I Love You for Miles and Miles
by Alison Goldberg, illustrated by Mike Yamada

Now in accessible board book format, this I-love-you book is perfect for children who love vehicles that dig, carry, and lift. Love can be stronger than the strongest excavator, longer than the longest train, and taller than the tallest crane. With exciting imagery and engaging, lyrical text, Goldberg compares the abilities of vehicles like trains, planes, cars, boats, and construction equipment to the never-ending love a parent has for their child.

There's a mix of tenderness and action in nearly every scene, and Yamada sometimes creates space between the two bears in his cheery cartoons, letting the younger one pilot his own helicopter, jet, and tugboat in a way that hints at the push-and-pull between independence and intimacy. The repeating structure and gentle reassurances of Goldberg's verse cast a cozy, restful spell." - Publishers Weekly

Author Bio
Alison Goldberg lives with her family in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I Love You for Miles and Miles is her first picture book, inspired by her children's love of trucks and trains. alisongoldberg.com

Mike Yamada is a production designer at Walt Disney Animation and the illustrator of eight children's books. He currently resides in Los Angeles with his cat. myamada.com

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The Pout-Pout Fish
by Deborah Diesen

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Deep in the water,
Mr. Fish swims about
With his fish face stuck
In a permanent pout.

Can his pals cheer him up?
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Is there something he can learn
From an unexpected friend?

Swim along with the pout-pout fish as he discovers that being glum and spreading dreary wearies isn't really his destiny. Bright ocean colors and playful rhyme come together in Deborah Diesen's fun fish story that's sure to turn even the poutiest of frowns upside down.

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Mr. Fish has prepped and packed,
And he's made big plans to roam.
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On his trip away from home!

But sometimes trips have detours
And not everything goes right.
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World War II: Gallantry at Anzio
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Ruby in the Sky
by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo

Twelve-year-old Ruby Moon Hayes does not want her new classmates to ask about her father. She does not want them to know her mother has been arrested. And she definitely does not want to make any friends. Ruby just wants to stay as silent and invisible as a new moon in the frozen sky. She and her mother won't be staying long in Vermont anyway, and then things can go back to the way they were before everything went wrong.

But keeping to herself isn't easy when Ahmad Saleem, a Syrian refugee, decides he's her new best friend. Or when she meets the Bird Lady, a recluse named Abigail who lives in a ramshackle shed near Ruby's house. Before long Ahmad and Abigail have become Ruby's friends - and she realizes there is more to their stories than everyone knows.

As ugly rumors begin to swirl around the people Ruby loves, she must make a choice: break her silence, or risk losing everything that's come to mean so much to her. Ruby in the Sky is a story of the walls we hide behind, and the magic that can happen when we're brave enough to break free.

Author Bio

JEANNE ZULICK FERRUOLO lives in Ellington, Connecticut, with her husband and children. Ruby in the Sky is her first novel, and it won the SCBWI Work-in-Progress Award, the PEN New England Susan P. Bloom Children's Book Discovery Award, and the New Voices in Children's Literature: Tassy Walden Award.
Pout-Pout Fish: Lucky Leprechaun
by Deborah Diesen, illustrated by Dan Hanna

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Pout-Pout Fish in The Pout-Pout Fish: Lucky Leprechaun! Will Mr. Fish and his friends find their pot of gold? At an affordable price point, and with two pages of stickers, this new format is fun and accessible for Mr. Fish's fans and newcomers alike.

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Borrowing Bunnies
A Surprising True Tale of Fostering Rabbits
by Cynthia Lord, illustrated by Hazel Mitchell, photographs by John Bald

Newbery Honor author Cynthia Lord likes fostering rabbits - or, as she fondly calls it, borrowing bunnies.” This is the heartwarming true story of the author’s own journey with two very special rabbits.

In the spring of 2016, Peggotty and Benjamin were saved by Maine’s Cottontail Cottage Rabbit Rescue after their previous owners had neglected them. But before the two Netherland Dwarf rabbits could be adopted, Cynthia had to help them learn to trust people and feel safe inside a home. The bunnies slowly settled in, enjoying their clean pens, nibbling new foods, and playing with fun toys, while Cindy's husband, John Bald, photographed Benjamin and Peggotty's every step toward adoption. At that time, hundreds of viewers were drawn to Cindy's Facebook page to watch their progress. Now, she has adapted the rabbits' true story into a picture book that explores love, responsibility, empathy, and letting go - along with fostering's many surprises, both big and small.

Young readers will delight in watching these bunnies thrive while also learning a few fun animal facts. With Cindy's pitch-perfect blend of warmth and real-life experience, Borrowing Bunnies is a new classic in narrative nonfiction.

Author Bio
Location: Cynthia Lord - Brunswick, ME

Cynthia Lord is the Newbery Honor author of Rules and three other middle-grade novels. Her first picture book, Hot Rod Hamster, inspired a bestselling series about a speed-loving hamster that also includes four early readers. Her chapter-book series, Shelter Pet Squad, appeared on the American Booksellers Association’s ABC Best Books for Children list. Cindy lives in Maine with her husband, John Bald, their children, and a collection of beloved animals, including three rabbits (so far!). cynthialord.com
Wild Horse Annie
Friend of the Mustangs
by Tracey Fern, illustrated by Steven Salerno

Velma Johnston (1912-1977), nicknamed "Wild Horse Annie," loved wild mustangs all her life. When she saw mustangs being rounded up and killed to make room for ranchers, she knew she had to speak up. She began writing letters to local newspapers and politicians. Many people told her to hush up, but they couldn't stop Annie. She soon became a voice for mustangs across the state of Nevada. Annie got children to speak up with her, writing letters to Washington, D.C. to ask their elected officials to save the mustangs. In 1971, with the help of her young "pencil brigade," she persuaded Congress to pass a law protecting wild horses and burros on public land. Wild Horse Annie empowered a generation of children to become a voice for the voiceless.

W is for Webster:
"A solid introduction to America's most famous lexicographer." - School Library Journal, starred review

Barnum's Bones:
"T. rex lovers will gobble it up, and seekers of easy biographies will be hot on their heels." - School Library Journal, starred review

"Tracey Fern turns a slice of a scientist's biography into an American adventure tale." - New York Times

Goldenlocks and the Three Pirates:
"Arr-guably the best pirate fairy tale to sail the seven storytimes." - Kirkus Reviews

The Fantastic Ferris Wheel:
"An absorbing read for young makers and dreamers." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

Author Bio

Location: Tracey Fern - West Newton, Massachusetts; Steven Salerno - New York, NY

Tracey Fern is the author of many critically acclaimed picture books, including Barnum's Bones, Dare the Wind, and W is for Webster. As a child, she was a member of Wild Horse Annie's pivotal pencil brigade. She lives with her family in West Newton, Massachusetts.

Steven Salerno has illustrated thirty popular picture books, including The
Susan is the new girl—she's sharp and driven, and strives to meet her parents' expectations of excellence. Malcolm is the bad boy—he started raising hell at age fifteen, after his mom died of cancer, and has had a reputation ever since.

Susan's parents are on the verge of divorce. Malcolm's dad is a known adulterer.

Susan hasn't told anyone, but she wants to be an artist. Malcolm doesn't know what he wants—until he meets her.

Love is messy and families are messier, but in spite of their burdens, Susan and Malcolm fall for each other. The ways they drift apart and come back together are testaments to family, culture, and being true to who you are.

Author Bio

Tanaz Bhathena was born in Mumbai and raised in Riyadh, Jeddah, and Toronto. She is the author of the young adult novel A Girl Like That.
In a Minute, Mama Bear
by Rachel Bright

In a Minute, Mama Bear is the first in a new series following Mama Bear and Bella Bear, from the author and illustrator of the #1 Publishers Weekly bestseller Love Monster.

Mama Bear is all ready to start her busy day: there are errands to run, classes to get to, and lots more to do. Mama is raring to go! But toddler Bella is lagging behind. So Mama Bear decides to throw the to-do list out the window and spend the day playing and relaxing in the park with Bella Bear - and together they find that sometimes, when things don't go as planned, they can still have a whole lot of fun.

Author Bio

Location: Bristol, UK

Rachel Bright is a wordsmith, printmaker, and thinker of happy thoughts. The author-illustrator of several acclaimed picture books, she is passionate about time-honored printmaking techniques. She works from her converted caravan studio, on a farm near the sea in the south of England, where she lives with her partner, a dog called Elvis, and a cat called Superman.

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Hazy Bloom and the Mystery Next Door
by Jennifer Hamburg, illustrated by Jenn Harney

Summer has just begun, and Hazel Hazy" Bloom is not a happy camper. In fact, she's not even an unhappy camper, because she's stuck at home while all of her friends spend their summers camping (okay, Elizabeth's is only day camp, but still). But then her tomorrow power - her ability to see a visual cue about something that will happen the next day - leads her to the empty house next door, where strange things keep happening. Empty house. Flickering lights. Sudden gust of wind. Could there be a ghost there? Hazy realizes it's once again up to her to solve the mystery and prevent doom!"

Hazy Bloom and the Pet Project:
"[A] hilarious story centered around family and friendship, with enough action and conflict to propel the plot." - Booklist

" Belly-laugh inducing." - Kirkus Reviews

Hazy Bloom and the Tomorrow Power:
"Fast-paced and amusing . . . Likely to engage the primary school set with its madcap humor and unpredictable heroine." - Kirkus Reviews

"This series starter strikes a nice balance between drama and levity . . . Hazy may well be a match for Beverly Cleary's spunky Ramona Quimby." - Booklist

"This quickly paced tale features a well-developed main character and lots of funny scenes . . . Hazy's voice is unique, and her quirky personality is showcased on every page . . . Harney's pictures are charming and add to the humor of the story." - School Library Journal

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Location: Jennifer Hamburg - Houston, Texas; Jenn Harney - Cleveland, OH

Jennifer Hamburg is an Emmy-winning children's television writer who has worked on hit shows such as Doc McStuffins, Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, and Super Why! She is currently at work on another Hazy Bloom adventure, and lives with her family in Houston, Texas. Jenn Harney is an illustrator and toy designer whose work has been featured in Highlights for Children magazine. Jenn lives in Cleveland, Ohio, with her husband, her daughter, a dog named Steve, and a fish with nine lives. She is the author of the Hazy Bloom series, and creator of the toy company Glow Stevies.
Tito the Bonecrusher
by Melissa Thomson

Oliver "Spaghetti-O" Jones's dad is about to be jailed for a crime he didn't commit, and Oliver believes the only way to save him is with the help of his favorite lucha-libre wrestler turned action star, Tito the Bonecrusher. Together with his best friend, Brianna (a.k.a. "Brain"), and their new ally Paul "Popcorn" Robards, Oliver devises a madcap plan to spring his dad from a Florida detention center.

Heartwarming and hilarious, this book looks at what it takes to be a hero . . . and what happens when you realize that saving the day might not always be possible.

Keena Ford and the Second-Grade Mix-Up:

"[Keena's] escapades and the way she handles them ring with an emotional honesty readers will recognize." - Kirkus Reviews

Keena Ford and the Secret Journal Mix-Up:

"Thomson sensitively captures Keena's everyday anxieties at school as well as the friction and love she feels at home with her divorced mom and older brother." - Booklist

Author Bio

Melissa Thomson has been both an elementary and middle-school teacher, as well as a literacy coach, in New York and Washington, DC public schools. She is also the author of the Keena Ford chapter book series. Melissa lives in Arlington, Virginia, with her husband and son. melissathomson.com
Squad
by Mariah MacCarthy

Jenna Watson is a cheerleader. But it's not some Hollywood crap. Cheerleaders are not every guy's fantasy; they are not the "popular girls" or the "mean girls" of Marsen High School. They're too busy for that. They're literally just some human females trying to live their lives and do a perfect toe touch. But that all changed after Raejean stopped talking to Jenna and started hanging out with Meghan Finnegan. Jenna stopped getting invited out with the rest of the squad and she couldn't tell if it was on purpose or if it was all in her head.

At times heartbreaking, at others hilarious, Squad follows Jenna through her attempts to get revenge on Raejean and invent a new post-cheer life for herself through LARPING (live action role-playing) and a relationship with a trans guy that feels like love—but isn't. In the end Jenna discovers that who she is is not defined by which squad she's in.

Author Bio

Location: Astoria, New York

Mariah MacCarthy is an award-winning writer. She's written for BuzzFeed, Yes! Magazine, LOOK Magazine, The Brooklyn Rail, and others. Her award-winning plays have been performed all over the world, and the New York Times said her work was "a lot of fun." Squad is her first novel.

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The Chickens Are Coming!
by Barbara Samuels

Winston and Sophie live in a big city. When they see a sign for chickens that need a home, Mommy says you don't need to live in the country to raise chickens. And what could be better-pets that lay eggs! So they prepare the coop, tell their friends, and, soon enough, the chickens arrive. But it seems that no matter what the children try, these chickens don't want to be pets, and they refuse to lay eggs. Can anything change the chickens' minds? Will the chickens ever feel at home? With bright, funny illustrations and an informative note from author Barbara Samuels, The Chickens Are Coming! is a story about doing something new, learning to be patient, and welcoming new members into the family.

Author Bio

Location: New York, New York

Barbara Samuels is the author-illustrator of numerous books for children, including Fred's Beds, The Trucker, and the popular Dolores books, one of which received a Christopher Award. She lives in New York City with her husband and son.
Fear of Missing Out
by Kate McGovern

Every teen has a fear of missing out on something - a party, a basketball game, a hangout after school. But what about missing out on life? When Astrid learns that her cancer has returned, she hears about a radical technology called cryopreservation that allows terminally ill patients to freeze themselves until a future time where there is a cure. She sets out with her supportive boyfriend, Mohit, and her best friend, Chloe, to see if this is the path she really wants to take.

What will Astrid miss out on if she goes through with cryopreservation? What will she miss out on if she doesn't?

Author Bio

Location: Cambridge Massachusetts

Kate McGovern is the author of Rules for 50/50 Chances. She has taught theatre and language arts to middle schoolers in Boston, New York, and London. A graduate of Yale and Oxford, she currently lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she was born and raised. kate-mcgovern.com

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Maybe a Mermaid
by Josephine Cameron

Eleven-year-old Anthoni Gillis is not the kind of kid who believes in fairies, unicorns, or even the word *maybe*. She's more of a comics hero girl. So when her mom brings her to Thunder Lake for a summer at the Showboat Resort, she doesn't believe the local rumors about the Boulay Mermaid.

Anthoni has bigger fish to fry. She's always wanted a True Blue Best Friend. But it's been hard to find one the past five years, bouncing from town to town, helping her mother sell Beauty and the Bee beauty products. This summer will be different though. Anthoni has a plan—a foolproof checklist for making lifelong friends! There won't be any *maybes* this time.

Josephine Cameron's energetic and heartfelt debut raises timeless questions about truth, lies, and the hope that grows between them.

Author Bio

Location: Brunswick, ME

Josephine Cameron received her MFA in creative writing from the University of Notre Dame. She lives in Maine, where she writes, sings, and teaches music to kids. *Maybe a Mermaid* is her debut novel. josephinecameron.com
You Can Do It, Pout-Pout Fish!
by Deborah Diesen and Dan Hanna

The Pout-Pout Fish has a fun idea! He is going to make a painting for his friends at school, and he does not need any help. He can do this on his own! But when his plan doesn't work, he may end up needing his friends after all. Little pouts are sure to turn into big smiles with this Beginning Reader, featuring the characters and settings you love from the New York Times bestselling Pout-Pout Fish series.

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Deborah Diesen is the New York Times bestselling author of The Pout-Pout Fish, named by Time Magazine as one of the Ten Best Children's Books of 2008, and The Pout-Pout Fish in the Big-Big Dark. Diesen grew up in Midland, Michigan, and started writing poems at a young age. She has worked as a bookseller and a librarian, and now works for a small nonprofit organization, but her greatest joy comes from writing for children. She lives with her family in Grand Ledge, Michigan.

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 Santa Barbara, California. He is the illustrator of the Pout-Pout Fish books.
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We're Going on a Treasure Hunt
by Kelly DiPucchio, illustrated by Jan Fleck

In this imaginative twist on the storytime classic We're Going on a Bear Hunt, a crew of adorable animal pirates is on a high-seas quest for treasure. These salty dogs—and giraffes, and elephants, and others—are off to fetch some gold, and no whale, skeleton, or thunderstorm can stand in their way. But our brave buccaneers best beware, because there may be even more trouble ahead! With Kelly DiPucchio's fun, rhyming text and Jay Fleck's bright illustrations, this is a rollicking read-aloud perfect for little adventurers.

Everyone Loves Cupcake (written by Kelly DiPucchio):
"This tempting treat will satisfy young readers' craving for laughs." - School Library Journal

"Undeniably, unabashedly charming in its whimsy and wordplay." - The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

Dragon Was Terrible (written by Kelly DiPucchio):
"This is one terribly good dragon tale that will leave readers laughing and with an appreciation for the healing power of a good book." - Kirkus, starred review

"In this laugh-out-loud picture book, the powers of storytelling triumphantly tame the beast." - School Library Journal

Everything You (illustrated by Jay Fleck):
"The succinct text pairs nicely with the spare art style, which offers uncluttered spreads focused on the parent-and-child interactions." - Kirkus Reviews

Author Bio

Location: Macomb, Michigan

Kelly Dipucchio is the author of many popular children's books, including Dragon Was Terrible, illustrated by Greg Pizzoli; Everyone Loves Bacon; and Everyone Loves Cupcake, both illustrated by Eric Wight. She lives with her best mates and three salty dogs in southeastern Michigan. You can find her online at kellydipucchio.com.

Jay Fleck is the illustrator of numerous books for children, including Everything You by Elizabeth McPike and Flo by Kyo Maclear. He lives in Shorewood, Illinois, with his family. Visit him online at jayfleck.com.
You and Me and the Wishing Tree
by Nancy Tillman

We woke up in the usual way, but it was not a usual day. Out on the lawn, plain as could be, stood an orange wishing tree. I wish!" I said. "I wish!" said you. And so our double wishes grew.

Wishes are a magical part of childhood. Whether we wish on stars or blow out candles on a cake, our dreams matter. Nancy Tillman captures the wonder of wishes as only she can, with love.

Gorgeous, magical illustrations complement this ode to the love between a parent and child. The joyous excursion through the boy's imagination makes for a sweet bedtime read, giving both parent and child a chance to share wishes great and small. A delightful read for one-on-one sharing." - School Library Journal

"Tillman's mixed-media collages always have an air of surreal magic to them, a quality that especially befits this dreamy story of a mother's visit to a wish-granting tree with her child." - Publishers Weekly

Praise for Nancy Tillman:

"Young children adore pretending to be animals, and Tillman's insight into the wish to turn into another creature powers this book." - Publishers Weekly on I'd Know You Anywhere, My Love

"This is soothing, visually attractive, and makes for a comforting bedtime read-aloud." - Booklist on The Crown on Your Head

"A beautiful tribute to the uniqueness of every child." - Kirkus Reviews on On the Night You Were Born

Author Bio

Location: Portland, Or

Snakes on a Train
by Kathryn Dennis

An adorable picture book full of sibilant sounds and other word play, *Snakes on a Train* is as fun for parents as it is for kids, and sure to be a read-aloud hit.

*The conductor takes the tickets as the snakes start crawling on.*

*The tracks are checked, the whistle blows. It's time to move along.*

*Hisssssssssssss goes the sound of the train.***

**Author Bio**

Location: Seattle, Washington

Kathryn Dennis began her art career drawing on walls and sidewalks and painting anything that did not move. In fourth grade, she published her first project—a comic strip about a platypus, which she sold for a nickel. *Snakes on a Train* is her (official) picture book debut.
Everything Is Mama
by Jimmy Fallon, illustrated by Miguel Ordonez

Everything is . . .

MAMA!

Jimmy Fallon, one of the most popular entertainers in the world and NBC's Tonight Show host, was on a mission with his first children's book to have every baby's first word be DADA. And it worked! A lot of babies' first words were DADA. However, everything after that was MAMA.

So take a lighthearted look at the world from your baby's point of view as different animals try to teach their children that there are other words in addition to MAMA for familiar objects and activities, now available in board book.

Your Baby's First Word Will Be DADA:

A punchy and deceptively simple story that will make for some fun readalouds." - Publishers Weekly

"Children of all ages can glean knowledge and enjoyment from this book." - Children's Literature

Author Bio

Location: Jimmy Fallon - New York City; Miguel Ordoñez - Madrid, Spain

Emmy Award and Grammy Award winner Jimmy Fallon did everything in his power to ensure that his daughter's first word would be Dada!" Yes, he has many other projects on his plate, like hosting NBC's The Tonight Show. But he was determined that his daughter would say "Dada!" before any other word. He worked very hard on this. Jimmy Fallon lives with his wife, Nancy, and their daughters, Winnie Rose and Frances Cole, in New York City. Winnie's first word was "Mama!"

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- (5) copies of EVERYTHING IS MAMA (9781250125835)

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Microsaurs: Beware the Tiny-Spino
by Dustin Hansen, illustrated by Dustin Hansen

Disaster awaits when the most annoying girl in school discovers the existence of our favorite tiny dinosaurs in the fifth installment of Dustin Hansen's illustrated chapter book series.

Vicky Van Varbles, AKA Lin's nemesis, AKA the most annoying person on the planet, has discovered the microterium! Lin is convinced that this is the Worst. Thing. EVER! Vicky has never kept a secret in her life. The only solution is to trap her in a bug jar for the rest of eternity.

But Danny has a different plan . . . if they can induct Vicky into the (newly created) International Microsaur Protection Agency, he's sure she can be convinced to keep their secret. But first Vicky has to pass Lin's increasingly difficult and dangerous tests . . . If Danny can't get Lin and Vicky to work together, then the microsaurs really might be doomed!

The Microsaurs Series:
"Video-game creator Hansen mashes up dinosaurs, futuristic technology, extreme sports, and other ever-popular story elements in his first novel, which launches the Microsaurs series." - Publishers Weekly

"Hansen mixes fantasy, science fiction, and realistic fiction to create a fast-paced read for elementary readers. His whimsical illustrations of the dinosaurs make them appear as lovable pets." - Booklist

"This fast paced book is full of action and the delightful illustrations will attract young readers." - School Library Connection

Author Bio

Location: Dustin Hansen - Ephraim, UT; Dustin Hansen - Ephraim, UT

Dustin Hansen, author of Game On! and the Microsaurs series, was raised in rural Utah, where he spent many days hiking red rock canyons that once belonged to the dinosaurs. But even the beautiful mountains couldn't keep him away from his love of pixels and controllers. He has been writing and creating art for the video game industry for more than two decades. Dustin and his family live in rural Utah once again, where he is the current king of the family Mario Kart circuit. Dustin Hansen, author of Game On! and the Microsaurs series, was raised in rural Utah, where he spent many days hiking red rock canyons that once belonged to the dinosaurs. But even the beautiful
Spirits, Spells, and Snark
by Kelly McCullough

In this middle-grade sequel to Kelly McCullough's *Magic, Madness, and Mischief*, a 13-year-old boy and his snarky fire hare familiar must use his new magical powers to rescue his long-lost father in a magical version of St. Paul.

Kalvan Monroe is worried. Every story he's ever read told him things should be better now. He mastered his magic, defeated his evil stepfather, and freed the land. Everything should be good now. But in breaking the Winter King's power, he also broke the spell that helped his mother keep her grip on reality.

Basically . . . things at home aren't great. And it turns out that the magical powers that be aren't done with him yet. So, he's also dealing with that. And the constant attempts on his life. And, oh yeah, there's school, too. Not to mention that the Earth itself is talking to him . . .

Is it too late for him to just give up and hide under the bed?

Praise for *Magic, Madness, and Mischief*:
The author excels at introducing magic into the everyday modern world.” - *School Library Journal*

“McCullough smoothly blends family drama, school story, and magical coming of age in this entertaining fantasy. Fans of Percy Jackson will be eager to hop into Kalvan's world.” - *The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books (BCCB)*

Praise for *Magic, Madness, and Mischief*:
Middle graders will enjoy McCullough's characters, especially Sparx, whose language drips with sarcasm at (…)

Author Bio

Location: Menomonie, Wisconsin

Kelly McCullough is the author of the adult fantasy series Webmage and Assassin's Blade. *School for Sidekicks* was his first novel for young readers. He lives in Wisconsin with his physics professor wife and a small herd of cats, all of whom he adores.
Ransacker
by Emmy Laybourne

In this compulsively readable YA Fantasy - and sequel to Berserker by Emmy Laybourne - romance, intrigue, and danger draw readers to the incredible conclusion of this unforgettable duology, from the author of the Monument 14 series.

Rare powers. Precious metals. Deadly greed.

Sissel Hemstad and her siblings have been living peacefully in a small town in Montana, trying to blend-in and escape the violent events that haunt them, but they've all been tricked - James Peavy, the handsome young man courting Sissel is secretly a Pinkerton spy.

The Hemstads possess supernatural powers bestowed upon their family by the ancient Norse gods. Now Sissel, the youngest at 16, discovers her gift: she is a Ransacker. She can find gold and other precious metals and pull them to her. Hers is an awesome and dangerous gift.

If James discovers her secret, he will undoubtedly report back to his boss, the ruthless Baron Fjelstad who wants desperately to control the Hemstads. But James is not the only person interested in Sissel. She's also caught the attention of a local mine owner, Isaiah McKray. He is convinced Sissel has a lucky touch when it comes to finding gold.

Sissel is torn between the two men, both determined to have her secrets. With betrayal lurking around every corner, Sissel must tread carefully.

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Available as an E-Book

Author Bio

Location: Pearl River, NY

Emmy Laybourne is a screenwriter, lyricist, and actress. She has acted in movies, television, and improv groups including Chicago City Limits. She lives in Chestnut Ridge, New York, with her husband and their two children. She is the author of the Monument 14 trilogy.
Death Prefers Blondes
by Caleb Roehrig

This high-stakes YA thriller features a rebel heiress and butt-kicking, jewel-thieving drag queens from Caleb Roehrig, author of Last Seen Leaving, a Buzzfeed Best YA novel of 2016.

Margo Manning has never seen eye to eye with her wealthy industrialist father, Hugo. Headstrong and ignored, she lives a life of spoiled indolence by day - and high crime by night. Aided by a crew of acrobatic young men (dressed in wigs and high heels) she performs a series of daring and extravagant jewel heists across the LA area. Both in and out of disguise, Margo is in all the headlines.

But when Hugo Manning's murdered by his second-in-command, Margo must grow up overnight. Her father's killer wants to take Manning Enterprises in a shocking new direction, and will wipe out any obstacle in his path to do it - including the daughter slated to inherit a sizable share of the business. With no one to trust but her flamboyant and feisty band of fellow thieves, Margo must reclaim her birthright, or die trying.

Praise for Last Seen Leaving:

A Buzzfeed Best YA Novel of 2016
Best YA Novel of 2016 - Paste Magazine
A Kirkus Best of 2016 Book - Teen

"A compelling mystery and characters with fully developed strengths and flaws make Roehrig's novel an important addition in the world of queer young adult fiction." - Publishers Weekly, starred review

"[A] sensationalistic, twisty mystery with credible characters . . . Readers won't be able to put it down." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

Advance Praise for White Rabbit:

"Twisty plotting, suspenseful pacing, and vivid characters add up to a heart-pounding page turner that you'll stay up way too late to finish." - Karen M. McManus, New York Times bestselling author of One of Us Is Lying.

Author Bio

Location: Chicago, IL

Caleb Roehrig’s debut YA thriller, Last Seen Leaving, was called one of the Best Books of 2016 by Entertainment Weekly. Caleb lives in Chicago.
Before she had an eating disorder, twelve-year-old Riley was many things: an aspiring artist, a runner, a sister, and a friend.

But now, from inside the inpatient treatment center where she's receiving treatment for anorexia, it's easy to forget all of that. Especially since under the influence of her eating disorder, Riley alienated her friends, abandoned her art, turned running into something harmful, and destroyed her family's trust.

If Riley wants her life back, she has to recover.

Part of her wants to get better. As she goes to therapy, makes friends in the hospital, and starts to draw again, things begin to look up.

But when her roommate starts to break the rules, triggering Riley's old behaviors and blackmailing her into silence, Riley realizes that recovery will be even harder than she thought. She starts to think that even if she does "recover," there's no way she'll stay recovered once she leaves the hospital and is faced with her dieting mom, the school bully, and her gymnastics-star sister.

Written by an eating disorder survivor, this is a realistic depiction of inpatient eating disorder treatment, and a moving story about a girl who has to fight herself to survive.

"P.S. I Miss You is so moving! Evie's quiet strength (…)

Author Bio

Location: Massachusetts

Jen Petro-Roy is a former teen librarian, an obsessive reader, and a trivia fanatic. She lives with her husband and two young daughters in Massachusetts. She is the author of P.S. I Miss You Good Enough, and You Are Enough: An Inclusive Guide to Body Image and Eating Disorder Recovery. Jen is an eating disorder survivor and an advocate for recovery.
You Are Enough
Your Guide to Body Image and Eating Disorder Recovery
by Jen Petro-Roy

This nonfiction self-help book for young readers with disordered eating and body image problems delivers real talk about eating disorders and body image, tools and information for recovery, and suggestions for dealing with the media messages that contribute so much to disordered eating.

