second Life* is her first novel.
Nightmares of Weirdwood
A William Shivering Tale
by William Shivering and Christian McKay Heidicker, illustrated
by Anna Earley

In this action-packed and hilarious fantasy trilogy finale by Newbery
Honor-winning author of Scary Stories for Young Foxes's Christian
McKay Heidicker, two former thieves and friends turn enemies in an
earth-shattering battle between the forces of the Real and Imaginary
worlds!

"Startling, original and epic." - Eoin Colfer, creator of Artemis Fowl, on
Thieves of Weirdwood

Once best friends, Arthur and Wally find themselves on opposites sides of an
epic war. Arthur, now officially a Novitiate of the Wardens of Weirdwood, is
tasked with defending the border between the Real and Imaginary realms. But
Wally and his brother Graham, who can see into the future, seek to topple it
and create a new world.

Meanwhile, the shadowy Order of Eldar, led by the fearsome Eraser, are also
prepared to sow chaos and let wondrous and dangerous creatures of
imagination run wild. In this exhilarating last installment of Weirdwood, the
lines between reality and fantasy will forever be broken. Perfect for fans of
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky and Keeper of the Lost Cities.

Praise for Thieves of Weirdwood

[W]ill delight . . . those besotted with Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, Artemis
Fowl, Miss Peregrine, the Spiderwicks." - New York Times Book Review

"Startling, original and epic." - Eoin Colfer, creator of Artemis Fowl

"An imaginative, page-turning adventure . . . that kept me guessing through
every twist (．．．)

Author Bio

Professor William Shivering lives in a house by the sea with three cats and a
one-eyed raven named Glinda. When he's not writing true stories about fake
worlds, he enjoys walking the cliffs and conversing with the moon. He's the
president and founder of CASPR (Coalition for the Appreciation of Shades,
Phantasms, and Revenants), a non-profit that provides assistance to
On the Run
by Tristan Bancks

Ben has always wanted to be a cop, so he's intrigued when police officers show up at the door, asking for his parents. Then his parents arrive after the police leave and rush him and his sister into the car, insisting they are going on a vacation. Ben's a little skeptical—his family doesn't go on vacations. After they lose the police in a high-speed car chase and end up in a remote cabin deep in the woods, Ben discovers his parents' secret: millions of dollars were deposited into their bank account by accident, and they took the money and ran off. Ben isn't sure what to think. Are his parents criminals? And because he ran off with them, is he a criminal, too?

In this dynamic adventure, an overt tribute to My Side of the Mountain, 12-year-old Ben Silver, nicknamed "Cop" for his endless strings of questions, spends his days indoors, making stop-action movies about detectives and eating junk food... Suspense and fear make Ben feel like he's living his own stop-action movie, and indeed his story has both the exciting pace and high stakes of a summer blockbuster." - Publishers Weekly

Author Bio

Location: Australia

Tristan Bancks is the author of five middle-grade novels including the Mac Slater Coolhunter series. He was an actor on a long-running Australian sitcom and has directed a number of short films.
Ophelia After All
by Racquel Marie

A teen girl navigates friendship drama, the end of high school, and discovering her queerness in Ophelia After All, a hilarious and heartfelt contemporary YA debut by author Racquel Marie.

Ophelia Rojas knows what she likes: her best friends, Cuban food, rose-gardening, and boys - way too many boys. Her friends and parents make fun of her endless stream of crushes, but Ophelia is a romantic at heart. She couldn't change, even if she wanted to.

So when she finds herself thinking more about cute, quiet Talia Sanchez than the loss of a perfect prom with her ex-boyfriend, seeds of doubt take root in Ophelia's firm image of herself. Add to that the impending end of high school and the fracturing of her once-solid friend group, and things are spiraling a little out of control. But the course of love - and sexuality - never did run smooth. As her secrets begin to unravel, Ophelia must make a choice between clinging to the fantasy version of herself she's always imagined or upending everyone's expectations to rediscover who she really is, after all.

Ophelia Rojas is the type of character that leaps off the page and directly into your heart - Ophelia After All is a queer delight through and through." - Leah Johnson, bestselling author of You Should See Me in a Crown

Praise for Ophelia After All:
One of NPR's Best Books of 2022
One of Cosmopolitan's 13 Best YA Books (...)

Author Bio

Racquel Marie grew up in Southern California where her passion for storytelling of all kinds was encouraged by her friends and big family. She received a B.A. in English with an emphasis in Creative Writing and a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies from the University of California, Irvine. Racquel primarily writes YA contemporaries starring queer Latine characters like herself. When not writing or reading, she loves practicing beauty and special effects makeup, watching and producing YouTube videos, and teaching herself to play ukulele in spite of her extremely long nails. She is the author of Ophelia After All and You Don't Have a Shot.
Secret Soldiers
A Novel of World War I
by Keely Hutton

Over a quarter million underage British boys fought on the Allied front lines of the Great War, but not all of them fought on the battlefield - some fought beneath it, as revealed in this middle-grade historical adventure about a deadly underground mission.

Secret Soldiers follows the journey of Thomas, a thirteen-year-old coal miner, who lies about his age to join the Claykickers, a specialized crew of soldiers known as tunnelers,” in hopes of finding his missing older brother. Thomas works in the tunnels of the Western Front alongside three other soldier boys whose constant bickering and inexperience in mining may prove more lethal than the enemy digging toward them. But as they burrow deeper beneath the battlefield, the boys discover the men they hope to become and forge a bond of brotherhood.

Secret Soldiers is another stunning story of strength, perseverance, and love from Keely Hutton.

This title has common core connections.

"The narrative seamlessly blends historical fact with the intense personal experiences of the four boys . . . A captivating tale of down-to-earth heroism and a personal expose of life in the trenches from the perspective of likable, engaging characters." --Kirkus Reviews
"Hutton has done an excellent job of capturing the claustrophobic condition of life underground, evoking the horror of WWI, and creating characters who are individual and fully realized. There is no secret that this is an excellent addition to the surprisingly scant literature of the First World War." --Booklist
"The relationships among the main characters are well developed (…)

Author Bio

Keely Hutton is a children's book author and former English teacher. She worked closely with Ricky Richard Anywar to tell his story in her debut novel, Soldier Boy . Booklist named Soldier Boy one of the top ten first novels in 2017 and one of the top ten historical novels for youth in 2018. Her second novel, Secret Soldiers, was a 2020 Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year and 2020 Children's Book Council Notable Social Studies Book for Young People. Keely lives in Rochester, NY with her husband, two sons, and adorable dog Maximus.
Soup Day: A Picture Book
by Melissa Iwai, illustrated by Melissa Iwai

Melissa Iwai's Soup Day celebrates the importance of making a nutritious meal and sharing in the process as a family.

On a cold, snowy day, a young girl and her mother shop to buy ingredients for vegetable soup. At home, they work together - step by step - to prepare the meal. While the soup is cooking, they spend the time playing games and reading. Before long, Daddy's home and the family sits down to enjoy a home made dinner.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

"I loved this book! If only it had been around when my daughter Melissa was little, maybe I would have made something for dinner other than reservations!" - Joan Rivers

"Iwai's writing debut beautifully depicts the loving relationship between a mother and daughter. . . Ordinariness made extraordinary." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"A perfect meal and a perfect book." - School Library Journal

"Idyllic and cozy with colorful, textured illustrations, the book also offers a perfect recipe for tiny hands." - Associated Press

"The brightly colored illustrations - combining acrylics, fabric and paper collage, and digital elements - offer plenty of familiar elements for young children to identify and new ones to explore, such as six kinds of pasta pictured on one page. Satisfying for reading aloud." - Booklist

Author Bio

Melissa Iwai is the illustrator of several children's books, such as B Is for Bulldozer and Good Night Engines. She lives in Brooklyn, New York, with her family.
Stone Field
A Novel
by Christy Lenzi

A stunning debut novel that offers a new look at a classic love story about soul mates torn apart by the circumstances of their time.

Catrina Dickinson is haunted by her past and feels caged in by life in small town Missouri. When she discovers a strange man in Stone Field where her family grows their sorghum crop, her life takes on new meaning. He has no memory of who he is or what brought him to Cat's farm, but they fall passionately in love. Meanwhile, the country is on the brink of the Civil War, and the conflict in Missouri demands that everyone take a side before the bloodbath reaches their doorstep.

A passionate and atmospheric reimagining of Emily Bronte's Wuthering Heights, Stone Field by Christy Lenzi explores how violence and vengeance perverts the human spirit, and how hatred can be transcended by love.

Stone Field:

Stone Field is a page-turning story of a love so strong our world cannot contain it, told with passion and beauty." -Francisco X. Stork, award-winning author of Marcelo in the Real World

"I love Stone Field . . . it is the kind of book you can lose yourself in: exploding with so much love and passion that it breathes life into a bygone time. Lenzi is a writer to watch!" -R.A. Nelson, author of the acclaimed novels Teach Me, Breathe My Name, and Days of Little Texas.

"A first purchase for libraries wanting mature and sizzling YA historical fiction.” - School Library Journal

"Lenzi ingeniously reimagines the English moors of Wuthering Heights as the rolling hills of Missouri." - The Bulletin

Author Bio

Location: Stockton, CA

Christy Lenzi grew up in the hills and hollows of the Ozarks and now lives in California's sunny Central Valley. When she's not working, writing, or reading, she is fond of stuffing messages into bottles and throwing them into the river,
After escaping death a second time, Tula Bane is now even thirstier for revenge. She spends much of her time in the Tin Star Café on the Yertina Feray - the space station she calls home. But when it's discovered that the desolate and abandoned planet near the station has high quantities of a precious resource, the once sleepy space station becomes a major player in intergalactic politics. In the spirit of the Gold Rush, aliens from all over the galaxy race to cash in - including Tula's worst enemy.

