What Stars Are Made Of
by Sarah Allen

Twelve-year-old Libby Monroe is great at science, being optimistic, and talking to her famous, accomplished friends (okay, maybe that last one is only in her head). She’s not great at playing piano, sitting still, or figuring out how to say the right thing at the right time in real life. Libby was born with Turner Syndrome, and that makes some things hard. But she has lots of people who love her, and that makes her pretty lucky. When her big sister Nonny tells her she’s pregnant, Libby is thrilled - but worried. Nonny and her husband are in a financial black hole, and Libby knows that babies aren’t always born healthy. So she strikes a deal with the universe: She’ll enter a contest with a project about Cecelia Payne, the first person to discover what stars are made of. If she wins the grand prize and gives all that money to Nonny’s family, then the baby will be perfect. Does she have what it take to care for the sister that has always cared for her? And what will it take for the universe to notice?

From debut author Sarah Allen comes this pitch-perfect, heartwarming novel about growing up, finding yourself, and loving people with everything you’re made of.

Author Bio

Sarah Allen has been published in The Evansville Review, Allegory, and on WritersDigest.com. She has an MFA from Brigham Young University. Like Libby, she was born with Turner Syndrome. What Stars Are Made Of is her first novel. sarahallenbooks.com
A High Five for Glenn Burke
by Phil Bildner

A heartfelt and relatable novel from Phil Bildner, weaving the real history of Glenn Burke into the story of a middle-school kid learning to be himself.

When sixth grader Silas Walker does a school presentation on former Major League Baseball player Glenn Burke, it's more than just a report on the inventor of the high five. Burke was a black gay baseball player in the 1970s - and for Silas, the presentation is his own first baby step toward coming out as gay. Soon he tells his best friend Zoey, but the longer he keeps his secret from his baseball teammates, the more he suspects they know something's up. Kids get pulled from the team, fingers point at Silas, and he stages one big cover-up with terrible consequences. Was it a mistake to share his truth? This is Phil Bildner's most personal novel yet, and drives home the message that there's no one way to come out - and there's a place in the field for everyone.

Author Bio

Phil Bildner is a former New York City public school teacher who lives in Newburgh, New York. The author of many books, including Marvelous Cornelius: Hurricane Katrina and the Spirit of New Orleans and The Soccer Fence: A Story of Friendship, Hope, and Apartheid in South Africa, Phil is a frequent speaker at conferences and travels to over sixty schools a year.
Brown Baby Lullaby
by Tameka Fryer Brown, illustrated by AG Ford

With Spanish words sprinkled throughout and featuring warm art by *New York Times*-bestselling and *NAACP*-Award-winning illustrator AG Ford, Tameka Fryer Brown’s *Brown Baby Lullaby* is the perfect new baby or baby shower gift. From sunset to bedtime, two brown-skinned parents lovingly care for their beautiful brown baby: first, they play outside, then it is time for dinner and a bath, and finally a warm snuggle before bed.

**Author Bio**

Tameka Fryer Brown’s picture books include *Around Our Way on Neighbors’ Day*, *My Cold Plum Lemon Pie*, and *Bluesy Mood*. Her work also appears in the anthology, *We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices*. She currently resides in Charlotte, North Carolina.
Pout-Pout Fish: Goes to the Doctor
by Deborah Diesen, illustrated by Dan Hanna

Author Bio

Deborah Diesen is the author of many children's picture books, including the New York Times-bestselling The Pout-Pout Fish. She loves playing with words and rhymes and rhythms. She has worked as a bookseller, a bookkeeper, and a reference librarian. She lives in 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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Solar Story
How One Community Lives Alongside the World’s Biggest Solar Plant
by Allan Drummond

In his signature style, Allan Drummond tells the story of the largest solar plant in the world, the Noor Solar Power Plant in Morocco’s Sahara Desert, by relating it to the everyday life of a schoolgirl in a small village next to the plant. As we see on a class field trip, the plant is not only bringing reliable power to the village and far beyond, but is providing jobs, changing lives, and upending the old ways of doing things - starting within the girl’s own family. Blending detail-filled watercolors, engaging cartoon-style narration, sidebars, and an afterword, the author showcases another community going green in amazing ways.

Author Bio

Author/Illustrator Allan Drummond studied at the Royal College of Art. His many books include Tin Lizzie, a Green Earth Honor Book. He lives in Savannah, Georgia, where he is Chair of Illustration at the Savannah College of Art and Design.
A Galaxy of Sea Stars
by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo

Sometimes, the truth isn’t easy to see. Sometimes, you have to look below the surface to find it.

Eleven-year-old Izzy feels as though her whole world is shifting, and she doesn’t like it. She wants her dad to act like he did before he was deployed to Afghanistan. She wants her mom to live with them at the marina where they’ve moved instead of spending all her time on Block Island. Most of all, she wants Piper, Zelda, and herself - the Sea Stars - to stay best friends, as they start sixth grade in a new school.

Everything changes when Izzy’s father invites his former interpreter’s family, including eleven-year-old Sitara, to move into the marina’s upstairs apartment. Izzy doesn’t know what to make of Sitara - with her hijab and refusal to eat cafeteria food - and her presence disrupts the Sea Stars. But in Sitara Izzy finds someone brave, someone daring, someone who isn’t as afraid as Izzy is to use her voice and speak up for herself. As Izzy and Sitara grow closer, Izzy must make a choice: stay in her comfort zone and risk betraying her new friend, or speak up and lose the Sea Stars forever.

A Galaxy of Sea Stars is Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo’s second novel - a heartwarming story about family, loyalty, and the hard choices we face in the name of friendship.

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.

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Promotion
How to Make Friends with the Sea
by Tanya Guerrero

Pablo is homesick.
He's only twelve years old, but he's lived in more countries than he can count. After his parents divorced, he and his mother have moved from place to place for years, never settling anywhere long enough to call it home. And along the way, Pablo has collected more and more fears: of dirt, of germs, and most of all, of the ocean.