You Are Enough answers questions like:
- What are eating disorders?
- What types of treatment are available for eating disorders?
- What is anxiety?
- How can you relax?
- What is cognitive reframing?
- Why are measurements like BMI flawed and arbitrary?
- What is imposter syndrome?
- How do our role models affect us?
- How do you deal with body changes?
... just to name a few.

Many eating disorder books are written in a way that leaves many people out of the eating disorder conversation, and this book is written with a special eye to inclusivity, so that people of any gender, socioeconomic group, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or chronic illness can benefit.

Eating disorder survivor Jen Petro-Roy draws from her own experience with anorexia, OCD (...)

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Warrior of the Wild
by Tricia Levenseller

An eighteen-year-old chieftain's daughter must find a way to kill her village's oppressive deity if she ever wants to return home in this Viking-inspired YA standalone fantasy from Tricia Levenseller, author of Daughter of the Pirate King.

How do you kill a god?

As her father’s chosen heir, eighteen-year-old Rasmira has trained her whole life to become a warrior and lead her village. But when her coming-of-age trial is sabotaged and she fails the test, her father banishes her to the monster-filled wilderness with an impossible quest: To win back her honor, she must kill the oppressive god who claims tribute from the villages each year or die trying.

One of my favourite YA books ever. The action! The world-building! The voice! This book kicks so much ass." - Cale Dietrich, author of The Love Interest

Praise for Tricia Levenseller:
"Levenseller has created a formidable female character who can take care of herself as she makes some hard decisions." - School Library Journal on Daughter of the Pirate King

"[Levenseller's] words will pull you in, and there's no escaping them." - Charlie N. Holmberg, author of The Paper Magician Series, on Daughter of the Siren Queen

"With a cunning plot, robust writing, and complicated characters, any reader will enjoy being manipulated in Levenseller's capable hands." - Anna Banks, author of the New York Times Bestseller Of Triton, on Daughter of the Pirate King

Author Bio

Location: Orem, Utah

Tricia Levenseller, author of Daughter of the Pirate King, is from a small town in Oregon, but she now lives next to the Rocky Mountains in Utah with her bossy dog, Rosy. She received her degree in English Language and Editing, and she is thrilled that she never has to read a textbook again. When she's not writing or reading, Tricia enjoys putting together jigsaw puzzles, playing volleyball, and watching her favorite TV shows while eating extra-buttered popcorn.
Space Cat-astrophe: My FANGtastically Evil Vampire Pet
by Mo O'Hara, illustrated by Marek Jagucki

In the second book of this FANGtastic spin-off of Mo O'Hara's New York Times - bestselling My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish chapter book series, an aspiring evil scientist and his mostly evil (and totally forbidden) vampire kitten blast off to Evil Scientist Space Camp.

My epic summer has just gotten even more epic, because Evil Scientist Summer Camp just turned into Evil Scientist Space Camp! AND it will be led by the totally epic evil astronaut Neil Strongarm! Who is looking for evil apprentices for his next space mission! Which means that I could totally go into SPACE!!!

I'm already well on my way to Evil Emperor of the Camp. Winning this competition should be easy. Okay, so maybe I didn't expect Geeky Girl to be quite so good at being evil, but I know I've got this. All I need is a plan. Hmmmm . . . I wonder if you can take evil kittens on space stations.

Let the Epic Evil Spaceness begin.

Signed,
The Great and Powerful Mark

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Promotion

Author Bio

Location: Mo O'Hara - London, UK

Mo O'Hara is the author of the My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish series. She grew up in Pennsylvania and now lives in London, where she works as a writer, actor, and storyteller, visiting theaters and schools all across the UK and Ireland. Mo and her brother once brought their own pet goldfish back from the brink of death (true fact). Marek Jagucki, the illustrator of the My Big Fat
The 104-Story Treehouse
by Andy Griffiths, illustrated by Terry Denton

New York Times-bestselling team Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton invite readers to come hang out with them in their 104-Story Treehouse - the eighth book in the illustrated chapter book series filled with Andy and Terry's signature slapstick humor!

Andy and Terry live in a 104-story treehouse. (It used to be a 91-story treehouse, but they decided it was still missing a few things.) It has a never-ending staircase, a burp bank, a deep-thoughts thinking room, Mount Everest, a mighty fortress reinforced with extra-strong fortress reinforcer, and a money-making machine (that also makes honey!).

When Andy has a toothache that hurts so bad he can't write any jokes for their new book, Terry knows just what to do: buy a Joke Writer 2000(TM) to write the jokes for them! All they need first is some money from their money-making machine and then it's off to the store. It's a foolproof plan - a Terry-proof one, even!

What could go wrong?

Praise for Andy Griffiths and the Treehouse series:

Anarchic absurdity at its best . . . . Denton's manic cartooning captures every twist and turn in hilarious detail." - Publishers Weekly, starred review, on The 13-Story Treehouse

"Will appeal to fans of Jeff Kinney and Dav Pilkey . . . . The wonderfully random slapstick humor is tailor-made for reluctant readers. . . . A treat for all." - Booklist on The 13-Story Treehouse

"Twice the treehouse, twice the fun? You bet. . . . Denton's furiously scrawled line drawings milk the silly, gross-out gags for everything they're worth. Kids should be flipping pages faster than a (...)"
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by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

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Young Captain Nemo
by Jason Henderson

Armed with his wits, his friends, and his Nemotech submarine, a twelve-year-old descendant of Jules Verne's famous antihero is determined to help make the ocean a safer place one adventure at a time in Jason Henderson's Young Captain Nemo, first in a new middle-grade series.

Gabriel Nemo is not your typical 12-year-old. A descendant of the famous Captain Nemo, he spent the first years of his life living in obscurity, isolated in his parents' peaceful underwater research lab. But with his older sister off following in their ancestor's footsteps, sinking whalers and running away from vengeful navies, Gabriel decides it's time to forge his own path, and use his Nemotech legacy for good.

Armed only with his wits, his friends, and his Nemotech submarine, Gabriel embarks on a series of daring rescues and exciting underwater battles. But when Gabriel's sister suddenly appears with proof of previously undiscovered sea creatures - giant beasts inhabiting wrecked war planes and ships - Gabriel and his new friends must face their biggest and most dangerous mission ever!

Author Bio

Location: Denver, Colorado

Jason Henderson, author of Young Captain Nemo, is a regular speaker on media and entertainment. His popular podcasts Castle Talk and Castle of Horror feature interviews and discussion panels made up of best-selling writers and artists from all genres. His young adult series, Alex Van Helsing, was named by the Texas Library Association to the 2011 Lone Star Reading List. He also writes for games and comics. Henderson earned his BA from University of Dallas in 1993 and his JD from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C., in 1996. Henderson lives in Colorado with his wife and two daughters.
Friendship, heartbreak, and defining what family means are rarely as sensitively, beautifully portrayed in middle-grade fiction. Shaunta Grimes is an extraordinary new talent.

Gideon hates the idea of moving to Nevada from the East Coast. It's so empty and hot in his new neighborhood. Only one person his age lives nearby: the girl next door, Roona.

Gid notices right away that Roona is . . . different. She wears roller skates and a blanket as a cape when she needs to feel strong. What he doesn't bargain for, however, is how far outside his comfort zone Roona will take him as she enlists his help in finding her long-gone father. For a kid who's not allowed to ride his bike more than a few blocks from home, this will be the adventure of a lifetime.

Author Bio

Location: Reno, NV

Shaunta Grimes has worked as a substitute teacher, a newspaper reporter, a drug court counselor, and a vintage clothing seller. Before writing for children, she published two science fiction novels, *Viral Nation* and *Rebel Nation*. She lives in Reno with her family, where she writes, teaches, and perpetually studies at the University of Nevada. *The Astonishing Maybe* marks her middle-grade debut. Visit her blog about writing at whatisaplot.com.
In a book that is both urgent and timely, Melissa Ostrom explores the intricacies of shame and victim-blaming that accompany the aftermath of assault.

After surviving an assault at an off-campus party, nineteen-year-old Maggie is escaping her college town, and, because her reporting the crime has led to the expulsion of some popular athletes, many people - in particular, the outraged Tigers fans - are happy to see her go.

Maggie moves in with her Aunt Wren, a sculptor who lives in an isolated cabin bordered by nothing but woods and water. Maggie wants to forget, heal, and hide, but her aunt's place harbors secrets and situations that complicate the plan. Worse, the trauma Maggie hoped to leave behind has followed her, haunting her in ways she can't control, including flashbacks, insomnia and a sense of panic. Her troubles intensify when she begins to receive messages from another student who has survived a rape on her old campus. Just when Maggie musters the courage to answer her emails, the young woman goes silent.

Early Praise for The Beloved Wild:

"A page-turning, delightful debut with equal parts historical adventure and romance." - Ruta Sepetys, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Salt to the Sea

Author Bio

Location: Batavia, New York

Melissa Ostrom teaches English literature at Genesee Community College in Batavia, New York. Her short fiction has been published in literary magazines, and nominated for a Pushcart Prize. The Beloved Wild is her YA debut. She lives in Batavia, New York, with her family.
Mermaids Fast Asleep
by Robin Riding, illustrated by Zoe Persico

Do you suppose, way down deep,
there are mermaids fast asleep?

Written in a gentle, lyrical style that mirrors a lullaby, MERMAIDS FAST ASLEEP asks the question that young children have maybe asked before bedtime: Are there mermaids asleep in the sea?

As our young human gazes into the water, her imagination wanders as she pictures the life that young mermaids live in the sea. Do they count fish instead of sheep? Do they breathe water like air?

The book begins just at dusk as the sky is still Starbust oranges and pinks. And as the book moves on, the colors deepen to blues, greens, and purples until the sky is inky as night and a silvery moon magically glows.

Paired with stunning art from Zoe Persico, MERMAIDS FAST ASLEEP is a must bedtime book for young mermaid fans.

Author Bio

Robin Riding lives in a Pennsylvania town full of old stone houses, where she and her husband run Book and Puppet Co. She enjoys making beautiful puppets and writing silly songs.

Zoe Persico is an illustrator with a love for everything cute, colorful, and full of whimsy. Born and bred in the Midwest, she currently resides in Redmond, WA.
All We Could Have Been
by TE Carter

Five years ago, Lexie Stewart decided to walk home from school after her older brother Scott failed to pick her up. When she entered her house, a pile of blood-soaked clothes sat on the kitchen table next to a knife as her brother calmly sipped lemonade after calling 9-1-1 to report himself for the murder of their neighbors.

Bullied and treated like a murderer herself at school and in her town, Lexie now moves from school to school hiding who she is - who she's related to. She struggles with loving her brother, the PTSD she now suffers from, and wanting to just live a normal teenage life. But how can she be normal when she can't even figure out how to just live?

This is a powerful look at the assumptions we make about people. Lexie’s emotional journey to separate her brother's horrific act from herself is stunning and heartbreaking and a biting look at the complexities we face as human beings. This is Lexie's story and journey - not her brother's - and it will stay with you long after you turn the last page.

Author Bio

TE Carter was born in New England and has lived in New England for pretty much her entire life. Throughout her career, she's done a lot of things, although her passion has always been writing. When she's not writing, she can generally be found reading classic literature, obsessing over Game of Thrones (she's one hundred percent Team Lannister), playing Xbox, organizing her comic collection, or binge watching baking competitions. She continues to live in New England with her husband and their two cats. I Stop Somewhere is her first novel.
Olympians: Zeus
King of the Gods
by George O'Connor, illustrated by George O'Connor

George O'Connor is a Greek mythology buff and a classic superhero comics fan, and he's out to remind us how much our pantheon of superheroes (Superman, Batman, the X-Men, etc) owes to mankind's ORIGINAL superheroes: the Greek pantheon.

In OLYMPIANS, O'Connor draws from primary documents to reconstruct and retell classic Greek myths. But these stories aren't sedate, scholarly works. They're action-packed, fast-paced, high-drama adventures, with monsters, romance, and not a few huge explosions. O'Connor's vibrant, kinetic art brings ancient tales to undeniable life, in a perfect fusion of super-hero aesthetics and ancient Greek mythology.

Volume 1 of OLYMPIANS, ZEUS: King OF THE GODS, introduces readers to the ruler of the Olympian Pantheon, telling his story from his boyhood to his ascendance to supreme power. This title has Common Core connections.

O'Connor unveils his new Olympians graphic-novel series with this story of the daddy of Greek gods. Most immediately striking about this, aside from the exciting artwork, is the care O'Connor takes to visualize the creation myth that begins with Gaea creating and taking as a husband the sky, Ouranos. Their children-the Titans and other proto-Olympian entities-are often neglected or at best murkily covered, but here they're vividly portrayed with all the magnificence of their beyond-good-and-evil power. After this breathtaking and lengthy sequence, Zeus enters the scene to grow from a feisty nymph-needling youth to a lightning bolt-wielding avenger. The extended, earth-shattering battle he wages with his father, Kronos, takes up the bulk of the story, delivering page after page (...)

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Olympians: Hera
The Goddess and her Glory
by George O'Connor, illustrated by George O'Connor

The story of Hera, Queen of the Gods, and the heroes who won her favor.

Volume 3 of Olympians, Hera: The Goddess and Her Glory, introduces readers to the Queen of the Gods and Goddesses in the Pantheon. This volume tells the tales of the many heroes who sought and won Hera's patronage, most notably Hercules.

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Survival on the Ice
by Jason Viola, Illustrated by Zack Giallongo

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Get ready to explore the depths of the ocean, the farthest reaches of space, and everything in between! These gorgeously illustrated graphic novels offer wildly entertaining views of their subjects. Whether you're a fourth grader doing a natural science unit at school or a thirty-year-old with a secret passion for airplanes, Science Comics is for you!

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Gene Luen Yang’s talent is prodigious, his enthusiasm contagious . . . Even this confirmed technophobe was ready to learn coding.” - Katherine Applegate, author of Crenshaw and The One and Only Ivan

"Secret Coders not only uses Logo but also touches on computer fundamentals like binary code and the three major ways that code is organized . . . Readers will learn them all, right alongside Hopper and Eni, not as something dry or rote, but something transformative.” - Wired

Author Bio

Location: Gene Luen Yang - San Jose, CA; Mike Holmes - Philadelphia, PA

Gene Luen Yang writes, and sometimes draws, comic books and graphic novels. As the Library of Congress’ fifth National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature, he advocates for the importance of reading, especially reading diversely. American Born Chinese, his first graphic novel from First Second Books, was a National Book Award finalist, as well as the winner of the Printz Award and an Eisner Award. His two-volume graphic novel Boxers & Saints won the L.A. Times Book Prize and was a National Book Award Finalist. His other works include Secret Coders (with Mike Holmes), The Shadow Hero (with Sonny Liew), New Super-Man from DC Comics (with various artists), and the Avatar: The Last Airbender series from Dark Horse Comics (with Gurihiru). In 2016, he was named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow. Mike Holmes has drawn for the comics series Secret Coders, Bravest Warriors, Adventure Time, and the viral art project Mikenesses. His books include the True Story collection (2011), This American Drive (2009), and Shenanigans. He lives with a cat named Ella, who is his best buddy.
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It takes at least nine.

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Location: Ellen T. Crenshaw - Irvine, CA

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Can cautious Peter and confident Ernesto work together to keep their tribe safe? They'll have to, if they want to find the perfect tree to call home!

"Annable's soft, expressive illustrations juxtapose Ernesto's easy, optimistic joy with Peter's apprehensive courage as they explore the world for the first time. Many readers will look forward to the next adventure. A solid pick for readers who have graduated from Elephant and Piggie, Frog and Toad, and Narwhal and Jelly" - Kirkus

Author Bio

Location: Portland, OR

Graham Annable is an Oscar nominated cartoonist and animator living in Portland, Oregon, with his wife, and two boys. He grew up in Canada which did a good job of preparing him for the weather of the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Annable has done illustration and animation work for Laika, Dark Horse, LucasArts, Nickelodeon, and Walt Disney Productions, among many others. When he's not huddled inside of his house creating graphic novels for early readers, he spends the rest of his time working on feature films, animated shorts, video games, and indie comic books. He's rather fond of hockey and sloths. But never the two combined.

Graham is the author/illustrator of Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths and The Book of Grickle

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Science Comics: Wild Weather
Storms, Meteorology, and Climate
by MK Reed, illustrated by Jonathan Hill

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Nico Bravo and the Hound of Hades
by Mike Cavallaro

Take another look at your favorite myths and legends in this hillarious new graphic novel by Mike Cavallaro!

Got a problem? At Vulcan's Celestial Supply Shop, you can find the magical merchandise to set things right. The seasoned staff - a kid named Nico Bravo, a sphinx named Lula, and a unicorn named Buck - pride themselves on providing legendary service and expertise in all areas of the arcane.

But Nico's world is about to be turned upside down, and it's all thanks to his latest customer: Eowulf, the pint-size descendant of the monster slayer Beowulf. Determined to carry on the family business, this would-be warrior plans to slay Cerberus, the terrifying, three-headed hound of Hades. There's just one problem - Cerberus is the only thing preventing the hordes of the Underworld from entering the land of the living. Can Nico stop Eowulf from unleashing a zombie apocalypse?

Author Bio

Location: New York City

MIKE CAVALLARO is from New Jersey and has worked in comics and animation since the early 1990s. His comics include Parade (with fireworks)" (Shadowline/Image Comics), a Will Eisner Award-nominee, "The Life and Times of Savior 28" (IDW), with Eisner Award-winning writer J.M. DeMatteis, The "Foiled" series with Jane Yolen, "Decelerate Blue" with author Adam Rapp, and the upcoming graphic novel, "Vulcan's Celestial Supply Shop", all for First Second Books. Mike is an instructor at the School of Visual Arts in NYC, and is the Vice-Chairman of the Manhattan Chapter of the National Cartoonists Society.
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The Secrets of Winterhouse
by Ben Guterson, illustrated by Chloe Bristol

Bookish puzzles, phantom mysteries, and evil curses await as Elizabeth returns to Winterhouse in Book 2 of this magical series.

Back at the Winterhouse hotel for another holiday season, Elizabeth and Freddy dig deeper into the mystery surrounding Riley S. Granger, a hotel guest who left behind odd artifacts - one being a magical book that the evil Gracella Winters once attempted to use to gain destructive power over the entire Falls lineage. The two friends follow a trail of clues, inadvertently attracting the attention of a suspicious new hotel guest: Elana Vesper. The clock is ticking as Elizabeth and Freddy struggle to figure out whether Elana is merely a pawn or a player in the plot to revive the spirit of Gracella. If that wasn't enough, Elizabeth suspects she is coming into her own special power - and she's fearful it might lead her right into Gracella's vicious web. Mystery, adventure, and a winning friendship combine in this much anticipated sequel.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Praise for Winterhouse:
An Indies Next List Pick

“Guterson provides readers a treat: mean caregivers à la the Dursleys; a vast, luxurious hotel where oddities abound; a new word-puzzle-loving friend; a shrouded history for Winterhouse; and sinister circumstances... Clever and captivating.” - Kirkus Reviews

"Filled with puzzles and magic, Guterson’s debut keeps suspense high as the secrets of Elizabeth’s past unwind. This satisfying mystery leaves just enough unanswered questions to have readers eager for the next book in this planned trilogy." - Publishers Weekly

Author Bio

Ben Guterson was born and raised in Seattle. Before working at Microsoft as a Program Manager, Ben spent a decade teaching public school on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico and in rural Colorado. He has written features and book reviews for newspapers, magazines, and websites, as well as a nature-travel guide to the Southwest. Ben and his family live in the foothills of the Cascades east of Seattle. Winterhouse is his first book.
12 Lucky Animals: A Bilingual Baby Book
by Vickie Lee, illustrated by Joey Chou

Vickie Lee and Joey Chou's illustrated 12 Lucky Animals is a young, dual-language animal concept book introducing Chinese characters and the animals of the Chinese zodiac.

Ruby's Chinese New Year:

"An inviting adventure about the Chinese New Year, and the importance of spending it with family and friends. Best shared one-on-one and in small groups." - School Library Journal

Author Bio

Location: Vickie Lee - New York City; Joey Chou - California

Vickie Lee is an acupuncturist and Chinese medicine practitioner. She was inspired by her daughter, Ruby, and their shared love of animals and of Chinese culture to create Ruby's Chinese New Year. She lives with her daughter and her husband in Brooklyn, New York. Joey Chou was born in Taiwan and moved to sunny California in his early teens. There he received his BFA from Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. Joey works by day as a visual development artist on feature animated films, and by night as a picture book illustrator.

Joey has illustrated such books as Ruby's Chinese New Year, Monster & Son, and Disney Parks Presents: It's A Small World

Promotion
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise
by Dan Gemeinhart

Critically acclaimed author, Dan Gemeinhart's *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* introduces young readers to an unforgettable girl trying to find her place in the world.

Five years.

That's how long Coyote and her dad, Rodeo, have lived on the road in an old school bus, criss-crossing the nation.

Five years.

It's also how long ago Coyote lost her mom and two sisters in a car crash.

Coyote hasn't been home in all that time, but when she learns that the park in her old neighborhood is being demolished - the very same park where she, her mom, and her sisters buried a treasured memory box - she knows she'll do whatever it takes to get back in time to save it. So she hatches a crazy plan to get her dad to drive 3,600 miles back to Washington state in four days without him realizing it.

Along the way, they'll pick up a strange crew of misfit travelers. Lester has a lady love to meet. Salvador and his (...) 

Author Bio

Location: Cashmere, Washington

Dan Gemeinhart lives in a small town smack dab in the middle of Washington state with his wife and three young daughters. He was lucky and grateful to be a teacher-librarian in an elementary school for fourteen years, where he got to share awesome books with awesome kids. He loves camping, cooking and traveling. He also plays guitar (badly) and reads (constantly). His house is always a mess. He is really pretty darn happy.
Locked in Ice
Nansen's Daring Quest for the North Pole
by Peter Lourie

A riveting adventure biography of Fridtjof Nansen, the pioneer of polar exploration, with a focus on his harrowing three-year journey to the top of the world.

A celebrity among the ranks of polar explorer Ernest Shackleton at the turn of the twentieth century, Fridtjof Nansen contributed tremendous amounts of new information to our knowledge about the Arctic. At a time when the North Pole was still undiscovered territory, he attempted to make it to the Pole in a way that most experts thought was mad: Nansen purposefully locked his ship in ice for two years in order to float northward along the currents. This compelling account of his Arctic expedition celebrates the legacy of a courageous man who dared to push the boundaries of human exploration.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Jack London and the Klondike Gold Rush:
A Junior Library Guild Selection

"A fantastic work." - VOYA

"Rich in details for social studies and language arts." - Booklist, starred review

"A gripping and harrowing true adventure story and a penetrating look into the formative experiences of a writer, one of the first to become a worldwide celebrity." - Kirkus Reviews

"This will scratch the itch for readers who love a great true adventure tale." - The Bulletin

Author Bio

Peter Lourie has written many award-winning nonfiction books for young readers. A true adventurer, he has traveled all over the world to research his subjects—from the cloud forest of Ecuador in search of Inca treasure, to Lake Turkana in northwestern Kenya on the Ethiopian border, to Tierra del Fuego, and the jungles of Rondonia, Brazil. He is the author most recently of three books about the Arctic: Jack London and the Klondike Goldrush, The Polar Bear Scientists, and Whaling Season. He lives in Vermont.
peterlourie.com
Brave Ballerina
The Story of Janet Collins
by Michelle Meadows, illustrated by Ebony Glenn

A lyrical picture book biography of Janet Collins, the first African American principal dancer at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Janet Collins wanted to be a ballerina in the 1930s and 40s, a time when racial segregation was widespread in the United States. Janet pursued dance with a passion, despite being rejected from discriminatory dance schools. When she was accepted into the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo as a teenager on the condition that she paint her skin white for performances, Janet refused. She continued to go after her dreams, never compromising her values along the way. From her early childhood lessons to the height of her success as the first African American prima ballerina in the Metropolitan Opera, this is the story of a remarkable pioneer.

A Junior Library Guild Selection

Author Bio

Location: Michelle Meadows - Silver Spring, MD

Michelle Meadows is the author of *Hibernation Station*, *Piggies in Pajamas*, and *Super Bugs*. She dances with her husband as much as possible. She lives in Delaware and loves to write at the beach.

Ebony Glenn is an Atlanta based illustrator who enjoys bringing stories to life with whimsical imagery. A passion for the arts, great storytelling, and advocating diversity in children's books, she aims to create illustrations that will foster a love of reading in young readers.
Famous in a Small Town
by Emma Mills

For Sophie, small-town life has never felt small. She has the Yum Yum Shoppe, with its famous fourteen flavors of ice cream; her beloved marching band, the pride and joy of Acadia High (even if the football team disagrees); and her four best friends, loving and infuriating, wonderfully weird and all she could ever ask for.

Then August moves in next door. A quiet guy with a magnetic smile, August seems determined to keep everyone at arm's length. Sophie in particular.

Country stars, revenge plots, and a few fake kisses (along with some excellent real ones) await Sophie in this hilarious, heartfelt story.

Foolish Hearts:

Mills (This Adventure Ends) thoughtfully explores the nuances of all kinds of relationships, both friendly and romantic. . . . Through these friendship struggles and romances old and new, Mills evokes the high stakes and vast rewards of trust, intimacy, and honesty." - Publishers Weekly, starred review

"The characters are wonderfully fresh and honest. . . . The course of true love never did run smooth, but in the case of these two lovers, the journey is worth your while." - Kirkus Reviews

"[Main character] Claudia's . . . voice shines. A fun, thoughtful portrayal of different kinds of vulnerability." - Booklist

This Adventure Ends:

"Immensely enjoyable." - Booklist

"Mills (First & Then) seamlessly creates art imitating life imitating art while bringing freshness to the familiar romantic conventions she invokes. With taut, realistic dialogue, she expertly crafts blossoming friendships and nascent romances." - Publishers Weekly

First & Then:

"With sporadic (...)

Author Bio

Location: Indianapolis, IN
Peasprout Chen: Battle of Champions
by Henry Lien

It's Hermione Granger meets 'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon' meets the Ice Capades meets 'Mean Girls.'" - The New York Times

Now in her Second Year at Pearl Famous Academy of Skate and Sword, Peasprout Chen strives to reclaim her place as a champion of wu liu, the sport of martial arts figure skating. But, with the new year comes new competition, and Peasprout's dreams are thwarted by an impressive transfer student.

Yinmei is the heir to the Shinian throne and has fled her country for Pearl. When she excels both academically and socially, Peasprout begins to suspect that Yinmei is not a refugee at all but a spy. When the Empress of Shin threatens to invade the city of Pearl, Peasprout makes a bold decision. To keep her enemy close, Peasprout joins Yinmei's "battleband," a team that executes elaborate skating configurations that are part musical spectacle, part defensive attack.

In Henry Lien's Peasprout Chen: Battle of Champions, Peasprout guides her battleband on a mission to save Pearl, and learns what it truly means to be a leader.

Praise for Henry Lien's PEASPROUT CHEN, FUTURE LEGEND OF SKATE AND SWORD:

"Massively entertaining Peasprout Chen is a future legend (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Henry Lien is a 2012 graduate of Clarion West, and his short fiction has appeared in publications like Asimov's, earning several Nebula Award nominations. Born in Taiwan, Henry currently lives in Hollywood, California. He is the author of Peasprout Chen, Future Legend of Skate and Sword.
The Electric War
Edison, Tesla, Westinghouse, and the Race to Light the World
by Mike Winchell

The spellbinding true account of the scientific competition to light the world with electricity.

In the mid-to-late-nineteenth century, a burgeoning science called electricity promised to shine new light on a rousing nation. Inventive and ambitious minds were hard at work. Soon that spark was fanned, and a fiery war was under way to be the first to light - and run - the world with electricity. Thomas Alva Edison, the inventor of direct current (DC), engaged in a brutal battle with Nikola Tesla and George Westinghouse, the inventors of alternating current (AC). There would be no ties in this race - only a winner and a loser. The prize: a nationwide monopoly in electric current. Brimming with action, suspense, and rich historical and biographical information about these brilliant inventors, here is the rousing account of one of the world's defining scientific competitions.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Author Bio

Location: Bridgeport, NY

Mike Winchell is the creator and editor of the middle-grade anthology Been There, Done That: Writing Stories from Real Life. He teaches middle school creative writing, Enriched English, and journalism. The Electric War marks his debut. mikewinchellbooks.com

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The Lonely Dead
by April Henry

A killer is on the loose, and only one girl has the power to find him. But in this genre-bending YA thriller, she must first manage to avoid becoming a target herself.