Stone in the Sky:

"Castellucci's… crafted a gutsy heroine who comes into her own here, learning to navigate interspecies politics and affairs of the heart, all while grappling with what it means to be Human." - The Horn Book

"An exciting and compelling read." - BCCB

"A great book for readers who enjoy traditional science fiction titles." - School Library Journal

"Tolerance and diversity are the themes that propel this science fiction saga." - VOYA

Tin Star:

"Written in spare, vivid prose, Tin Star was an intense read, and Tula Bane is the kind of no-nonsense heroine I love. Highly recommended!" - Malinda Lo, author of Ash and Huntress

"Devious, chilling, and scrappy, Castellucci's Tin Star is a spacefaring thrill of a read." - Caragh O'Brien, author of the Birthmarked Trilogy

Author Bio

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Cecil Castellucci is the two-time MacDowell fellow and award winning author of twelve books and graphic novels for young people, including Tin Star (a Starburst Award finalist), Boy Proof, The Plain Janes, First Day on Earth, The Year of the Beasts, and Star Wars: Moving Target - A Princess Leia Adventure. She lives in Los Angeles but you can find her online at misscecil.com
Sunday Week
by Dinah Johnson, illustrated by Tyrone Geter

With charm and grace, this celebratory picture book takes young readers through the daily chores and activities of each weekday - from hanging out the wash to jumping Double Dutch - all in anticipation of Sunday. Once this special day finally arrives, it is filled with prayer, song and dance, savory food, storytelling, country drives, and most of all, family warmth and cheer.

Dinah Johnson's vibrant, engaging language and Tyrone Geter's handsome illustrations joyfully embrace the faith and spirituality within an African-American community and beyond.

"Both Johnson and Geter create a timeless atmosphere for the reverie. Laundry on the line, a shared meal, a Sunday drive against an autumn sky all contribute to an atmosphere of family traditions and togetherness. By focusing on the particulars, author and artist strike a universal chord of familial love and the strength of community." - Publisher's Weekly

"Using charcoals and pastels on colored paper, ranging from muted gray to bright orange, Geter captures the spirit and emotional fiber of a closely knit, supportive community. This child’s-eye view of her loving family and neighbors is shared with universally appealing warmth and insight." - School Library Journal

Author Bio
DINAH JOHNSON has written several books for young readers, including All Around Town. A professor of English literature at the University of South Carolina, Dinah lives with her daughter, Niani, in Columbia, South Carolina.
That's Debatable
by Jen Doll

That's Debatable is a witty, smart, and feminist romantic comedy, author Jen Doll explores what it means to set boundaries while breaking down barriers.

Millicent Chalmers isn't here to make friends.

She's here to win, and she's on track to set a record if - no, when - she wins the state debate tournament for the fourth year in a row. Calm, cool, and always in control, Millie doesn't care what anyone else thinks of her, least of all the sexist bullies bent on destroying her reputation.

Taggart Strong couldn't care less about winning debate, much to the consternation of his teammates, school and parents. In fact, he might even enjoy losing, as long as the side he believes in wins.

But when a tournament takes a scary turn, Millie and Tag find themselves unexpectedly working together. Maybe Millie can teach Tag a thing or two about using his head, and Tag can teach Millie a little bit about following her heart.

Author Bio

The Burning (Young Readers Edition)
Black Wall Street and the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921
by Tim Madigan and Hilary Beard

One of the worst acts of racist violence in American history took place in 1921, when a White mob numbering in the thousands decimated the thriving Black community of Greenwood in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

*The Burning* recreates Greenwood at the height of its prosperity, explores the currents of hatred, racism, and mistrust between its Black residents and Tulsa's White population, narrates events leading up to and including Greenwood's devastation, and documents the subsequent silence that surrounded this tragedy. Delving into history that's long been pushed aside, this is the true story of Black Wall Street and the Tulsa Race Massacre, with updates that connect the historical significance of the massacre to the ongoing struggle for racial justice in America.

Author Bio

TIM MADIGAN is an award-winning journalist and author of several books, including *I'm Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers*. He and his wife, Catherine live in Fort Worth, Texas. Hilary Beard is an award-winning writer and an expert in book collaborations. She has partnered with many celebrities, experts, and public figures, including Katherine Johnson on her book *Reaching for the Moon: The Autobiography of NASA Mathematician Katherine Johnson*. 

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The Fell of Dark
by Caleb Roehrig

What's a boy to do - in Caleb Roehrig's YA paranormal romance *The Fell of Dark* - when his crush is a hot vampire with a mystery to solve?

The only thing August Pfeiffer hates more than algebra is living in a vampire town.

Located at a nexus of mystical energy fields, Fulton Heights is practically an electromagnet for supernatural drama. And when a mysterious (and annoyingly hot) vampire boy arrives with a cryptic warning, Auggie suddenly finds himself at the center of it.

An ancient and terrible power is returning to the earthly realm, and somehow Auggie seems to be the only one who can stop it.

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**Author Bio**

Caleb Roehrig is a former actor and television producer who cannot seem to live in one place. Currently dividing his time between Chicago and Helsinki, he is an expert at writing on planes and recovering from jet lag. His young adult titles include *Teach the Torches to Burn: A Romeo & Juliet*; the acclaimed thrillers *Last Seen Leaming*, *White Rabbit*, *Death Prefer Blondes*, and *The Fell of Dark*; and *The Poison Pen* - a tie-in to the CW’s popular *Riverdale* television series - and the Archie Horror original novel *A Werewolf in Riverdale*. His short stories have appeared in anthologies such as *His Hideous Heart*, *Out Now*, and *Serendipity*. Wherever he’s living at the moment, he’s there with his husband and an overabundance of books.
The Killing Jar
by Jennifer Bosworth

Kenna Marsden has a secret that she's buried so deeply, no one will ever find out.

Then, just as things are getting better, something terrible happens to her family—something that awakens the dangerous impulses inside of her.

On the heels of a terrifying accident, she's brought to a nearby utopian commune where she is immediately accepted and embraced. For the first time in a long while, she starts to feel like she belongs to something. But like a moth to the flame, the closer she gets to the commune, the more she feels like there may be something sinister underneath it all. Something that could destroy the lives of those she left behind.

Jennifer Bosworth has crafted a page-turning, nail-biting novel that makes us question identity, what family truly means, and how obsession blinds us to the truth.

The Killing Jar:

"Welcome to the dark and heady world of The Killing Jar: Grandma has disturbing beauty secrets, and whatever you do, don't name the goats. The Killing Jar is strange in the best way, and Jennifer Bosworth has an original mind." - Gabrielle Zevin, author of Elsewhere

"A swiftly paced page-turner." - Booklist

"A multifaceted coming-of-age story with subtle poetic prose that is well written and well paced." - VOYA

"An original stand-alone supernatural read." - School Library Journal

Struck:

"Part apocalyptic survival fiction, part supernatural romance, this taut novel is entirely absorbing." - Horn Book

"Bosworth's debut (…)

Author Bio

Location: Portland, OR
The Ones We’re Meant to Find
by Joan He

Perfect for fans of Rick Yancey and Marie Lu, The Ones We’re Meant to Find is a sci-fi fantasy with mind-blowing twists, ready to burst onto the YA scene, from the critically-acclaimed Descendant of the Crane author, Joan He.

Cee awoke on an abandoned island three years ago. With no idea of how she was marooned, she only has a rickety house, an old android, and a single memory: she has a sister, and Cee needs to find her.

STEM prodigy Kasey wants escape from the science and home she once trusted. The Metropolis - Earth's last unpolluted place - is meant to be a sanctuary for those committed to planetary protection, but it's populated by people willing to do anything for refuge, even lie. Now, she'll have to decide if she's ready to use science to help humanity, even though it failed the people who mattered most.

I fell in love with this haunting, futuristic world and the sisters searching for each other in it. Joan He's words will stay with you long after the final page." - Marie Lu, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Skyhunter

'In a climate-ravaged future, the love between two sisters is the only hope for humanity's future. This is sci-fi at its best: floating cities, kindness and desert islands!' Lauren James, author of The Reckless Afterlife of Harriet Stoker

Author Bio
Joan He was born and raised in Philadelphia but still, on occasion, loses her way. At a young age, she received classical instruction in oil painting before discovering that stories were her favorite kind of art. She studied psychology and Chinese history at the University of Pennsylvania, and now splits her time between Philly and Chicago. She is the New York Times-bestselling author of The Ones We're Meant to Find and Descendant of the Crane, her young adult debut novel.
The Second Chance of Benjamin Waterfalls
by James Bird

A middle-grade novel by James Bird about a boy sent to his Ojibwe family to straighten out his life.

Benjamin Waterfalls comes from a broken home, and the quickest fix he's found for his life is to fill that emptiness with stuff he steals and then sells. But he's been caught one too many times, and when he appears before a tough judge, his mother proposes sending him to boot camp* at the Ojibwe reservation where they used to live.

Soon he is on his way to Grand Portage, Minnesota, to live with his father - the man Benny hasn't seen in years. Not only is "boot camp" not what he expects, but his rehabilitation seems to be in the hands of the tribal leader's daughter, who wears a mask. Why? Finding the answer to this and so many other questions prove tougher than any military-style boot camp. Will answers be enough for Benny to turn his life around and embrace his second chance?

Author Bio

James Bird is a screenwriter and director at the independent film company, Zombot Pictures; his films include We Are Boats and Honeyglue. A California native of Ojibwe descent, he now lives in Swampscott, Massachusetts with his wife, the author and actor Adriana Mather, and their son. The Brave is his debut novel.
A mesmerizing historical novel of suspense and intrigue about a teenage girl who risks everything to save her missing brother.

Poland, July 1944. Sixteen-year-old Maria is making her way home after years of forced labor in Nazi Germany, only to find her village destroyed and her parents killed in a war between the Polish Resistance and Ukrainian nationalists. To Maria's shock, the local Resistance unit is commanded by her older brother, Tomek - who she thought was dead. He is now a Silent Unseen, a special-operations agent with an audacious plan to resist a new and even more dangerous enemy sweeping in from the East.