Now they're living in the Philippines, and his mother, a zoologist who works at a local wildlife refuge, is too busy saving animals to notice that Pablo might need saving, too. Then his mother takes in Chiqui, an orphaned girl with a craniofacial anomaly - and Pablo finds that through being strong for Chiqui, his own fears don't seem so scary. He might even find the courage to face his biggest fear of all . . . and learn how to make friends with the sea.

Author Bio

Tanya Guerrero is Filipino and Spanish by birth, but has been fortunate enough to call three countries home - the Philippines, Spain, and the United States. Currently, she lives in a shipping container home in the suburbs of Manila with her husband, daughter, and a menagerie of rescued cats and dogs. In her free time, she grows her own food, bakes bread, and reads. How to Make Friends with the Sea is her debut novel.
tanyaguerrero.com
All Boys Aren't Blue
A Memoir-Manifesto
by George M. Johnson

In a series of personal essays, prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist George M. Johnson explores his childhood, adolescence, and college years in New Jersey and Virginia. From the memories of getting his teeth kicked out by bullies at age five, to flea marketing with his loving grandmother, to his first sexual relationships, this young-adult memoir weaves together the trials and triumphs faced by Black queer boys. Both a primer for teens eager to be allies as well as a reassuring testimony for young queer men of color, All Boys Aren't Blue covers topics such as gender identity, toxic masculinity, brotherhood, family, structural marginalization, consent, and Black joy. Johnson's emotionally frank style of writing will appeal directly to young adults.

Author Bio

George M. Johnson is a writer and activist based in New York. He has written on race, gender, sex, and culture for Essence, The Advocate, BuzzFeed News, Teen Vogue, and more than forty other national publications. He is a columnist for AFROPUNK, and has appeared on BuzzFeed's AM2DM as well as MSNBC. All Boys Aren't Blue is his debut. Speak with him on Twitter, @IamGMJohnson. iamgmjohnson.com

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Promotion
Beast
My Encounter with Bigfoot
by Watt Key

Author Bio

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.
Losing Earth (Middle Grade Edition)
The Story of Global Warming and the Fight for Our Future
by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich, illustrated by Tim Foley,
introduction by Nathaniel Rich

A timely and important nonfiction book for middle grade readers,
adapted from the adult book of the same title, about the decade in which
the trajectory of climate change could have been reversed and how
young people today can rise to action.

By 1979, we knew nearly everything we understand today about climate
change - including how to stop it. Over the next decade, a handful of
scientists, politicians, and strategists, led by two unlikely heroes, risked their
careers in a desperate, escalating campaign to convince the world to act
before it was too late. Losing Earth is their story, and ours.

Expanded into full book form from the riveting 2018 issue of New York Times
Magazine, and adapted here for younger readers, Losing Earth tells the
human story of climate change from the distant past into the present day,
wrangling with the long shadow of our failures, what might be ahead for today's
youth, and crucial questions of how we understand the world we live in. It is a
call to action, a riveting dramatic history, and a rare literary achievement.

Author Bio

Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich is the author of 8th Grade Superzero, a
Notable Book for A Global Society and Notable Social Studies Trade Book for
Young People. She is the co-author of the NAACP Image Award nominated
Two Naomis, a Junior Library Guild selection, and its sequel, Naomis Too. She is the editor of The Hero Next Door, a 2019 anthology from We Need
Diverse Books.

She lives with her family in NYC, where she writes, makes things, and needs
to get more sleep.

Nathaniel Rich is the author of the novels King Zeno, Odds Against Tomorrow,
and The Mayor's Tongue. He is a writer at large for The New York Times
Magazine and a regular contributor to The Atlantic and The New York Review
of Books. He lives in New Orleans. Tim Foley was born in Flint, Michigan,
and attended college at the Kendall School of Art in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

His has illustrated such books as Ben Thompson and Erik Slader's Epic Fails
history series and Is it Safe to Kiss My Cat?

Tim lives and works in Grand Rapids with his wife, Terri.
The Midnight Lie
by Marie Rutkoski

Where Nirrim lives, crime abounds, a harsh tribunal rules, and society's pleasures are reserved for the High Kith. Life in the Ward is grim and punishing. People of her low status are forbidden from sampling sweets or wearing colors. You either follow the rules, or pay a tithe and suffer the consequences.

Nirrim keeps her head down, and a dangerous secret close to her chest. But then she encounters Sid, a rakish traveler from far away, who whispers rumors that the High Kith possess magic. Sid tempts Nirrim to seek that magic for herself. But to do that, Nirrim must surrender her old life. She must place her trust in this sly stranger who asks, above all, not to be trusted.

Set in the world of the New York Times bestselling Winner's Trilogy, beloved author Marie Rutkoski returns with an epic LGBTQ romantic fantasy about learning to free ourselves from the lies others tell us - and the lies we tell ourselves.

Praise for the Winner's Trilogy:

"The romance is heart-stoppingly lovely and admittedly steamy . . . but the raising of stakes and the reluctance of the couple to give up their respective causes, even as they confess their love for each other, lends their relationship a complexity not often seen in the genre." - The Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books, starred review

"Rutkoski's well-written prose is sumptuous." - VOYA

Author Bio

Location: New York, New York

Marie Rutkoski is the author of The Winner's Trilogy, The Kronos Chronicles, and The Shadow Society. Rutkoski is currently a professor at Brooklyn College, where she teaches Renaissance Drama, children's literature and creative writing. She lives in Brooklyn, New York marierutkoski.com
Miss You Love You Hate You Bye
by Abby Sher

A darkly comic and heartbreakingly honest YA novel about finding the courage to help a friend who can’t stop hurting herself.

Zoe and Hank (short for Hannah) have been inseparable since they met in elementary school. The leader of the pack, Zoe is effortlessly popular while Hank hides comfortably in her shadow. But when Zoe’s parents unexpectedly divorce, Zoe’s perfect facade starts cracking little by little. Sinking under the weight of her broken family, Zoe develops an eating disorder. Now she must rely on Hank for help.