For Adele, the dead aren’t really dead. She can see them and even talk to them. But she’s spent years denying her gift. When she encounters her ex best friend Tori in a shallow grave in the woods and realizes that Tori is actually dead - that gift turns into a curse. Without an alibi, Adele becomes the prime suspect in Tori’s murder. She must work with Tori’s ghost to find the real killer. But what if the killer finds Adele first?

Master mystery-write April Henry adds a chilling paranormal twist to this incredibly suspenseful young adult novel.

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April Henry's YA mysteries have collectively been awarded over fifty state honors and awards.

Count All Her Bones:
"A pulse-pounding sequence. . . . Readers will be rooting for Cheyenne and Griffin from the edges of their seats." - Kirkus Reviews

"This book offers the same suspense and tightly paced action as its predecessor . . . , this volume stands on its own and should be considered for any YA collection looking for contemporary suspense titles." - School Library Journal

The Girl I Used to Be:
Winner of the Anthony Award for Best Young Adult Mystery Novel
An Edgar Award for Best YA Nominee
A Texas Lonestar List Selection

"Henry has done it again with another edge-of-your-seat mystery/thriller. Recommended for middle school and high school mystery/thriller/suspense collections and for April (...)"
Bearnard's Book
by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Misa Saburi

When Bearnard gets an invitation to be in a book, it's a dream come true! But as he reads up on what starring in a book might actually entail, he wonders if he's not quite the right bear for the part. With the help of his friend Gertie, Bearnard discovers that to shine in his story, he just needs to be himself. With sweet humor, charming characters, and a gentle message of self-confidence, this is the perfect story for book (and bear) lovers.

Godwin Books

The Quiet Book:
"A delightful and enchanting choice for storytime or sharing one-on-one." - School Library Journal, starred review

"This treasure of a book-which is appropriately gentle in both its understated text and artwork-catalogues many sorts of quiet that readers will recognize instantly." - Publishers Weekly

"This gallery of quietude works for bedtime or calming down while also acknowledging that some quiet moods are less than happy. . . . The final sequence-a nighttime car ride in the snow, peaceful steps to bedtime-makes a comforting end. Soothing and layered." - Kirkus Reviews

Author Bio

Location: Deborah Underwood - San Mateo, California; Misa Saburi - Brooklyn, New York

Misa Saburi was born in Sleepy Hollow, New York, and raised in Tokyo, Japan. She currently lives in Brooklyn where she illustrates children's books, including Monster Trucks and Bearnard's Book, written by Deborah Underwood.
Missing!
Mysterious Cases of People Gone Missing Through the Centuries
by Brenda Z. Guiberson

Jimmy Hoffa, Barbara Follett, Amelia Earhart, D. B. Cooper-they all disappeared. Throughout history, individuals have gone missing without a trace; their disappearances haunt us. In this companion to Disasters: Natural and Man-Made Catastrophes through the Centuries, Brenda Guiberson explores the stories of seven individuals who have disappeared mysteriously. Thoroughly researched and illustrated with photographs and line drawings, this is exciting middle grade nonfiction.

Godwin Books

Author Bio

Location: Seattle, Washington

Brenda Z. Guiberson has written many books for children, including Cactus Hotel, Spoonbill Swamp, Moon Bear and Disasters. As a child, Brenda never thought she wanted to be a writer - her dreams tended more toward jungle explorer. She graduated from the University of Washington with degrees in English and Fine Art. She started thinking about writing for children when her son went to elementary school, and she volunteered in his class and in the school library. After taking exciting trips that involved a fifty-foot cactus, hungry alligators and sunset-colored spoonbills, she wanted to create books for children that would be like a field trip. Her books are full of well-researched detail, and Brenda sees this research as an adventure - one that allows her to be a jungle explorer at last. She lives in Seattle, Washington.

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Poop or Get Off the Potty!
by Margaret McNamara, illustrated by Allison Black

When Mason and Mia were babies, they pooped a lot - always in their diapers.

Now that they're big kids, it's time to use the potty. But what is the potty for?

Naps? NO.

Books? NO.

Playing the drums? No, no, no!

Mason and Mia look ahead to official big-kid territory in this hilarious, instructive story with special emphasis on that momentous toddler milestone: pooping in the potty!

Author Bio

Location: Margaret McNamara - New York City; Allison Black - Columbus, Ohio

Margaret McNamara is a Christopher Award-winning author for young readers. She is best known for the Mr. Tiffin's Classroom picture books and the Fairy Bell Sisters chapter books. She and her family live in New York City.

Allison Black is an illustrator, designer, and the founder of the stationery company Hip-Hip. She lives in Columbus, Ohio, with her husband and son, who they will be potty training soon!
Spy Runner
by Eugene Yelchin, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin

It's 1953 and the Cold War is on. Communism threatens all that the United States stands for, and America needs every patriot to do their part. So when a Russian boarder moves into the home of twelve-year-old Jake McCauley, he's on high alert. What does the mysterious Mr. Shubin do with all that photography equipment? And why did he choose to live so close to the Air Force base? Jake's mother says that Mr. Shubin knew Jake's dad, who went missing in action during World War II. But Jake is skeptical; the facts just don't add up. And he's determined to discover the truth—no matter what he risks.

- GODWIN BOOKS -

The Haunting of Falcon House:

"the story is both simple—a ghost story—and as complex as the country it rises from, offering glimpses of Russia's unique and brutal history . . . Eerie and effective." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"by turns wide-eyed, inquisitive, and earnest. This is a haunting at its very best." - Booklist, starred review

Arcady's Goal:

"An uplifting, believable ending makes this companion lighter—but no less affecting—than its laurelled predecessor." - Kirkus Reviews

Breaking Stalin's Nose (Newbery Honor Book):

"Mr. Yelchin has compressed into two days of events an entire epoch, giving young readers a glimpse of the precariousness of life in a capricious yet ever-watchful totalitarian state." - The Wall Street Journal

"A miracle of brevity, this affecting novel zeroes in on two days and one boy to personalize Stalin's killing machine of the '30s. . . . This Newbery Honor book offers timeless lessons about dictatorship, disillusionment and personal choice." - San Francisco Chronicle

"This brief novel gets at the heart of a society that asks its citizens, even its children, to report on relatives (…)"

Author Bio
The Fang of Bonfire Crossing: Legends of the Lost Causes
by Brad McLelland and Louis Sylvester

The Brotherband Chronicles meets the Wild West in this rip-roaring middle-grade adventure series filled with dark magic, scrappy heroes, and diabolical villains.

Keech Blackwood and his band of fellow orphans demand justice for their fallen families. But the road to retribution is a long and hard-fought journey.

After defeating Bad Whiskey Nelson, the man who burned Keech’s home to the ground, the Lost Causes have a new mission: find Bonfire Crossing, the mysterious land that holds clues to the whereabouts of the all-powerful Char Stone. Along the way they’ll have to fend off a shapeshifting beast, a swarm of river monsters, and a fearsome desperado named Big Ben Loving who conjures tornadoes out of thin air. It’s an epic standoff between the Lost Causes and the outlaw Reverend Rose, a powerful sorcerer who would be unstoppable with the Stone in his possession.

With the world - and vengeance - hanging in the balance, the Lost Causes are ready for battle.

Praise for Legends of the Lost Causes:

A Junior Library Guild Selection

This is a fun and exciting story, written with the utmost respect for the Osage culture." - Wah-Zha-Zhi Cultural Center

"A rip-roaring adventure in the Wild West, filled with cowboys, magic, and a horde of undead villains that'll have you hunkered down in your bedroll, turning pages long after the campfire has died down." - Heidi Schulz, author of the New York Times bestselling Hook’s Revenge (…)

Author Bio

Location: Brad McLelland - Lewiston, ID; Louis Sylvester - Stillwater, OK

Born and raised in Arkansas, Brad McLelland spent several years working as a crime journalist in the South before earning his MFA in creative writing from Oklahoma State University. A part-time drummer and singer, Brad lives in Oklahoma with his wife, stepdaughter, a mini-Aussie who gives hugs, and a chubby cat who begs for ham.
What We Buried
by Kate A. Boorman

Told from the split viewpoints of Liv and Jory, Kate A. Boorman's What We Buried is a psychological thrill ride that deftly explores how memories can lie, how time can bend, and how reconciling the truth can be a matter of life or death.

Do you ever just want to be believed?*

Siblings Liv and Jory Brewer have grown up resenting each other. Liv - former pageant queen and reality TV star - was groomed for a life in the spotlight, while her older brother, Jory, born with a partial facial paralysis, was left in the shadows. The only thing they have in common is contempt for their parents.

Now Liv is suing her mom and dad for emancipation, and Jory views the whole thing as yet another attention-getting spectacle. But on the day of the hearing, their parents mysteriously vanish, and the siblings are forced to work together. Liv feels certain she knows where they are and suspects that Jory knows more than he’s telling which is true.

What starts as a simple overnight road trip soon takes a turn for the dangerous and surreal. And as the duo speeds through the deserts of Nevada, brother and sister will unearth deep family secrets that force them to relive their pasts as they try to retain a grip on the present.

* Winterkill: OLA Best Bet YA 2014

Author Bio

Location: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

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 has a fondness for nature, though birds tend to worry her a
Washed ashore alone, a tiny sea otter pup needs help! Soon, a rescuer is there, to take her in and keep her warm and fed. The pup faces challenges in her new life without her sea otter family. But with the love and care of her rescuer, she flourishes in her new home. Inspired by a true story, this is a heartwarming and hopeful tale about family and love.

- GODWIN BOOKS -

The energetic rhyme and bright paintings make this a natural storytime crowd-pleaser." - School Library Journal on All Through My Town

"Richard Scarry has some competition . . . The acrylic illustrations are bright and busy, full of details to spot . . . Charming appeal." - Kirkus Reviews on All Through My Town

**Author Bio**

Location: Jean Reidy - Greenwood Village, CO; Ashley Crowley - England

Jean Reidy is the author of eight picture books . . . with many more on the way! She is a two-time winner of the Colorado Book Award and lives right across the street from her local library, which she visits nearly every day. jeanreidy.com A former police officer, Ashley Crowley found his passion in children’s books. He is the author-illustrator of Officer Panda and has illustrated a number of other books for children. Ashley lives with his son, Frankie, in Suffolk, United Kingdom.
Children of Virtue and Vengeance
by Tomi Adeyemi

Meet Tomi Adeyemi - the new J.K. Rowling. (Yep, she's that good).” - Entertainment Weekly

After battling the impossible, Zelie and Amari have finally succeeded in bringing magic back to the land of Orisha. But the ritual was more powerful than they could've imagined, reigniting the powers of not only the maji, but of nobles with magic ancestry, too.

Now, Zelie struggles to unite the maji in an Orisha where the enemy is just as powerful as they are. But when the monarchy and military unite to keep control of Orisha, Zelie must fight to secure Amari's right to the throne and protect the new maji from the monarchy's wrath.

With civil war looming on the horizon, Zelie finds herself at a breaking point: she must discover a way to bring the kingdom together or watch as Orisha tears itself apart.

Children of Virtue and Vengeance is the stunning sequel to Tomi Adeyemi's New York Times-bestselling debut Children of Blood and Bone, the first book in the Legacy of Orisha trilogy.

Praise for Children of Blood and Bone:

"Poses thought-provoking questions about race, class and authority that hold up a warning mirror to our sharply divided society." - The New York Times

"The next big thing in literature and film." - Ebony

"A fast-paced, excellently crafted hero's journey populated with compelling and nuanced black characters." - NPR

"A debut novel that is nearly impossible to put down." - USA Today

Praise for Children (…)

Author Bio

Tomi Adeyemi is the #1 New York Times-bestselling Nigerian-American author of Children of Blood and Bone and Children of Virtue and Vengeance.
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Promotion
We're Nature Girls! We must explore. We pack our bags, we're out the door . . .

Ocean, Desert, Tundra, Grassland, Forest-the Nature Girls are ready for whatever the environment might bring! Follow these busy girls as they explore different biomes, swimming with dolphins, riding a camel, mushing sled dogs. Charming rhyming verse and adorable art make this picture book irresistible—and perfect for sharing!

- GODWIN BOOKS

Author Bio

Location: Aki - Berlin, Germany; Aki - Berlin, Germany

Aki, whose real name is Delphine Mach, has been writing and illustrating since 2008. When she is not illustrating, Aki maintains a culinary blog (The 3 Sisters) that she shares with her sisters (who are equally passionate about cooking).

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Promotion
The Monster Catchers
A Bailey Buckleby Story
by George Brewington

If there's something strange in the neighborhood, who you gonna call?
Buckleby and Son!

Whether it's a goblin in the garden or a fairy in the attic, Bailey Buckleby and
his dad can rid your home of whatever monster is troubling you—for the right
price. But when Bailey discovers that his dad has been lying—their pet troll
Henry is actually a kidnapped baby sea giant—he begins to question the family
business. Enter Axel Pazuzu, criminal mastermind, who will stop at nothing to
make a buck. With everyone and everything he loves in peril, it's up to Bailey
to save his family and set things right in this funny, fantastical adventure.

Author Bio

Location: Folly Beach, South Carolina

George Brewington makes his middle grade debut with Buckleby and Son:
Monster Catchers. Four days a week, George writes middle-grade and adult
fantasy fiction, having been published most recently in an anthology titled
Dark Magic: Witches, Hackers and Robots. The other three days he is a
respiratory therapist at a hospital in Charleston, SC. He lives with his wife and
baby daughter in Folly Beach, SC. georgebrewington.com

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Promotion
Bedtime for Little Bulldozer
by Elise Broach, illustrated by Barry E. Jackson

Little Bulldozer struggles to fall asleep in this sweet and clever bedtime picture book by a New York Times-bestselling author.

Falling asleep isn't always easy, especially for a loud and rumbling little bulldozer. Once he finally gets into bed, he can't fall asleep no matter what he tries to do: has another drink of oil, gathers his favorite stuffies, and even reads his favorite book. Still, something's not right, and only his sisters - a steamroller and a crane - can make it better. This reassuring and clever bedtime story is for young ones who need a bit of help bull-dozing off to sleep.

A Christy Ottaviano Book
The Three Vikings
by Adam Auerbach, illustrated by Adam Auerbach

Three Vikings set out on a daring quest in this thoughtful picture book that shines a light on teamwork and individuality by Ezra Jack Keats Honor-winning creator.

Three Vikings were dreaming of Valhalla: an enchanted land full of possibility where only the strongest and bravest can enter. The littlest Viking is neither the strongest nor the bravest, though he is the most creative. Can a gentle, musical Viking really survive the treacherous road to Valhalla?

This mythical tale celebrates teamwork, acceptance, the power of music, and the art of storytelling.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Monkey Brother:
"A strong first pick for storytime or anytime sharing." - School Library Journal

"Auerbach's crisp ink outlines and straightforward drawing style bring the same sly humor to this story as they did to his debut . . . underlying emotions will be familiar to many readers." - Publishers Weekly

"Negative and positive are balanced, ending on an upbeat tone; older siblings everywhere will recognize the challenges inherent in showing unconditional love." - Kirkus Reviews

"Upbeat and charming, this makes little siblings seem not so bad." - Booklist

Edda:
Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Honor Award Winner
A CCBC Choice Selection

"In his (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Adam Auerbach - Queens, New York; Adam Auerbach - Queens, New York

ADAM AUERBACH is the creator of Edda: A Little Valkyrie's First Day of School, which was named an Ezra Jack Keats Honor Book. Adam's illustrations have appeared on book covers and in numerous print and digital publications in the United States and abroad.
Marty Frye, Private Eye: The Case of the Busted Video Games
by Janet Tashjian, illustrated by Laurie Keller

Book 3 in the Marty Frye young chapter book mystery series by bestselling author-illustrator team Janet Tashjian and Laurie Keller!

In this new collection of mysteries, everyone's favorite poet detective is back in action. When a prankster tangles all the school jump ropes into knots and gym is canceled, Marty pins down the culprit. When five machines are mysteriously found broken at the arcade, Marty jumps on the case. And when Mom's phone goes missing after a trip to the mall, Marty races against the clock to track it down before dinner. But can he still manage to make up rhymes while he solves new crimes?

Broken into three short stories with a generous amount of art on each page, this is an ideal stepping stone to longer chapter books. Young readers will be off in search of a rhyme in no time.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Praise for Janet Tashjian:
My Life as a Book:
"Give this to kids who think they don't like reading. It might change their minds." - Booklist, starred review

"A kinder, gentler Wimpy Kid with all the fun and more plot." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Sure to engage fans of Jeff Kinney's Diary of a Wimpy Kid books (...)

Author Bio

Location: Janet Tashjian - Los Angeles, CA; Laurie Keller - Muskegon, Michigan
Peekity Boo - What You Can Do!
A Bedtime Story
by Heidi Bee Roemer, illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka

A charming preschool picture book that flows through the motions of a toddler's bedtime routine.

There are ears to nuzzle.  
Towel to snuggle.  
Jammies to slip in.  
Chair to sit in.

This sweet rhyming picture book flows smoothly through the motions of a bedtime routine, starting with an energetic bath and then moving on to choosing jammies, reading a book, cuddling with a favorite toy, and snuggling with loved ones before gently falling asleep. It's a soothing prelude to bedtime that celebrates the special bond between parent and child.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Come to My Party and Other Shape Poems:
"A poetic celebration of seasonal fun. . . will enchant young audiences and help them look at their worlds in a new light." - School Library Journal

"Roemer maintains an ear for delicious sounds and rolling rhythms that beg to be read, or sung, aloud, and children will delight in the poems' clever, whimsical shapes." - Booklist

Mike Wohnoutka (...)

Author Bio

Location: Heidi Bee Roemer - Orland Park, IL

HEIDI B. ROEMER has long been intrigued by shape poems. Her poetry has been published in anthologies, educational journals, and numerous children's magazines. Ms. Roemer conducts poetry workshops for adults and children. She lives in Orland Park, Illinois, with her husband and two sons.

MIKE WOHNOUTKA is the illustrator of Jack's House, Cowboy Sam and Those Confounded Secrets, and The Wizzy Foot. A graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design, Mike lives with his wife and two children in Minneapolis, Minnesota. www.mikewohnoutka.com
Years before, Ava’s family left the town of Wyse in a shroud of mystery—some scandal of abuse of magical mirrors. Now returning as indentured servants, twelve-year-old Ava and her brother, Matthew, suspect their new master, Lord Skinner, is up to something nefarious. Ava is determined to discover the truth—about what happened to her family, and about the connection between the human world and the fairy world. Along the way, she meets friends and foes and faces real danger. Will she survive and solve the mystery?

The Journey to Dragon Island:
"a second rousing whirl of sudden attacks, narrow escapes, shocking revelations, treachery, and derring-do leading to massive explosions, magical transformations, and, yes, dragons. . . Anchors aweigh." - Kirkus Reviews

The Voyage to Magical North:
"A robust debut, well stocked with heroic exploits, monsters, pirates, explosions, magical transformations, and life-changing adventures, and a promising series starter." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Welsh author Claire Fayers buoy[s] her seaworthy series debut The Voyage to Magical North with agreeably understated humor, over-the-top sea monsters and nuanced characters. This finely spun adventure is the very definition of swashbuckler, but also thoughtfully examines ideas of story, good vs. evil, instinct vs. rules and self-discovery. A treasure." - Shelf Awareness, starred review

"The beautiful cover design reflects the charming adventure within; this multilayered fantasy handles a variety of themes, including the meaning of family, the ability of power to corrupt, and the importance of stories. Upper elementary and younger middle grade fans of Lynne Jonell’s The Sign of the Cat will be enchanted by Brine’s high seas adventure." - School Library Journal

Author Bio

Location: Cardiff, Wales

Claire Fayers is the author of The Voyage to Magical North and its sequel, The Journey to Dragon Island. She lives in South Wales with her husband and as many cats as she can get away with.
I've got my ball
I've got my glove
I'm ready for the game I love

With sweet and simple rhymes, these poems celebrate a range of sports. From baseball and basketball, to karate and swimming, there's something for everyone! Young and adorable art adds extra appeal to this collection.

Godwin Books

Space Boy:

"Spare and jovial watercolor illustrations. . . . A far-out bedtime read, including an understanding of the need to delay the inevitable." - Kirkus Reviews

"This picture book offers plenty to enjoy. . . . A lovely, childlike adventure." - Booklist

"Kids who love outer space and rockets will adore this quiet, imaginative adventure." - School Library Journal

Author Bio

Location: Leo Landry - Easton, MA; Leo Landry - Easton, MA

LEO LANDRY is the author/illustrator of several books for children, including Fat Bat and Swoop and Sea Surprise. He lives with his family in Easton, Massachusetts.
Celebrity-studded parties that last long into the night. Camera flashes and designer clothes. And a body found floating in the Venice Beach canals.

But let's start at the beginning.

Justine Childs is your average teenage girl, until the day ex-child-star Eva Kate Kelly moves in across the way. Eva Kate is gorgeous, seductive, and eager to invite Justine into her glittery world. Their relationship intensifies quickly, but there is a lot they aren't telling each other, and in the midst of the whirlwind, a girl lies dead. Who killed Eva Kate? Justine swears her innocence - and she'd like you to hear her side of the story.

Author Bio

Location: Los Angeles, California

Zara Lisbon is a writer of fiction and poetry. She grew up in Venice, California, and has an MFA in creative writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts. Fake Plastic Girl is her first novel.
An epic YA fantasy about a girl with a special power to communicate with magical beasts and the warring kingdom only she can save.

Elin's family has an important responsibility: caring for the fearsome water serpents that form the core of their kingdom's army. So when some of the beasts mysteriously die, Elin's mother is sentenced to death as punishment. With her last breath she manages to send her daughter to safety.

Alone, far from home, Elin soon discovers that she can talk to both the terrifying water serpents and the majestic flying beasts that guard her queen. This skill gives her great powers, but it also involves her in deadly plots that could cost her life. Can she save herself and prevent her beloved beasts from being used as tools of war? Or is there no way of escaping the terrible battles to come?

Author Bio

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Nahoko Uehashi is one of Japan's most well-known and popular children's writers. She has won numerous awards, including the 2014 Hans Christian Andersen Award. An associate professor at a Japanese university, she has a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology and studies indigenous peoples in Australia. She lives near Tokyo, Japan.
My Life as a Meme
by Janet Tashjian, illustrated by Jake Tashjian

Book 8 of the much-loved My Life series

Derek Fallon and his friends are back for another hilarious adventure in Book 8 of the My Life series - this time featuring epic meme® adventures!

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Praise for the My Life series:
Over 500,000 copies in print

"Give this to kids who think they don't like reading. It might change their minds." - Booklist, starred review

"A kinder, gentler Wimpy Kid with all the fun and more plot." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Sure to engage fans of Jeff Kinney's Diary of a Wimpy Kid books as well as those looking for a spunky, contemporary boy with a (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Janet Tashjian - Los Angeles, CA; Jake Tashjian - Studio City, CA

Janet Tashjian is a middle-grade and young adult novelist who's been writing books for children for over two decades. Her first novel Tru Confessions was made into a critically acclaimed Disney TV movie starring Clara Bryant and Shia LaBeouf. The Gospel According to Larry series is a cult favorite and Fault Line is taught in many middle and high schools. Her bestselling My Life As a Book series is illustrated by her son, Jake. They also collaborated on the Einstein the Class Hamster series.

Janet collaborated with fellow Macmillan author Laurie Keller on the chapter book series Marty Frye, Private Eye. Janet currently lives in Los Angeles and made her new home city the setting of the Sticker Girl series, which details the adventures of Martina who overcomes being shy with the help of her magical stickers that come to life.

Jake Tashjian is the illustrator for the My Life As a… series, including My Life As a Ninja and My Life As a YouTuber. Jake also created and illustrated the Einstein the Class Hamster series. He collaborates on his novels with his mother, Janet Tashjian.
Girls on the Verge
by Sharon Biggs Waller

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 to come with.

Over the course of more than a thousand miles, friendships will be tested and dreams will be challenged. But ultimately, the girls will realize that friends are the real heroes in every story.

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.

A Mad, Wicked Folly:

"At equal turns humorous (…)"

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.
Marvin & James Save the Day (and Elaine Helps!) by Elise Broach, illustrated by Kelly Murphy

Book 4 in the Masterpiece Adventures chapter book series featuring Marvin the beetle and his best friend, James.

James's father, Karl, and Christina, his friend from the museum, are getting married! James is the ring bearer and he is excited but also nervous. He loves Christina yet he is worried about losing his dad to a different family and a different life. And what if, at the wedding, James drops the ring? His beetle best friend Marvin promises to help him, but Marvin ends up with an even more critical job when something goes wrong. Will the whole wedding be ruined? Not if Marvin and James and Elaine can help it.

This young chapter book for emergent readers captures the miniature world and friendship of Marvin the beetle and James. Complete with charming illustrations on every page by Kelly Murphy.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Trouble at School for Marvin and James:
"Accessible to children making the transition from easy readers to chapter books. . . This series revolves around a warm, supportive, and trusting relationship between a boy and a beetle." - The Horn Book

James to the Rescue:
"The characters have distinct personalities, the story is well-paced, and the focus on unlikely alliances and mutual trust suffuses the tale with warmth. Full of drama and heart, this is the kind of series that can show newly independent readers the power of a good story." - Kirkus Reviews

"The possibilities for adventure are endless, and young readers and teachers looking for a quick, satisfying read (and read-aloud) for the early primary grades will enjoy this installment and (...)

Author Bio

Location: Elise Broach - Easton, CT; Kelly Murphy - Boston, MA

Elise Broach is the New York Times bestselling author of Masterpiece, Shakespeare's Secret and Desert Crossing, Missing on Superstition Mountain, the first book in the Superstition Mountain Trilogy, as well as several picture books. Her books have been selected as ALA notable books, Junior Library Guild selections, a Publishers Weekly Best Children's Book, a New York Public Library Best Book for the Teenage, an IRA Teacher's Choice, an IRA Best Children's Book, and a Dr. Seuss Award.
A Squirrelly Situation: Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet
by Jacqueline Kelly

When Travis finds an abandoned baby squirrel, he brings him home and names him Fluffy. But Mother isn't so sure that Fluffy is such a great family pet-and neither is Thud, the cat. Will Fluffy be able to steer clear of these two and find a home in the Tate household?

- GODWIN BOOKS -

Skunked!: Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet:

"Readers need not have read Kelly's The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate to enjoy this charming selection. Young readers will find Cal and Travis's exploits entertaining, humorous, and informative." - School Library Journal

"Expect a fresh crop of Calpurnia readers to simply enjoy this on its own considerable merits." - Booklist

The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate:

"Animal lovers will revel in the abundant anecdotes about the benevolent country vet and Travis' mangy strays. . . . A warm, welcome stand-alone companion to Kelly's lauded debut." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Well worth waiting for. . . . Readers will flock to this sequel for the pleasure of revisiting this beloved character and her world." - Booklist, starred review

Author Bio

Location: Austin, TX

Jacqueline Kelly won the Newbery Honor for her first book, The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate. She was born in New Zealand and raised in Canada, in the dense rainforests of Vancouver Island. Her family then moved to El Paso, Texas, and Kelly attended college in El Paso, then went on to medical school in Galveston. After practicing medicine for many years, she went to law school at the University of Texas, and after several years of law practice, realized she wanted to write fiction. Her first story was published in the Mississippi Review in 2001. She now makes her home with her husband and various cats and dogs in Austin and Fentress, Texas.
Fearsome Giant, Fearless Child
A Worldwide Jack and the Beanstalk Story
by Paul Fleischman, illustrated by Julie Paschkis

The story of a child confronting a man-eating giant or witch is told the world over. These heroes go by many names and might be normal in size or no bigger than a thumb. Though they're often scorned for being the youngest and smallest, they're well-armed with cleverness and courage. In this companion to Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal, Paul Fleischman and Julie Paschkis combine elements of this story from different traditions-Jack and the Beanstalk, Tom Thumb, Kihuo, Vasilisa-to create one narrative, one complete picture of a small boy's triumph.

Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal:
"Endings don't get any happier than in this global tour de force." - School Library Journal, starred review

Flutter and Hum / Aleteo y Zumbido:
"This is a celebration in text and art of words, of language, and of the spaces between and their possibilities. . . . Kids will savor it however they meet it." - The Bulletin, starred review

"Paschkis shows herself to be a sensitive observer of the animal kingdom, as well as of language itself, finding humor, eccentricities, and unexpected connections in both." - Publishers Weekly, starred review

Author Bio
Location: Paul Fleischman - California; Julie Paschkis - Seattle, WA

Paul Fleischman won a Newbery Medal for Joyful Noise and a Newbery Honor for Graven Images. He is also the author of young adult novels including Whirligig and The Mind's Eye, and middle-grade novels including Bull Run and Seedfolks. He lives with his wife in northern California. JULIE PASCHKIS won a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor for Yellow Elephant. She lives in Seattle.
How to Care for Your T-Rex

by Ken Baker, illustrated by Dave Coverly

Find out how to babysit a dinosaur in this very funny read-aloud picture book.