When Tomek disappears, Maria is determined to find him, but the only person who might be able to help is a young Ukrainian prisoner and the last person Maria trusts - even as she feels a growing connection to him that she can't resist.

Tightly woven, relentlessly intense, The Silent Unseen depicts an explosive entanglement of loyalty, lies, and love during wartime, from Amanda McCrina, the acclaimed author of Traitor, a debut hailed by Elizabeth Wein as "Alive with detail and vivid with insight . . . a piercing and bittersweet story."

The Silent Unseen is an exquisite tale filled with terror and beauty on every page. McCrina's fully-realized characters search for moments of mercy amidst their desperate circumstances, and find compassion for their enemies in the face of great suffering. A powerful piece of WWII history that is richly and painfully brought to life." - Carolyn Tara O'Neil, author of Daughters of a Dead Empire

Praise for Traitor:

"Alive with (...)"

Author Bio

Amanda McCrina was homeschooled through high school and graduated from the University of West Georgia with a BA in history and political science. For three years, she taught high school English and government at an international school in Madrid, Spain, and is now a bookseller in Franklin, Tennessee. She is the author of Traitor and The Silent Unseen.
Theo Tan and the Fox Spirit
by Jesse Q. Sutanto

After inheriting a grieving fox spirit, a Chinese American boy must learn to embrace his heritage to solve the mystery of his brother's death in Jesse Q. Sutanto's magical, action-packed middle grade fantasy, Theo Tan and the Fox Spirit.

Theo Tan doesn't want a spirit companion. He just wants to be a normal American kid, playing video games, going to conventions, and using cirth pendants to cast his spells like everyone else. But, when his older brother dies, Theo ends up inheriting Jamie's fox spirit, Kai.

Kai isn't happy about this either. Theo is nothing like Jamie, and the two of them have never gotten along. But, when they realize the mysterious journal Jamie left Theo is filled with clues and secret codes, it's clear that something strange was going on with Jamie's internship at Reapling Corp.

But the only way onto the campus is the highly competitive Know Your Roots summer camp program, a celebration of Chinese and Indian cultures designed to help connect students with their heritage. Theo and Kai will have to put aside their differences long enough to honor Jamie's last wishes, or the mystery he died for will remain unsolved forever...

Heart-felt and heart-pounding, this book will have you cheering Theo on as he sets out to find the magic of his heritage! (Both figurative and literal!)

-- Xiran Jay Zhao, author of the #1 NYT Bestseller Iron Widow

"Wildly imaginative, laugh-out (...)

Author Bio

Jesse Q. Sutanto is the author of books for adults and young readers, including Dial A For Aunties, The Obsession, Theo Tan and the Fox Spirit and Well, That Was Unexpected. She grew up shuttling back and forth between Indonesia, Singapore, and England, and considers all three places her home. She has forty-two first cousins and thirty aunties and uncles, many of whom live just down the road. When she's not writing, she's playing games with her husband, or making a mess in the kitchen with her two daughters.
**Treasure Tracks**
by S.A. Rodriguez

A debut middle-grade adventure about a young teen who goes on a treasure hunt for undersea riches to help his ailing abuelo.

Twelve-year-old Fernando Fin joins his grandfather on a secret quest to find a long-lost treasure swept to sea. But when their first mission takes a near-deadly turn, leaving his abuelo weak and unable to speak, Fin's left to navigate the hunt alone. Well, not exactly alone - his boring, totally unadventurous dad agrees to help out. With danger lurking at every turn, Fin dives into the mission in order to save Abuelo's life. But between Dad's constant worrying, unwanted diving babysitters, and harrowing encounters in the deep sea, the boy finds himself in a race against time to locate the treasure. If he can't succeed? He fears he might lose Abuelo for good.

S.A. Rodriguez's *Treasure Tracks* is a fast-paced story filled with heart and humor about the bonds of family, the meaning of a legacy, and most of all, the discovery of true treasure.

**A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection**

Rodriguez packs a ton of local historical know-how and genuine humor into a seaworthy debut adventure. Lighthearted yet solid prose and quirky, delightful characters round out this swell tale of plucky fun under (and above) the sea. Here be treasure indeed." - *Kirkus Reviews*

**Author Bio**

S. A. Rodriguez is a writer, researcher, and former head of U.S. Hispanic marketing for Citibank, where she spent her career supporting diversity initiatives. She studied Communications at Loyola University in New Orleans and holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Miami. She enjoys living near the coast of Miami with her family. *Treasure Tracks* is her first novel.
Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy
by Emmanuel Acho

Adapted from Emmanuel Acho's New York Times bestseller Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man, comes an essential young readers edition aimed at opening a dialogue about systemic racism with our youngest generation.

Young people have the power to affect sweeping change, and the key to mending the racial divide in America lies in giving them the tools to ask honest questions and take in the difficult answers.

Approaching every awkward, taboo, and uncomfortable question with openness and patience, Emmanuel Acho connects his own experience with race and racism - from attending majority-white prep schools to his time in the NFL playing on majority-black football teams - to insightful lessons in black history and black culture. Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy is just one way young readers can begin to short circuit racism within their own lives and communities.

PRAISE FOR UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS WITH A BLACK BOY:

"There is humor, lightness, and relatability in Acho's reliance on pop culture and experience that will make this title a standout for use in classrooms, libraries, and homes. [W]hether you are 18 or 80, there's something to learn from in this thought-provoking pick." - Booklist, starred review

"Readers of all races can use this resource to begin having crucial conversations about the need to dismantle systemic racism in this country. A strong addition for public and school libraries who want to offer safe spaces for these necessary conversations." - School Library Journal

"A (...)"

Author Bio

Emmanuel Acho picked up a football and made it to the NFL. He picked up a pen and became a New York Times bestselling author for Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man, followed by the #1 bestseller Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy. He picked up a microphone and won a Primetime Emmy for his groundbreaking online series, Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man, amassing more than 90 million views to date. All this by the age of thirty, because of his ability to think and act illogically.
Upstander
by James Preller

Girl bullies, internet bullying, and substance use are themes in this James Preller middle grade standalone companion to Bystander

Mary O’Malley is tired of keeping secrets. Secrets like her older brother, Jonny’s, drug use. Starting seventh grade is tough enough without the upheaval her brother is bringing to their family.

It seems the only person who might understand is Griffen Connolly, whose older sister runs with Jonny in the wrong crowd. Mary thought Griff was too cool, too popular for her. But now he wants to hang out with her, and listen.

When two girls Mary thought were her friends decide to slam another girl online, Mary tries to look the other way. Then the girls turn on Mary, and suddenly, she doesn’t have a safety zone. Her brother is out of control, her family’s energies are all spent on him. There is only one person she can turn to. But can she trust Griff? Or is he one of the bullies?

Author Bio

James Preller is the author of the popular Jigsaw Jones mystery books, which have sold more than 10 million copies since 1998. He is also the author of Bystander, named a 2009 Junior Library Guild Selection, Six Innings, an ALA Notable Book, and Mighty Casey, his own twist on the classic poem, Casey at the Bat.” In addition to writing full-time, Preller plays in a men’s hardball league and coaches Little League. He compares coaching kids to “trying to hold the attention of a herd of earthworms.” He lives in Delmar, New York with his wife, three children, cats and dog.
Valiant Ladies
by Melissa Grey

Two teen vigilantes set off on an action-packed investigation to expose corruption and deliver justice in Valiant Ladies, Melissa Grey's YA historical fiction novel inspired by real seventeenth century Latinx teenagers known as the Valiant Ladies of Potosi.

By day Eustaquia Kiki’ de Sonza and Ana Lezama de Urinza are proper young seventeenth century ladies. But when night falls, they trade in their silks and lace for swords and muskets, venturing out into the vibrant, bustling, crime-ridden streets of Potosi, in the Spanish Empire's Viceroyalty of Peru. They pass their time fighting, gambling, and falling desperately in love with one another.

Then, on the night Kiki’s engagement to the Viceroy's son is announced, her older brother - heir to her family's fortune - is murdered. The girls immediately embark on a whirlwind investigation that takes them from the lowliest brothels of Potosi to the highest echelons of the Spanish aristocracy.

Valiant Ladies brings the remarkable lives of two forgotten women to vivid, riotous life. Delightfully ahistorical, terribly romantic (have you ever shipped sword lesbians harder??), and all steeped in vigilante justice hell bent on taking down a violent patriarchy - there's only one word for it: badass." - Mackenzi Lee, author of the New York Times bestselling The Gentleman’s Guide to Vice and Virtue

"Vibrant, fresh, and filled with swashbuckling mystery, Valiant Ladies instantly sucked me in. I rooted for Kiki and Ana, and I fell entirely into seventeenth century Peru. Melissa Grey's bright, propulsive prose brings the stories of these real historical figures' so fully and colorfully to life." - Susan Dennard, author of the New (...

Author Bio

Melissa Grey was born and raised in New York City. She wrote her first short story at the age of twelve and hasn't stopped writing since. She is the author of The Girl at Midnight trilogy, Valiant Ladies, and Rated. When she's not penning novels, she's designing video game narratives. She currently lives and works in Iceland.
What Souls Are Made Of: A Wuthering Heights Remix
by Tasha Suri

What Souls Are Made Of, British Fantasy Award-winning author Tasha Suri’s masterful new take on Bronte’s Wuthering Heights, will leave readers breathless.

Sometimes, lost things find their way home . . .

Yorkshire, North of England, 1786. As the abandoned son of a lascar - a sailor from India - Heathcliff has spent most of his young life maligned as an outsider. Now he’s been flung into an alien life in the Yorkshire moors, where he clings to his birth father’s language even though it makes the children of the house call him an animal, and the maids claim he speaks gibberish.