Hank struggles to help Zoe; after all, she is used to agreeing, not leading. How can she help her best friend get better before it’s too late?

Written partially in letters from Zoe and mostly in narrative from Hank’s perspective, Abby Sher’s *Miss You Love You Hate You Bye* is a poignant and eye-opening novel about friendship, mental health, and learning to put yourself first.

Author Bio


Abby has written and performed for The Second City, Upright Citizen’s Brigade, HBO and NPR. She is currently a co-producer of the Chucklepatch Comedy Show and she lives in New Jersey with her family.
Bonjour!
It is moi, Escargot, your favorite French snail.
Today I am going on a trip to the library, where there are so many stories to choose from!
Stories about dog superheroes... guinea pig detectives... and flamingo astronauts.
But sadly, none of these books is about a daring snail hero who saves the day.
What is that you say? Perhaps this is the book about the snail hero? Ooh-la-la!

Author Bio

Dashka Slater has written many books, including Escargot which won the Wanda Gag Book Award, Baby Shoes, The Antlered Ship, which was a Junior Library Guild Selection and received four starred reviews, and Dangerously Ever After. Her non-fiction young adult novel The 57 Bus won the Stonewall Book Award and was a YALSA finalist. She lives in California. Find her at dashkaslater.com.
John Basilone
World War II: Bravery at Guadalcanal
by Michael P. Spradlin

A nonfiction chapter book about the heroic actions of John Basilone, a U.S. Marine in the Pacific theatre of WWII, part of Michael P. Spradlin’s Medal of Honor series.

John Basilone (1916-1945) was a U.S. Marine Corps gunnery sergeant. In October 1942, he took part in the Battle of Henderson Field in Guadalcanal. After Japanese forces left Basilone’s battalion with only two men standing and critically low on ammunition, he single-handedly battled his way through hostile lines to deliver shells to his gunners, enough to virtually annihilate the enemy forces.

Later killed in action on the first day of the invasion of Iwo Jima, Basilone was World War II’s only enlisted Marine to receive both the Navy Cross and the Medal of Honor.

This is the fourth nonfiction middle-grade book in Michael P. Spradlin’s Medal of Honor series, which profiles the courage and accomplishments of recipients of the Medal of Honor, the highest and most prestigious personal military decoration, awarded to recognize U.S. military service members who have distinguished themselves through extraordinary acts of valor.

Author Bio

Michael P. Spradlin is the New York Times Bestselling and Edgar Award-nominated author of more than a dozen books for children, including the Western Heritage Award-winning Off like the Wind: The Story of the Pony Express. Spradlin grew up in Homer, Michigan and attended Central Michigan University where he graduated with a BS degree in History in 1982. He currently resides in Lapeer, Michigan with his wife, daughter, and two schnoodles Apollo and Willow.
The Music of Life
by Louis Thomas

Full of joy and discovery, Louis Thomas’ The Music of Life is a simple, melodious picture book about finding big inspiration and beauty in the smallest of details.

At night when everyone else is asleep, one artist sits awake - pencil in hand, stuck. Lenny is a composer, but this evening, no music floats from his head. Then as night breaks into dawn, Lenny’s cat, Pipo, begins lapping milk. Lick lick lick. Birds yawn awake, singing in the trees. Tweet tweet! A bike bell tings on the street below. Suddenly, Lenny notices a rhythm to the world around him. He pulls on his coat and walks through the city to write down every sound he can find. Lenny listens to a gardener, a jogger, a dogwalker, and more neighborhood characters. Finally, the morning’s sounds culminate in a sun-dappled symphony that Lenny conducts in the center of the park.

Author Bio

Louis Thomas graduated from Gobelins, Paris, and Calarts, Los Angeles, in 2012. He then worked full-time in Californian animation studios before returning to France. Louis currently lives and works with his cat Pipo in his art studio, which can be found between the Pantheon and the Luxembourg Gardens of Paris, France. His first book was Hug It Out!
Seven Endless Forests
by April Genevieve Tucholke

In this gorgeous standalone companion to the critically acclaimed fantasy, The Boneless Mercies, April Tucholke spins a bold and blood-hungry retelling of the King Arthur legend that is perfect for fans of Naomi Novik, Garth Nix, and Laini Taylor.

On the heels of a devastating plague, Torvi's sister, Morgunn is stolen from the family farm by Uther, a flame-loving Fremish wolf-priest who leads a pack of ragged, starving girls. Torvi leaves the only home she's ever known, and joins a shaven-skulled druid and a band of roaming Elsh artists known as the Butcher Bards. They set out on a quest to rescue Torvi's sister, and find a mythical sword.

On their travels, Torvi and her companions will encounter magical night wilds and mystical Drakes who trade in young men. They will sing rowdy Elshland ballads in a tree-town tavern, and find a mysterious black tower in an Endless Forest. They will fight alongside famous Vorseland archers and barter with Fremish wizards. They will feast with rogue Jade Fell children in a Skal Mountain cave, and seek the help of a Pig Witch. They will face wild, dangerous magic that leads to love, joy, tragedy, and death.

Torvi set out to rescue a sister, but she may find it's merely the first step toward a life that is grander and more glorious than anything she could have imagined.

Author Bio

April Genevieve Tucholke is the author of Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea, Between the Spark and the Burn, Wink Poppy Midnight, and The Boneless Mercies. Her books have been published in fourteen countries, and have received eight starred reviews. They have been selected for the Junior Library Guild, Kids' Indie Next picks, and YALSA Teens Top Ten. When she's not writing, April likes walking in the woods, exploring abandoned houses, and drinking expensive coffee. She currently resides in the Pacific Northwest with her husband.
Author Bio

Sheena Boekweg, author of *Glitch Kingdom*, grew up reading books with tree branches peeking over her shoulder. She studied theatre at Weber State University, married a handsome nerd who taught her about video games, and then had three kids who stole her heart and her controllers. She lives in Utah with her family and the world's most spoiled puppy.