There are a few important things to know about your pet T-Rex:

What does it like to eat? Your T-Rex will eat approximately 300 pounds of food each day. Where will it have space to exercise? Your T-Rex can cover fifteen feet in a single step. How do you brush its many teeth? Especially when those teeth are nine inches long.

And, most of all, how do you show your T-Rex that you love it? Get ready for a day full of giant adventures in dinosaur care!

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Old MacDonald Had a Dragon:
"A lot of clever wordplay Children are sure to enjoy this amusing twist on the classic song." - School Library Journal

"A fresh new version that will delight young listeners who may want to sing and act out the whole adventure." - Deseret News

Praise for Night of the Living Worms:
An Amazon Editors’ Best Book of the Month
A Florida Sunshine State Young Readers’ Award Selection

"Dave Coverly is ridiculously funny and clever and creative. I'm jealous of his bird brain." - Stephan Pastis, New York Times-bestselling author of the Timmy Failure series

"Coverly's drawings are full of visual jokes, and the narrative is packed with playful language. . . . Clever, imaginative, and precisely targeted to its audience, this new series is sure to please." - Booklist

Author Bio

Location: Ken Baker - Orem, UT; Dave Coverly - Ann Arbor, MI

DAVE COVERLY is a nationally syndicated cartoonist whose Speed Bump cartoons appear in more than 200 newspapers, including The Washington Post, the Chicago Tribune, and Parade magazine. He lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Geeked Out, Book 2
by Obert Skye

Book 2 in a post-apocalyptic humor series

Otto Waddle Jr. High is worse than ever. Sure, the lunch menu consists only of dehydrated gruel, but that's not the only thing making Tip's stomach nervous. The evil Darth Susan is up to something big. Are Tip and his friends - the League of Average and Mediocre Entities (LAME) - ready to take on a new cast of enemies? If middle school has any chance of survival, Tip and his friends are going to need to be more geeky than ever.

This irrepressible spoof series is full of the same clever humor as the Creature From My Closet series, but for a slightly older middle-grade audience.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

The Creature From My Closet series:
"Highly amusing new series starter . . . Skye gives Rob a self-deprecating charm and highlights the pleasures of books both subtly and effectively." - Booklist

"Filled with spot-on commentary and a wince-inducing supporting cast, middle grade guys won't be able to keep Wonkenstein to themselves. . . . This pitch-perfect offering should appeal to reluctant readers, not to mention the legion Wimpy Kid fans." - Shelf Awareness

"Original and hilarious." - School Library Journal

"Skye captures all the silly action in the winning text-plus-cartoons format. . . . Rob's dry commentary on his family, school, and social life is sure to provoke laughs." - Publishers Weekly

Author Bio

Location: Mesa, AZ

Obert Skye is the author and illustrator of The Creature from My Closet: Wonkenstein. He has also written the bestselling children's fantasy adventure series Leven Thumps and Pillage
Honeysmoke
A Story of Finding Your Color
by Monique Fields, illustrated by Yesenia Moises

A young biracial girl looks around her world for her color. She finally chooses her own, and creates a new word for herself - honeysmoke.

Simone wants a color.

"She asks Mama, Am I black or white?"

"Boo," Mama says, just like mamas do, "a color is just a word."

"She asks Daddy, "Am I black or white?"

"Well," Daddy says, just like daddies do, "you're a little bit of both."

For multiracial children, and all children everywhere, this picture book offers a universal message that empowers young people to create their own self-identity.

Simone knows her color - she is honeysmoke.

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Author Bio

Monique Fields is an award-winning journalist. Her essays about race and identity have appeared on air, in print, and online, including NPR's All Things Considered, and Ebony magazine. She is the founder and editor of Honeysmoke.com, a site for parents raising multiracial children, and she is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Monique lives in Alabama with her husband and their two daughters. She is the author of Honeysmoke: A Story of Finding Your Color. Yesenia Moises is a freelance illustrator/designer with a specialty in product design. She is also an Afro Latina and random skill enthusiast. When she's not making toys for kids, her pastimes include indulging in really silly dating sims and playing with her wildly photogenic dog Divo.

Yesenia is the illustrator of Honeysmoke: A Story of Finding Your Color
Mysticons: The Diamond Curse
by Liz Marsham

Mysticon Dragon Mage Arkayna is looking forward to a ride on the fanciest train in Gemina with her team members. Adding to the mystique: the train is also carrying a famous diamond - with its own famous curse.

But when a villain from the Mysticons' past tries to steal the diamond, the curse unleashes an ancient evil. Now trapped on a runaway train, the Mysticons have to band together even as forces of darkness become determined to tear them apart.

This original novel is based on the hit new show Mysticons, and tells a brand-new adventure for our heroes!

An Imprint Book

Author Bio

Liz Marsham began her storytelling career as an editor for DC Comics and Disney Publishing. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband, a cat who thinks she is a princess, and a cat who thinks he is a dog.
My So-Called Superpowers: Mixed Emotions
Heather Nuhfer; illustrated by Simini Blocker
by Heather Nuhfer, illustrated by Simini Blocker

The second book in the heartfelt, hilarious, and acclaimed series, where middle-school student Veronica's superpowers will ruin everything - if she doesn't beat them to it.

Veronica has worked hard to get her feelings under control. Sure, sometimes a strong emotion turns into a superpower - giving her a personal raincloud on a bad day, or literally turning her green with envy. But it's happening a lot less these days! Then she finds out what she'll be doing at summer camp: directing her own movie with her best friend Charlie - and her best frenemy Becky.

At first it seems fun, until Veronica's superpowers start affecting other people. When Veronica calls Action! everyone has to do what she says. But is that the best way to make her dream movie - or to treat her friends?

My So-Called Superpowers: Mixed Emotions raises the stakes on Veronica's middle-school adventures, proving that her powers are both the best thing and the worst thing that's ever happened to her.

An Imprint Book

PRAISE FOR MY SO-CALLED SUPERPOWERS:

"A hilarious tale of a girl so desperate to be cool that she defies her best judgment to get what she wants."
- Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

"Readers will be delighted at Veronica's relatable quirkiness a whimsical, good-humored, straightforward take on just loving yourself for who you are."
- Booklist

"My So-Called Superpowers is vibrant, lively, and hums along at a snappy pace.

Author Bio

Location: Simini Blocker - Flower Mound, Texas

Heather Nuhfer writes for all ages, both children's books and graphic novels. She has penned numerous original stories for comic book titles including, Scooby Doo, Wonder Woman, Teen Titans GO!, Fraggle Rock, Lisa Simpson,
King of Scars
by Leigh Bardugo

Face your demons or feed them.

Nikolai Lantsov has always had a gift for the impossible. No one knows what he endured in his country's bloody civil war - and he intends to keep it that way. Now, as enemies gather at his weakened borders, the young king must find a way to refill Ravka's coffers, forge new alliances, and stop a rising threat to the once-great Grisha Army.

Yet with every day a dark magic within him grows stronger, threatening to destroy all he has built. With the help of a young monk and a legendary Grisha Squaller, Nikolai will journey to the places in Ravka where the deepest magic survives to vanquish the terrible legacy inside him. He will risk everything to save his country and himself. But some secrets aren't meant to stay buried - and some wounds aren't meant to heal.

Enter the Grishaverse with this new novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Leigh Bardugo.

An Imprint Book

Praise for the Grishaverse

“An master of fantasy.” - The Huffington Post
“Utterly, extremely bewitching.” - The Guardian
“The best magic universe since Harry Potter.” - Bustle
“This is what fantasy is for.” - The New York Times Book Review
“[A] world that feels real enough to have its own passport stamp.” - NPR
“The darker it gets for the good guys, the better.” - Entertainment Weekly
“Sultry, sweeping and picturesque. . . . Impossible to put down.” - USA Today

“There's a level of emotional and (....)

Author Bio

Leigh Bardugo is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of fantasy novels and the creator of the Grishaverse. With over one million copies sold, her Grishaverse spans the Shadow and Bone Trilogy, the Six of Crows Duology, and The Language of Thorns - with more to come. Her short stories can be found in multiple anthologies, including Some of the Best from Tor.com and The Best American Science Fiction & Fantasy. Her other works include Wonder Woman: Warbringer and Ninth House. Leigh was born in Jerusalem, grew up in Los Angeles, graduated from Yale University, and has worked in publishing since 2000.
King of Scars 9-Copy Floor Display  
by Leigh Bardugo

- (9) copies of KING OF SCARS (9781250142)

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Series: King of Scars Duology

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Promotion
In Paul Greci's *The Wild Lands*, Travis and his sister are trapped in a daily race to survive - and there is no second place.

Natural disasters and a breakdown of civilization have cut off Alaska from the world and destroyed its landscape. Now, as food runs out and the few who remain turn on each other, Travis and his younger sister, Jess, must cross hundreds of miles in search of civilization.

The wild lands around them are filled with ravenous animals, desperate survivors pushed to the edge, and people who've learned to shoot first and ask questions never.

Travis and Jess will make a few friends and a lot of enemies on their terrifying journey across the ruins of today's world - and they'll have to fight for what they believe in as they see how far people will go to survive.

*The Wild Lands* is a pulse-pounding YA thriller full of shocking plot twists. It's the ultimate survival tale of humanity's fight against society's collapse.

An Imprint Book

**Author Bio**

Location: Fairbanks, Alaska

Paul Greci has lived and worked in Alaska for over twenty-five years as a field biology technician in remote wilderness areas, a backpacking trip leader for teens, and a naturalist for several outdoor education programs. His middle grade adventure novel, *Surviving Bear Island*, was a Junior Library Guild Selection and a Scholastic Reading Club Pick.
Babysitting Nightmares: The Phantom Hour
by Kat Shepherd, illustrated by Rayanne Vieira

The supernatural never sleeps in the second book of this spooky middle grade series!

Clio has already had one brush with the paranormal, and she’s dead set on making it her last.

But her new babysitting job is in a haunted house! At first, Clio’s excited to work at the historical Victorian mansion in town - until doors start closing behind her, objects move on their own, and messages appear from beyond the grave.

Clio enlists the help of her three best friends, Tanya, Maggie, and Rebecca, to uncover long-buried secrets from the past. Can Clio face her fear and solve the mystery of the haunted mansion?

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Praise for Babysitting Nightmares: The Shadow Hand :

Fast-paced, action-packed, and just as fun as it is frightening, this series-starter is a sure winner. The cast of real, relatable characters and the thrillingly vivid prose only further ensure that readers - reluctant, eager, or somewhere in between - will be left looking forward to more of Shepherd’s delightfully creepy tales.” - Jarrett Lerner, author of EngiNerds

"This spooky story of friendship and paranormal adventure will have young readers flipping pages well past their bedtime." - Jennifer Chambliss Bertman, New York Times Bestselling author of Book Scavenger

"A wicked fun friendship story, packed with deliciously creepy scares." - Lauren Myracle (…)

Author Bio

Location: Kat Shepherd - Los Angeles, CA

Kat Shepherd lives in Los Angeles with her husband, two dogs, and a rotating series of foster dogs. Each year she and her husband travel to a different national park for her wedding anniversary, and they have been lucky enough to also visit places like South Africa, Paris, and the Galapagos Islands.

Babysitting Nightmares is her first middle grade series.
There's nothing Amy likes more than being famous. It's so fun to sign autographs for her bear, pose for photos with her parents, and she loves getting gold stars in class.

But when a new girl comes to school, suddenly she's the superstar, and Amy is just super jealous.

It's not until they spend time together that they discover something more meaningful than fame - friendship.

Themes of sharing the spotlight, overcoming jealousy, and finding great friends take center stage in this picture book from renowned children's author Barbara Bottner.

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Author Bio

Barbara Bottner, a New York Times bestselling author, has written (and sometimes illustrated) over forty-plus titles for children, from wordless picture books to young adult novels. Her work has been translated, animated, and adopted into short musicals. Bootsie Barker Bites, Wallace’s Lists (with Gerald Kruglik), Miss Brooks Loves Books, Priscilla Gorilla, and Amy is Famous are some of her favorites. Barbara formerly worked in children's television and CBS prime time comedy, and has published short stories and essays in national newspapers and magazines. She walks her dog Petey and hangs with her husband, Gerald, in Los Angeles.

Yuyi Chen loves spending most of her time drawing, painting, and reading. She can also be found daydreaming or playing with her two boys. They live in Washington, with her husband, where they are all famous to each other. She is the illustrator of the picture books Amy is Famous and Doris the Bookasaurus.

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Mist, Metal, and Ash
by Gwendolyn Clare

Worlds collide in this thrilling sequel to the epic, imaginative, acclaimed fantasy Ink, Iron, and Glass.

In an alternate 19th-century Italy, Elsa has an incredible gift: she can craft new worlds with precise lines of script written in books. But political extremists have stolen the most dangerous book ever scribed - one that can rewrite the Earth itself.

Now Elsa must track down the friend who betrayed her and recover the book before its destructive power is unleashed. Can she handle the secrets she'll uncover along the way - including the ones hiding in her own heart?

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PRAISE FOR INK, IRON, AND GLASS:

This novel is a source of serious fun." - School and Library Journal (starred review)

"Exciting and original." - Kirkus (starred review)

"Clare's debut is built upon an intriguing premise. A solid series starter featuring a competent, flawed heroine that's built for sf fans." - Booklist

"A gasp-worthy ending ensures a sequel." - Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books
The fifth chapter book in the Prince Not-So Charming series features Prince Carlos being turned into a toad.

Prince Carlos Charles Charming is finally figuring out how to be both a prince and a court jester. But then a mixed-up wizard transforms Carlos into a toad who eats bugs and croaks instead of speaks. Unfortunately, the wizard doesn't have a spell for reversing it. Even more unfortunately, Toad Surprise is on the menu for today's lunch at Fancy Castle! Can Carlos escape the kitchen and leap back into his normal life - warts and all?

Perfect for middle school readers and filled with adorable illustrations, *Prince Not-So Charming: Toad You So* shows it's hard to live up to the fairy tale - but the first step is letting your true self show through.

An Imprint Book

**Author Bio**

Roy L. Hinuss is the authorized biographer of the Charming Royal family. He is also fond of the occasional fart joke. When he isn't writing about Prince Carlos Charles Charming's many adventures, he can be found in his basement laboratory making batches of homemade Brussels sprout ice cream.
Prince Not-So Charming: Wild Wild Quest
by Roy L. Hinuss

The sixth chapter book in the Prince Not-So Charming series features Prince Carlos going on a quest - and disaster is never far away.

Prince Carlos Charles Charming tells a lot more jokes than your standard prince is probably supposed to. But he’s been working hard to live up to his princely expectations.

That’s good, because the ultimate prince, Gilbert the Gallant, has gone missing! Carlos, his friend Pinky, and his pet dragon Smudge are assigned to go find Gilbert and complete his quest. But how can Carlos do what the oh-so-perfect Gilbert couldn’t? Especially when Smudge sets their boat on fire before they’ve gone very far? And every princely voyage involves a sea monster!

Perfect for middle school readers and filled with adorable illustrations, Prince Not-So Charming: Wild Wild Quest shows how even princes struggle sometimes - but the only way to get through it is one step at a time.

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The Weight of the Stars
by K. Ancrum

A vivid, evocative YA lesbian romance about how the universe is full of second chances.

Ryann Bird dreams of traveling across the stars. But a career in space isn't an option for a girl who lives in a trailer park on the wrong side of town. So Ryann becomes her circumstances and settles for acting out and skipping school to hang out with her delinquent friends.

One day she meets Alexandria: a furious loner who spurns Ryann's offer of friendship. After a horrific accident leaves Alexandria with a broken arm, the girls are brought together despite themselves - and Ryann learns her secret: Alexandria's mother is an astronaut who volunteered for a one-way trip to the edge of the solar system.

Every night without fail, Alexandria waits to catch radio signals from her mother. And now it's up to Ryann to lift her onto the roof day after day until the silence between them grows into friendship, and eventually something more.

The Weight of the Stars is the new LGBT young adult romance from K. Ancrum, written with the same style of short, micro-fiction chapters and immediacy that garnered acclaim for her debut, The Wicker King.

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PRAISE FOR THE WICKER KING:

"Ancrum delves into the blurry space between reality and madness. A haunting and provocative read that will keep teens riveted." - School Library Journal

"Teen fans of moody psychological horror will be entranced." - Booklist

"Give this (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Chicago, IL

K. Ancrum grew up in Chicago Illinois, under the illusory rigor of the Chicago Public School system. She attended Dominican University to study Fashion Merchandizing, but was lured into getting an English degree after spending a semester in Paris. She lives in Chicago with her boyfriend and America's oldest cat.
Welcome to Girl Mogul! No matter who you are or where you come from, this book can help you define success, envision it, and make it happen - in school, in your personal life, and at work. Get ready to awaken all the awesomeness that is already inside of you.

You are fierce.
You are bold.
You are unique.
You are driven.
You are inspiring.
YOU ARE A GIRL MOGUL

Tiffany Pham, founder and CEO of Mogul, created one of the most successful platforms for girls worldwide, reaching millions of people to enact true change in their lives, after receiving thousands of emails asking for advice. In Girl Mogul, she speaks directly to teens and young adults, sharing insights from her own life as well from the lives of the most incredible and inspiring women on Mogul. Tiffany has proven that with the right attitude, the right people, and the right vision, there's nothing girls can't do.

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Author Bio

Tiffany Pham is the founder and CEO of Mogul, one of the largest worldwide platforms for women, enabling them to connect, share information, and access knowledge from one another. As a coder, she developed the first version of Mogul, reaching millions of women per week across 196 countries and 30,470 cities. Tiffany was named one of Forbes ’s 30 Under 30” in media, Business Insider ’s “30 Most Important Women Under 30” in technology, ELLE Magazine ’s “30 Women Under 30 Who Are Changing the World,” among many other honors. Tiffany is a judge on the TLC TV show Girl Starter, and cohost of the show Positive Pushback . She speaks at the United Nations, Microsoft, Hearst, Viacom, Bloomberg, The New York Times, Wharton Business School, Scripps Research Institute, SXSW, and around the world. She is a graduate of Yale and Harvard Business School. She is the author of Girl Mogul . Visit onmogul.com.
Alien: Echo
An Original Young Adult Novel of the Alien Universe
by Mira Grant

An original young adult novel of the Alien universe

Olivia and her twin sister Viola have been dragged around the universe for as long as they can remember. Their parents, both xenobiologists, are always in high demand for their research into obscure alien biology.

Just settled on a new colony world, they discover an alien threat unlike anything they've ever seen. And suddenly the sisters' world is ripped apart.

On the run from terrifying aliens, Olivia's knowledge of xenobiology and determination to protect her sister are her only weapons as the colony collapses into chaos. But then a shocking family secret bursts open - one that's as horrifying to Olivia as the aliens surrounding them.

The creatures infiltrate the rich wildlife on this virgin colony world - and quickly start adapting. Olivia's going to have to adapt, too, if she's going to survive.

An Imprint Book

Author Bio

Mira Grant is the author of the New York Times best-selling Newsflesh trilogy, along with multiple other works of biomedical science fiction. She has been nominated for the Hugo Award, and her book, Feed, was chosen as one of NPR's 100 Killer Thrillers. Being part of the Alien universe is a dream come true.
Something made him angry that night.
Something made her cry.
Something made Trixie disappear.
What if it was all the same thing?

Fiona claims she doesn't remember anything about the night her best friend left a party early and walked into the ocean. But the truth is, she wishes she could forget.

Trixie’s disappearance is ruled a suicide, but Fiona starts to believe that Trixie isn’t really dead. Piecing together the trail of a girl who doesn’t want to be found leads her to Jasper, Trixie’s former friend with benefits, and Beau - the boy who turned Fiona down, who loved someone else, who might be happy Trixie is gone.

The closer Fiona gets to finding out what happened, and the closer she gets to Jasper and Beau, the more she realizes that the girl she knew better than anyone may have been a carefully constructed lie - and she might have been waiting to disappear the entire time.

Told in alternating chapters between the past and the present, Last Girl Lied To is a gripping emotional thriller.

An Imprint Book

Firsts :
"The novel exposes some of the double standards inherent in our purity-obsessed culture" - Kirkus Reviews

"Debut author Flynn raises worthwhile questions about teenage (...)"

Author Bio

Location: London, Ontario, Canada

LAURIE ELIZABETH FLYNN went to school for journalism and later worked as a model, a job that took her overseas to Tokyo, Athens, and Paris. She lives in London, Ontario, with her husband and her Chihuahua. Firsts is her first novel.
The Library of Ever
by Zeno Alexander

The Library of Ever is an instant classic for middle grade readers and booklovers everywhere - an adventure across time and space, as a young girl becomes a warrior for the forces of knowledge.

With her parents off traveling the globe, Lenora is bored, bored, bored - until she discovers a secret doorway into the ultimate library. Mazelike and reality-bending, the library contains all the universe's wisdom. Every book ever written, and every fact ever known, can be found within its walls. And Lenora becomes its newly appointed Fourth Assistant Apprentice Librarian.

She rockets to the stars, travels to a future filled with robots, and faces down a dark nothingness that wants to destroy all knowledge. To save the library, Lenora will have to test her limits and uncover secrets hidden among its shelves.

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Author Bio

After emerging from the shadows of the past, his history yet to be fully explained, Zeno Alexander spent years exploring the world's libraries before settling down in his lavish underground bunker, where he regularly hosts exquisite dinner parties and tends to his collection of extinct plants. His friendship with the famous librarian, Lenora, has turned into a series of biographical works devoted to chronicling her adventures.
Fergal and the Bad Temper
by Robert Starling

A young dragon must learn to control his temper in this funny picture book for fiery kids everywhere!

Fergal the dragon does not like being told what to do. It's not fair! And when things aren't fair, Fergal loses his temper and snorts angry fire.

He feels sorry afterward, but Fergal just can't control his outbursts!

After one really fiery day, his family and friends offer him some advice to calm down. Can this dragon learn to cool it before a temper tantrum hits?

An Imprint Book

Author Bio

Robert Starling began doodling creatures and characters at school and hasn't stopped since then. He lives and works in Bristol, and when he's not sketching new characters or writing down stories he can be found sculpting, brewing coffee, adjusting his headphones, or foraging in the kitchen for cake. Oh, and teaching kids. *Fergal and the Bad Temper* is his first book.
Alphaprints Dot to Dot Activity Book
by Roger Priddy

Alphaprints Dot to Dot is bursting with big pictures to trace and complete. Each picture is full of Alphaprints charm including funny animal characters, familiar vehicles, and colorful objects. Young children will love joining the dots to create pictures, tracing lines through mazes, and trying the crazy puzzles! The activities will help build fine-motor skills, as well as refining pen control. This spiral bound wipe-clean book comes with a wipe-clean pen so that each activity can be completed, wiped away, and tried again!

Alphaprints is a bestselling series with unique artwork created using fingerprints and photographs of everyday things.

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Location: London

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Promotion

Dedicated Website at PriddyBooks.com
Baby Can Do: Peekaboo Baby
with a fun mirror surprise
by Roger Priddy

Babies will love to play along with *Peekaboo Baby*, a peep-through book of babies! Each page features a die-cut hole which looks through to the next page. Is there a happy baby peeping through or perhaps a cuddly bear? Little ones will love to follow the peep-through holes through to a fun mirror surprise at the back of the book. This engaging book, full of bright photographs of happy babies and colorful objects, will provide plenty for babies to explore and lots of peekaboo fun!

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Giraffe is Lost
An animal search-and-find book
by Roger Priddy

Giraffe is Lost is a chunky, interactive board book with fun novelties, cheerful illustrations, and repetitive text that encourages participation.

Young children will enjoy helping Giraffe find his dad by going around the zoo lifting flaps and pulling sliders. They will meet a cast of characterful animals - including meerkats, monkeys, and a big gray elephant - and the pull-tabs and flaps reveal funny surprises. The repetitive text encourages kids to join in, and there is a happy and reassuring ending!

A book that will become a favorite with little ones aged 18 months to three years.

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Maze Book: Follow the Bunny
by Roger Priddy

Bunny is on her way. It's her Easter party today.
Can you help her find her friends and find out where each trail ends?

Follow the Bunny is a die-cut maze book for young children, enabling them to follow the grooved trails with their fingertips from hole to hole. There are eight springtime scenes to explore, including farm fields, the riverside, and underground tunnels, and the holes take them into the next scene. With adorable animal characters, cumulative rhyming text, and colorful illustrations, Follow the Bunny makes an extra-special Easter treat.

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Mini tab books: Farm
by Roger Priddy

*Mini tab books: Farm* is a photographic board book designed to capture any baby's or toddler's attention. The colorful images of familiar objects, crops, animals, and farm vehicles will help young children learn all about the farm. The chunky format is also ideal for building dexterity and the tabs make turning the pages super easy!

Also available *Words, Numbers, Trucks & Things That Go*.

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Mini tab books: Numbers
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Mini Tab Book: Numbers is a photographic board book designed to capture any baby's or toddler's attention. The colorful images of familiar objects and animals will help young children learn to count from 1 to 7. The chunky format is also ideal for building dexterity and the tabs make turning the pages super easy!

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Mini tab books: Trucks & things that go
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My Easter Basket Tab Book
by Roger Priddy

My Easter Basket is an illustrated board book basket, with colorful, foiled Easter egg tabs and search-and-find scenes of busy animals on an Easter egg hunt.

The cute basket-shape format, engrossing counting game, and colorful artwork all add up to a sweet alternative gift for toddlers at Easter. They can carry it round, read the story, and enjoy the color-themed game of seek-and-find, spotting all the eggs the Easter Bunny has hidden on his rounds. A great book for learning about color, counting, and matching through play.

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Have you heard of the pointy-eared men
Who live in wee houses in Faerie Glen?
They are the mysterious leprechaun
Who dance with the fairies from dusk till dawn.

Happy St. Patrick's Day is a child's introduction to the faerie folk of Irish legend, with sweet illustrations, fun rhymes, and shiny foil shamrocks cut through every scene. Learn all about the mysterious leprechauns—what they wear, the work they do, their quirky behavior, and their pots of gold! And find out what happens if you find one . . . it will be your luckiest day ever!

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What's on My Farm?
A slide-and-find book with flaps
by Roger Priddy

Inside What's on my Farm? young children will discover interesting novelties to lift and slide on every spread. Children will have fun exploring the farm, recognizing the animals, and spotting funny things along the way, as they build their matching and problem-solving skills. From the barnyard to the stables and fields, there's lots to search for and find. The chunky mechanisms are fun to use and ideal for little hands.

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Priddy Baby Lift-the-flap: Bedtime
by Roger Priddy

Babies and toddlers will love looking through *Lift-the-flap Bedtime*, a bedtime-themed book all about children just like them! With colorful photographs of kids getting ready for bed and items they can recognize and name from their own nighttime routine, this book will help to build vocabulary. The narrow pages and large flaps are easy to open, and your little one will enjoy guessing what is behind each peep-through flap.

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Fancy Pants
Turn the wheel to find my pants
by Roger Priddy

Turn each wheel in this fun novelty book to create some hilarious fancy-dress costumes. Young children will enjoy finding the superhero's underpants, the pirate's hat, and the mermaid's tail, or they can mix things up by choosing one of the other options—giving the pirate a crown, the superhero flippers, or the mermaid a dinosaur's tail!

The quirky animal characters and playful text make this an enjoyable book to share, and it's a great springboard for some real fancy-dress fun.

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My Little Book of Trucks and things that go
by Roger Priddy

Little truck fans will love this board book full of bright photographs of trucks and other things that go.
Each spread has large, clear photographs of different types of vehicles—from construction, emergency, and farm trucks, to every type of vehicle you see on the road. There are simple labels and interesting questions to develop vocabulary and spark children’s interest, and the stepped page edges make it easy to turn the pages.

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Play Train Chunky Set
by Roger Priddy

Hop on board the Play Train! This eye-catching set combines three toddler favorites: trains, jigsaw puzzles, and early-learning fun. The set includes three shaped board books that slot together to form a colorful train for children to play with. Each chunky book focuses on a key early-learning concept: colors, numbers, and words. With a fun design sure to delight and entice little train fans, this engaging set is an ideal way to introduce young children to educational play.

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Alphaprints: Curious Cat and other Fluffy Friends
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Other titles in the series: Happy Dog and other furry friends, Quirky Bird and other feathered friends, and Silly Squid and other fishy friends

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Forest Friends: A lift-and-learn book
by Roger Priddy

Five little critters in the Critter Tree. Here is Owl. Where's her family?

The Critter Tree is a tree-shaped board book with five cute woodland animals on tabs. Inside, there is lots of lift-and-learn fun, with big gatefold flaps to open out and discover the animals that live at the top of the tree, in the leaves, and down to the branches, the trunk and the roots.

The attractive cover and quirky, retro-style illustrations should have real pick-up appeal for young children, and the rhyming text and cute characters make it enjoyable for parents to read out loud. Children will also learn a little about each animal, where they live, and their family group.

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Wipe Clean Road Trip Activities
by Roger Priddy

Wipe Clean Road Trip Activities is packed with all kinds of fun things to do to keep young children interested and entertained on long car journeys and vacations.