Catherine is the younger child of the estate's owner, a daughter with light skin and brown curls and a mother that nobody talks about. Her father is grooming her for a place in proper society, and that's all that matters. Catherine knows she must mold herself into someone pretty and good and marriageable, even though it might destroy her spirit.

As they occasionally flee into the moors to escape judgment and share the half-remembered language of their unknown kin, Catherine and Heathcliff come to find solace in each other. Deep down in their souls, they can feel they are the same.

But when Catherine's father dies and the household's treatment of Heathcliff only grows more cruel, their (...)
When You Call My Name
by Tucker Shaw

In the spirit of the author’s massively popular Twitter thread, Tucker Shaw's When You Call My Name is a heartrending novel about two gay teens coming of age in New York City in 1990 at the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, perfect for fans of Adam Silvera and Mary H. K. Choi.

Film fanatic Adam is seventeen and being asked out on his first date - and the guy is cute. Heart racing, Adam accepts, quickly falling in love with Callum like the movies always promised.

Fashion-obsessed Ben is eighteen and has just left his home upstate after his mother discovers his hidden stash of gay magazines. When he comes to New York City, Ben's sexuality begins to feel less like a secret and more like a badge of honor.

Then Callum disappears, leaving Adam heartbroken, and Ben finds out his new world is more closed-minded than he thought. When Adam finally tracks Callum down, he learns the guy he loves is very ill. And in a chance meeting near the hospital where Callum is being treated, Ben and Adam meet, forever changing each other's lives. As both begin to open their eyes to the possibilities of queer love and life, they realize sometimes the only people who can help you are the people who can really see you - in all your messy glory.

A love letter to New York and the liberating power of queer friendship, When You Call My Name is a hopeful novel about the pivotal moments of our youth that break our hearts and the people who help us put them back together.

Author Bio

Tucker Shaw is a writer and editor who first found his family in New York City’s East Village in 1991 when he was twenty-three. Over the decades he’s worked in magazines, newspapers, and advertising, When You Call My Name is his first novel for Henry Holt Books for Young Readers.
Whose Right Is It? The Second Amendment and the Fight Over Guns
by Hana Bajramovic

Discover the truth about the Second Amendment, the NRA, and the United States' centuries-long fight over guns in this first-of-its-kind book for middle grade readers.

A compelling, clear analysis of one of our country's oldest dilemmas: how to balance gun rights with public safety. It tells the full and true story of the Second Amendment, and points to a way to bring sanity to our gun laws. A remarkable primer for all ages." - Michael Waldman, author of The Second Amendment: A Biography

For the majority of the United States' history, the right to own a gun belonged to a "well regulated militia." That changed in 2008 with the historic District of Columbia v. Heller case, which ruled that the Second Amendment protected an individual's right. In the years since, the debate over gun legislation has reached a crescendo. And the issue grows ever relevant to children across America, with an estimated three million exposed to shootings every year. From metal detectors to see-through backpacks to shooting drills, kids face daily reminders of the threat of guns.

Hana Bajramovic's Whose Right Is It? The Second Amendment and the Fight Over Guns reveals how a once obscure amendment became the focus of daily heated debate. Filled with historical photos and informative graphics, the book will show young readers how gun legislation has always been a part of American history and how money, power, and systemic racism have (...)

Author Bio

Hana Bajramovic has an English degree from Harvard University and JD from Yale Law School. She has worked for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and at the New York law firm of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP. She now works to defend reproductive rights and access to reproductive healthcare. Whose Right Is It Anyway? is her first book. She lives in Brooklyn.

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Accomplished
A Georgie Darcy Novel
by Amanda Quain

Georgiana Darcy gets the Pride and Prejudice retelling she deserves in Amanda Quain’s Accomplished, a sparkling contemporary YA featuring a healthy dose of marching band romance, endless banter, and Charles Bingley as a ripped frat boy.

It is a truth universally acknowledged that Georgiana Darcy should have been expelled after The Incident with Wickham Foster last year - at least if you ask any of her Pemberley Academy classmates. She may have escaped expulsion because of her family name, but she didn't escape the disappointment of her big brother Fitz, the scorn of the entire school, or, it turns out, Wickham's influence.

But she's back for her junior year, and she needs to prove to everyone - Fitz, Wickham, her former friends, and maybe even herself - that she's more than just an embarrassment to the family name. How hard can it be to become the Perfect Darcy? All she has to do is:

- Rebuild her reputation with the marching band (even if it kills her)  
- Forget about Wickham and his lies (no matter how tempting they still are), and  
- Distract Fitz Darcy - helicopter-sibling extraordinaire - by getting him to fall in love with his classmate, Lizzie Bennet (this one might be difficult. . . )

Sure, it's a complicated plan, but so is being a Darcy. With the help of her fellow bandmate, Avery, matchmaking ideas lifted straight from her favorite fanfics, and a whole lot of pancakes, Georgie is going to see every one of her plans through. But when the weight of being the Perfect Darcy comes crashing down, Georgie will have to find her own way (…)

Author Bio

AMANDA QUAIN is a writer, indie bookseller, and general life enthusiast. When she's not shouting about her favorite new books, she loves theatre, baking, rock climbing, marching band, and the overall pursuit of adventure. If forced to choose, Amanda's favorite Austen hero is Edward Ferrars, though she'll always have a soft spot for Mr. Bingley. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with her husband and their cat. She is the author of Accomplished and The Ghosts are a Metaphor.
Any Way the Wind Blows
by Rainbow Rowell

*New York Times* bestselling author Rainbow Rowell’s epic fantasy, the Simon Snow trilogy, concludes with *Any Way the Wind Blows*.

In *Carry On*, Simon Snow and his friends realized that everything they thought they understood about the world might be wrong. And in *Wayward Son*, they wondered whether everything they understood about themselves might be wrong.

In *Any Way the Wind Blows*, Simon and Baz and Penelope and Agatha have to decide how to move forward.

For Simon, that means deciding whether he still wants to be part of the World of Mages - and if he doesn't, what does that mean for his relationship with Baz? Meanwhile Baz is bouncing between two family crises and not finding any time to talk to anyone about his newfound vampire knowledge. Penelope would love to help, but she’s smuggled an American Normal into London, and now she isn’t sure what to do with him. And Agatha? Well, Agatha Wellbelove has had enough.

*Any Way the Wind Blows* takes the gang back to England, back to Watford, and back to their families for their longest and most emotionally wrenching adventure yet.

This book is a finale. It tells secrets and answers questions and lays ghosts to rest.

*Carry On* was conceived as a book about Chosen One stories; *Any Way* (…)

**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.
Lara finally lands the guy of her dreams, only to have her unexpected(ly female) summer fling transfer to her school, in Dahlia Adler's beloved award-winning YA queer romance, now in paperback!

Lara's had eyes for exactly one person throughout her three years of high school: Chase Harding. He's tall, strong, sweet, a football star, and frankly, stupid hot. Oh, and he's talking to her now. On purpose and everything. Maybe... flirting, even? No, wait, he's definitely flirting, which is pretty much the sum of everything Lara's wanted out of life.

Except she's haunted by a memory. A memory of a confusing, romantic, strangely perfect summer spent with a girl named Jasmine. A memory that becomes a confusing, disorienting present when Jasmine herself walks through the front doors of the school to see Lara and Chase chatting it up in front of the lockers.

Lara has everything she ever wanted: a tight-knit group of friends, a job that borders on cool, and Chase, the boy of her literal dreams. But if she's finally got the guy, why can't she stop thinking about the girl?

Dahlia Adler's Cool for the Summer is a young adult story of self-discovery and new love. It's about the things we want and the things we need. And it's about the people who will let us be who we are.

DAHLIA ADLER is an editor by day, a freelance writer by night, and a Young Adult author at every spare moment in between. She is the founder of LGBTQReads, editor of several anthologies, and author of many novels, including Cool for the Summer and Home Field Advantage. She lives in New York with her family and an obscene number of books.
Darkhearts
by James L. Sutter

Perfect for fans of Red, White, & Royal Blue and Perks of Being a Wallflower, Darkhearts is a hilarious, heartfelt novel about fame, romance, and what happens when the two collide.

When David quit his band, he missed his shot at fame. For the past two years, he's been trapped in an ordinary Seattle high school life, working summers for his dad's construction business while his former best friends Chance and Eli became the hottest teen pop act in America.

Then Eli dies. Suddenly David and Chance are thrown back into contact, forcing David to rediscover all the little things that once made the two of them so close, even as he continues to despise the singer's posturing and attention-hogging. As old wounds break open, an unexpected kiss leads the boys to trade frenemy status for a confusing, tentative romance - one Chance is desperate to keep out of the spotlight. Though hurt by Chance's refusal to acknowledge him publicly, David decides their new relationship presents a perfect opportunity for him to rejoin the band and claim the celebrity he's been denied. But Chance is all too familiar with people trying to use him.

As the mixture of business and pleasure becomes a powder keg, David will have to choose: Is this his second chance at glory? Or his second chance at Chance?

Author Bio

James L. Sutter is a co-creator of the best-selling Pathfinder and Starfinder roleplaying games. He's the author of the young adult romance novel Darkhearts, as well as the fantasy novels Death's Heretic and The Redemption Engine. His short stories have appeared in Nightmare, The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction, the #1 Amazon best-seller Machine of Death, and more. James lives in Seattle, where he's performed with musical acts ranging from metalcore to musical theater.
Earth Called
Tales of a New World
by P. C. Cast

Mari, Nik, their newly formed Pack and the Wind Riders are in danger as Thaddeus and the God of Death march ever closer in their quest to destroy and conquer everything and anyone who stands in their path.

The Pack and the Wind Riders must find a way to stop the God of Death before all is lost.

There is one hope: Ralina, Death's Storyteller. The woman meant to be by his side, recording all his feats of greatness. Instead Ralina's heeds the call of the Goddess of Life, the only one who can defeat Death and escapes to warn the Pack and the Wind Riders.