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Promotion
Twist
by Sarah Cannon

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.
Almost, Maine
by John Cariani

Based on a popular play by the same name, John Cariani’s Almost, Maine is a charming and romantic collection of stories that will have you thinking about love in an entirely new way.

Welcome to Almost, Maine, a town that’s so far north, it’s almost not in the United States - it’s almost in Canada. And it almost doesn’t exist, because its residents never got around to getting organized. So it’s just . . . Almost.

One cold, clear Friday night in the middle of winter, while the northern lights hover in the sky above, Almost’s residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is lost and found. And life for the people of Almost, Maine will never be the same.

Author Bio

John Cariani is an actor and a playwright. He has appeared on and off Broadway in Something Rotten and now The Band’s Visit. When up-and-coming director Gabe Barre asked if he could take a look at all of the short plays John had written for the show, he noticed that many of them were surreal love stories, all set on a cold winter’s night in a strange little non-town in far northern Maine. He said, There’s a play here. Almost.” And the rest is history.
In the Shadow of the Sun
by EM Castellan

It's 1661 in Paris, and magicians thrill nobles with enchanting illusions. Exiled in France, 17-year-old Henriette of England wishes she could use her magic to gain entry at court. Instead, her plan is to hide her magical talents, and accept an arranged marriage to the French king's younger brother. Henriette soon realizes her fiance prefers the company of young men to hers, and court magicians turn up killed by a mysterious sorcerer who uses forbidden magic. When an accident forces Henriette to reveal her uniquely powerful gift for enchantments to Louis, he asks for her help: she alone can defeat the dark magician threatening his authority and aid his own plans to build the new, enchanted seat of his power - the Palace of Versailles.
You Be Mommy
by Karla Clark, illustrated by Zoe Persico and Zoe Persico

Author Bio

Zoe Persico is an illustrator with a love for everything cute, colorful, and full of whimsy. Her books include Mermaids Fast Asleep, Summer Color and Georgia’s Terrific, Colorific Experiment. Born and bred in the Midwest, she currently resides in Redmond, WA. Zoe Persico is an illustrator with a love for everything cute, colorful, and full of whimsy. Her books include Mermaids Fast Asleep, Summer Color and Georgia’s Terrific, Colorific Experiment. Born and bred in the Midwest, she currently resides in Redmond, WA.
Ms. Gloria Steinem
A Life
by Winifred Conkling

Gloria Steinem was no stranger to injustice even from a young age. Her mother, Ruth, having suffered a nervous breakdown at only 34, spent much of Gloria's childhood in and out of mental health facilities. And when Gloria was only 10 years old, her father divorced her mother and left for California, unable to bear the stress of caring for Ruth any longer. Gloria never blamed her mother for being unable to hold down a job to support them both after that, but rather blamed society's intrinsic hostility toward women, and working women in particular. This was the spark that lit a fire in her that would burn for decades, and continues to burn brightly today. Throughout the years, Gloria Steinem is perhaps the single-most iconic figure associated with women's rights, her name practically synonymous with the word feminism. "Documenting everything from her boundary-pushing journalistic career to the foundation of Ms. magazine to being awarded the 2013 Presidential Medal of Freedom, Winifred Conkling's Ms. Steinem, Feminist is a meticulously researched YA biography that is sure to satisfy even the most voracious of aspiring glass-ceiling smashers.

Author Bio

Winifred Conkling is a freelance writer specializing in history and health and consumer topics. Her articles have appeared in a number of national magazines including American Health, McCall's, Consumer Reports, and Reader's Digest. Winifred lives in northern Virginia with her husband, three children, a dog, two rats, a horse, and quite a few squirrels and chipmunks in the backyard. She is the author of more than 30 nonfiction books, including Passenger on the Pearl: The True Story of Emily Edmonson's Flight from Slavery; Radioactive!: How Irene Curie & Lise Meitner Revolutionized Science and Changed the World; and Votes for Women!: American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot. winifredconkling.com
Snakes on a Train
by Kathryn Dennis

An adorable board book full of sibilant sounds and other word play, Kathryn Dennis’ *Snakes on a Train* is as fun for parents as it is for children, 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.*

Hisssssssssss goes the sound of the train.

[A] delightful panoply of sounds, shapes, and train-riding snakes . . . Train-crazy kids will get a kick out of seeing serpents guide the train's journey, from the switcher snake that gets the locomotive on the right track to the "brakesnake" that brings things to a necessary halt. The snakes are adorable as they play cards, read books, and stick their pink tongues out to lick ice-cream cones. At book's end, the train rests with a sshhh for the night, the snakes curl up and sleep, and the stars form a lovely S . . . Silly, sibilant, and smart." - *Booklist* magazine

"[A] new variant on the perennially popular combination of trains and picture books; in this title, a simple trek on the tracks gains momentum from the giggle-worthy passengers and crew who enjoy the ride in a way only legless, armless, tubular critters can. Recommended." - *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

Author Bio

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.
Snakes on the Job
by Kathryn Dennis

Full of sibilant sounds and other wordplay, Kathryn Dennis’s picture book, Snakes on the Job, is a sssss sweet story that’s sure to be a read-aloud hit.

Off to work the snakes will go.
They slide into trucks and roll out slow.
Hissssssssh goes the sound of the brakes.
The busy snakes are back! This time, they are operating a variety of construction vehicles - bulldozers, diggers, backhoes and more - and what they are building is a surprise. It’s so fun, that new friends want to join them!

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The Girl Who Fell Out of the Sky
by Victoria Forester

In The Girl Who Fell Out of the Sky - the conclusion to the fantasy adventure series that began with the New York Times bestseller The Girl Who Could Fly - Victoria Forester shows readers that life is always exceptional, and abilities" come in many forms.