The spiral binding and attached wipe-clean pen offer a portable activity book, plus the wipe-clean pages mean the activities can be completed, wiped away, and repeated again and again. With word searches, seek and finds, games to play, doodles, stickers, and much more, kids can have hours of fun on the road!

Also available, Wipe Clean Vacation Time Activities.

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Author Bio

Location: London

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. Roger lives in London and has three children, who have been the inspiration behind many of his best publishing ideas.

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Dedicated Website at PriddyBooks.com
For all the littlest progressives, waking up to seize a new day of justice and activism.

Woke babies are up early. Woke babies raise their fists in the air. Woke babies cry out for justice. Woke babies grow up to change the world.

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There's terrible news in the neighborhood next to Kitty's! A conflict there is growing worse and worse. It started as an argument and has now turned into a full-fledged fight. Worst of all: The cat shelter has been destroyed.

Kitty's family decides it's time to do something to help. They have an idea to foster as many displaced kittens as possible.

Kitty won't mind, right?

Well . . . not exactly. Kitty does seem to mind. She minds A LOT.

Will our favorite bad-tempered friend learn to share her space, her food, and **GASP!!** her toys?

Find out in this hilarious and poignant addition to the Bad Kitty series.

**Author Bio**

Location: Nick Bruel - Tarrytown, NY; Nick Bruel - Tarrytown, NY

Nick Bruel is the author and illustrator of *New York Times* bestseller *Boing*, *Bad Kitty*, *Bad Kitty Gets a Bath* and *Bad Kitty Meets the Baby*, among others. Nick is a freelance illustrator and cartoonist, and during his down time, he collects PEZ dispensers and grows tomatoes in the backyard. He lives in Tarrytown, NY with his wife Carina and their lovely cat Esmerelda.
Not-So-Great Presidents: Commanders in Chief (Epic Fails #3)
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Oh No, Bobo!
You're in Trouble
by Phil Gosier

When Bobo steals, and then breaks, the zookeeper's flashlight, his best friend Fifi only has one thing to say to him:

YOU'RE IN TROUBLE!

While Fifi runs around taunting Bobo and telling everyone about what Bobo has done, Bobo frantically tries to find help . . . and avoid getting caught by the zookeeper.

This riotous, energetic tale is complemented by vibrant art and a hilarious read-aloud style that begs readers: PLEASE DON'T TELL ON BOBO!

Author Bio

Phil Gosier is an independent art director and designer working in the Washington, D.C. area. His illustration and design clients include Kellogg's, the Discovery Channel, Marvel and DC Comics, and Macmillan, where he illustrates the Friday Barnes Mystery series as well as his own picture books, including Snow Beast Comes to Play. He graduated from the University of Maryland and lives in suburban Maryland with his family.
Do you wonder
if humans
are the only beings who wonder
if they are alone
in the universe?

Our sun is a star.
In the night sky are all kinds of stars,
and orbiting those stars
are planets like the ones in our own solar system.

Could those planets have life
like we do on Earth?

Planet Earth is not too big,
not too small, not too hot,
and not too cold. It's just right.
Our very own Goldilocks planet . . . .

Follow a young girl
as she explores these questions
in this gorgeous book about the wondrous search
for another Goldilocks planet.

Author Bio

Curtis Manley grew up in Pennsylvania, where there were bears in the woods (and perhaps a few dinosaurs at school). But he never had to outrun sharks during recess - though he's absolutely certain he could have. Curtis now lives near Seattle, Washington.

Jessica Lanan has long been enchanted by the mysteries of the cosmos. Exoplanets are too far away for her to visit, but illustrating them is the next best thing. Jessica currently lives in her native state of Colorado with her husband, three-legged cat, and baby daughter, who was born during the making of this book.
Arlo Finch in the Lake of the Moon
by John August

A thrilling adventure full of magic and wonder. John August is a master storyteller.” - Ransom Riggs, #1 New York Times-bestselling author of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

From acclaimed screenwriter John August, Arlo Finch in the Lake of the Moon is a spellbinding fantasy adventure story about the magic that lies just beyond our world.

Something was coming. Arlo felt certain about that.

For Arlo Finch and the Rangers of Pine Mountain Company, summer camp is more than canoeing and hiking. It’s also a chance to earn patches for more magical activities like identifying forest spirits and learning about the past by “reading” trees. But trouble starts even before Arlo and his best friends Indra and Wu head off for camp. When they stumble upon clues about a long-lost Patrol, Arlo uncovers a history that leads right back to his very own family . . . and changes everything forever.

"Praise for Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire:

Accomplished screenwriter August artfully thrusts readers into a whole new world, right alongside Arlo . . . This is just the first volume in a new series, so readers won’t have to wait long to plunge back into the mysterious Long Woods.” - Booklist

"Much like other popular series such as ‘Percy Jackson,’ [this is] an exciting fantasy novel grounded in (…)

Author Bio

Location: Los Angeles

Born and raised in Boulder, Colorado, John August earned a degree in journalism from Drake University and an MFA in film from USC. As a screenwriter, his credits include Big Fish, Charlie’s Angels, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Corpse Bride and Frankenweenie. His books include Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire.

In addition to his film career, he hosts a popular weekly podcast, Scriptnotes, with Craig Mazin. He also created the Writer Emergency Pack, an educational initiative that provides books in hardcover to writers in need. He has been featured in The Washington Post, The Hollywood Reporter, and Variety.
When all was lost, they found each other.

As the sun sets off the coast of the small California town of Orilla del Cielo, the silhouettes of oil rigs loom. Their shadows look jarring against the serene backdrop, their sharpness a reminder of unfulfilled promises. To Zach, they are also a reminder of loss - his father, an oil worker, drowned years earlier. With his family struggling to make ends meet, Zach feels he's destined for a bleak future.

Until he meets Vanessa. She's an optimistic girl from a wealthy family whose sights are literally set on the stars. Inspired by her idol, Carl Sagan, she plans on studying astronomy at Cornell. But as oil prospectors in search of black gold know, the future is uncertain . . . and fortunes can always be flipped.

Jason Gurley delivers a gorgeous debut YA novel about dreams and finding the courage to reach them.

Praise for Eleanor:

"[The] violent rift between past and present affords each woman the chance to offer her own kind of repentance and forgiveness and redemption. In the end, Eleanor shows that one never knows what can happen when the reset button is pushed."

-Washington Post

Author Bio

Location: Portland, OR

Comics Will Break Your Heart
by Faith Erin Hicks

A sweet, funny contemporary teen romance for the inner geek in all of us from fan-favorite graphic novelist Faith Erin Hicks

Miriam’s family should be rich. After all, her grandfather was the co-creator of smash-hit comics series The TomorrowMen. But he sold his rights to the series to his co-creator in the 1960s for practically nothing, and now that’s what Miriam has: practically nothing. And practically nothing to look forward to either - how can she afford college when her family can barely keep a roof above their heads? As if she didn’t have enough to worry about, Miriam’s life gets much more complicated when a cute boy shows up in town . . . and turns out to be the grandson of the man who defrauded Miriam's grandfather, and heir to the TomorrowMen fortune.

In her endearing debut novel, cartoonist Faith Erin Hicks pens a sensitive and funny Romeo-and-Juliet tale about modern romance, geek royalty, and what it takes to heal the long-festering scars of the past (Spoiler Alert: love)

Author Bio

Faith Erin Hicks is a writer and artist in Vancouver, British Columbia. Her graphic novels include Zombies Calling, The War at Ellsmere, Brain Camp (with Susan Kim and Laurence Klavan), Friends with Boys, Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong (with Prudence Shen), the Bigfoot Boy series (with J. Torres), The Last of Us: American Dreams (with Neil Druckmann), the Eisner Award - winning The Adventures of Superhero Girl, and the Nameless City series.

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On a warm spring day in 1883, a woman rode across the Brooklyn Bridge with a rooster on her lap. It was the first trip across an engineering marvel that had taken nearly fourteen years to construct. The woman's husband was the chief engineer, and he knew all about the dangerous new technique involved. The woman insisted she learn as well.

When he fell ill mid-construction, her knowledge came in handy. She supervised every aspect of the project while he was bedridden, and she continued to learn about things only men were supposed to know:

math,
science,
engineering.

Women weren't supposed to be engineers.

But this woman insisted she could do it all, and her hard work helped to create one of the most iconic landmarks in the world.

This is the story of Emily Roebling, the secret engineer behind the Brooklyn Bridge.

Author Bio

Rachel Dougherty is the illustrator of three nonfiction picture books, Your Life as a Cabin Attendant on the Titanic, Your Life as a Pioneer on the Oregon Trail, and The Twelve Days of Christmas in Pennsylvania. She is a lifelong history buff and has always paid special attention to brave and commanding women. Secret Engineer is the first picture book she has both written and illustrated. She lives in Philadelphia. Visit her online at www.racheldougherty.com.
My Mommy Medicine
by Edwidge Danticat, illustrated by Shannon Wright

My Mommy Medicine is a picture book about the comfort and love a mama offers when her child isn't feeling well, from renowned author Edwidge Danticat.

Whenever I am sick,
Or just feel kind of gloomy or sad,
I can always count on my Mommy Medicine.

When a child wakes up feeling sick, she is treated to a good dose of Mommy Medicine. Her remedy includes a yummy cup of hot chocolate; a cozy, bubble-filled bath time; and unlimited snuggles and cuddles. Mommy Medicine can heal all woes and make any day the BEST day!

Award-winning memoirist Edwidge Danticat’s rich and lyrical text envelops the reader in the security of a mother’s love, and debut artist Shannon Wright’s vibrant art infuses the story with even more warmth.

Author Bio

Location: Edwidge Danticat - Miami, FL; Shannon Wright - Richmond, VA

Edwidge Danticat is the author of several books, including Breath, Eyes, Memory, an Oprah’s Book Club selection; Krik? Krak!, a National Book Award finalist; The Farming of Bones, an American Book Award winner; and the novel-in-stories, The Dew Breaker. She is the editor of The Butterfly’s Way: Voices from the Haitian Diaspora in the United States and The Beacon Best of 2000: Great Writing by Men and Women of All Colors and Cultures, Haiti Noir and Haiti Noir 2, and Best American Essays 2011. She has written six books for young adults and children - Anacaona, Behind the Mountains, Eight Days, The Last Mapou, Mama’s Nightingale, and Untwine - as well as a travel narrative, After the Dance, A Walk Through Carnival in Jacmel. Her memoir, Brother, I’m Dying, was a 2007 finalist for the National Book Award and a 2008 winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for autobiography. She is a 2009 MacArthur Fellow. Shannon Wright is an illustrator and cartoonist reading fanfiction in Richmond, Virginia. Her work has appeared in The New York Times, Time magazine, Mother Jones, Google and KaBOOM! Studios. Her forthcoming work includes the cover of Betty Before X and TWINS, a graphic novel from Arthur A. Levine Books. During the summer, Shannon co-teaches a comics course at Virginia Commonwealth University. My Mommy Medicine is her first picture book. shannon-wright.com

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The Super Life of Ben Braver: The Incredible Exploding Kid
by Marcus Emerson, illustrated by Marcus Emerson

A crazy fun ride - action packed and loaded with laughs! - Max Brallier, The Last Kids on Earth

Even though Ben Braver saved Kepler Academy from total destruction last year, he knows he still doesn't fit in at his secret middle school for kids with special abilities. Ben's been hiding his lack of super skills, but it's getting harder as his classmates' powers are getting stronger.

Will Ben be able to power up before his enemies at school take him down? And will he risk everything to become the ultimate superhero?

The Super Life of Ben Braver: The Incredible Exploding Kid is jam-packed with art and comic strips. It's another wacky adventure from Marcus Emerson, the author behind the hit Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja series!

"Fans of super-hero fiction will laugh out loud and identify with aggressively regular Ben. Just the right mix of mystery and kooky fun." - Kirkus Reviews

"Emerson largely plays his opener for laughs, endowing his motley cast with such "powers" as the ability to indefinitely extend a big toe . . . Frequent cartoon line drawings add visual gags as well as punchlines and side comments to a narrative that culminates in a wild climax but leaves plenty of secrets for future episodes to resolve." - Booklist

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Author Bio

Location: Marcus Emerson - Eldridge, Iowa; Marcus Emerson - Eldridge, Iowa

Marcus Emerson is the author of the hit Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja series and the Secret Agent 6th Grader series. His career started in 2nd grade when he discovered Garfield. He grew up playing Super Mario Bros. 4, watching Thundercats, and reading comics like X-Men, Superman, and Wildcats. He lives in Eldridge, Iowa with his wife and children.
Pocket Bios: Buddha
by Al Berenger, illustrated by Al Berenger

A colorfully illustrated, pocket-size picture book biography of the Buddha.

Gautama Buddha lived and taught in ancient India between the 6th and 4th centuries B.C.E. It is said that he was a prince before he renounced his former life in order to search for the cycle of rebirth and an end to suffering. He founded the religion of Buddhism, which has hundreds of millions of followers to this day and is the world's fourth largest religion.

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Pocket Bios: Marie Antoinette
by Al Berenger, illustrated by Al Berenger

A colorfully illustrated, pocket-size picture book biography of the last queen of France, Marie Antoinette.

Marie Antoinette was born Archduchess of Austria and married Louis-Auguste, future King Louis XVI, when she was only 14 years old. At the age of 19, she became the last queen of France before the French Revolution in 1789. She was notorious for lavish spending, parties and gambling. Famously thought to have said "Let them eat cake!" Marie's actions fueled the fury that brought about the French Revolution, and she remains an intriguing figure to this day.

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Pocahontas was a Native American teenager famous for her connection to the colonial settlement in Jamestown, Virginia. She is said to have saved the life of Englishman John Smith (although this story has been disputed by historians), and she married tobacco farmer John Rolfe at the age of 17, eventually moving to England with him. Her story has been highly romanticized in literature and film over the years, and remains fascinating to this day.

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Pocket Bios: Vincent van Gogh
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A colorfully illustrated, pocket-size picture book biography of famed artist Vincent van Gogh.

Vincent van Gogh, one of the most important figures in Western art, is renowned for his Post-Impressionist paintings. Though he was extraordinarily prolific, producing 2,100 artworks in his lifetime, he was only posthumously recognized as an artistic genius. Many people saw him as a madman, and he is famous for having severed part of his own left ear. His tortured life is just as captivating as his artworks, which went on to achieve widespread success.

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How To Walk An Ant
by Cindy Derby, illustrated by Cindy Derby

There are nine steps to becoming an ant walker, and Amariyah, the expert ant walker, is here to show you how it's done.

This irreverent and quirky picture book follows a young girl as she goes through the process of walking ants, from polite introductions to tragic leash entanglements.

In the end, this unique book shows that as long as you're doing what you're best at, you may find a like-minded friend to tag along.

*Zero ants were harmed in the making of this book.
**Oops, 7 ants were harmed in the making of this book.

Author Bio

Cindy Derby is an illustrator and author based out of San Francisco, California. She is a puppeteer and has performed all over the world. How To Walk An Ant is her first picture book.
Cilla Lee-Jenkins: The Epic Story
by Susan Tan, illustrated by Dana Wulfekotte

Cilla Lee-Jenkins has written a "Bestseller" and a "Classic"-now she's going to write an Epic! Epics are all about struggles, and Cilla is facing her biggest challenge of all time - her Chinese grandfather YeYe is recovering from a stroke and has forgotten all his English. Cilla doesn't speak Chinese, and YeYe used to tell her the BEST stories in English. Cilla knows she'll miss those stories so much and vows to teach YeYe English. But her epic journey isn't without other struggles:

- Cilla is now in 5th grade, but why does she feel younger and sillier than her classmates?
- She has two younger sisters now, but they don't get along. Will they ever be one big happy family?
- BOYS. The end.

In the third installment about this sassy but charming character, Susan Tan has created the most heartfelt and heart-wrenching Cilla Lee-Jenkins book yet!

Cilla Lee-Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire:

"Anyone who spends time with Cilla Lee-Jenkins will look forward to reading her in the future." - Booklist, starred review

"Tan writes in a fun and spunky voice that brings to mind favorite characters such as Junie B. Jones, Ramona Quimby, and Fancy Nancy but is still all her own." - School Library Journal

"[Cilla Lee-Jenkins] is 50% Chinese, 50% Caucasian and I think 100% wonderful . . . I suspect young readers will want to reach into the pages and hug her!" -Rachel Renee Russell, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Dork Diaries, for Omnivoracious.com

"Meeting Cilla felt like (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Susan Tan - Somerville, MA

Susan Tan has lived many places in her life, but calls Concord, Massachusetts, home. She grew up in a mixed-race family, and, like Cilla Lee-Jenkins, had very little hair until the age of five. After studying at Williams College, she earned her PhD from the University of Cambridge, where she studied the history of science and medicine.
The Little Guys
by Vera Brosgol

An adorable cautionary tale from Caldecott Honoree Vera Brosgol

We are the Little Guys.
Yes, we are small. But there are a lot of us.
Together we are strong, and we can get all we need.

The Little Guys might be small, but they aim to be mighty.

As they head off to find breakfast, they can conquer anything through teamwork - cross deep waters, dig through obstacles, and climb the tallest trees. Nothing can stop them!

But as they begin to amass more than they need, the creatures in the forest ponder - what happens when no one can stop the Little Guys?

This slyly funny and rambunctious read-aloud explores how strength in numbers only works when the whole community unites together.

Caldecott Honor book Leave Me Alone!

Funny is hard; Brosgol makes it look easy." - NPR, Best Books of 2016

"Both classic and (...)"

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Promotion

Vera Brosgol was born in Moscow, Russia, in 1984 and moved to the United States when she was five. Her first graphic novel, Anya’s Ghost, was published in 2011 by First Second. Her picture book Leave Me Alone! was a 2017 Caldecott Honor book. She was a storyboard artist at Laika Inc. for ten years, working on films including Coraline and Kubo and the Two Strings. She lives in Portland, Oregon, and at last count has knit twenty-five sweaters.
The Little Guys 5-Copy Counter Display
by Vera Brosgol

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The Age of Exploration: Totally Getting Lost (Epic Fails #4)
by Ben Thompson and Erik Slader, illustrated by Tim Foley

The fourth book in the Epic Fails series spotlights an international cast of famous world explorers-tracing the mishaps, misadventures, and mutinies that led them to discover new worlds.

The Epic Fails series takes a humorous and unexpected view of history, telling the stories behind a variety of historical discoveries, voyages, experiments, and innovations that didn't go as expected but succeeded nonetheless, showing that many of mankind's biggest success stories are the result of some pretty epic failures.

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Tim lives and works in Grand Rapids with his wife, Terri.
How Not to Ask a Boy to Prom
by S. J. Goslee

Nolan Grant is sixteen, gay, and very, very single.

He's never had a boyfriend, or even been kissed. It's not like Penn Valley is exactly brimming with prospects. Nolan plans to ride out the rest of his junior year drawing narwhals, working at the greenhouse, and avoiding anything that involves an ounce of school spirit.

Unfortunately for him, his adoptive big sister has other idea. Ideas that involve too-tight pants, a baggie full of purple glitter, and worst of all: a Junior-Senior prom ticket.

How (Not) to Ask a Boy to Prom is a modern gender-bent young adult rom com from S. J. Goslee.

Praise for Whatever, by S. J. Goslee:

Recommended for young adults who enjoy . . . books by John Green, Adam Silvera, or John Corey Whaley." - School Library Journal, starred review

"Fans of David Levithan's Boy Meets Boy (2003) and Becky Albertalli's Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda (2015) won't be disappointed." - Booklist, starred review

Author Bio

Location: Glenolden, Pennsylvania

S.J. Goslee graduated from West Chester University with a BA in Literature and a minor in creative writing. She's been writing fanfiction in multiple fandoms for over a decade, amounting to over 140 stories and a million words. Whatever, is her debut novel. She lives in Glenolden, PA with her husband, two young sons, three cats and two dogs (one giant, one tiny).
Rescuing Rialto: A Baby Sea Otter’s Story
by Lynda V. Mapes, illustrated by Alan Berner

Thick, soft fur. Big brown eyes. Velvety paws. Meet Rialto.

On a sunny August morning in 2016, a baby sea otter was found washed up on the sand. Orphaned and sick, Rialto was taken to the Seattle Aquarium, where his dedicated caretakers nursed him back to health and taught him how to be an otter. Soon, the charming Rialto was stealing hearts as he played with toys made of ide, swam in his very own pool, ate tasty clams, and floated on his back.

Learn about Rialto’s rescue - and how you can help to save this endangered species - in this book by the Seattle Times reporter and photographer who chronicled his story as it happened. Just as he captured them, Rialto’s sure to steal your heart, too.

Author Bio

Lynda V. Mapes is the environmental reporter for the Seattle Times. She was a Knight Fellow in science journalism at MIT as well as a Bullard Fellow in forest research at the Harvard Forest, and is the author of four books including The Witness Tree. She lives in Seattle, where she strives to observe and experience the natural world with all five senses and especially a critical sixth sense: a sense of wonder. lyndavmapes.com
Beyond Words: What Elephants and Whales Think and Feel
by Carl Safina, illustrated by Carl Safina

A young reader's adaptation of The New York Times bestseller

Follow researcher Carl Safina as he treks with a herd of elephants across the Kenyan landscape, then travel with him to the Pacific Northwest to track and monitor whales in their ocean home. Along the way, find out more about the interior lives of these giants of land and sea - how they play, how they fight, and how they communicate with one another, and sometimes with us, too.

Weaving decades of field research with exciting new discoveries about the brain and featuring astonishing photographs taken by the author, Beyond Words: What Elephants and Whales Think and Feel gives readers an intimate and extraordinary look at what makes these animals different from us, but more important, what makes us all similar.

"Captivating A profound, scientifically based appeal for recognition of the kinship of all living things." - Kirkus, starred review

"In this mind-bending book, Safina takes the reader along with him on his adventures, enlightening and educating at each of his stops." - Publishers Weekly

"This well-researched book is a fascinating and thought-provoking investigation of different ways of viewing non-human creatures and their inner lives." - Library Journal

"Carl Safina shows there is indeed intelligent life in the universe, and it's all around us. At once moving and surprising, Beyond Words asks us to reexamine our relationship to (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Carl Safina - Setauket, NY; Carl Safina - Setauket, NY

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-
Strangers Assume My Girlfriend Is My Nurse
by Shane Burcaw

With his signature acerbic wit and a hilarious voice, twenty-something author, blogger, and entrepreneur Shane Burcaw is back with a second essay collection about his life, this time reflecting on the way people tend to perceive and treat him as a result of his disability.

From anecdotes about first introductions where people patted him on the head instead of shaking his hand, to stories of passersby far too frequently mistaking his able-bodied girlfriends for nurses, Shane tackles awkward situations and assumptions with humor and grace in this collection of essays about his day-to-day life as a wheelchair user living with a life-threatening disease.

Author Bio

Location: Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Shane Burcaw is a twenty-one-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy. He is currently a junior at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, studying English. Shane runs a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising money for muscular dystrophy research.
Make a Wish, Henry Bear
by Liam Francis Walsh

Henry Bear has very unusual parents.

They encourage him to stay up all night, eat chocolate cake at every meal, and get into trouble with his teacher.

But what happens when Henry Bear grows tired of indulging in childish things? Find out in this droll tale about making wishes with unanticipated consequences written and illustrated by New Yorker cartoonist Liam Francis Walsh, author of Fish, which Kirkus Reviews, in a starred review, called full-bodied” and “rewarding.

Author Bio

Liam Francis Walsh is a cartoonist, writer and illustrator who is originally from Wisconsin. His cartoons frequently appear in The New Yorker. Fish is Liam’s first children’s book and his first book for Roaring Brook Press. He currently lives in Brooklyn, New York.
Bad Kitty Camp Daze
by Nick Bruel

Bad Kitty is headed for a camp experience like no other in the eleventh installment of Nick Bruel's bestselling Bad Kitty chapter book series.

Kitty's life is really hard. Like really, REALLY hard. All she asks for is twenty-two hours a day to sleep and food to be delivered morning and night. But does she get it? No. And when Puppy and Baby get a little rambunctious during her naptime, Kitty gets bonked on the head and starts to believe she's . . . a dog.

This new dynamic freaks out Puppy, so he's sent away to Uncle Murray's Camp for Stressed-Out Dogs to relax with other canine campers.

But guess who sneaks along?

Still believing she's a dog, Kitty fits right in. That is until she and Uncle Murray encounter a bear, and then the feline claws come out.

Bad Kitty Camp Daze is perfect for any kid with or without camping experience.

Will satisfy [Bad Kitty's] millions of fans with plenty of cat-titude and feline foolishness." - Kirkus Reviews

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Praise for Bad Kitty Takes the Test(...)

Author Bio

Location: Tarrytown, NY

Nick Bruel is the author and illustrator of New York Times bestseller Boing, Bad Kitty, Bad Kitty Gets a Bath and Bad Kitty Meets the Baby, among others. Nick is a freelance illustrator and cartoonist, and during his down time, he collects PEZ dispensers and grows tomatoes in the backyard. He lives in Tarrytown, NY with his wife Carina and their lovely cat Esmerelda.
The Forgotten Book
by Mechthild Glaser

A Jane Austen-inspired YA tale from Mechthild Glaser (The Book Jumper) about a sixteen-year-old girl who finds a magical book - and discovers that anything she writes inside it comes true.

Emma is used to things going her way. Her father is headmaster of her prestigious boarding school, her friends take her advice as gospel, and she's convinced that a relationship with her long-time crush is on the horizon.

As it turns out, Emma hasn't seen anything yet. When she finds an old book in an abandoned library, things really start going Emma's way: anything she writes in the book comes true.

But the power of the book is not without consequences, and Emma soon realizes that she isn't the only one who knows about it. Someone is determined to take it from her - and they'll stop at nothing to succeed.

A new boy in school - the arrogant, aloof, and irritatingly handsome Darcy de Winter - becomes Emma's unlikely ally as secrets are revealed and danger creeps ever closer.

Praise for The Forgotten Book:

This is a satisfying blend of gothic mystery, supernatural intrigue, and boarding-school drama, sure to thrill readers who believe that books hold the best magic." - Booklist

"Mystery, magic, and danger jostle together in this romantic fantasy with its well (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Germany

Mechthild Glaser is an award-winning author in her native Germany. The Book Jumper is her first book to be translated into English.
Betty Before X
by Ilyasah Shabazz and Renee Watson

Betty Before X is a powerful middle-grade fictionalized account of the childhood activism of Betty Shabazz, Malcolm X's wife, written by their daughter Ilyasah Shabazz.

In Detroit, 1945, eleven-year-old Betty's house doesn't quite feel like home. She believes her mother loves her, but she can't shake the feeling that her mother doesn't want her. Church helps those worries fade, if only for a little while. The singing, the preaching, the speeches from guest activists like Paul Robeson and Thurgood Marshall stir African Americans in her community to stand up for their rights. Betty quickly finds confidence and purpose in volunteering for the Housewives League, an organization that supports black-owned businesses. Soon, the American civil rights icon we now know as Dr. Betty Shabazz is born.

Inspired by Betty's real life - but expanded upon and fictionalized through collaboration with novelist Renee Watson - Ilyasah Shabazz illuminates four poignant years in her mother's childhood with this book, painting an inspiring portrait of a girl overcoming the challenges of self-acceptance and belonging that will resonate with young readers today.

Backmatter included.

[T]his moving fictional account of the early life of the late civil rights leader and widow of Malcolm X draws on the recollections of family and friends. The result is a heart-rending imagining of Shabazz's personal challenges as well as a rare, intimate look at the complex roots of the American civil rights movement. A personal, political and powerful imagining of the early life of the late activist." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Absorbing . . . History comes alive in this illuminating portrayal (…)

Author Bio

Ilyasah Shabazz, third daughter of Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz, is an educator, activist, motivational speaker, and author of multiple award-winning publications, including X: A Novel. She is also an active advocacy worker and an adjunct professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. Renee Watson grew up in Portland Oregon, came to New York for her degree in writing, and now teaches poetry in the New York City Schools. Her books include Betty Before X, Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills, and a new novel, Clap When You Land.
Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire
by John August

Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire is the first book in a spellbinding middle grade fantasy adventure series by screenwriter John August.

A thrilling adventure full of magic and wonder. John August is a master storyteller.” - Ransom Riggs, #1 New York Times-bestselling author of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

Some trails lead to magic. Some lead to danger.

As Arlo looked around, the walls of his room began to vanish, revealing a moonlit forest. Only his bed remained, and the frame of his window, through which he saw the girl. The world on her side of the glass was sparkling with silver and gold, like a palace made of autumn leaves.

She looked off to her right. Someone was coming. Her words came in an urgent whisper: "If I can see you, they can see you . . . Be careful, Arlo Finch."

Arlo Finch is a newcomer to Pine Mountain, Colorado, a tiny town of mystery and magic, but he's already attracted the attention of dark and ancient forces. At first he thinks these increasingly strange and frightening occurrences are just part of being in Rangers, the mountain scouting troop where he learns how to harness the wild magic seeping in from the mysterious Long Woods.