In this last installment of the Tales of a New World series, love and goodness are put to the ultimate test as gods, humans, and animals come together to save everything they hold dear.

Author Bio

P.C. Cast is the author of the House of Night novels, including Marked, Betrayed, Chosen, and Untamed.

Ms. Cast is a #1 New York Times and USA Today Best-Selling author and a member of the Oklahoma Writers Hall of Fame. With more than 20 million copies in print in over 40 countries, her novels have been awarded the prestigious Oklahoma Book Award, YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award, the Prism, Holt Medallion, Daphne du Maurier, Booksellers' Best, and the Laurel Wreath.

Ms. Cast was born in the Midwest and grew up being shuttled back and forth between Illinois and Oklahoma, which is where she fell in love with Quarter Horses and mythology. After high school she joined the United States Air Force and began public speaking and writing. After her tour in the USAF, she taught high school for 15 years before retiring to write full time. She now lives in Oregon surrounded by beloved cats, dogs, horses, and family.
Ghosted
A Northanger Abbey Novel
by Amanda Quain

Never Have I Ever meets The X-Files in Amanda Quain's Ghosted, a gender-bent contemporary retelling of the Jane Austen classic, Northanger Abbey.

Hattie Tilney isn't a believer. Yes, she's a senior at America's most (allegedly) haunted high school, Northanger Abbey. But ever since her paranormal-loving dad passed away, she's hung up her Ghostbusters suit, put away the EMF detectors and thermal cameras, and moved on. She has enough to worry about in the land of the living - like taking care of her younger brother, Liam, while their older sister spirals out and their mother, Northanger's formidable headmistress, buries herself in her work. If Hattie just works hard enough and keeps that overachiever mask on tight through graduation, maybe her mom will finally notice her.

But the mask starts slipping when Hattie's assigned to be an ambassador to Kit Morland, a golden retriever of a boy who's transferred to Northanger on - what else - a ghost-hunting scholarship. The two are partnered up for an investigative project on the school's paranormal activity, and Hattie quickly strikes a deal: Kit will present whatever ghostly evidence he can find to prove that campus is haunted, and Hattie will prove that it's not. But as they explore the abandoned tunnels and foggy graveyards of Northanger, Hattie starts to realize that Kit might be the kind of person that makes her want to believe in something - and someone - for the first time.

With her signature wit and slow burn romance, Amanda Quain turns another Austen classic on its head in this sparkling retelling that proves sometimes the ghosts (…)

Author Bio

AMANDA QUAIN is a writer, indie bookseller, and general life enthusiast. When she's not shouting about her favorite new books, she loves theatre, baking, rock climbing, marching band, and the overall pursuit of adventure. If forced to choose, Amanda's favorite Austen hero is Edward Ferrars, though she'll always have a soft spot for Mr. Bingley. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with her husband and their cat. She is the author of Accomplished and The Ghosts are a Metaphor.
Going Bicoastal
by Dahlia Adler

A queer *Sliding Doors* YA rom-com in which a girl must choose between summer in NYC with her dad (and the girl she's always wanted) or LA with her estranged mom (and the guy she never saw coming).

In Dahlia Adler's *Going Bicoastal*, there's more than one path to happily ever after.

Natalya Fox has twenty-hours to make the biggest choice of her life: stay home in NYC for the summer with her dad (and finally screw up the courage to talk to the girl she's been crushing on), or spend it with her basically estranged mom in LA (knowing this is the best chance she has to fix their relationship, if she even wants to.) (Does she want to?)

How's a girl supposed to choose?

She can't, and so both summers play out in alternating timelines - one in which Natalya explores the city, tries to repair things with her mom, works on figuring out her future, and goes for the girl she's always wanted. And one in which Natalya explores the city, tries to repair things with her mom, works on figuring out her future, and goes for the guy she never saw coming.

Author Bio

DAHLIA ADLER is an editor by day, a freelance writer by night, and a Young Adult author at every spare moment in between. She is the founder of LGBTQReads, editor of several anthologies, and author of many novels, including *Cool for the Summer* and *Home Field Advantage*. She lives in New York with her family and an obscene number of books.
Guardians of Dawn: Zhara  
by S. Jae-Jones

_Sailor Moon meets Cinder_ in _Guardians of Dawn: Zhara_, the start of a new, richly imagined fantasy series from S. Jae-Jones, the _New York Times_ bestselling author of _Wintersong_.

Magic flickers.  
Love flames.  
Chaos reigns.

Magic is forbidden throughout the Morning Realms. Magicians are called abomination, and blamed for the plague of monsters that razed the land twenty years before.

Jin Zhara already had enough to worry about - appease her stepmother's cruel whims, looking after her blind younger sister, and keeping her own magical gifts under control - without having to deal with rumors of monsters re-emerging in the marsh. But when a chance encounter with an easily flustered young man named Han brings her into contact with a secret magical liberation organization called the Guardians of Dawn, Zhara realizes there may be more to these rumors than she thought. A mysterious plague is corrupting the magicians of Zanhei and transforming them into monsters, and the Guardians of Dawn believe a demon is responsible.

In order to restore harmony and bring peace to the world, Zhara must discover the elemental warrior within, lest the balance between order and chaos is lost forever.

**Author Bio**

S. Jae-Jones (called JJ) is an artist, an adrenaline junkie, and the _New York Times_ bestselling author of _Wintersong_ and _Shadowsong_. Born and raised in Los Angeles, she now lives on the wrong coast, where she can't believe she has to deal with winter _every year_. When not writing, JJ can be found working toward her next black belt degree, building her BTS shrine, or indulging her in her favorite hobby - collecting more hobbies.
Gwen & Art Are Not in Love
A Novel
by Lex Croucher

Heartstopper meets A Knight’s Tale in this queer medieval rom com about love, friendship, and being brave enough to change the course of history.

It's been hundreds of years since King Arthur's reign. His descendant, Arthur, a future Lord and general gadabout, has been betrothed to Gwendoline, the quick-witted, short-tempered princess of England, since birth. The only thing they can agree on is that they despise each other.

They're forced to spend the summer together at Camelot in the run up to their nuptials, and within 24 hours, Gwen has discovered Arthur kissing a boy and Arthur has gone digging for Gwen's childhood diary and found confessions about her crush on the kingdom's only lady knight, Bridget Leclair.

Realizing they might make better allies than enemies, they make a reluctant pact to cover for each other, and as things heat up at the annual royal tournament, Gwen is swept off her feet by her knight and Arthur takes an interest in Gwen's royal brother. Lex Croucher's Gwen and Art Are Not in Love is chock full of sword-fighting, found family, and romantic shenanigans destined to make readers fall in love.

Fun and genuinely funny, with lovely friendships and first-rate dialogue. Gwen and Art may not be in love, but I fell for both of them.” - Rainbow Rowell, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Simon Snow trilogy

"Gwen and Art Are Not in Love was exactly what I needed right now - a delightful, heart-warming, hilarious historical romp, overflowing with queer panic and terrible jokes. I loved it.” - Alice Oseman, USA Today bestselling author of the Heartstopper series

Author Bio

Lex Croucher is the author of Reputation, Infamous, and the YA novel, Gwen & Art Are Not in Love. Lex grew up in Surrey reading a lot of books and making friends with strangers on the internet, and now lives in London.
Rubi Ramos’s Recipe for Success
by Jessica Parra

An earnest, charming coming-of-age story that will come for your heart and your appetite." - New York Times bestselling author Emma Lord

Graduation is only a few months away, and so far Rubi Ramos's recipe for success is on track.

*Step 1: Get into the prestigious Alma University.
*Step 2: Become incredibly successful lawyer.

But when Alma waitlists Rubi's application, her plan is in jeopardy. Her parents-especially her mom, AKA the boss-have wanted this for her for years. In order to get off the waitlist without her parents knowing, she needs math tutoring from surfer-hottie math genius Ryan, lead the debate team to a championship-and remember the final step of the recipe.

*Step 3: Never break the ban on baking.

Rubi has always been obsessed with baking, daydreaming up new concoctions and taking shifts at her parents' celebrated bakery. But her mother dismisses baking as a distraction-her parents didn't leave Cuba so she could bake just like them.

But some recipes are begging to be tampered with . . .

When the First Annual Bake Off comes to town, Rubi's passion for baking goes from subtle simmer to full boil. She's not sure if she has what it takes to become (…)

Author Bio

As a lawyer and daughter of Guatemalan and Cuban bakers, Jessica Parra never objects to an extra slice of cake. She's a Los Angeles native who loves to write about Latinas with big hair (and even bigger dreams), complicated families, cats living their best lives (all nine of them), and the healing magic of acceptance. When she isn't drafting books you can find her sipping kombucha, cuddling with her kitty, or co-piloting the Millennium Falcon at Disneyland's Galaxy's Edge.
The Jokiest Joking Spooky Joke Book Ever Written . . . No Joke
1,001 Giggling Gags About Goblins, Ghosts, and Ghouls
by Brian Boone, illustrated by Amanda Brack

From Brian Boone, with illustrations by Amanda Brack, The Jokiest Joking Spooky Joke Book Ever Written . . . No Joke provides scary-funny jokes for kids!

The newest entry to our popular Jokiest Joking series takes on Halloween and all things spooky! From the ghastly to the grotesque to the hilariously horrid, this clever joke book will delight kids (of all ages) who revel in the scary side.

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.
The Last Legacy
A Novel
by Adrienne Young

Now in paperback with a bonus short story! New York Times bestselling author Adrienne Young's The Last Legacy is a captivating standalone YA fantasy set in the Narrows world about family and blood ties, reinventing yourself, and controlling your own destiny.

When a letter from her uncle Henrik arrives on Bryn Roth's eighteenth birthday, summoning her back to Bastian, Bryn is eager to prove herself and finally take her place in her long-lost family.