What happens when the girl who could fly can’t fly anymore? Piper’s ability to fly has disappeared, perhaps the result of some dark spell put on her, or perhaps because her ability has simply vanished forever. There is a worldwide calamity that Piper, Conrad, and their exceptional friends must tackle to save the planet, but Piper is left behind. If she can’t fly, then what use is she?
Piper learns she can’t do a lot of things - cook, clean, and help Ma around the house, among them. She feels more helpless than ever. What is she good at? How will she ever believe in herself again?"

The Girl Who Could Fly:

"Prepare to have your heart warmed." -Stephenie Meyer, author of the Twilight Saga.

"The story soars, just like Piper, with enough loop-de-loops to keep kids uncertain about what will come next." - Booklist, starred review

"Any child who has felt different will take strength from Piper's fight to be herself." - The Horn Book

Author Bio

Location: Los Angeles

Victoria Forester is the author of The Girl Who Could Fly, a Booklist Editor’s Choice and Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year. She is also a successful screenwriter, and originally wrote The Girl Who Could Fly for film. She liked the story so much that she decided to expand it into her first book.

Victoria grew up on a remote farm in Ontario, Canada, and graduated from the University of Toronto. She now lives in Los Angeles with her husband, daughter, and cat.
Tessa is an anxious person, but it's become worse since her mother died a few months ago. To calm herself down she cuts out photos of missing kids - from milk cartons - and keeps them in a file. It helps her feel like she's not alone.

When her dad announces suddenly that he's getting married - and that they're moving, Tessa must navigate new friendships and a new stepmother. She knows she should let go of old habits, but that's easier said than done. Her struggle is one that many readers will understand, finely wrought by the author of *The Astonishing Maybe*.

**Author Bio**

*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.
Quest for the Nautilus: Young Captain Nemo
by Jason Henderson

Author Bio

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.
Ava in Code Land
by Jess Hitchman and Gavin Cullen, illustrated by Leire Martin

A little girl must use her coding skills to save her video-game home in this adorable debut picture book by Jess Hitchman and Gavin Cullen, illustrated by Leire Martin.

Ava thinks living in a video game is pretty cool. She and her cat, Pixels, spend their days riding breakfast rollercoasters and heading to underwater discos. And if something isn't exactly perfect, Ava can reprogram the world to be just the way she likes it. But then the game's villain, Max Hacksalot, comes along on his magical pirate unicorn and breaks all of Ava's code. When Max manages to send them all to the Game Over screen, it's up to Ava and her coding skills to save the day.

Author Bio

Jess Hitchman, author of Ava in Code Land, works as an Executive Product Manager at Children's BBC where she looks after the most loved kids apps and games in the UK. Prior to this, Jess worked as a digital producer for youth and entertainment brands including Radio 1, XFM, MTV and Nickelodeon. As a side project, Jess runs Oops Yay, a small app studio that creates playful interactive toys for preschoolers. Oops Yay apps have been featured by Apple all over the world and downloaded over a hundred thousand times. Jess is passionate about getting girls into coding and can't wait to see what a generation of empowered girls will create. Leire Martin, illustrator of Ava in Code Land, started out as a 3D artist from Donostia, Spain. But drawing has always been her passion so she has spent the last few years in Barcelona, working as a professional illustrator with a focus on children's illustration.
The Silence of Bones
by June Hur

I have a mouth, but I mustn't speak;
Ears, but I mustn't hear;
Eyes, but I mustn't see.

1800, Joseon (Korea). Homesick and orphaned sixteen-year-old Seol is living out the ancient curse: ‘May you live in interesting times.’ Indentured to the police bureau, she’s been tasked with assisting a well-respected young inspector with the investigation into the politically charged murder of a noblewoman.

As they delve deeper into the dead woman’s secrets, Seol forms an unlikely bond of friendship with the inspector. But her loyalty is tested when he becomes the prime suspect, and Seol may be the only one capable of discovering what truly happened on the night of the murder.

But in a land where silence and obedience are valued above all else, curiosity can be deadly.

June Hur’s elegant and haunting debut The Silence of Bones is a bloody tale perfect for fans of Kerri Maniscalco and Renee Ahdieh

Author Bio

June Hur was born in South Korea and raised in Canada, except for the time when she moved back to Korea and attended high school there (classes started at 8 a.m. and ended at 10 p.m.). She studied History and Literature at the University of Toronto. She began writing her debut novel, The Silence of Bones, after obsessing over books about Joseon Korea. When she’s not writing, she works as an assistant for the public library or can be found journaling at a coffee shop. June currently lives in Toronto with her husband and family. Follow her on Twitter @WriterJuneHur. junehur.com
Stealing Mt. Rushmore
by Daphne Kalmar

Author Bio

Daphne Kalmar was an elementary and middle-school teacher for over twenty years. Exploring the natural world with kids was her passion as an educator - she owned seventy-five pairs of rubber boots so she could outfit each new class in September and lead weekly expeditions to local creeks and ponds. She has an MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts. *A Stitch in Time* is her debut.
Warrior Dog (Young Readers Edition)
The True Story of a Navy SEAL and His Fearless Canine Partner
by Joe Layden and Will Chesney

Two dozen Navy SEALs descended on Osama bin Laden's compound in May 2011. After the mission, only one name was made public: Cairo, a Belgian Malinois and military working dog. This is the story of Cairo and his handler, Will Chesney, a member of SEAL Team Six whose life would be irrevocably tied to Cairo's.

Starting in 2008, when Will was introduced to the canine program, he and Cairo worked side by side, depending on each other for survival on hundreds of critical operations in the war on terrorism. But their bond went beyond their military service.

As Cairo aged and went on fewer missions, Will moved on to other assignments, forced to slowly - and painfully - distance himself from the dog. Then, in 2011, the call came: Pick up your dog and get back to Virginia. Now.