But soon Arlo finds himself at the center of (...

Author Bio

Location: Los Angeles

Born and raised in Boulder, Colorado, John August earned a degree in journalism from Drake University and an MFA in film from USC. As a screenwriter, his credits include Big Fish, Charlie’s Angels, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Corpse Bride and Frankenweenie. His books include Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire.

In addition to his film career, he hosts a popular weekly podcast, Scriptnotes, with Craig Mazin. He also created the Writer Emergency Pack, an educational storytelling tool that was distributed to over 2,000 classrooms in partnership with non-profit literacy groups like 826LA and NaNoWriMo. John and his family live in Los Angeles.
In the Shadow of Liberty
The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives
by Kenneth C. Davis

Did you know that many of America’s Founding Fathers - who fought for liberty and justice for all - were slave owners? Through the powerful stories of five enslaved people who were owned by four of our greatest presidents, this middle-grade nonfiction book helps set the record straight about the role slavery played in the founding of America.

From Billy Lee, valet to George Washington, to Alfred Jackson, personal manservant and lifelong slave of Andrew Jackson, these dramatic narratives explore our country’s great tragedy - that a nation "conceived in liberty" was also born in shackles. These stories help us know the real people who were essential to the birth of this nation but traditionally have been left out of US history books. Their stories are true - and they should be heard.

This thoroughly-researched and documented book by Kenneth C. Davis can be worked into multiple aspects of the Common Core curriculum. It is a great resource for young students of United States history.

Praise for In the Shadow of Liberty:

"This well-researched book offers a chronological history of slavery in America and features five enslaved people and the four U.S. presidents who owned them. A valuable, broad perspective on slavery." - Booklist, starred review

"Compulsively readable. . . . A must-have selection." - School Library Journal, starred review

[A] powerful examination of five enslaved individuals and their presidential owners. . . . In a thoroughly researched and reasoned account, Davis exposes the intricacies of this impossibly tangled web." - Publishers Weekly, starred review

" The premise of this work is unique, and Davis has a very readable storytelling style. . . . An important and (...)"

Author Bio

Location: New York, New York
Here is a compelling middle grade nonfiction tale of how one classic writer drew upon a rugged life of adventure to create works of literature, punctuated by stunning black-and-white art by Wendell Minor and illustrative photographic material.

Swept up in the Gold Rush of 1897, young Jack London headed north to strike it rich in the Klondike and discovered something more precious than gold - the seeds of the stories that would flower into his classic novels *The Call of the Wild* and *White Fang*, and timeless short stories such as *To Build A Fire.* This gripping tale follows London as he treks up the ruthless Chilkoot Trail, braves the lethal Whitehorse Rapids, survives a bad case of scurvy, and conquers many more dangers of the Yukon during his quest for gold.

A Christy Ottaviano Book

A Junior Library Guild Selection

"The numerous archival photos add a greater perspective of the time. Copious back matter, including information on First Nations of the area, provides more facts about London's journey. Rich in details for social studies and language arts." - *Booklist*, starred review

"Lourie's captivating tale of the grueling experiences behind London's crystalline prose testifies to his endurance." - *Publishers Weekly*

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A gripping and harrowing true adventure story and a penetrating look into the formative experiences of a writer, one of the first to become a worldwide celebrity." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"A fantastic work" - *VOYA*

"This will scratch the itch for readers who love a great true adventure tale." - *The Bulletin*

"...Effectively balances fact, lesson, and suspense." - *School Library Journal*

**Author Bio**
Speak 20th Anniversary Edition
by Laurie Halse Anderson

A timeless novel about consent and finding the courage to speak up for yourself, the twentieth anniversary edition of the classic novel that has spoken to so many young adults now has a new introduction and backmatter, including an updated Q&A, resource list, and essay and poem from Laurie Halse Anderson.

Speak up for yourself - we want to know what you have to say.

From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether.

Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party: she was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. Her healing process has just begun when she has another violent encounter with him. But this time Melinda fights back, refuses to be silent, and thereby achieves a measure of vindication.

Praise for Speak:

"In a stunning first novel, Anderson uses keen observations and vivid imagery to pull readers into the head of an isolated teenager. . . . Will leave readers (...)

Author Bio

Location: Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

Laurie Halse Anderson is the New York Times-bestselling author who writes for all ages. Known for tackling tough subjects with humor and sensitivity, her work has sold nearly five million copies. Two of her books, Speak and Chains, were National Book Award finalists. Chains also made the Carnegie Medal shortlist in the United Kingdom. Her YA novel, The Impossible Knife of Memory, was longlisted for the National Book Award.

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Speak 20th Anniversary Edition 5-Copy Counter Display
by Laurie Halse Anderson

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Survivors Club
The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz
by Michael Bornstein and Debbie Bornstein Holinstat

The New York Times-bestselling incredible true story of Michael Bornstein - who at age 4 was one of the youngest children to be liberated from the Auschwitz concentration camp - and of his family.

Both moving and memorable, combining the emotional resolve of a memoir with the rhythm of a novel." - New York Times Book Review

In 1945, in a now-famous piece of World War II archival footage, four-year-old Michael Bornstein was filmed by Soviet soldiers as he was carried out of Auschwitz in his grandmother’s arms. Survivors Club tells the unforgettable story of how a father’s courageous wit, a mother’s fierce love, and one perfectly timed illness saved his life, and how others in his family from Zarki, Poland, dodged death at the hands of the Nazis time and again with incredible deftness.

Working from his own recollections as well as extensive interviews with relatives and survivors who knew the family, Michael relates his inspirational Holocaust survival story with the help of his daughter, Debbie Bornstein Holinstat. Shocking, heartbreaking, and ultimately uplifting, this narrative nonfiction offers an indelible depiction of what happened to one Polish village in the wake of the WWII German invasion in 1939.

This thoroughly-researched and documented middle grade nonfiction book can be worked into multiple aspects of the common core curriculum.

A New York City Public Library Notable Best Book for Teens

"A wrenching, shocking, and ultimately inspiring memoir, a tale of (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Michael Bornstein - New York City; Debbie Bornstein Holinstat - North Caldwell, New Jersey

Michael Bornstein survived for seven months inside Auschwitz, where the average lifespan of a child was just two weeks. Six years after his liberation, he immigrated to the United States. Michael graduated from Fordham University, earned his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa, and worked in pharmaceutical research and development for more than forty years. Now retired, Michael lives with his wife in New York City and speaks frequently to schools and other groups about his experiences in the Holocaust. Debbie
Join a tough eleven-year-old as she faces down zombie rabbits, alien mobs, and Puppet Cartels while trying to find her missing twin in Sarah Cannon's imaginative middle-grade debut, *Oddity*.

Welcome to Oddity, New Mexico, where normal is odd and odd is normal.

Ada Roundtree is no stranger to dodging carnivorous dumpsters, distracting zombie rabbits with marshmallows, and instigating games of alien punkball. But things haven't been the same since her twin sister, Pearl, won the town's yearly Sweepstakes and disappeared . . .

Along with her best friend, Raymond, and new-kid-from-Chicago Cayden (whose inability to accept being locked in the gym with live leopards is honestly quite laughable), Ada leads a self-given quest to discover Oddity's secrets, even evading the invisible Blurmonster terrorizing the outskirts of town.

But one of their missions goes sideways, revealing something hinky with the Sweepstakes . . . and Ada can't let it go. Because, if the Sweepstakes is bad, then what happened to Pearl?

Praise for *Oddity*:

I've never read anything like this wonderful book. An infinite number of monkeys with an infinite number of typewriters have a story they want to share with you, and they're going by the name Sarah Cannon so as to be inconspicuous. Do yourself a favor and take *Oddity* from their little monkey (…) 

Author Bio

Sarah Cannon, author of *Oddity*, has lived all over the U.S., but right now she calls Indiana home. She has a husband, three kids and a misguided dog. Sarah holds a B.S. in Education. She's a nerdy knitting gardener who drinks a lot of coffee, and eats a lot of raspberries. She is probably human.
Foolish Hearts
by Emma Mills

A contemporary young adult novel by Emma Mills about a girl whose high school production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* leads her to new friends - and maybe even new love.

When Claudia accidentally eavesdrops on the epic breakup of Paige and Iris, the it-couple at her school, she finds herself in hot water with prickly, difficult Iris. Thrown together against their will in the class production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, along with the goofiest, cutest boy Claudia has ever known, Iris and Claudia are in for an eye-opening senior year.

Smart, funny, and thoroughly, wonderfully flawed, Claudia navigates a world of intense friendships and tentative romance in *Foolish Hearts*, a YA novel about expanding your horizons, allowing yourself to be vulnerable, and accepting - and loving - people for who they really are.

Praise for *Foolish Hearts*:

"Through . . . friendship struggles and romances old and new, Mills evokes the high stakes and vast rewards of trust, intimacy, and honesty." - *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"...the characters are wonderfully fresh and honest. Claudia narrates in funny, conversational first-person present as the plot meanders toward opening night of Midsummer, allowing time for Claudia's blooming relationships and self-confidence to develop. The course of true love never did run smooth, but in the case of these two lovers, the journey is worth your while." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"...the backdrop of [Claudia's] school interactions, family events, (including her sister's dangerous premature delivery), gaming, part-time (...)

Author Bio

Location: Indianapolis, IN

Emma Mills is the author of *First & Then, This Adventure Ends*, and *Foolish Hearts*. She lives in Indianapolis, where she is currently pursuing a PhD in cell biology.
Wish Upon a Sleepover
by Suzanne Selfors

Bestselling author Suzanne Selfors brings heart and humor to Wish Upon a Sleepover, a middle-grade novel about a group of misfits who find true friendship where they least expect it.

Five misfits. One magical wish.

Leilani dreams of being friends with the most popular girls in her class - the Haileys - who are always throwing awesome themed sleepovers. She devises a master plan: throw her own sleepover of the century and invite them!

When Tutu, her grandmother, accidentally mails Leilani's invitations to the DO NOT INVITE list, the best sleepover in the history of the world becomes the worst. Instead of the Haileys, the only guests are the three kids Leilani definitely did not want to show up: the neighbor who never speaks, the girl who draws mean pictures of her, and her farting older cousin. At least her best friend August will be there.

Leilani and her guests decide to make Tutu's recipe for Sleepover Soup, which requires each of them to collect one ingredient that has significant meaning in their lives. They embark on a scavenger hunt that reveals unexpected surprises. What Leilani finds is not what she wanted, but it might just be even better.

An Imprint Book

Big-hearted, fast-paced, and funny." - Kim Baker, author of Pickle

Equal parts heartbreaking, hopeful (...)

Author Bio

Suzanne Selfors is the author of Saving Juliet as well as a middle grade series with Little, Brown. She held a number of jobs before becoming a writer, including children's photographer, video producer, organic flower grower, and marketing director. She lives in Washington.
Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team
by Steve Sheinkin

A great American sport and Native American history come together in this true story for middle grade readers about how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team, from acclaimed, award-winning and bestselling author Steve Sheinkin.

Sheinkin has made a career of finding extraordinary stories in American history." - The New York Times Book Review

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team is an astonishing underdog sports story - and more. It's an unflinching look at the U.S. government's violent persecution of Native Americans and the school that was designed to erase Indian cultures. Expertly told by three-time National Book Award finalist Steve Sheinkin, it's the story of a group of young men who came together at that school, the overwhelming obstacles they faced both on and off the field, and their absolute refusal to accept defeat.

Jim Thorpe: Super athlete, Olympic gold medalist, Native American
Pop Warner: Indomitable coach, football mastermind, Ivy League grad

Before these men became legends, they met in 1907 at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, where they forged one of the winningest teams in American football history. Called "the team that invented football," they took on the best opponents of their day, defeating much more privileged schools such as Harvard and the Army in a series of breathtakingly close calls, genius plays, and bone-crushing hard work.

This thoroughly-researched and documented book can be worked (…)

Author Bio

Location: Saratoga Springs, New York

Steve Sheinkin is the award-winning author of fast-paced, cinematic nonfiction histories for young readers. The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights, was a National Book Award finalist and received the 2014 Boston Globe/Horn Book Award for Nonfiction. The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery won both the Boston Globe/Horn Book Award and the YALSA award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults. Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-the World's Most Dangerous Weapon was a Newbery Honor Book, a National Book Award Finalist, and winner of the Sibert Award and YALSA Award for Excellence in
Stella Diaz Has Something to Say
by Angela Dominguez

In her first middle-grade novel, award-winning picture book author and illustrator Angela Dominguez tells a heartwarming story based on her own experiences growing up Mexican-American.

Stella Diaz loves marine animals, especially her betta fish, Pancho. But Stella Diaz is not a betta fish. Betta fish like to be alone, while Stella loves spending time with her mom and brother and her best friend Jenny. Trouble is, Jenny is in another class this year, and Stella feels very lonely.

When a new boy arrives in Stella's class, she really wants to be his friend, but sometimes Stella accidentally speaks Spanish instead of English and pronounces words wrong, which makes her turn 
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. Plus, she has to speak in front of her whole class for a big presentation at school! But she better get over her fears soon, because Stella Diaz has something to say!

Stella Diaz Has Something to Say introduces an infectiously charming new character with relatable writing and adorable black-and-white art throughout. Simple Spanish vocabulary is also integrated within the text, providing a bilingual element.

Praise for Stella Diaz Has Something to Say

Readers will cheer as they see how, with the help of her friends and family, Stella overcomes her shyness . . . A nice and timely depiction of an immigrant child experience.” - Kirkus Reviews

"Realistic relationships ground this character-driven story . . . Fans of Clementine and Alvin Ho will be delighted to meet Stella." - School (…)

Author Bio

Location: Virginia

Angela Dominguez was born in Mexico City, grew up in the great state of Texas, and now resides on the east coast. She is the author and illustrator of several books for children including Maria Had a Little Llama, which received the American Library Association Pura Belpre Illustration Honor. Recently, she received her second Pura Belpre Honor for her illustrations in Mango, Abuela, and Me written by Meg Medina. When Angela is not in her studio, she teaches at the Academy of Art University, which honored her with their Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013. She also enjoys presenting at different schools and libraries to all sorts of ages. Angela is a proud member of SCBWI, PEN and the Society of Illustrators.
Let’s Talk About Love
by Claire Kann

Striking a perfect balance between heartfelt emotions and spot-on humor, this YA debut features a pop-culture enthusiast protagonist with an unforgettable voice sure to resonate with readers.

Alice had her whole summer planned. Nonstop all-you-can-eat buffets while marathoning her favorite TV shows (best friends totally included) with the smallest dash of adulting - working at the library to pay her share of the rent. The only thing missing from her perfect plan? Her girlfriend (who ended things when Alice confessed she's asexual). Alice is done with dating - no thank you, do not pass go, stick a fork in her, done.

But then Alice meets Takumi and she can't stop thinking about him or the rom com-grade romance feels she did not ask for (uncertainty, butterflies, and swoons, oh my!).

When her blissful summer takes an unexpected turn and Takumi becomes her knight with a shiny library-employee badge (close enough), Alice has to decide if she's willing to risk their friendship for a love that might not be reciprocated - or understood.

Claire Kann’s young adult debut novel Let’s Talk About Love, chosen by readers like you for Macmillan’s young adult imprint Swoon Reads, gracefully explores the struggle with emerging adulthood and the complicated line between friendship and what it might mean to be something more.

Praise for Let’s Talk About Love:

Alice is black, biromantic, and asexual, and her relationship with Takumi is genuine and fun. . . . A light, enjoyable asexual romance with outstanding representation. Recommended." - School Library Journal

"Debut novelist Kann thoughtfully tackles what it means to be asexual (…)

Author Bio

Location: San Francisco, California

Claire Kann hails from the glorious Bay Area where the weather is regrettably not nearly as temperate as it used to be. She has a BA in English/Creative Writing from Sonoma State University, works for a nonprofit that you may have heard of where she daydreams like she's paid to do it, and dislikes snow and summer. Claire is the author of Let’s Talk About Love.
Welcome to Pearl Famous Academy of Skate and Sword, where the blades are sharp and the competition is fierce.

Peasprout Chen dreams of becoming a legend of wu liu, the deadly and beautiful art of martial arts figure skating.

As the first students from the rural country of Shin to attend Pearl Famous Academy of Skate and Sword, Peasprout and her little brother Cricket have some pretty big skates to fill. They soon find themselves in a heated competition for top ranking.

Tensions rise when the dazzling pearl buildings of the Academy are vandalized and outsider Peasprout is blamed for the attacks by her rivals and even some friends.

Now, she must uncover the true vandal to ensure peace between Shin and Pearl - all while becoming a champion.

Praise for Peasprout Chen, Future Legend of Skate and Sword:

"Massively entertaining Peasprout Chen is a future legend, indeed." - Publishers Weekly, starred review

For a rewarding and well-constructed plot in an uncommon setting - plus some effective genderqueer subversion at the end - this story (…)

Author Bio:

Henry Lien is a 2012 graduate of Clarion West, and his short fiction has appeared in publications like Asimov’s, earning several Nebula Award nominations. Born in Taiwan, Henry currently lives in Hollywood, California. He is the author of Peasprout Chen, Future Legend of Skate and Sword.
Kalvan Monroe is worried. Either he’s going mad or he really did wake up with uncontrollable fire magic and accidentally summon a snarky talking fire hare. (Yes, that’s right, a hare. Made of fire. That talks.) He’s got to be going crazy, right?

But if he’s not, then magic actually is real, and he’s got even more problems to worry about. Because Kalvan isn’t the only one with powers. The same fire magic that allows him to talk his way into and out of trouble burned too brightly in his mother, damaging her mind and leaving her vulnerable to the cold, manipulative spells of the Winter King.

Can Kalvan gain control of his power in time to save his mother, or will their fires be snuffed out forever?

Kelly McCullough combines *Magic, Madness, and Mischief* - as well as danger - in a delightful fantasy set in a magical version of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Middle graders will enjoy McCullough’s characters, especially Sparx, whose language drips with sarcasm at every turn. The author excels at introducing magic into the everyday modern world.” - *School Library Journal*

“McCullough smoothly blends family drama, school story, and magical coming of age in this entertaining fantasy. Fans of Percy Jackson will be eager to hop into Kalvan’s world. ” - *The Bulletin*

**Author Bio**

Location: Menomonie, Wisconsin

Kelly McCullough is the author of the adult fantasy series Webmage and Assassin’s Blade. *School for Sidekicks* was his first novel for young readers. He lives in Wisconsin with his physics professor wife and a small herd of cats, all of whom he adores.
My So-Called Superpowers
by Heather Nuhfer, illustrated by Simini Blocker

The first book in a new middle grade series, Heather Nuhfer's My So-Called Superpowers is a quirky and funny coming-of-age novel celebrating individuality.

More than anything, Veronica McGowan wants to fit in with the cool kids. There's just one problem: they barely know she exists. Veronica wishes for something, anything to fix her nobody status - and gets more than she bargained for when she wakes up with stupidpowers."

Suddenly, her strongest emotions come to life for the whole school to see. She belches fire when she's angry, dark clouds rain on her when she's sad, and cutesy hearts pop up whenever she daydreams about her crush. She's broadcasting her feelings like living emojis - it's a nightmare!

Veronica and her best friend Charlie must work together to solve the mystery before her powers totally humiliate her. Did she inherit these powers from her mom, who left long ago? What can she really do with them? And is that teacher at school really just a teacher or is she part of some secret government agency?

Praise for My So-Called Superpowers:

"Readers will be delighted at Veronica's relatable quirkiness, a whimsical, good-humored, straightforward take on just loving yourself for who you are." - Booklist

"A hilarious tale of a girl so desperate to be cool that she defies her best judgment to get what she wants." - The Bulletin

Readers will be delighted at Veronica's relatable quirkiness (…)

Author Bio

Location: Simini Blocker - Flower Mound, Texas

Heather Nuhfer writes for all ages, both children's books and graphic novels. She has penned numerous original stories for comic book titles including, Scooby Doo, Wonder Woman, Teen Titans GO!, Fraggle Rock, Lisa Simpson, Dora and more.
Adventurous Women
Eight True Stories About Women Who Made a Difference
by Penny Colman

The adventures of eight inspiring women of the twentieth century.

Mary Gibson Henry risked her life following her passion for new botanical species. During the Civil War, Katharine Wormeley worked aboard hospital ships and helped to save the lives of many sick and wounded soldiers. With a promise and a dollar and a half, Mary McLeod Bethune opened a school for African American girls in Daytona Beach, Florida, in 1904, at a time when schools were segregated.

Award-winning author Penny Colman offers a compelling collection of true stories about eight women who were bold enough to confront obstacles and take risks in the pursuit of their goals. This is a book that celebrates the intelligence, fortitude, and courage of women.

"A daring and satisfying approach to a difficult subject." - Publishers Weekly, starred review on CORPSES, COFFINS, AND CRYPTS

"This solid, sensitive book answers a wealth of questions young people have but often are too reluctant to ask." - Booklist, starred review on CORPSES, COFFINS, AND CRYPTS

Author Bio

Penny Colman is the author of many nonfiction books, including Corpse, Coffins, and Crypts, Elizabeth Cady and Susan B. Anthony, and Rosie the Riveter. She lives in Englewood, New Jersey.
Saint Philomene's Infirmary for Magical Creatures
by W. Stone Cotter

In this middle-grade madcap adventure by W. Stone Cotter, a brother and sister find themselves in the underground hospital for magical creatures where they must save the lives of millions of magical creatures . . . and themselves.

Deep below ground, there is a secret hospital for magical creatures. At Saint Philomene's Infirmary, all creatures are welcome - except humans. So when twelve-year-old human boy Chance Jeopard unearths a plot to destroy the hospital and its millions of resident patients, he is launched into the role of unlikely - and unwelcome - hero. His infinitely pragmatic and skeptical sister, Pauline, thinks it's all nonsense until she finds herself swept up in the mission. It will take all their wit and courage for the brother and sister to save Saint Philomene's - and escape alive!

- GODWIN BOOKS -

Praise for Saint Philomene's Infirmary for Magical Creatures:

A hilarious romp through a new underground world." - Kirkus Reviews

"A suspenseful and humorous adventure that will keep readers entertained throughout. . . [a] wholly enjoyable tale." - Publishers Weekly

Praise for Saint Philomene's Infirmary for Magical Creatures:

A hilarious romp through a new underground world." - Kirkus Reviews

"A suspenseful and humorous adventure that will keep readers entertained throughout. . . [a] wholly enjoyable tale." - Publishers Weekly

"The action never stops in Cotter's offbeat debut, which bursts with imagination and fascinating nonhumans." - Booklist

"Nonstop action and a whacky hidden world with creatures both good and evil will make this a favorite for fantasy fans." - School Library Journal

Author Bio

Location: Austin, TX
In this edgy young adult contemporary romance, a girl plays games of the heart with the school bad boy.

For Nell Becker, life is a competition she needs to win. For Jackson Hart, everyone is a pawn in his own game. They both have everything to lose.

Nell wants to succeed at everything - school, sports, life. And victory is sweeter when it means beating Jackson Hart, the rich, privileged, undisputed king of Cedar Woods Prep Academy. Yet no matter how hard she tries, Jackson is somehow one step ahead. They're a match made in hell, but opposites do attract.

Drawn to each other by their rivalry, Nell and Jackson fall into a whirlwind romance that consumes everything in their lives. But when a devastating secret exposes their relationship as just another game, how far will Nell go to win?

Visceral and whip-smart, Laurie Devore's Winner Take All paints an unflinching portrait of obsessive love, toxic competition, and the drive for perfection.

An Imprint Book

Devore offers an in-depth examination of the protagonists' complicated psyches and less-than-perfect home lives. Its hard-hitting message about the pressures placed on teens to succeed will be relevant to many readers.” - Publishers Weekly

“Intense and fiercely smart, this volatile love story is both timely and classic.” - Maurene (…)

Author Bio

Laurie Devore was born and raised in small town South Carolina and graduated from Clemson University. She now lives and works in Chicago, where she misses the charms and contradictions of the south every day. In her spare time, she reluctantly runs marathons, watches too much TV, and works a y'all" into every conversation. She is the author of How to Break a Boy.
The first graphic novel from #1 New York Times and USA Today bestseller Marissa Meyer!

In her first graphic novel, bestselling author Marissa Meyer extends the world of the Lunar Chronicles with a brand-new, action-packed story about Iko, the android with a heart of (mechanized) gold. When rogue packs of wolf-hybrid soldiers threaten the tenuous peace alliance between Earth and Luna, Iko takes it upon herself to hunt down the soldiers' leader. She is soon working with a handsome royal guard who forces her to question everything she knows about love, loyalty, and her own humanity. With appearances by Cinder, Cress, Scarlet, Winter, and the rest of the Rampion crew, this is a must-have for fans of the bestselling series.

A BOSTON GLOBE BEST BOOK OF 2017

The Lunar Chronicles continue in this entertaining graphic novel sequel to the existing volumes. This follow-up to the futuristic fairy-tale retellings centers on Iko, cyborg mechanic Cinder's best friend. Acclimating to her human body, the android is trying to help Queen Cinder of Luna ease tensions with Earth by hunting down rogue wolf-hybrid soldiers who were once enslaved by Cinder's evil stepmother and have now been banished to the green planet. Joined by other familiar characters (Cress, Winter, Thorne), loyal Iko defends the new queen against her enemies. Fans will be able to jump easily into this narrative and will welcome the protagonist's humorous commentary and the friends' camaraderie. Newcomers will be helped by a prologue that introduces all of the main characters and flashbacks that are sprinkled throughout. This first volume in (…)

Author Bio

Wires and Nerve, Volume 2
Gone Rogue
by Marissa Meyer, illustrated by Stephen Gilpin

The second graphic novel, and sequel to Wires and Nerve, Volume 1, from #1 New York Times and USA Today Bestseller Marissa Meyer!

The world of the Lunar Chronicles comes alive in this thrilling continuation of Wires and Nerve. Iko - an audacious android and best friend to the Lunar Queen Cinder - has been tasked with hunting down Alpha Lysander Steele, the leader of a rogue band of bioengineered wolf-soldiers who threaten to undo the tenuous peace agreement between Earth and Luna. Unless Cinder can reverse the mutations that were forced on them years before, Steele and his soldiers plan to satisfy their monstrous appetites with a massacre of the innocent people of Earth.

And to show he's serious, Steele is taking hostages.

Cinder and Kai, Scarlet and Wolf, Cress and Thorne, and Winter and Jacin all feature in this epic new battle. But it is Iko who must face her deepest fears when she uncovers the truth about her own unusual programming. Questions of love, friendship, and mortality take Iko on an emotional journey that will satisfy and delight fans of this bestselling series.

Cinder's friends are in danger at the hands of Alpha Lysander Steele and his pack of Lunar wolf soldiers, out for revenge against the queen for not reversing their genetic deformations. As tensions mount and people are kidnapped, the peace between Lunar and Earth is not the only thing in danger, so is Cinder's life. The star of this story is still [android] Iko, who finds out more about her creation and how human she really can be despite (…)

Author Bio

Marissa Meyer's first book in the Lunar Chronicles, Cinder, debuted on the New York Times bestselling list. Marissa lives in Tacoma, Washington, with her husband and their three cats. Stephen Gilpin lives and works in a cave just north of Hiawatha, Kansas, with his wife, their kids, and an infestation of dogs. He is the illustrator of numerous books, including Pirate Mom, Sneezy the Snowman, and James Patterson's Pottymouth and Stoopid.
White Rabbit
by Caleb Roehrig

Caleb Roehrig, author of Last Seen Leaving, delivers another spellbinding young adult murder mystery in White Rabbit.

Rufus Holt is having the worst night of his life. It begins with the reappearance of his ex-boyfriend, Sebastian - the guy who stomped his heart out like a spent cigarette. Just as Rufus is getting ready to move on, Sebastian turns up out of the blue, saying they need to talk. “Things couldn’t get worse, right?”

Then Rufus gets a call from his sister April, begging for help. He and Sebastian find her, drenched in blood and holding a knife beside the dead body of her boyfriend, Fox Whitney.

April swears she didn’t kill Fox. Rufus knows her too well to believe she’s telling him the whole truth, but April has something he needs. Her price is his help. Now, with no one to trust but the boy he wants to hate yet can’t stop loving, Rufus has one night to clear his sister’s name... or die trying.

Praise for White Rabbit:
“Twisty plotting, suspenseful pacing, and vivid characters add up to a heart-pounding page turner that you'll stay up way too late to finish.” - Karen M. McManus, New York Times-bestselling author of One of Us Is Lying.

“An emerging talent, Caleb Roehrig gives us another exciting, addictive YA thriller with his second novel, White Rabbit. Roehrig kept me guessing until the very end. I can’t wait to see what (...)”

Author Bio

Location: Chicago, IL

Caleb Roehrig’s debut YA thriller, Last Seen Leaving, was called one of the Best YA Novels of 2016 by Buzzfeed.com. Caleb lives with his husband in Los Angeles.
Broken Beautiful Hearts
by Kami Garcia

From #1 New York Times-bestselling author Kami Garcia comes a red-hot young adult romance that will break your heart and put it back together again.