Henrik has plans for Bryn, but she must win everyone's trust if she wants to hold any power in the delicate architecture of the family. It doesn't take long for her to see that the Roths are entangled in shadows. Despite their growing influence in upscale Bastian, their hands are still in the kind of dirty business that got Bryn's parents killed years ago. With a forbidden romance to contend with and dangerous work ahead, the cost of being accepted into the Roths may be more than Bryn can pay.

"This fast-paced tale with a Victorian feeling is filled with an abundance of scandal, high fashion, intrigue, and, of course, romance... the delightfully swoonworthy love story will keep readers engaged and the pages turning eagerly as they hurtle toward the book's satisfying conclusion. An entertaining story of forbidden love, family drama, and elegant couture." - Kirkus

"In this sumptuously rendered historical novel, Young deftly explores concepts of family, loyalty, and growing into one's destiny." - Publishers Weekly

Author Bio

Adrienne Young is a foodie with a deep love of history and travel and a shameless addiction to coffee. When she's not writing, you can find her on her yoga mat, sipping wine over long dinners or disappearing into her favorite art museums. She lives with her documentary filmmaker husband and their four little wildlings in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. She is the author of the New York Times bestselling Sky in the Deep duology and the Fable duology.
The Prince & The Apocalypse
A Novel
by Kara McDowell

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The restaurant is closed for renovations - of course - but there's a boy there, too. A very cute boy with a posh British accent who looks remarkably like the errant Prince Theo, on the run from the palace and his controlling mother. When Wren helps him escape a pack of tourists, the Prince scribbles down his number and offers her one favor in return. She doesn't plan to take him up on it - until she gets to the airport and sees cancelled flights and chaos. A comet is approaching Earth, and the world is ending in eight days. Suddenly, that favor could be her only chance to get home to her family before the end of the world.

Wren strikes a bargain with the runaway prince: if she'll be his bodyguard from London to his family's compound in Santorini, he can charter her a private jet home in time to say goodbye. Traveling through Europe by boat, train, and accidentally stolen automobile, Wren finds herself drawn to the dryly sarcastic, surprisingly vulnerable Theo. But the Prince has his own agenda, one that could derail both their plans. When life as they know it will be over in days, is it possible to find a happy ending?

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Three weddings. Three funerals. Alessa's gift from the gods is supposed to magnify a partner's magic, not kill every suitor she touches.

Now, with only weeks left until a hungry swarm of demons devours everything on her island home, Alessa is running out of time to find a partner and stop the invasion. When a powerful priest convinces the faithful that killing Alessa is the island's only hope, her own soldiers try to assassinate her.

Desperate to survive, Alessa hires Dante, a cynical outcast marked as a killer, to become her personal bodyguard. But as rebellion explodes outside the gates, Dante's dark secrets may be the biggest betrayal. He holds the key to her survival and her heart, but is he the one person who can help her master her gift or destroy her once and for all?

"Remixing all the best parts of a dark fantasy and a romantic comedy, This Vicious Grace is a wonderfully fun time from start to finish, with lush, complex worldbuilding, intensely relatable characters, and relationships that are easy to root for." - Hannah Whitten, New York Times bestselling author of For The Wolf

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Author Bio
EMILY THIEDE spent her childhood daydreaming and reading in trees. A former public school teacher, she serves on the board of Writer House, a local writing nonprofit, and has mentored aspiring writers through the Pitch Wars mentorship program. Emily enjoys fostering rescue kittens and getting lost in the woods of central Virginia, where she lives with her family. She is the author of This Vicious Grace and This Cursed Light. Find her across social media and at ekthiede.com.
The highly-anticipated sequel to the epic romance hailed as one of the best fantasies of the year!

When the gods make the rules, the players must choose: Sacrifice their love to save the world, or choose love and let it burn?

Six months after saving their island from destruction and almost losing Dante, Alessa is ready to live happily ever after with her former bodyguard. But Dante can’t rest, haunted by a conviction that the gods aren’t finished with them yet. And without his powers, the next kiss from Alessa could kill him.

Desperate for answers, Dante enlists Alessa and their friends to find the exiled ghiotte in hopes of restoring his powers and combining forces with them to create the only army powerful enough to save them all. But Alessa is hiding a deadly consequence of their last fight - a growing darkness that’s consuming her mind - and their destination holds more dangers than anyone bargained for. In the mysterious city of the banished, Dante will uncover secrets, lies, and ghosts from his past that force him to ask himself: Which side is he on?

When the gods reveal their final test, Dante and Alessa will be the world’s last defense. But if they are the keys to saving the world, will their love be the price of victory?

In This Cursed Light, Dante and Alessa face their most daunting challenge yet when the Gods demand they prove their worth by choosing the ultimate sacrifice to save humanity, once and for all.

EMILY THIEDE spent her childhood daydreaming and reading in trees. A former public school teacher, she teaches creative writing and serves on the board of Writer House, a local writing nonprofit, is a cohost for the Basic Pitches podcast, and has mentored aspiring writers through the Pitch Wars mentorship program. Emily enjoys fostering rescue kittens and getting lost in the woods of central Virginia, where she lives with her family. She is the author of This Vicious Grace and This Cursed Light. Find her on Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok.
This Is the Way the World Ends
A Novel
by Jen Wilde

Fans of One of Us Is Lying and The Hazel Wood are cordially invited to spend one fateful night surviving an elite private school's epic masquerade ball in Jen Wilde's debut thriller, This Is the Way the World Ends.

As an autistic scholarship student at the prestigious Webber Academy in New York City, Waverly is used to masking to fit in - in more ways than one. While her classmates are the children of the one percent, Waverly is getting by on tutoring gigs and the generosity of the school's charming and enigmatic dean. So when her tutoring student and resident it girl asks Waverly to attend the school's annual fundraising Masquerade disguised as her, Waverly jumps at the chance - especially once she finds out that Ash, the dean's daughter and her secret ex-girlfriend, will be there.

The Masquerade is everything Waverly dreamed of, complete with extravagant gowns, wealthy parents writing checks, and flowing champagne. Most importantly, there's Ash. All Waverly wants to do is shed her mask and be with her, but the evening takes a sinister turn when Waverly stumbles into a secret meeting between the dean and the school's top donors - and witnesses a brutal murder. This gala is harboring far more malevolent plots than just opening parents' pocketbooks. Before she can escape or contact the authorities, a mysterious global blackout puts the entire party on lockdown. Waverly's fairy tale has turned into a nightmare, and she, Ash, and her friends must navigate through a dizzying maze of freight elevators, secret passageways, and back rooms if they're going to survive the night.

Author Bio

Jen Wilde (she/they) is the queer, disabled author of QUEENS OF GEEK, THE BRIGHTSIDERS and GOING OFF SCRIPT. They write unapologetically queer stories about unlikely heroes, awkward romantics and chosen families. Jen's books have been praised in Teen Vogue, Buzzfeed, Autostraddle, Vulture and Bustle. Their debut, QUEENS OF GEEK, made the 2018 Rainbow Book List and the Amelia Bloomer List. Originally from Melbourne, Australia, Jen lives in Brooklyn, NY, with her wife, where she collects books, candles and foster cats. When she isn't writing, Jen spends her time shouting about queer books on TikTok. Connect with her online @jenwildebooks or visit her website: jenwildebooks.com.
Tilly in Technicolor
by Mazey Eddings

Tilly in Technicolor is Mazey Eddings’s sparkling YA debut about two neurodivergent teens who form a connection over the course of a summer.

Tilly Twomley is desperate for change. White-knuckling her way through high school with flawed executive functioning has left her burnt out and ready to start fresh. Working as an intern for her perfect older sister’s start up isn’t exactly how Tilly wants to spend her summer, but the required travel around Europe promises a much-needed change of scenery as she plans for her future. The problem is, Tilly has no idea what she wants.

Oliver Clark knows exactly what he wants. His autism has often made it hard for him to form relationships with others, but his love of color theory and design allows him to feel deeply connected to the world around him. Plus, he has everything he needs: a best friend that gets him, placement into a prestigious design program, and a summer internship to build his resume. Everything is going as planned. That is, of course, until he suffers through the most disastrous international flight of his life, all turmoil stemming from lively and exasperating Tilly. Oliver is forced to spend the summer with a girl that couldn’t be more his opposite - feeling things for her he can't quite name - and starts to wonder if maybe he doesn’t have everything figured out after all.

As the duo’s neurodiverse connection grows, they learn that some of the best parts of life can’t be planned, and are forced to figure out what that means as their disastrously wonderful summer comes to an end.

Author Bio

MAZEY EDDINGS is a neurodiverse author, dentist, and (most importantly) stage mom to her cats, Yaya and Zadie. She can most often be found reading romance novels under her weighted blanket and asking her boyfriend to bring her snacks. She’s made it her personal mission in life to destigmatize mental health issues and write love stories for every brain. With roots in Ohio and North Carolina, she now calls Philadelphia home. A Brush with Love is her first novel.
Unexpecting
A Novel
by Jen Bailey

Juno meets Heartstopper in Jen Bailey’s Unexpecting, a poignant and emotional story about found family, what it means to be a parent, and falling in love.

Benjamin Morrison is about to start junior year of high school and while his family is challenging, he is pretty content with his life, with his two best friends, and being a part of the robotics club. Until an experiment at science camp has completely unexpected consequences.

He is going to be a father. Something his mother was not expecting after he came out as gay and she certainly wasn't expecting that he would want to raise the baby as a single father. But together they come up with a plan to prepare Ben for fatherhood and fight for his rights.

The weight of Ben’s decision presses down on him. He’s always tired, his grades fall, and tension rises between his mom and stepfather. He’s letting down his friends in the robotics club whose future hinges on his expertise. If it wasn't for his renewed friendship (and maybe more) with a boy from his past, he wouldn't be able to face the daily ridicule at school or the crumbling relationship with his best friends.