Cairo and Will trained for weeks for a secret mission, but it soon became clear that this was no ordinary operation. Cairo was among the first members of the U.S. military on the ground in Pakistan as part of Operation Neptune Spear, which resulted in the successful elimination of bin Laden.

As Cairo settled into a role as a reliable spare dog," Will went back to his job - until a grenade blast in 2013 left him severely injured. Unable to participate in further missions, he tried to recover, medicine provided only modest relief. Instead, it was up to Cairo to save Will's life once more - and then up to Will to be there when Cairo needed him the most.

Author Bio

JOE LAYDEN is an award-winning journalist and freelance writer whose work has been honored by the New York Newspaper Publishers Association, the National Associated Press Sports Editors, the New York State Associated Press Association, and the International Reading Association/Children's Book Council.

Mr. Layden has written or co-written more than thirty books for adults and children, including The Last Great Fight and The Ghost Horse
The Shadows Between Us
by Tricia Levenseller

Author Bio

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.

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Dark and Deepest Red
by Anna-Marie McLemore

With Anna-Marie McLemore’s signature lush prose, *Dark and Deepest Red* pairs the forbidding magic of a fairy tale with a modern story of passion and betrayal.

Summer, 1518. A strange sickness sweeps through Strasbourg: women dance in the streets, some until they fall down dead. As rumors of witchcraft spread, suspicion turns toward Lavinia and her family, and Lavinia may have to do the unimaginable to save herself and everyone she loves.

Five centuries later, a pair of red shoes seal to Rosella Oliva’s feet, making her dance uncontrollably. They draw her toward a boy who knows the dancing fever’s history better than anyone: Emil, whose family was blamed for the fever five hundred years ago. But there’s more to what happened in 1518 than even Emil knows, and discovering the truth may decide whether Rosella survives the red shoes.

Author Bio

Anna-Marie McLemore was born in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and taught by her family to hear la llorona in the Santa Ana winds. She is the author of *The Weight of Feathers, When the Moon Was Ours, Wild Beauty,* and *Blanca & Roja.*
Pearl the Magical Unicorn
by Sally Odgers, illustrated by Adele K Thomas

*Pearl the Magical Unicorn* is the first in Sally Odgers' three-book chapter book series where the magical unicorn Pearl and her friends take on some of life's tough lessons with humor and heart.

**Author Bio**

**Sally Odger's** books for children include the Jack Russell, Pet Vet and Pup Patrol series, which are published in Australia, where she lives. She wrote *Good Night, Truck* for her grandson Ash, who loves trucks, dinosaurs, and spiders.

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Pearl the Flying Unicorn
by Sally Odgers, illustrated by Adele K Thomas

*Pearl the Flying Unicorn* is the second in Sally Odgers' three-book chapter book series where the magical unicorn Pearl and her friends take on some of life's tough lessons with humor and heart.

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**Promotion**
Cats in the Crater: My FANGtastically Evil Vampire Pet
by Mo O'Hara, illustrated by Marek Jagucki

Author Bio

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.
The Fell of Dark
by Caleb Roehrig

What’s a boy to do - in Caleb Roehrig’s YA paranormal romance The Fell of Dark - when his crush is a hot vampire with a mystery to solve?
The only thing August Pfeiffer hates more than algebra is living in a vampire town.
Located at a nexus of mystical energy fields, Fulton Heights is practically an electromagnet for supernatural drama. And when a mysterious (and annoyingly hot) vampire boy arrives with a cryptic warning, Auggie suddenly finds himself at the center of it.
An ancient and terrible power is returning to the earthly realm, and somehow Auggie seems to be the only one who can stop it.

Author Bio

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.

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by David Safier

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Promotion
An Alphabet of Hugs
by Emily Snape

There are so many different kinds of hugs: After-the-bath hugs, Everything will be okay hugs, You did it hugs, and ZZZZ-sleepy hugs. There is a whole alphabet of hugs inside, with fun animal characters that will delight babies and toddlers.

Author Bio

Emily Snape is the author of the Motor Mix series of novelty books published by Chronicle. She lives in Bloomsbury, London, United Kingdom.
Deadly Curious
by Cindy Anstey

1834. Sophia Thompson wants nothing more than to be one of the famed Bow Street Runners, London’s most elite corps of detectives. Never mind that a woman has never before joined their ranks - and certainly never mind that her reclusive family has forbidden her from pursuing such an unladylike goal. She gets the chance to prove her capabilities when an urgent letter arrives from her frantic cousin Daphne, begging Sophia to come look into the suspicious death of Daphne’s brother. As Sophia begins to unravel the tangled threads of the case - with the help of a charming young policeman - she soon realizes that the murderer may be even closer to her family than she ever suspected. A twisty tale reminiscent of Jane Austen - with a dash of murder - Deadly Curious is perfect for fans of Kerri Maniscalco.

Author Bio

Cindy Anstey spends her days painting with words, flowers, threads, and acrylics. 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 ; Carols and Chaos ; and The Hummingbird Dagger.
Defy the Sun
by Jessika Fleck

In this electrifying YA sequel to Beware the Night, Veda is captured and leveraged against her best friend, who fights for the opposing force. Civil war has come to the island of Bellona. Veda Adeline believes in the Night. She's joined the underground revolutionaries, led by Dorian Winters, and they're determined to overthrow the ruling Imperi and find justice for her people.

Nico Denali, Veda's childhood friend and maybe-something-more, is one of those ruling Imperi, and he's just been named heir to the most powerful man above ground.

As the war intensifies, Veda and Nico are leveraged against each other: Veda is above as a hostage of the Imperi and Nico is below, taken by the Night. There's no way Dorian is letting such a valuable hostage go.

The island will burn unless Veda and Nico can come together to rip everything apart. But Nico and Dorian will never trust each other, and Veda's heart might be the biggest casualty.