*Her heart has to break before it can open.*

When star soccer player Peyton Rios receives an offer from her first-choice college, senior year starts off exactly as planned. But when Peyton uncovers her boyfriend's dark secret, she confronts him - and finds herself falling down a flight of stairs. Peyton's knee - and maybe her dream of going pro - is shattered. Everyone is talking: Was she pushed, or did she fall? Peyton knows the truth, even if no one believes her.

He has to let someone in before it's too late.

With her future on the line, Peyton goes to stay with her uncle in a small Tennessee town to focus on her recovery. Dating is the last thing on her mind - until she meets sweet, sexy Owen Law.

But Peyton doesn't trust her heart, especially when she senses that Owen is hiding something. When their secrets are finally exposed, Peyton has to decide if love is worth fighting for.

Garcia's suspenseful romance will keep readers turning pages, eager to find out if Peyton is vindicated and ends up with the right guy. Amid steamy moments and swoony descriptions of falling in love, Garcia (The Lovely Reckless) tackles a serious issue head-on." - Publishers Weekly

"A slow burn that squeezes (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Maryland

Kami Garcia is a #1 New York Times, USA Today, and international bestselling author, and the coauthor of the Beautiful Creatures and Dangerous Creatures novels. Her solo works include the Bram Stoker-nominated novels Unbreakable and Unmarked (The Legion series), and The Lovely Reckless, a standalone contemporary romance.
Pitch Dark
by Courtney Alameda

From Courtney Alameda, this thrilling, YA sci-fi horror and space adventure will be sure to stay with readers long after the last pages.

Lost to time, Tuck Morgan and his crew have slept in stasis aboard the USS John Muir for centuries. Their ship harbors a chunk of Earth, which unbeknownst to them, is the last hope for the failing human race.

Laura Cruz is a shipraider searching the galaxy for the history that was scattered to the stars. Once her family locates the John Muir and its precious cargo, they are certain human civilization is saved.

When Tuck's and Laura's worlds collide - literally - the two teens must outwit their enemies, evade brutal monsters that kill with sound, and work together to save the John Muir . . . and the whole human race.

Find out if they succeed in Pitch Dark, a captivating young adult thriller from the author of Shutter.

In this intense sci-fi thriller, Alameda poses the question: Is the human species worthy of being saved? Two teen protagonists provide the first-person play-by-play in alternating chapters. . . . A must-have sci-fi read that teens won't be able to put down." - School Library Journal

"Teens who like their science fiction served with a large dose of suspense and horror, and a (...)

Author Bio

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah

Courtney Alameda is a veteran bookseller and librarian. She holds a degree in English Literature with an emphasis in Creative Writing from Brigham Young University. She lives in Salt Lake City, Utah. She is the author of Pitch Dark.
In this thrilling debut, worlds collide as Elsa unveils a deep political conspiracy seeking to unlock the most dangerous weapon ever created - and only she can stop it.

*Can she write a world gone wrong?*

A certain pen, a certain book, and a certain person can craft entirely new worlds through a branch of science called scriptology. Elsa comes from one such world that was written into creation by her mother - a noted scriptologist.

But when her home is attacked and her mother kidnapped, Elsa is forced to cross into the real world and use her own scriptology gifts to find her. In an alternative Victorian Italy, Elsa finds a secret society of *pazzerellone* - young people with a gift for mechanics, alchemy, or scriptology - and meets Leo, a gorgeous mechanist with a smart mouth and tragic past. She recruits the help of these fellow geniuses just as an assassin arrives on their doorstep.

Praise for *Ink, Iron, and Glass*:

This debut novel is fully realized steampunk-fantasy, offering an alternate history that deftly and creatively adopts the politics of 19th-century Italy to create a compellingly unique world. . . . Exciting and original.” - *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"In the meantime, Clare spins an entertaining adventure tale that also addresses colonialism, inclusion, and musings on the nature of being.

**Author Bio**

Gwendolyn Clare earned her BA in ecology, BS in geophysics, and a PhD in mycology. She is a New Englander transplanted to North Carolina where she cultivates a vegetable garden, tends a flock of backyard ducks, and practices martial arts. *Ink, Iron, and Glass* is her debut novel.
Game On!
Video Game History from Pong and Pac-Man to Mario, Minecraft, and More
by Dustin Hansen

Veteran video game designer Dustin Hansen takes YA readers on a fun and fascinating trip through the brief but intensely innovative history of video games.

Find out about the fast and furious growth and evolution of video games (including how they are quickly taking over the world!) by looking at some of the most popular, innovative, and influential games ever, from Pong, the very first arcade game ever, to modern hits like Uncharted.

Learn about the creators and inspiration (Mario was named after Nintendo’s landlord after he barged into a staff meeting demanding rent), discover historical trivia and Easter eggs (The developers of Halo 2 drank over 24,000 gallons of soda while making the game), and explore the innovations that make each game special (The ghosts in Pac-Man are the first example of AI in a video game).

Finally, here’s a young adult nonfiction book about video games. Whether you consider yourself a hard-core gamer or are just curious to see what everyone is talking about, Game On! is the book for you!

Praise for Game On!:

This zippy primer on video game development takes readers from the arcades of the 1970s to Minecraft and the future of gaming... The well-told origin tales are a fantastic mash-up of pop and gaming culture...” - School Library Journal

"This lengthy love letter comes from a self-professed video game addict. Thirty-nine breezy, irreverent chapters celebrate individual games... Unabashedly (…)"

Author Bio

Location: Ephraim, UT

Dustin Hansen, author of Game On! and the Microsaurs series, was raised in rural Utah, where he spent many days hiking red rock canyons that once belonged to the dinosaurs. But even the beautiful mountains couldn't keep him away from his love of pixels and controllers. He has been writing and creating art for the video game industry for more than two decades. Dustin and his
Legends of the Lost Causes
by Brad McLelland and Louis Sylvester

The thrilling first book in a new middle-grade fantasy action-adventure series set in the Old West, about a ragtag team of orphans who must fight off the risen dead


This is Keech Blackwood’s new life after Bad Whiskey Nelson descends upon the Home for Lost Causes and burns it to the ground.

With his home destroyed and his family lost, Keech will have to use the lessons he learned from Pa Abner to hunt down the powerful Char Stone. Luckily, he has the help of a ragtag team of orphans. Together, they’ll travel through treacherous forests, fight off the risen dead, and discover that they share mysterious bonds as they search for the legendary stone. Now it’s a race against the clock, because if Bad Whiskey finds the stone first . . . all is lost.

But Keech and the other orphans won’t hesitate. Because they’re more than just heroes.

They’re Lost Causes.

*Legends of the Lost Causes* marks the thrilling start to an action-packed middle grade series by debut authors Brad McLelland and Louis Sylvester.

Praise for *Legend of the Lost Causes*:

A Junior Library Guild selection

This is a fun and exciting story, written with the utmost respect for the Osage (...)
A Girl Like That
by Tanaz Bhathena

A timeless exploration of high-stakes romance, self-discovery, and the lengths we go to love and be loved.


Sixteen-year-old Zarin Wadia is many things: a bright and vivacious student, an orphan, a risk taker. She’s also the kind of girl that parents warn their kids to stay away from: a troublemaker whose many romances are the subject of endless gossip at school. You don’t want to get involved with a girl like that, they say. So how is it that eighteen-year-old Porus Dumasia has only ever had eyes for her? And how did Zarin and Porus end up dead in a car together, crashed on the side of a highway in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia? When the religious police arrive on the scene, everything everyone thought they knew about Zarin is questioned. And as her story is pieced together, told through multiple perspectives, it becomes clear that she was far more than just a girl like that.

This beautifully written debut novel from Tanaz Bhathena reveals a rich and wonderful new world to readers; tackles complicated issues of race, identity, class, and religion; and paints a portrait of teenage ambition, angst, and alienation that feels both inventive and universal.

Praise for A Girl Like That:

"Bhathena makes an impressive debut with this eye-opening novel about a free (...)"

Author Bio

TANAZ BHATHENA was born in Mumbai and raised in Riyadh, Jeddah and Toronto. Her short stories have appeared in various journals, including Blackbird, Witness, and Room Magazine. A Girl Like That is her first novel.
The Misfits Club
by Kieran Crowley

A group of small-town kids revive their childhood adventure club when they think they snap a picture of a ghost in this middle-grade novel by Kieran Crowley.

Nothing exciting ever happens in the small town of Newpark where Brian, Hannah, and twins Chris and Sam live. And when they start their summer vacation, they know it’s the end of an era. The Misfits Club, a club they started when they were 8 years old, is disbanding and they still haven’t managed to solve any real mysteries.

But when they persuade new club member Amelia to go and investigate a spooky old house, they unexpectedly discover some stolen goods.

Could this be their chance for one last adventure? One thing is for sure though: Newpark is decidedly more exciting now.

Praise for The Misfits Club:

Filled with adventure until the very last page and with incredible humor that will have readers laughing out loud, this action-packed, entertaining read is perfect for mystery fans.” - Booklist, starred review

Also by Kieran Crowley:
The Mighty Dynamo

Filled with adventure until the very last page and with incredible humor that will have readers laughing out loud, this action-packed, entertaining read is perfect for mystery fans.” - Booklist, starred review

“Offers plenty of high jinks once it gets going, including a denouement featuring a honey badger.” - School Library Journal

Author Bio

Kieran Crowley is from Cork in Ireland. His first book, Colm & the Lazarus Key, was shortlisted for the Bisto Children’s Book of the Year Award 2010 and was followed by its sequel, Colm & the Ghost’s Revenge.
Hazy Bloom and the Pet Project
by Jennifer Hamburg, illustrated by Jenn Harney

After wacky third grader Hazy Bloom starts seeing visions of things that will happen one day in the future, she hopes her "tomorrow power" will help her get the pet she's always dreamed of in **Hazy Bloom and the Pet Project**, a hilarious chapter book by Jennifer Hamburg with illustrations by Jenn Harney.

It's the annual Third Grade Leadership Challenge, where each third-grade class plans and hosts a fundraiser. Hazel "Hazy" Bloom, however, has other things on her mind - like proving to her parents she's responsible enough to get a pet iguana.

But when Hazy's "tomorrow power" - her ability to see visual clues about things that will happen one day in the future - mistakenly causes her to have a brilliant idea for a Pet Day fundraiser, her classmates put her in charge. Hazy's annoyed, until she realizes that if she helps the class win, her parents will finally see that she's responsible enough to get the iguana she's dreaming of. Soon, Hazy's determined to make sure her team ends up on top - but it's not so easy when her tomorrow visions keep throwing her plans into disarray!

**Praise for Hazy Bloom and the Pet Project**

"Hazy narrates the story in her believable first-person voice. Readers who enjoyed Hazy's shenanigans in **Hazy Bloom and the Tomorrow Power** (2017) will 'for real live' have fun with this second adventure." - Kirkus Reviews

[A] hilarious story centered around family and friendship, with (...) 

**Author Bio**

Location: Jennifer Hamburg - Houston, Texas; Jenn Harney - Cleveland, OH

Jennifer Hamburg is an Emmy-winning children's television writer who has worked on hit shows such as *Doc McStuffins*, *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*, and *Super Why!* She is currently at work on another Hazy Bloom adventure, and lives with her family in Houston, Texas. Jenn Harney is an illustrator and toy designer whose work has been featured in *Highlights for Children* magazine. Jenn lives in Cleveland, Ohio, with her husband, her daughter, a dog named Steve, and a fish with nine lives. She is the author of the Hazy Bloom books and the illustrator of the Jennifer Hamburg series of chapter books.
Daughter of the Siren Queen
by Tricia Levenseller

The capable, confident, and occasionally ruthless heroine of Daughter of the Pirate King is back in this action-packed YA sequel that promises rousing high seas adventures and the perfect dash of magic.

Alosa’s mission is finally complete. Not only has she recovered all three pieces of the map to a legendary hidden treasure, but the pirates who originally took her captive are now prisoners on her ship. Still unfairly attractive and unexpectedly loyal, first mate Riden is a constant distraction, but now he’s under her orders. And she takes great comfort in knowing that the villainous Vordan will soon be facing her father’s justice.

When Vordan exposes a secret her father has kept for years, Alosa and her crew find themselves in a deadly race with the feared Pirate King. Despite the danger, Alosa knows they will recover the treasure first . . . after all, she is the daughter of the Siren Queen.

In Daughter of the Siren Queen, Tricia Levenseller brings together the perfect mix of thrilling action, tense battle scenes, and a heart-pounding romance.

Praise for Daughter of the Siren Queen:

Deadly sirens join the ranks of strong, smart females in this book, giving it a definite feminist edge.” - Booklist

“This is for fans of the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise who will definitely be on board with this female Jack Sparrow and her crew.” - VOYA

"This lady Jack Sparrow is back, and she's fiercer and wittier than ever!" - Elly Blake, New York Times bestselling author of Frostblood

"Levenseller is just as much a siren (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Orem, Utah

Tricia Levenseller, author of Daughter of the Pirate King, is from a small town in Oregon, but she now lives next to the Rocky Mountains in Utah with her family. To view a complete list of her books, visit www.tricialevenseller.com.
My FANGtastically Evil Vampire Pet
by Mo O'Hara, illustrated by Marek Jagucki

My FANGtastically Evil Vampire Pet, the epic spin-off of Mo O'Hara's New York Times bestselling My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish series features an aspiring evil scientist, paranormal pets, and plenty of hilarious summer camp shenanigans.

Welcome to Camp Mwhaaa-haa-ha-a-watha!

This summer is going to be epic. Epically evil, that is. 'Cause I'm going to Evil Scientist Summer Camp!

No annoying little brothers. No annoying zombie goldfish. Just me, my best friend Sanj, our notebook of evil plans, and my truly evil (and totally forbidden) vampire kitten Fang. We've got it all planned out. Okay, so maybe I didn't expect for the totally not-evil Geeky Girl to show up, or for Sanj to find a new partner to work with, but there's no way I'm going to let them ruin my summer. Evil Emperor of the Camp, here I come!

Signed,
The Great and Powerful Mark

Praise for Mo O'Hara and the My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish series

The book is packed with bonkers humour . . . Anyone who likes books by Dav Pilkey would seriously love this book." - Biteso, for The Guardian.com

"Finding Nemo meets Shaun of the Dead! Boys will be diving in to enjoy Mo O'Hara's two laugh-out-loud stories." - Lancaster Evening Post on My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish (…)

Author Bio

Location: Mo O'Hara - London, UK

Mo O'Hara is the author of the My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish series. She grew up in Pennsylvania and now lives in London, where she works as a writer, actor, and storyteller, visiting theaters and schools all across the UK and Ireland. Mo and her brother once brought their own pet goldfish back from the brink of death (true fact).

Marek Jagucki, the illustrator of the My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish series, is a graduate of Falmouth School of Art and Design. He is a full-time illustrator and graphic designer based in Yorkshire, UK.
Children of Blood and Bone
by Tomi Adeyemi

Don't miss the book *Entertainment Weekly* calls a phenomenon.” Tomi Adeyemi’s *Children of Blood and Bone* conjures a stunning world of dark magic and danger in her #1 *New York Times* bestselling West African-inspired young adult fantasy debut.

*They killed my mother.*

*They took our magic.*

*They tried to bury us.*

*Now we rise.*

Zelie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zelie’s Reaper mother summoned forth souls.

But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zelie without a mother and her people without hope.

Now Zelie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zelie must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.

Danger lurks in Orisha, where snow leoponaires prowl and vengeful spirits wait in the waters. Yet the greatest danger may be Zelie herself as (…)

**Author Bio**

Location: San Diego, CA

Tomi Adeyemi is the #1 *New York Times*-bestselling Nigerian-American author of *Children of Blood and Bone*. After graduating Harvard University with an honors degree in English literature, she received a fellowship to study West African mythology, religion, and culture in Salvador, Brazil. When she's not working on her novels or watching BTS music videos, she can be found blogging and teaching creative writing on her website. She lives in San Diego, California.

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Promotion
To Kill a Kingdom
by Alexandra Christo

This action-packed YA debut pits a deadly siren princess and a siren-hunting human prince against each other as they fight to protect their kingdoms.

Princess Lira is siren royalty and the most lethal of them all. With the hearts of seventeen princes in her collection, she is revered across the sea. Until a twist of fate forces her to kill one of her own. To punish her daughter, the Sea Queen transforms Lira into the one thing they loathe most - a human. Robbed of her song, Lira has until the winter solstice to deliver Prince Elian's heart to the Sea Queen and or remain a human forever.

The ocean is the only place Prince Elian calls home, even though he is heir to the most powerful kingdom in the world. Hunting sirens is more than an unsavory hobby - it's his calling. When he rescues a drowning woman in the ocean, she's more than what she appears. She promises to help him find the key to destroying all of sirenkind for good - but can he trust her? And just how many deals will Elian have to barter to eliminate mankind's greatest enemy?

Alexandra Christo's young adult novel To Kill a Kingdom is a thrilling fantasy adventure.

With well-crafted fight scenes and vivid descriptions, Christo has created a world of beauty and monstrosity that will draw readers in." - Publishers Weekly

"Fantasy fans will like the idea of sirens and (...)"

Author Bio

Alexandra Christo decided to write books when she was four and her teacher told her she couldn't be a fairy. She has a BA in Creative Writing and works as a copywriter in London, both of which make her sound more grown up than she feels. When she's not busy making up stories, she can be found buying far too many cushions and organizing food crawls all over the city. Alexandra currently lives in Hertfordshire with an abundance of cacti (because they're the only plants she can keep alive).

Alexandra is the author of To Kill a Kingdom
In Search of Us
by Ava Dellaira

The author of the beloved Love Letters to the Dead returns with a parallel YA story of a mother and daughter each at age seventeen. The mother's tale recounts the summer she fell in love and set out on her own path, while the daughter's story is about her search for her unknown father.

This sweeping multi-generational love story introduces readers to mother-and-daughter pair Marilyn and Angie. To seventeen-year-old Angie, who is mixed-race, Marilyn is her hardworking, devoted white single mother. But Marilyn was once young, too. When Marilyn was seventeen, she fell in love with Angie’s father, James, who was African-American.

But Angie's never met him, and Marilyn has always told her he died before she was born. When Angie discovers evidence of an uncle she's never met, she starts to wonder: What if her dad is still alive, too? So she sets off on a journey to find him, hitching a ride to LA from her home in New Mexico with her ex-boyfriend, Sam. Along the way, she uncovers some hard truths about herself, her mother, and what truly happened to her father.

In Search of Us by Ava Dellaira is a touching young adult novel about identity, family, and finding yourself in those you love.

Dellaira’s debut novel, Love Letters to the Dead, was good; her second, which tells two connected tales set 18 years apart, is spectacular. . . . Readers will be left sobbing, both for the characters they’ve come to love and for the state of the country - Dellaira draws on persistent racial (...)
The Super Life of Ben Braver
by Marcus Emerson, illustrated by Marcus Emerson

An extraordinary boy ends up at an extraordinary school for children with super powers in the first book in a new middle-grade series from Marcus Emerson, author of Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja.

Ben Braver is an ordinary kid. All he wants to do is finish his summer watching awesome TV shows and eating his favorite candy. But when some kid screams for help, Ben, like his favorite comic book heroes, tries to save the day. Let's just say it ends badly. But it does lead him to a secret school where kids with super abilities learn to control their powers. Ben's never had any powers - and never thought he could be special. So when he's offered a spot at the school, Ben realizes this is his chance to become the superhero he's always dreamed of.

Packed with black-and-white art and comic strips throughout, The Super Life of Ben Braver is the first book in a hilarious adventure series about the greatness that lies within any middle schooler who dreams big.

Fans of superhero fiction will laugh out loud and identify with aggressively regular Ben. Just the right mix of mystery and kooky fun." - Kirkus Reviews

“A clever hybrid novel that's sure to be a hit with the comic-cartoon crowd and fans of superhero tales." - School Library Journal

“A crazy fun ride - action packed and loaded with laughs!” - Max Brallier, New York Times-bestselling author of The Last Kids On Earth

Notes

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Author Bio

Location: Marcus Emerson - Eldridge, Iowa; Marcus Emerson - Eldridge, Iowa

Marcus Emerson is the author of the hit Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja series and the Secret Agent 6th Grader series. His career started in 2nd grade when he discovered Garfield. He grew up playing Super Mario Bros. 4, watching Thundercats, and reading comics like X-Men, Superman, and Wildcats. He lives in Eldridge, Iowa with his wife and children.
P.S. I Miss You
by Jen Petro-Roy

A heartbreaking - yet ultimately uplifting - epistolary middle-grade novel about family, religion, and having the courage to be yourself

"P.S. I Miss You is so moving! Evie's quiet strength and fierce determination are an inspiration." - Ann M. Martin, author of Rain Reign and the Baby-Sitters Club

"Jen Petro-Roy has created a character with the potential to be as iconic as Judy Blume's Margaret." - Erin Dionne, author of Notes from an Accidental Band Geek

Evie is heartbroken when her strict Catholic parents send her pregnant sister, Cilla, away to stay with a distant great-aunt. All Evie wants is for her older sister to come back. Forbidden from speaking to Cilla, Evie secretly sends her letters.

Evie writes about her family, torn apart and hurting. She writes about her life, empty without Cilla. And she writes about the new girl in school, June, who becomes her friend, and then maybe more than a friend.

Evie could really use some advice from Cilla. But Cilla isn't writing back, and it's time for Evie to take matters into her own hands.

"A touching, epistolary tale of a girl’s journey to self-discovery."

Author Bio

Location: Massachusetts

Jen Petro-Roy is a former teen librarian, an obsessive reader, and a trivia fanatic. She lives with her husband and two young daughters in Massachusetts. She is the author of P.S. I Miss You Good Enough, and You Are Enough: An Inclusive Guide to Body Image and Eating Disorder Recovery. Jen is an eating disorder survivor and an advocate for recovery.
The 78-Story Treehouse
by Andy Griffiths, illustrated by Terry Denton

New York Times bestselling author Andy Griffiths invites readers to come hang out with him and his friend Terry in their 78-Story Treehouse - the sixth book in the illustrated chapter book series filled with Andy and Terry's signature slapstick humor!

Andy and Terry live in a 78-story treehouse. (It used to be a 65-story treehouse, but they just keep building more levels!) It has a drive-thru car wash, a courtroom with a robot judge called Edward Gavelhead, a scribbleatorium, a combining machine, an ALL-BALL sports stadium, a high-security potato chip storage facility, and an open-air movie theatre with a super-giant screen . . . which is a very useful thing to have now that Terry's going to be a big-shot movie star!

After Andy gets cut out of the movie, he and Terry have a big fight and decide they don't want to be best friends anymore. But with a herd of sneaky spy cows out to steal all their story ideas, can Andy and Terry make up before it's too late?

Praise for the Treehouse series:

"Anarchic absurdity at its best . . . . Denton's manic cartooning captures every twist and turn in hilarious detail." - Publishers Weekly, starred review, on The 13-Story Treehouse

"Will appeal to fans of Jeff Kinney and Dav Pilkey . . . . The wonderfully random slapstick humor is tailor-made for reluctant readers. . . . A treat for all." - Booklist on The 13-Story Treehouse

Read the whole series!
The 13-Story Treehouse
The 26-Story Treehouse
The 39-Story Treehouse
The 52-Story Treehouse
The 65-Story Treehouse
The (...)

Author Bio

Location: Andy Griffiths - Williamstown, Australia; Terry Denton - Williamstown Australia

Andy Griffiths is the New York Times bestselling author of The Day My Butt Exploded and The 13-Story Treehouse.
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler
Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club
by Phillip Hoose

A YA true account of seven Danish teens who dared to fight the Nazi war machine, from a National Book Award- and Newbery Honor-winning author.

Overwhelmed by Nazi aggression at the outset of World War II, Denmark did not resist German occupation. Deeply ashamed of his nation's leaders, fifteen-year-old Knud Pedersen resolved with his brother and a handful of schoolmates to take action against the Nazis into their own hands. Naming their secret club after the fiery British leader, the young patriots in the Churchill Club committed countless acts of sabotage, infuriating the Germans, who eventually had the boys tracked down and arrested. But their efforts were not in vain: the boys' exploits and eventual imprisonment helped spark a full-blown Danish resistance.

Interweaving his own narrative with the recollections of Knud himself, Phillip Hoose tells young adult readers the inspiring story of these young war heroes in The Boys Who Challenged Hitler.

This thoroughly-researched and documented book can be worked into multiple aspects of the Common Core curriculum.

Praise for The Boys Who Challenged Hitler:

"These teenagers risked all - and lost much. . . . This energetic work of nonfiction . . . will cheer the hearts of readers whatever their age." - The Wall Street Journal

"An outstanding addition to the WWII canon . . . Hoose brilliantly weaves Pedersen's own words into the larger narrative of Denmark's stormy social and political wartime climate." - The Horn Book, starred review

"Often reading like a thriller, this title puts a human face on the often-overlooked Danish Resistance . . . Captivating." - School Library Journal, starred review

"Their story is one of bravery (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Portland, Maine

Phillip Hoose is an award-winning author of books, essays, stories, songs and
After one of them tragically disappears, two sisters will discover that their fates are more linked than they ever realized in this unforgettably twisty YA psychological thriller.

Some bonds can't be broken.

Ten years after the tragic disappearance of her twin sister Leah, sixteen-year-old Mia Klein still struggles to exist within a family that has never fully recovered. Deep in the dark recesses of her mind lies an overwhelming shadow, taunting Mia with mind-splitting headaches that she tries to hide in an effort to appear okay.

Leah Klein's life as she knew it ended the day she was taken, thrust into a world of abuse and fear by a disturbed captor - Mother," as she insists on being called. Ten years later, any recollections of her former life are nothing more than fleeting memories, except for those about her twin sister, Mia.

As Leah tries to gain the courage to escape, Mia's headaches grow worse. In Tiffany King's suspenseful young adult novel Losing Leah, both sisters will discover that their fates are linked in ways they never realized.

"Losing Leah is full of twists and turns I never saw coming and kept me guessing until the end! Desperate to know the ending, I stayed up all night to read!" - Katie McGarry, author of Say You'll Remember Me

Author Bio

Tiffany King is the USA Today bestselling author of over fifteen young adult and new adult novels. Publishers Weekly called her adult contemporary romance release, A Shattered Moment, heartfelt an admirably authentic portrait of PTSD.
The Beloved Wild
by Melissa Ostrom

A debut YA American epic and historical adventure from Melissa Ostrom about striking out for your own destiny.

She's not the girl everyone expects her to be.

Harriet Winter is the eldest daughter in a farming family in New Hampshire, 1807. She is expected to help with her younger sisters. To pitch in with the cooking and cleaning. And to marry her neighbor, the farmer Daniel Long. Harriet's mother sees Daniel as a good match, but Harriet doesn't want someone else to choose her path - in love or in life.

When Harriet's brother decides to strike out for the Genesee Valley in Western New York, Harriet decides to go with him - disguised as a boy. Their journey includes sickness, uninvited strangers, and difficult emotional terrain as Harriet sees more of the world, realizes what she wants, and accepts who she's loved all along.

Praise for The Beloved Wild:

Reminiscent of the works by Laura Ingalls Wilder, this charming novel is an enjoyable reflection on women's roles, romance, and the power of choice." - School Library Journal

"A complicated courtship in the wilderness plays out like Pride and Prejudice with a western backdrop, but the ending buck's tradition to set up a refreshingly level-headed ever-after that is steeped in reality and feels true to the journey.

Author Bio

Location: Batavia, New York

Melissa Ostrom teaches English literature at Genesee Community College in Batavia, New York. Her short fiction has been published in literary magazines, and nominated for a Pushcart Prize. The Beloved Wild is her YA debut. She lives in Batavia, New York, with her family.
In Her Skin
A Novel
by Kim Savage

From the author of After the Woods and Beautiful Broken Girls comes a dark, suspenseful young adult novel about crime, identity, and two girls with everything to lose.

Fifteen-year-old con artist Jo Chastain takes on her biggest heist yet - impersonating a missing girl. Life on the streets of Boston these past few years hasn't been easy, and she hopes to cash in on a little safety, some security. She finds her opportunity with the Lovecrafts, a wealthy family tied to the unsolved disappearance of Vivienne Weir, who vanished when she was nine.

When Jo takes on Vivi's identity and stages the girl's miraculous return, the Lovecrafts welcome her with open arms. They give her everything she could want: love, money, and proximity to their intoxicating and unpredictable daughter, Temple. But nothing is as it seems in the Lovecraft household - and some secrets refuse to stay buried.

When hidden crimes come to the surface and lines of deception begin to blur, Jo must choose to either hold on to an illusion of safety or escape the danger around her before it's too late. In Her Skin is YA author Kim Savage at her most suspenseful yet.