With every new challenge, every new sacrifice he has to make, Ben questions his choice. He's lived with a void in his heart where a father's presence should have been, and the fear of putting his own child through that keeps him clinging to his decision. When the baby might be in danger, Ben's faced with a heart-wrenching realization: sometimes being a parent means making the hard choices even if they are the choices you don't want to make

Author Bio

JEN BAILEY is an office drone by day and author of Young Adult and New Adult LGBTQ romance by night. She’s a firm believer that everyone, no matter their gender, age, sexual orientation, or paranormal affiliation, deserves a happy ending. She is the author of Unexpecting
Girls Like Girls
by Hayley Kiyoko

Trailblazing pop star, actor and director, Hayley Kiyoko debuts her first novel, a coming-of-age romance based on her breakthrough hit song and viral video, GIRLS LIKE GIRLS.

Author Bio

HAYLEY KIYOKO is an award-winning American singer, dancer, and actress. At the forefront of an unapologetically queer pop movement* according to Rolling Stone, Hayley is a passionate advocate for LGBT rights. Her debut novel, Girls Like Girls, is based on her hit single and music video of the same name.

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Abeni's Song
by P. Djeli Clark

Abeni's Song by award-winning author P. Djeli Clark is the enchanting beginning of an epic West African and African Diaspora-inspired fantasy adventure for middle-grade readers about a reluctant apprentice to magic and the stolen villagers she sets out to save.

On the day of the spirits festival, the old woman who lives in the forest appears in Abeni's village with a terrible message:

You ignored my warnings. It's too late to run. They are coming.

The old woman hasn't come to save them, only to collect one child as payment for her years of service and protection. When warriors with burning blades storm the village and a man with a cursed flute plays an impossibly alluring song, everyone Abeni has ever known and loved is captured and marched toward far-off ghost ships set for even more distant lands.

But not Abeni. Abeni escapes the warriors in the clutches of the old woman, magically whisked into the forest away from all she's ever known. And there she begins her unwanted magical apprenticeship, her journey to escape the witch, and her impossible mission to bring her people home.

Abeni's Song is the beginning of a timeless, enchanting fantasy adventure about a reluctant apprentice, a team of spirit kids, and the village they set out (...)

Author Bio

Born in New York and raised mostly in Houston, P. DJALI CLARK spent the formative years of his life in the homeland of his parents, Trinidad and Tobago. He is the author of the novel A Master of Djinn and the novellas Ring Shout, The Black God's Drums, and The Haunting of Tram Car 015. He has won the Nebula, Locus, and Alex Awards and been nominated for the Hugo, World Fantasy, and Sturgeon Awards. His stories have appeared in online venues such as Tor.com, Daily Science Fiction, Heroic Fantasy Quarterly, Apex, Lightspeed, Beneath Ceaseless Skies, and in print anthologies, including Griots, Hidden Youth, and Clockwork Cairo. He is also a founding member of FIYAH Magazine of Black Speculative Fiction and an infrequent reviewer at Strange Horizons.
Bella's Story
A Puppy Tale
by W. Bruce Cameron

A young reader version of the New York Times and USA Today bestselling novel, *A Dog's Way Home* by W. Bruce Cameron, now a major motion picture!

Even though Bella has to hide from the neighbors and learn boring games like No Barks and Go Home, she loves her boy Lucas. Then one day Bella is picked up by Animal Control and Lucas is forced to send her to a foster home far away. Bella waits and waits for Lucas to come and get her, but days go by and he does not come. Finally Bella realizes what she needs to do - she needs to Go Home to Lucas - and even five hundred miles of dangerous Colorado wilderness won't get in her way.

*Bella's Story* includes charming illustrations by Richard Cowdrey as well as a reading and activity guide at the end of the book.

More Tales from Bruce Cameron!

FROM STARSCAPE:

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FROM FORGE:

**THE DOG’S PURPOSE SERIES:**
A Dog’s Purpose / A Dog’s Journey / A Dog’s Promise

**THE DOG’S WAY HOME SERIES:**
A Dog’s Way Home / A Dog’s (…)

Author Bio

W. BRUCE CAMERON is the #1 New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of *A Dog’s Purpose, A Dog’s Way Home,* and *A Dog’s Journey* (all now major motion pictures), *The Dog Master, A Dog’s Promise,* the Puppy Tales for young readers (starting with *Ellie’s Story* and *Bailey’s Story*), *The Dogs of Bagginton,* and *The Fall of Leaves.*
Lily to the Rescue Bind-Up Books 4-6
Dog Dog Goose, Lost Little Leopard, and The Misfit Donkey by W. Bruce Cameron

Discover #1 New York Times bestselling author W. Bruce Cameron’s Lily to the Rescue chapter book series, in this bind-up of three delightful adventures!

There’s no dog quite like Lily, a rescue dog who rescues other animals, including a gaggle of baby geese, a lost little leopard, and a baby donkey who just wants to make friends.

Early readers will find these inspiring tales of a once-stray dog helping others heartwarmingly irresistible.

This bind-up includes three books in the delightful Lily to the Rescue series: Dog Dog Goose, Lost Little Leopard, and The Misfit Donkey

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Zeus: Water Rescue
Dogs With A Purpose
by W. Bruce Cameron

The start of a brand new series about working dogs from #1 New York Times bestselling author W. Bruce Cameron!

Some dogs were born to lend a helping hand (or paw!).

Zeus, a chocolate lab puppy, is one of them. With his courage, smarts, and strength his purpose seems clear: he'll become a water rescue dog!

When a young boy named Kimo is tasked with training Zeus, they quickly become best friends. But Zeus' excitement makes training hard, and worse yet, becoming a working dog means being separated from Kimo. Can Zeus and his boy figure out how to stay together forever?

The first book in Cameron's new Dogs With a Purpose series, Zeus: Water Rescue is a fun, heartwarming adventure that will introduce young readers to the bravery and hard work of water rescue dogs.

More Tales from Bruce Cameron!

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All of Our Demise
by Amanda Foody and C. L. Herman

All of Our Demise is the epic conclusion to Amanda Foody and C. L. Herman’s New York Times bestselling All of Us Villains duology.

"I feel like I should warn you: this is going to be absolutely brutal."

For the first time in this ancient, bloodstained story, the tournament is breaking. The boundaries between the city of Ilvernath and the arena have fallen. Reporters swarm the historic battlegrounds. A dead boy now lives again. And a new champion has entered the fray, one who seeks to break the curse for good. . . no matter how many lives are sacrificed in the process.

As the curse teeters closer and closer to collapse, the surviving champions each face a choice: dismantle the tournament piece by piece, or fight to the death as this story was always intended.

Long-held alliances will be severed. Hearts will break. Lives will end. Because a tale as wicked as this one was never destined for happily ever after.

The All of Us Villains Duology:
#1) All of Us Villains
#2) All of Our Demise

Praise for All of Us Villains
A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER!
An Indie Bestseller!
An Indie Next Pick!

"Magical, clever and cutthroat, All of Us Villains sets out to make it impossible to know who to root for. . . . A (...)"

Author Bio

AMANDA FOODY has always considered imagination to be our best attempt at magic. She is a New York Times, USA Today, and indie bestselling author of fantasy novels, including the All of Us Villains duology, the Wilderlore series, The Shadow Game series, and more. You can find her on Instagram @amandafooky or amandafooky.com.

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Heat Wave
by TJ Klune

Heat Wave is the explosive finale to the thrilling and uproariously funny" (Sophie Gonzales) Extraordinaries trilogy by New York Times and USA Today bestselling author TJ Klune!

Nick, Seth, Gibby, and Jazz are back in action bringing justice, protection, and disaster energy to the people of Nova City.

An unexpected hero returns to Nova City and crash lands into Nick's home, upturning his life, his family, and his understanding of what it means to be a hero in the explosive finale of the thrilling and hilarious Extraordinaries trilogy by New York Times bestselling author TJ Klune.

Praise for The Extraordinaries
An Indie Bestseller!
An Indie Next Pick!
A Gold Nautilus Book Award Winner!

"Half a love-letter to fandom, half self-aware satire, and wholly lovable. I haven't read anything quite like this before!" - Sophie Gonzales, author of Only Mostly Devastated

"The most down-to-earth book about superheroes I've ever read. I laughed, I cried, and I had a smile on my face the entire time I was reading it." - Mason Deaver, bestselling author of I Wish You All the Best

Is it possible to fall in love with someone's imagination? If so, consider me fully smitten. TJ Klune creates worlds where fear and threat can be conquered by kindness, and a tender, queer heart (...)

Author Bio

TJ KLUNE is the New York Times and USA Today bestselling, Lambda Literary Award-winning author of The House in the Cerulean Sea, The Extraordinaries, and more. Being queer himself, Klune believes it's important - now more than ever - to have accurate, positive queer representation in stories.
**Wildbound**
by Elayne Audrey Becker

*Wildbound* is the thrilling finale to Elayne Audrey Becker’s epic fantasy saga of forest magic and a kingdom on the brink of war.

With the assassination of Telyan's king, the time for peace has passed.

Determined to make up for his failure to procure the stardust, Helos finds work as a healer at Fendolyn's Keep, the historic garrison to which Telyan's exiled royals - and half its civilians - have fled. Racing against the Fallow Throes' ticking clock, he endeavors to repair his relationship with Prince Finley and dreams of his claim to a faraway throne, as the base around him prepares for war.

Half a continent away, his sister Rora is doing everything she can to reawaken the land and end Eradain's slaughter of magical beings. Still reeling from the revelation that Eradain's violent monarch is her half-brother, she journeys to the kingdom determined to infiltrate his court in disguise - and finds the seeds of rebellion are already stirring.

With a magical illness running rampant and the continent arming for battle, the three realms' long-feared destruction seems inevitable. But the two shifters they believed would bring about Alemara's ruin may in fact hold the key to its survival.