Praise for Defy the Sun

"Jessika Fleck's duology is a lyrical adventure with a twisting vein of romance throughout. I was both enchanted and haunted till the very end!" - Erin Beaty, author of the Traitor's Trilogy

Beware the Night:

"Fleck has crafted a fully realized world complete with its own history and mythology to immerse her readers. Finely tuned and masterfully written, this is a must-purchase for all fantasy shelves." - School Library Journal, starred review

"Jessika Fleck delights with a new fantasy novel set in a world where the (...)"

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. Jessica has also written the young adult novel The Castaways.
Gone by Nightfall
by Dee Garretson

A young woman is torn between her home and her dreams in Dee Garretson's *Gone by Nightfall*, a thrilling YA novel set in during the Russian Revolution.

It's 1916, and Charlotte Mason is determined to make a life for herself in czarist Russia. When her mother dies, Charlotte is forced to put her plans to go to medical school aside to care for her unruly siblings. Then a handsome new tutor arrives. Charlotte has high hopes that he'll stay, freeing her up to follow her dreams of becoming a doctor. But there's more to Dmitri that meets the eye.

Just when she thinks she can get her life back, Russia descends into revolution and chaos. Now, not only does Charlotte need to leave Russia, she needs to get her siblings out too - and fast. Can Charlotte flee Russia, keep her siblings safe, and uncover Dmitri's many secrets before she runs out of time?

Praise for Gone by Nightfall
A Junior Library Guild Selection
Amid spy intrigue, coded messages, fairly improbable escapes, a budding romance, and bold derring-do, our quick-thinking, thoroughly engaging protagonist triumphs and the plot never slows. Garretson reaches beyond adventure, too, providing a haunting nuance to the horrors of war through her heroine's eyes. . . An action-packed, yet sobering journey into the war to end all wars." - Booklist

"This is the sort of book you want to hide in your closet and read so that no one disturbs you until you're completely finished." - Samantha Hastings, author of The Last Word

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.

Dee is the author of *All is Fair*, *Wolf Storm*, and *Wildfire Run*
The King's Questioner
by Nikki Katz

From Nikki Katz, the author of The Midnight Dance, comes The King's Questioner, an epic YA fantasy featuring royal drama, dark magic, and a secret that could topple a kingdom.

Kalen is a mental picklock, able to access a person's memories and secrets by touch. His skills make him the perfect questioner to the king, and he spends his days interrogating prisoners of the crown. But when Kalen's estranged childhood friend, Prince Cirrus, falls into a sudden coma, the king begs Kalen to intervene. By accessing Cirrus's mind, Kalen saves his life - and uncovers a terrifying secret. The prince has a sister, banished long ago, and she is the key to the destruction or survival of the kingdom.

With the help of Cirrus and a silver-haired thief named Luna, Kalen must find the princess and bring her home. Or risk death at the hands of his king.

The Midnight Dance:

"A dark adventure, stunningly written!" -Jay Asher, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Thirteen Reasons Why

"The Midnight Dance is deliciously dark and twisty, taking you on a luscious ride." -Suzanne Lazear, author of the Aether Chronicles series

"A beautifully written story of Penelope and her desire to out find out who she is and the secrets behind her beautiful and terrible world where these girls/dancers are controlled by the mysterious and creepy 'puppeteer.'" -Chen Yan Chang, reader on SwoonReads.com

"This is such a fun, well written twisted story. . . . The writing is superb. I love the premise and the Gothic feel to it." -Angie Taylor, reader on SwoonReads.com

"So imaginative and (...)"

Author Bio

Location: San Diego

NIKKI KATZ is a recovering rocket scientist, author, editor, and freelance writer who lives with her three children in the perfection that is San Diego. Favorite activities include chauffeuring her kids around town, reading fantasy and sci-fi, baking unhealthy desserts, watching reality TV, and scrolling social media feeds. Her books include the young adult novels The Midnight Dance.
An Outcast and an Ally
by Caitlin Lochner

Dark secrets and conflicting loyalties abound as four superpowered teens are torn apart by war in Caitlin Lochner's An Outcast and an Ally, the epic YA sequel to A Soldier and a Liar . . .

Lai, Jay, Al, and Erik are on the run after the military accuses them of being traitors. Tensions between everyone are high, but they have to stick together if they want to survive. And somehow stop the war that's now in full swing. But when Erik returns to the rebels to find answers about his past, Lai, Al, and Jay have no choice but to go to the Order - a peace coalition bent on stopping the rebels and dissolving the enmity between gifted and ungifted. However, the longer the war drags on, the more Lai's long-kept secrets threaten to destroy everything she's ever worked for. Sparks fly as the team constantly questions whether they can trust one another and everyone tries to navigate a war that will change everything.

Filled with the same high-stakes superpowered action and complex relationships as A Soldier and A Liar, Caitlin's first book, An Outcast and an Ally brings this story to a dramatic and satisfying close.

Praise for A Soldier and a Liar:
Fans of the Shatter Me and The Darkest Minds series will salivate for A Soldier and a Liar . . . Utterly imaginative and vivid." - Booked J
"An interesting mix of supernatural and dystopian, with lots of action and secrets to keep the reader turning the pages for more." - Smada's Book Smack

Author Bio
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.
**Rogue Princess**  
by B.R. Myers

A princess fleeing an arranged marriage teams up with a snarky commoner to foil a rebel plot in B. R. Myers' *Rogue Princess*, a gender-swapped sci-fi YA retelling of *Cinderella*.

Princess Delia knows her duty: She must choose a prince to marry in order to secure an alliance and save her failing planet. Yet she secretly dreams of true love, and feels there must be a better way. Determined to chart her own course, she steals a spaceship to avoid the marriage, only to discover a handsome stowaway.

All Aidan wanted was to borrow a few palace trinkets to help him get off the planet. Okay, so maybe escaping on a royal ship wasn't the smartest plan, but he never expected to be kidnapped by a runaway princess!

Sparks fly as this headstrong princess and clever thief battle wits, but everything changes when they inadvertently uncover a rebel conspiracy that could destroy their planet forever.