Praise for In Her Skin :

The mood of this psychological suspense story is appropriately dark and ominous, with a definite gritty edge . . . Obsessive and haunting." - School Library Journal

"A dark, enthralling tale of truth, lies, and parallel lives." - Kirkus Reviews

"The mystery of (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Boston, Massachusetts

Kim Savage is a former reporter who received her master's degree in Journalism from Northeastern University. Her work includes the critically acclaimed novels After the Woods and Beautiful Broken Girls . Kim grew up in South Weymouth, Massachusetts, and lives north of Boston, not far from the real Middlesex Fells of After the Woods
Cilla Lee-Jenkins: This Book Is a Classic
by Susan Tan, illustrated by Dana Wulfekotte

In the second middle-grade novel starring exuberant third grader Cilla Lee-Jenkins, the future bestselling author writes a Classic.

Anyone who spends time with Cilla Lee-Jenkins will look forward to reading her in the future." - Booklist, starred review, on Cilla Lee-Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire

Priscilla "Cilla" Lee-Jenkins has just finished her (future) bestselling memoir, and now she's ready to write a Classic. This one promises to have everything: Romance, Adventure, and plenty of Drama - like Cilla's struggles to "be more Chinese," be the perfect flower girl at Aunt Eva's wedding, and learn how to share her best friend.

In Cilla Lee-Jenkins: This Book Is a Classic, author Susan Tan seamlessly weaves experiences as a Chinese American with universal stories about being a big sister, making friends, and overcoming fears. Cilla Lee-Jenkins will bulldoze her way into your heart in this winning middle grade novel about family, friendship, and finding your voice.

"A jubilant story that will leave young readers wanting to hear more about Cilla's adventures." - School Library Journal

Praise for Cilla Lee-Jenkins: This Book Is a Classic:

Cilla, who is biracial, Chinese and White, is now in the third grade, and Gwendolyn, her baby sister whose arrival Cilla was dreading in the first book, is beginning to crawl. . . . Cilla's year is full of lessons about family and friendship, and Tan successfully gets into the head of an inquisitive and exuberant young girl.

Author Bio

Location: Susan Tan - Somerville, MA

Susan Tan has lived many places in her life, but calls Concord, Massachusetts, home. She grew up in a mixed-race family, and, like Cilla Lee-Jenkins, had very little hair until the age of five. After studying at Williams College, she earned her PhD from the University of Cambridge, where she studied children's literature. She currently lives in Somerville, enjoys frequent trips to Chinatown to eat tzuck sang, and teaches at the University of Massachusetts - Boston in addition to being a writer and illustrator.
As She Fades
A Novel
by Abbi Glines, designed by Rich Deas

From the #1 New York Times- and USA Today-bestselling author of the Rosemary Beach and The Vincent Boys series, Abbi Glines delivers another smoldering, compulsively readable YA romance with As She Fades.

On the night of her high school graduation, Vale McKinley and her boyfriend Crawford are in a terrible car accident that leaves Crawford in a coma. They were supposed to spend the summer planning for college, for a bright future full of possibility. Together. Instead, Vale spends long days in the hospital, hoping Crawford will awaken.

Slate Allen, a college friend of Vale's brother, has been visiting his dying uncle at the same hospital. When he and Vale meet, she can't deny the flutter of an illicit attraction. She tries to ignore her feelings, but she's not immune to Slate's charm. Slowly, they form a cautious friendship.

Then, Crawford wakes up . . . with no memory of Vale or their relationship. Heartbroken, Vale opts to leave for college and move on with her life. Except now, she's in Slate's territory, and their story is about to take a very strange turn.

Glines' millions of fans will adore As She Fades, a novel as romantic as it is full of twists and unexpected turns.

Romance fans will love the relationship between the protagonists and be sucked into the story line of the circumstances that bring them together." - School Library Journal

"Romance fans will love the relationship between the protagonists and (...)

Author Bio

Location: Fairhope, Alabama

Abbi Glines is a #1 New York Times, USA Today, and Wall Street Journal bestselling author of the Rosemary Beach, Sea Breeze, Vincent Boys, Field Party, and Existence series. When she's not locked away writing, she is reading, shopping (major shoe and purse addiction), sneaking off to the movies alone, and listening to the drama in her teenagers' lives while making mental notes on the good stuff to use later.
A Prom to Remember
by Sandy Hall

Love it or hate it, you'll never forget it. In this heart-warming YA novel, Swoon Reads star Sandy Hall explores a classic high school celebration, capturing every relatable and hilarious teen milestone along the way.

Cora: Dating Perfect Boyfriend Jamie. Has NO IDEA how to break up with him.


Henry: Hates social situations. Invited to prom by the most popular girl in school. SEND HELP!

Otis: Half of one of the cutest couples in his class. Not quite ready for a post-prom hotel room.

Lizzie: Shy. Excited to go to prom. With a boy. Whose name she doesn't know.

Cameron: Loner. Over high school. Just wants to meet the mysterious girl who's been leaving him notes.

Jacinta: Unnamed Nerd Girl #3. Determined to become the star of her own life, starting with prom.

Chosen by readers like you for Macmillan's young adult imprint Swoon Reads, A Prom to Remember, from Sandy Hall (author (...)

Author Bio

Location: Hawthorne, New Jersey

SANDY HALL is the author of A Little Something Different and Signs Point to Yes. She is a teen librarian from New Jersey, where she was born and raised, and has a BA in Communication and a Master of Library and Information Science from Rutgers University. When she isn't writing or teen librarian-ing, she enjoys reading, marathoning TV shows, and taking long scrolls through Tumblr.

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My Life as a Ninja
by Janet Tashjian, illustrated by Jake Tashjian

Derek becomes a ninja-in-training in Book 6 of the bestselling My Life series.

Derek Fallon has expanded his taste in cartoons to the world of manga and anime. Together with his friends Carly, Matt, and Umberto, Derek has fun learning about all the cool aspects of ninja culture.

When someone starts vandalizing their school with graffiti of a mischievous troll-like figure, these ninjas-in-training are convinced they'll be able to crack the case. But it turns out that being a ninja is a lot more work than they thought, and this adventure brings about new opportunities for Derek to embarrass himself. For once, can he be the hero that saves the day?

Find out in the sixth illustrated installment of the beloved middle-grade series!

A Christy Ottaviano Book

Praise for the My Life series:

Give this to kids who think they don't like reading. It might change their minds." - Booklist, starred review

"A kinder, gentler Wimpy Kid with all the fun and more plot." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"My Life as a Book:
A 2011 Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year

Give this to kids who think they don't like reading. It might change their minds." - Booklist, starred review

"A kinder, gentler Wimpy Kid with all the fun and more plot." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Sure to engage fans of Jeff Kinney's Diary of a Wimpy Kid books as well as those looking (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Janet Tashjian - Los Angeles, CA; Jake Tashjian - Studio City, CA
**Bound to You**
by Alyssa Brandon

A teen werewolf finally meets her destined soulmate only to discover that he's not quite what she expected in this steamy debut YA romance.

She's met her mate . . . and he's met his match.

Megan Ross has been waiting her whole life for her mate to come and sweep her off her feet. But the wolf she meets on the beach is NOT the sweet gentle boy she's been dreaming of. Instead, he's a warrior, one whose suffering has led him to lock his heart away in a prison as cold and hard as a diamond, who fights to resist the bond and their deep attraction.

Far from home, with a soulmate who is still a stranger, Megan learns that the path to true love isn't quite as straight and easy as she thought . . .

Chosen by readers like you for Macmillan's young adult imprint Swoon Reads, Alyssa Brandon's debut novel *Bound to You* is guaranteed to make readers swoon, sigh, and maybe even cry before it's over.

**Praise for Bound to You:**

When alpha werewolf Megan meets her one true mate, alpha warrior James, she inherits more than she anticipates - his dysfunctional pack, moodiness, and dangerous secrets. . . . Megan's wry voice makes her likable. . . . The writing will draw teens into this quick, enjoyable read ." - *School Library Journal*

**Praise (…)**

**Author Bio**

Location: Stockholm, Sweden

Alyssa Brandon is a recent college graduate from Sweden who enjoys reading, doing yoga, puzzles, and, of course, writing. *Bound to You* is her debut novel.
Suitors and Sabotage
by Cindy Anstey

Two young people must hide their true feelings for each other while figuring out who means them harm in this cheeky YA Regency romance from the author of Love, Lies and Spies and Duels & Deception.

Shy aspiring artist Imogene Chively has just had a successful Season in London, complete with a suitor of her father's approval. Imogene is ambivalent about the young gentleman until he comes to visit her at the Chively estate with his younger brother in tow. When her interest is piqued, however, it is for the wrong brother.

Charming Ben Steeple has a secret: despite being an architectural apprentice, he has no drawing aptitude. When Imogene offers to teach him, Ben is soon smitten by the young lady he considers his brother's intended.

But hiding their true feelings becomes the least of their problems when, after a series of accidents, it becomes apparent that someone means Ben harm. And as their affection for each other grows - despite their efforts to remain just friends - so does the danger...

In Suitors and Sabotage, author Cindy Anstey delivers another witty young adult historical fiction novel that is the perfect mix of sweetly romantic and action-packed.

A Junior Library Guild Selection

"Anstey's tale embraces a self-reliant main character, a loyal friend, innocent romance, witty conversation, and English country settings, each more splendid than the last. This is a delightful salute to Jane Austen and will be a treat for (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Nova Scotia, Canada

Cindy Anstey spends her days painting with words, flowers, threads, and watercolors. Whenever not sitting at the computer, she can be found - or rather, not found - traveling near and far. After many years living as an expat in Singapore, Memphis, and Belgium, Cindy now resides with her husband and energetic chocolate labrador, Chester, in Nova Scotia, Canada.
Deep Water
A Story of Survival
by Watt Key

From Watt Key, the author of the acclaimed Alabama Moon, comes a thrilling middle grade survival story about a scuba dive gone wrong and two enemies who must unite to survive.

It's the most important rule of scuba diving: If you don't feel right, don't go down.

So after her father falls ill, twelve-year-old Julie Sims must take over and lead two of his clients on a dive miles off the coast of Alabama while her father stays behind in the boat. When the clients, a reckless boy Julie's age and his equally foolhardy father, disregard Julie's instructions during the dive, she quickly realizes she's in over her head.

And once she surfaces, things only get worse: One of the clients is in serious condition, and their dive boat has vanished - along with Julie's father, the only person who knows their whereabouts. It's only a matter of time before they die of hypothermia, unless they become shark bait first. Though Julie may not like her clients, it's up to her to save them all.

Praise for Deep Water:

Key offers plenty of nail-biting suspense in this survival tale about a deep-sea dive off the Alabama coast that goes horribly wrong . . . The story meticulously details the steps that quick-thinking Julie takes to stay alive. Julie's troubled family history and her changing relationship with Shane are also examined, intensifying the book's emotional impact." - Publishers Weekly

"A nail (...)"

Author Bio

Location: Mobile, Alabama

Albert Watkins Key, Jr., publishing under the name Watt Key, is an award-winning southern fiction author. He grew up and currently lives in southern Alabama with his wife and family. Watt spent much of his childhood hunting and fishing the forests of Alabama, which inspired his debut novel, Alabama Moon, published to national acclaim in 2006. Alabama Moon won the 2007 E. B. White Read-Aloud Award, was included on Time Magazine's list of the Best One Hundred YA Books of All Time, and has been translated in seven languages.
I Stop Somewhere
by TE Carter

This YA debut takes a raw and heartbreaking look at rape culture; for readers who loved Laurie Halse Anderson's *Speak.* (Booklist)

Ellie Frias disappeared long before she vanished.

Tormented throughout middle school, Ellie begins her freshman year with a new look: she doesn't need to be popular; she just needs to blend in with the wallpaper.

But when the unthinkable happens, Ellie finds herself trapped after a brutal assault. She wasn't the first victim, and now she watches it happen again and again. She tries to hold on to her happier memories in order to get past the cold days, waiting for someone to find her.

The problem is, no one searches for a girl they never noticed in the first place.

TE Carter's stirring and visceral debut *I Stop Somewhere* not only discusses and dismantles rape culture, but it also reminds us what it is to be human.

Praise for *I Stop Somewhere*:

"*I Stop Somewhere* is an achingly beautiful novel that delves into the issues surrounding rape and the treatment of sexual assault victims." - VOYA, starred review

"In a breathy, lyrical voice, Carter tells an all-too-familiar story about violence, rape culture, and the damaging shortcomings of the justice system in response to sexual assault. . . . the pointed conversation about rape culture and violence (.)"

Author Bio

TE Carter was born in New England and has lived in New England for pretty much her entire life. Throughout her career, she's done a lot of things, although her passion has always been writing. When she's not writing, she can generally be found reading classic literature, obsessing over *Game of Thrones* (she's one hundred percent Team Lannister), playing Xbox, organizing her comic collection, or binge watching baking competitions. She continues to live in New England with her husband and their two cats. *I Stop Somewhere* is her first novel.
Marc's Mission
Way of the Warrior Kid (A Novel)
by Jocko Willink, illustrated by Jon Bozak

In Marc’s Mission, New York Times-bestselling author Jocko Willink delivers a second powerful and empowering Way of the Warrior book about finding your inner strength and being the best you can be, even in the face of adversity.

In Way of the Warrior Kid, Marc went from wimp to warrior in one summer. He learned to be strong inside and out, mastered his multiplication tables, conquered his fear of swimming, and even made nice with the meanest kid on the playground (who turned out to be not so mean after all).

Now, in this second book in the middle grade Warrior Kid series, Marc uses what he learned last summer to help another kid who needs a boost. Can he take the skills he learned from his Navy SEAL uncle Jake to instill the warrior spirit in someone who needs his help?

Read them both!
Way of the Warrior Kid
Marc's Mission

Praise for Way of the Warrior Kid:

"Willink, a leadership instructor and retired SEAL, places worthwhile emphasis on physical activity, mental sharpness, and hard work." - Publishers Weekly

"In this first installment of a new series, Willink, a retired decorated Navy SEAL officer brings his training in fitness, learning, nutrition, and tactics to a new level?the middle-grade level young readers will enjoy. Although the topic meant to inspire kids, seriousness is eased with Willink’s sense of humor and with Bozak’s hilarious comic-style illustrations." - Children’s Literature

Author Bio

Location: Jocko Willink - San Diego, CA

JOCKO WILLINK served 20 years as a Navy SEAL. He was in combat in Iraq during the Battle of Ramadi, a conflict that resulted in numerous medals for his efforts. After his tours, Willink served as a Navy SEAL instructor before forming Echelon Front with Leif Babin, a leadership training group that uses the lessons and expertise the pair learned as SEALs to train leaders beyond the military. Willink lives in San Diego, California. He is the author of the #1 New York Times bestseller Extreme Ownership, the children’s book Way of the Warrior Kid, and the New York Times bestseller Discipline Equals
You Won't See Me Coming
by Kristen Orlando

After finally taking down Torres, her mother's merciless killer, Reagan and Luke have two targets on their backs and are forced into hiding. With new names, looks, and cover stories, they're living quiet, safe lives, but revenge comes at a steep price. Reagan's actions continue to haunt the pair and put the people they love in danger.

When Reagan discovers her best friend Harper is on the verge of being kidnapped, she and Luke defy Black Angel orders and risk blowing their cover to save their friend. After the rescue attempt goes wrong, the three friends must go on the run with an army of assassins hot on their trail and the list of trust-worthy Black Angels getting smaller and smaller. Will they make it out alive? And at what cost?

Fast-paced and suspenseful, this is the explosive finale of Kristen Orlando's Black Angel Chronicles series.

Praise for You Won't Know I'm Gone

"This sequel to You Don't Know My Name holds its own, and it is almost more tense than its predecessor. Reagan, reminiscent of Tris Prior and Katniss Everdeen, is a heroine who's easy to root for." - Booklist

Praise for You Don't Know My Name:

"Orlando strikes a fast-paced, flirty, and mostly believable balance between timely teenage conflicts . . . and pure peril . . . Orlando, much like Reagan, is just getting started." - Booklist

"At its core, [this] is an action-packed novel about searching for oneself in the midst of heavy expectations . . . A solid addition [for those] who love stories of spy craft and secret identities, with a splash of romance." - School (...)

Author Bio

Location: Dublin, Ohio

Writing is one of the great loves of Kristen Orlando’s life and she has been lucky enough to make it her living, first as a television producer, then as a marketer and now as a novelist. Kristen graduated with a B.A. in English literature from Kenyon College. She lives in Columbus, Ohio with the other...
Match Me If You Can
by Tiana Smith

Mia's best friend Robyn is known for her matchmaking skills, which is perfect, because homecoming is just around the corner. But Robyn refuses to set Mia up with the guy of her dreams, which forces Mia to take matters into her own hands. She uses Robyn's matchmaking service to make sure popular Vince Demetrius falls for her.

Vince asks her out, but Mia doesn't count on Logan, the persistent school newspaper photographer who seems to like her out of the blue. Now she has to choose between Vince - the guy she knows is right for her - and Logan, who insists that she give him a chance. And she needs to make sure Robyn doesn't find out that Mia's been matchmaking behind her back.

Mia has two weeks before homecoming. Can she fix the mess she made or will she have to kiss her perfect match goodbye forever?

Praise for Match Me If You Can, from our Swoon Readers:

Love the voice of the main character - interesting, intelligent, relatable. Definitely excited to see what's next." - Rose

"Original, funny and sweet; it made me smile." - Saundra Luchs

"I think I found my new 'book boyfriend' in Logan. The story did a great job of capturing the drama of high school relationships in a funny and lighthearted way." - Kelly Lyman,

Author Bio

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah

Tiana Smith is a copywriter turned novelist who grew up in the Wild West of Montana. When she isn't writing, she's chasing after her son, reading, or binging the Disney Channel. She has double degrees in Honors and English from Westminster College but wants to go back to school to be a lion tamer.
Lady Mina Tretheway knows she’s destined for greater things than her fancy boarding school, where she’s being taught to be a proper English lady. It’s 1918, and war is raging across Europe. Unlike her father and brother, who are able to assist in the war effort, Mina is stuck sorting out which fork should be used with which dinner course.

When Mina receives a telegram that’s written in code, she finally has her chance to do something big. She returns to her childhood home of Hallington Manor, joined by a family friend, Lord Andrew Graham, and a dashing and mysterious young American, Lucas. The three of them must band together to work on a dangerous project that could turn the tide of the war.

Thrilled that she gets to contribute to the war effort at least, Mina jumps headfirst into the world of cryptic messages, spycraft, and international intrigue. She, Lucas, and Andrew have to work quickly, because if they don’t succeed, more soldiers will disappear into the darkness of war. Lady Mina Tretheway knows she’s destined for greater things than her fancy boarding school, where she’s being taught to be a proper English lady. It’s 1918, and war is raging across Europe. Unlike her father and brother, who are able to assist in the war effort, Mina is stuck sorting out which fork should be used with which dinner course.

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Author Bio

Dee Garretson writes for a wide range of ages, from chapter books to middle grade to young adult and adult fiction. She has a degree in International Relations from Tufts University, and also studied and taught Landscape Horticulture at Cincinnati State, giving her a chance to indulge in her love of both history and of plants. When she is not at home in Cincinnati writing, reading, and watching old movies, she takes every opportunity to travel, storing up new locations for future stories.
The Birds, the Bees, and You and Me
by Olivia Hinebaugh

A teen who's never even been kissed becomes her school's unofficial sex expert in Olivia Hinebaugh's fun, voice-y contemporary YA romance debut.

Seventeen-year-old Lacey Burke feels like the last person on the planet who should be doling out sex advice. For starters, she's never even kissed anyone, and she hates breaking the rules. Up until now, she's been a straight-A music geek that no one even notices. All she cares about is jamming out with her best friends, Theo and Evita.

But then everything changes.

When Lacey sees first-hand how much damage the abstinence-only sex-ed curriculum of her school can do, she decides to take a stand and starts doling out wisdom and contraception to anyone who seeks her out in the girls' restroom. Meanwhile, things with Theo have become complicated, and soon Lacey is not just keeping everyone else's secrets, but her own as well.

"Fast-paced, great dialogue, and likeable characters." -Allison Miller, Swoon Reader

"You created complex characters and relationships, had fun dialogue, and weaved an amazing story...Overall, this was great and all the different parts of the story really worked well." -Caralin, Swoon Reader

"It was wonderful- and that's all that needs to be said. The characters developed, the plot unfolded, the problems were solved. And it was a story that kept me hooked. In fact, I read it all in one night." -IsabellaGrace, Swoon Reader

"Such a good read! I loved the concept and the characters." -Lizzie May, Swoon Reader

Author Bio

Location: Washington, DC

When Olivia Hinebaugh isn't writing fiction, she can be found writing freelance, making art, discovering new songs on Spotify, texting her writing buddies, or folding laundry. She lives near Washington, D.C. with her spouse, three kids, a dog that looks like a coyote, and a one-eyed cat. The Birds, the Bees, and You and Me is her debut novel.
A Soldier and A Liar
by Caitlin Lochner

In a world on the brink of war, four superpowered teens must learn to work together for peace in Caitlin Lochner's action-packed debut novel.

Lai Cathwell is good at keeping secrets. As a Nyte, a supernaturally gifted teenager who is feared and shunned by the ungifted, this skill is essential to survival. Orchestrating her own imprisonment to escape military duty has only honed her ability to deceive others. But when rebels start attacking the city, Lai is dragged back into the fight with a new team of Nytes.

Thrown together with Jay, a self-conscious perfectionist consumed by the desire to be accepted; Al, a short-tempered fighter lying for the sake of revenge; and Erik, an amnesiac hell-bent on finding his memories and his place in the world, Lai realizes she’s facing an entirely different kind of challenge - one that might just be impossible. But if this team can't learn to work together, the entire sector will be plunged into war.

"It was difficult for me to put this book down! The dynamic between all the characters was very wonderful" -Anna Bowen, Swoon Reader

"A diverse cast, lots of action, and the narrative voice was beautiful. And wow, was that ending a twist!" -cute_entei, Swoon Reader

"An edge of your seat, intellectual, magical story ride." -lilsakura423, Swoon Reader

Author Bio

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Caitlin Lochner is a long-time nerd, traveler, and architecture enthusiast who worked as an assistant English teacher in Tokyo for three years before pursuing her MFA in Creative Writing at the University of Central Florida. She can typically be found absorbed in books, games, or manga, or else obsessing over said books, games, and manga. A Soldier and a Liar is her debut novel.
Beware the Night
by Jessika Fleck

On the island of Bellona, they worship the sun. Seventeen-year-old Veda understands that keeping the sun content ensures plentiful crops, peace and harmony, and a thriving economy. But as a member of the Basso class, she never reaps those benefits.

Life as a Basso is one fraught with back-breaking work and imposing rules. Her close friendship with Nico is Veda’s one saving grace in a cruel world where the division between her people and the ruling Dogio is as wide and winding as the canals that snake through their island.

But when Veda’s grandfather is chosen as the next sacrificial offering to keep the sun’s favor, Veda is forced to see the injustice of her world. Turning away from the sun means she must join the night - and an underground revolution she’s been taught to fear all her life.

Beware the Night, from our Swoon Readers:

"The story is different and amazingly entertaining, with characters that draw you in and make it impossible to put the book down. A mixture of The Hunger Games and Throne of Glass." -Claire Keiffer

"I was enthralled with this story. I enjoyed everything about it: the details of the culture, the back story, the twists, the dialogue, and definitely the ROMANCE!" -MJBC

"The author has a true voice. Veda is interesting and has depth. Fleck writes in layers, leaving nothing unsurfaced." -Tricia Norling

"I love it and I'm desperate to read the next one! It's like a cross between The Hunger Games and Divergent." -BirdBeast03

"A gripping read, start to finish. The world-building feels whole, the action is fast-paced, and I can't wait to read more from this author!" -Daisy

Author Bio

Jessika Fleck is an author, an artist, and a knitter who sincerely hopes to one day discover a way to do all three at once. Until then, she continues collecting vintage typewriters and hourglasses and convincing her husband that they need one more kitten.
Meet Me in Outer Space
by Melinda Grace

Smart and unflinching, this #OwnVoices debut contemporary novel stars an ambitious college student who refuses to be defined by her central auditory processing disorder.

Edie Kits has a learning disability. Well, not a learning disability exactly, but a disability that impacts her learning. It isn't visible, it isn't obvious, and it isn't something she likes to advertise. In fact, she's successfully hidden it from nearly everyone in her life, including her college roommate and best friend, Serena.

And for the first half of her freshman year, she has managed without assistance. Edie thought she was in control of her disability, until she meets her match with French 101 and a professor unwilling to hear her out.

Edie finds herself caught between getting the help she needs and convincing her professor that she isn't looking for an easy out. Luckily for her, Hudson, the badly dressed but undoubtedly adorable TA in her French class, ambles in to help her out . . .

Chosen by readers like you for Macmillan's young adult imprint Swoon Reads, Meet Me in Outer Space is a sweet, heartachingly real story of love and college life by debut author Melinda Grace.

Praise for Meet Me in Outer Space from the Swoon Reads community:

I loved Edie from the very first misunderstood line right to the very satisfying ending. This book was not only fun to read but showed a set of unique characters that, as a high school English (…)

Author Bio

Location: Utica, NY

Melinda Grace wrote her first piece of fiction in middle school, but didn't write a complete story until an introduction to creative writing course at SUNY Oswego, where she earned a BA in human development. She went on to earn a MS Ed in counseling and currently works as a school counselor. When she's not guiding the youth of America, she's planning her next vacation to Disney World and laminating anything she can get her hands on. Meet Me in Outer Space is her debut novel.
Babe Vogel has spent her whole life in the postcard-perfect small coastal town of Oar's Rest, Maine. She works at the local coffee shop the Busy Bean, lives in a lighthouse, and has a tight group of friends she's known since birth.

When NYC-based artist Levi Keller turns up at the Busy Bean, Babe can immediately tell he's from "out of town." Levi is determined to live like a hermit and remain a mystery to the Oar's Rest natives, but Babe won't allow it. She takes Levi under her wing and shows him how the Maine locals live.

But as the seasons pass and Babe and Levi's friendship becomes something more, they both have to figure out if they can balance small-town living with big city dreams. Is Levi just a "summer boy", destined to go home when the seasons change, or is he in Oar's Rest to stay?

"The writing is beautiful. The story is genuine. The characters reach out to you. In the world full of clichés, here's to one of my favorite book which defied them." -Ojas, Swoon Reader

"Packed with a sweet, heartfelt love story, realistic characters, and Babe and Levi's adventures in life, this is a HUGE recommendation from me to all the readers, out there!" -MereWhispers, Swoon Reader

"The town of Oar's Rest sounds so real and the landscape of sand, sea, and small town life is painted with masterful brush strokes… I was hooked from the first page… This is a story to be cherished and read over and over." -AimeDelay, Swoon Reader

"A breath of fresh air… You'll fall in love with Oar's Rest and the wonderfully quirky people who make up the town, just like Babe would want you to!" -SineadH93, Swoon Reader

**Author Bio**

Location: Indiana

Lillie Vale, upon discovering she could not be one of Santa's elves or attend Hogwarts, decided to become a writer to create a little magic of her own. When she's not writing or cackling at things she finds on the Internet, she can be found refueling with coffee, gummies, and licorice jelly beans. Lillie lives in Indiana, where she received a MBA from Ball State University.
The Hummingbird Dagger
by Cindy Anstey

From the author of *Suitors and Sabotage* comes a suspenseful and enthralling new Regency novel, perfect for readers who like their Jane Austen classics with a side of mystery and murder.

1833. After young Lord James Ellerby witnesses a near-fatal carriage accident on the outskirts of his estate, he doesn't think twice about bringing the young woman injured in the wreck to his family's manor to recuperate. But then she finally regains consciousness only to find that she has no memory of who she is or where she belongs.

Beth, as she takes to calling herself, is an enigma even to herself. She has the rough hands of a servant, but the bearing and apparent education of a lady. Her only clue to her identity is a gruesome recurring nightmare about a hummingbird dripping blood from its steel beak.

With the help of James and his sister Caroline, Beth slowly begins to unravel the mystery behind her identity and the nefarious circumstances that brought her to their door. But the dangerous secrets they discover in doing so could have deadly ramifications reaching the highest tiers of London society.

Fans of Cindy Anstey's previous novels - *Love, Lies and Spies*, *Duels & Deception*, *Suitors and Sabotage* and *Carols and Chaos* - will relish this dark and twisty new offering that blends romance, danger and mystery.

Praise for Cindy Anstey:

A delightful salute to Jane Austen and will be a treat for her fans.

Author Bio

Location: Nova Scotia, Canada

Cindy Anstey spends her days painting with words, flowers, threads, and watercolors. Whenever not sitting at the computer, she can be found - or rather, not found - traveling near and far. After many years living as an expat in Singapore, Memphis, and Belgium, Cindy now resides with her husband and energetic chocolate labrador, Chester, in Nova Scotia, Canada. She is the author of *Love, Lies and Spies*; *Duels & Deception*; *Suitors and Sabotage*; and *Carols and Chaos*. 