Praise for *Forestborn*:

*Forestborn* took me by surprise. It's exciting, heartbreaking, and it would seem as if Elayne Audrey Becker's imagination knows no limits. I will be first in line for her next book."--TJ Klune, *New York Times* bestselling author (…)

**Author Bio**

ELAYNE AUDREY BECKER (she/her) is a storyteller with a passion for history, myth, mountains, and magic. She holds a B.A. from Vassar College and a master of science from the University of Aberdeen, and she has worked as an editor at a New York publisher. Born and raised in Georgia, she grew up with a lake and woods as her backyard, spending long days outside and visiting national parks with her family. *Forestborn* is her first book.
Best Vacation Ever
by Jessica Cunsolo

Two best friends, five hot guys, one dream vacation. What could possibly go wrong?
Lori is beautiful, smart, and athletic, but she can't speak up for herself no matter the situation. Faye is happy to speak her mind - unless her brother is involved.

When the girls get the chance to go on a weeklong trip to a resort with Faye's brother and four of his friends, they jump at the chance to leave their problems behind. However, things quickly get messy.

Soon everyone is fighting, and relationships are being ripped apart. Going on the Best Vacation Ever may turn out to be the Worst Decision Ever.

This delightful, stand-alone novel from Jessica Cunsolo features romance and friendship, but it's also about learning to stand-up for yourself and for what you want.

Author Bio

Jessica Cunsolo's young adult series, With Me, has amassed over 215 million reads on Wattpad since she posted her first story, She's With Me, on the platform in 2015. The novel has won a 2016 Watty Award, been published in multiple languages, and is in development with Wattpad WEBTOON Studios. Jessica lives just outside of Toronto, where she enjoys the outdoors and transforming her real-life awkward situations into plotlines for her viral stories. You can find her on Instagram @jesscunsolo.
Disarming Dakota
by Sumeya E. Alington

For fans of She's With Me and Fight For Her, A modern, gritty tale of star-crossed lovers - the tattooed bad boy with a record and an eye for trouble meets a sharp-witted, broken-hearted girl. Can they both leave their pasts behind and find a future together?
Two wrongs don't make a right . . . or do they?

Her family's fractured. Her life at home is in tatters. And just when Sylvia thinks she'll be able to start fresh all the way across the country with her dad and her stepmother, she meets Dakota . . .

Dakota's just out of juvie, and headed down the same path as his own father, who's still in jail. When he sees Sylvia at a party, they strike up an immediate friendship. Only it's not to last, because once he finds out it was her father who put his in jail . . .

Their families hate each other. But they're drawn to one another. And they'll both have to leave their pasts behind in order to find a future - together.

Author Bio

At the young age of eleven years old, Sumeya E. Alington started off writing comic books in her bedroom to cure her own boredom. Slowly, that love for storytelling grew into writing short stories in magical settings. By the time she was seventeen, she started her Wattpad account and began posting on the site to share stories with the world. In 2015, Alington won a Watty Award for Ditching Greek for the New Adult Genre. Disarming Dakota, her debut novel, will be published by Wattpad Books in Spring 2022.
How Not to Date a Pop Star
by Jada Trainor

Two best friends who've drifted apart have the chance to reconnect in a book that's for fans of romance, fans of pop culture, and for anyone who has ever imagined what it might be like if their favorite pop or movie star crush fell in love with them.

Aaliyah Preston and Tyler Moore were best friends growing up. Tyler played and wrote music, and Aaliyah brought that music to life through dance. They were convinced their lives would change forever after entering a TV talent show, but when Aaliyah's mom ended up in hospital, Tyler had to go alone - and won. Suddenly, he was thrust into the spotlight while she was left behind in their small, seaside town.

Several years later, Tyler is the hottest pop star on the planet, and Aaliyah has her heart set on following in her mom's footsteps and attending the Boston Conservatory to study dance. However, her future becomes hazy when Tyler suddenly comes back home, and wants to make up for all the years they lost - and even plan a future that includes the two of them together.

While Tyler may have a lavish lifestyle and fans all the world over, he isn't happy. What he really wants is a chance at a normal life, and he wants Aaliyah to be part of that life. Now the pair of them will have to find a way to forge a future together without giving up on their dreams.

Author Bio

Jada Trainor joined the Air Force at seventeen, earned a major in English and a minor in psychology, and is currently a stay-at-home mom of four. Her work draws from her own life experiences and often feature interracial relationships. She lives in Indianapolis, IN. How (Not) to Date a Pop Star is her first novel.
Love and Other Wicked Things
by Philline Harms

Sometimes love is the strongest magic of all

When nineteen-year old witch Valerie comes to Oakriver to find answers about her mother who disappeared there seventeen years ago, she meets Rhia, a girl from a family of discreet witches who is determined to keep the existence of magic that Valerie publicly flaunts secret. Their relationship starts off rocky, but neither teen can deny the magnetism toward each other, and Rhia eventually agrees to help Valerie learn about her magic.

But as more is revealed about Valerie's family, Rhia worries Valerie has more to do with her grandmother's vision than she'd like to be true. And when Valerie accidentally conjures up some unwanted guests, the safety of all of Oakriver is at stake. It's up to Rhia and Valerie, and the magical power of love, to save the town as they know it.

Author Bio

Philline Harms is a writer of queer contemporary YA romances including Never Kiss Your Roommate. When she's not working on a novel, she can be found analyzing her friends' birth charts, drinking her body weight in tea, or crafting obscurely specific Spotify playlists - sometimes simultaneously. Living in Germany, she is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Psychology.
Truth comes at a cost.

Ever since Renie Mayfield survived the merciless attack on Belle Morte that killed donors and vampires alike, she is forever changed. Now a vampire, the agonizing transformation of her body and mind is rivaled only by uncovering the horrific truth about her sister, June, who has escaped the mansion in her rabid form, adding even more chaos to Renie’s reality.

As the vampire responsible for Renie’s change, and now her distress, Edmond Dantes remains in his own desperate place. He’s confined in the secret cells of Belle Morte, awaiting the arrival of the council and the subsequent punishment for his actions. Edmond questions if what he did was right and deeply regrets what has become of his home.

Desperate to free Edmond, find June, and bring justice to whoever is behind the recent violence, Renie is out for blood in more ways than one. The smell of corruption is embedded in the walls of Belle More, but behind the walls are even more secrets that may lead to the truth and to justice.

Author Bio

Bella Higgin fell in love with vampire fiction after reading an illustrated copy of Dracula as a kid, so it was inevitable that her debut novel would be about vampires. She currently lives in a small English town not far from the sea, where she writes full-time. Her works on Wattpad have amassed more than twelve million reads. One day she hopes to have enough money to build a TARDIS in her garden.
Cursed Princess Club Volume Two
by LambCat

Just because you're cursed doesn't mean you're not special. Meet Gwendolyn - living proof that princesses don't always have it all. Although she lives in a castle and her father is the King, Gwendolyn isn't like a fairy-tale princess and isn't conventionally attractive. But one night, she accidentally stumbles upon the twisted world of the Cursed Princess Club, and her life will never be the same. Hexed and cast out, the ladies of the club are just the people Gwendolyn needs to show her that just because she doesn't "fit the mold" does not mean she's any less of a princess.

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by S.I.U.

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Lee Jong-hui, also known by the pen-name S.I.U. (Slave In Utero”) is the creator of Tower of God. Having majored in visual arts education at the university level before being conscripted into the South Korean military, S.I.U. started drawing cartoons at the advice of a senior in the army. During this period, S.I.U. drew "ten books" worth of practice cartoons, which formed the backbone of the Tower of God comic he later started to create for the Internet.
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This volume collects episodes 14 - 26 of the hit WEBTOON comic.

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Cherish
by Tracy Wolff

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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.
The Backyard Box
by Judy Allen, illustrated by Tudor Humphries

A collection of 8 mini-sized, full-edition Backyard Book paperback picture books packed into a sturdy gift-edition slipcase

The perennially popular Backyard Books wildlife series is now available in a charming, gift-edition box set. With 8 mini paperback editions inside, this collection is the perfect gift for any preschooler who loves creepy crawlies and wants to get an insect's-eye view of life in a busy backyard. Each book in the set introduces children to an insect that they can safely find in their own backyard, comparing its daily activities and life cycle to that of the reader. Beautiful picture-book style illustrations complement the engaging story text by the award-winning Judy Allen, which is ideal for reading aloud or as a first reader.

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Author Bio

Judy Allen has written over 50 books for children, both fiction and non-fiction. In the UK she has won the Children's Section of the Whitbread Award (now the Costa), of the Christopher Medal and of the Friends of the Earth Earthworm Award. She is especially interested in wildlife, both large and small, and believes it is important (as well as fun) to encourage children to be interested too.

Tudor Humphries trained first as a theatre designer before going on to work as a children's book illustrator, landscape painter, wildlife artist, photographer, sculptor, and teacher. He has brought his lyrical style of artwork to many books and feels a particular affinity for Puddleglum the Marsh-wiggle: "When I found out C.S. Lewis based him on his gardener, it all made sense to me."
The Map from Here to There
by Emery Lord


Perfect for fans of Jenny Han, this gorgeous story of friendship and identity by acclaimed author Emery Lord dares to ask: What happens after happily ever after?

It's senior year, and Paige Hancock is finally living her best life. She has a fun summer job, great friends, and a super charming boyfriend who totally gets her. But senior year also means big decisions. Feeling the weight of "the rest of her life," Paige starts to panic. How can she leave all this behind next year? In her head, she knows there is so much more to life after high school. But in her heart, is it so terrible to want everything to stay the same forever?

Emery Lord's signature storytelling shines with lovable characters and heartfelt exploration of life's most important questions. There will be breakups, makeups, a road trip, and even a wedding. Through it all, can Paige figure out the after part of happily ever after?

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