**Author Bio**

B.R. Myers, author of *Under the Twin Suns*, spent most of her teen years behind the covers of Lois Duncan, Ray Bradbury, and Stephen King. Her YA contemporary coming of age novel, *Girl On The Run*, was chosen by the Canadian Children’s Book Centre as a Best Book for Teens for 2016. When she’s not putting her characters in awkward situations, she works as a registered nurse. A member of the Writer’s Federation of Nova Scotia, she lives in Halifax with her husband and two children - and there is still a stack of books on her bedside table.

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**Promotion**
Finding Mr. Better-Than-You
by Shani Petroff

A heartbroken teen, with the help of her best friends, goes on a quest to find the perfect boyfriend, and in the end learns that some things are more important than boys in Shani Petroff's Finding Mr. Better-Than-You, a fun YA contemporary novel.

Author Bio

Shani Petroff is a writer living in New York City. She is the author of Romeo and What's Her Name, My New Crush Gave to Me, and the Bedeviled series, which includes Daddy's Little Angel; The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly Dress; Careful What You Wish For; and Love Struck. She is the co-author of the "Destined" series, which includes Ash and Ultraviolet. She also writes for television news programs and several other venues. When she's not locked in her apartment typing away, she spends a whole lot of time on books, boys, TV, daydreaming, and shopping online.

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Dedicated Title Page on Macmillan.com and SwoonReads.com
Available as an E-Book
If You Only Knew
by Prerna Pickett

A boy recently released from jail and the daughter of a prosecutor fall for each other against the odds in this YA novel. Corey has just been released from jail, and all he wants is a new beginning. But when his former gang comes knocking, Corey agrees to vandalize the home of Kent Hopper, the prosecutor who put him away. To erase the guilt she carries from getting away with a crime, Tessa spends most of her nights riding her motorcycle. When she catches Corey destroying her father's car, she doesn't see a criminal: She sees a way to finally right her own wrongs. So instead of turning Corey over to the police, she convinces her father to give Corey a second chance. As Tessa and Corey spend more time with each other, it becomes difficult to ignore the pull between them. But they're both keeping secrets, and when those secrets come to light, they'll each have to face their demons in order to have a future together.

Author Bio

Prerna Pickett believes in magic, fairytales, and unicorns. Writing was always her dream job and now she gets to live the dream. When Prerna isn't writing, she can usually be found daydreaming about writing, or at the library helping her five kids choose books. If You Only Knew is her debut novel.
How to Speak Boy
by Tiana Smith

Two sworn enemies start to fall in love through anonymous notes in How to Speak Boy, a fun and charming YA novel from Tiana Smith. Quinn and Grayson have been fierce speech and debate rivals for years. They can't stand one another, either in competition or in real life. But when their AP Government teacher returns their school assignments to the wrong cubbies, they begin exchanging anonymous notes without knowing who the other one is. Despite their differences, the two come together through their letters and find themselves unknowingly falling for the competition. Before the state tournament, the two of them need to figure out what they want out of life, or risk their own future happiness. After all, what's the point of speech and debate if you can't say what's in your heart?

Author Bio

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. Match Me If You Can is her debut novel.

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Promotion
Peter & Ernesto: Sloths in the Night
by Graham Annable

Peter and Ernesto love the jungle, but they know how dangerous it can be at night. From clumsy bats to crazed owls to rumors of a dragon, there are countless things that make the darkness perilous for sloths. That's why, one day, when their friend Bernard goes missing just as the sun is setting, Peter and Ernesto quickly gather their tribe to form a search party. However, while these sloths have some sense of the dangers that they'll face while looking for Bernard, there are surprises lurking in the shadows that will surpass their wildest imaginings!

Author Bio

Graham Annable is an Oscar-nominated cartoonist and animator living in Portland, Oregon, with his wife, and two boys. When he's not huddled inside of his house creating graphic novels like Peter & Ernesto 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.
The Phantom Twin
by Lisa Brown

Isabel and Jane are the Extraordinary Peabody Sisters, conjoined twins in a traveling carnival freak show - until an ambitious surgeon tries to separate them and fails, causing Jane’s death. Isabel has lost an arm and a leg but gained a ghostly companion: Her dead twin is now her phantom limb. Haunted, altered, and alone for the first time, can Isabel build a new life that’s truly her own?

Author Bio

Lisa Brown is an award-winning writer and illustrator of many picture books and comics. She is allegedly married to Lemony Snicket and definitely lives in San Francisco.
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Maker Comics: Grow a Garden!
by Alexis Frederick-Frost

Maker Comics is the ultimate DIY guide. Inside Alexis Frederick-Frost's graphic novel you will find illustrated instructions for six gardening projects!

Will, Violet, and Basil must be the unluckiest students at the Garden Gnome Academy. They've been stuck with Mr. Butternut, the school's most unpopular (and unusual) teacher. Will and his friends have to learn about soil and compost while their classmates get to study exotic plants and butterflies. Although things get a little messy (and stinky) in his class, Mr. Butternut does know a thing or two about growing delicious veggies.

Read along to get all the dirt on growing your favorite vegetables! And you don't need a big backyard to be a great gardener - just a little bit of space and a lot of sunlight. With the easy instructions inside this book you can grow lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, peppers, and more. Maker Comics Grow a Garden! will walk you through each step, from seed to harvest.

Follow the easy step-by-step instructions and you can make:
- A compost bin
- Seed pots
- Potting mix
- A growlight shelf
- A cold frame
- A container garden

Author Bio

Alexis Frederick-Frost is co-author and illustrator of the critically acclaimed Adventures in Cartooning series of graphic novels and picture books. A combination how-to book and exciting adventure story, Adventures in Cartooning: how to turn your doodles into comics, was one of Booklist's Top Ten Graphic Novel of 2010 and has encourage hundreds of young artists to create their own comics. He also wrote and illustrated the monthly comic Kit and Clay for The Phoenix Magazine in the United Kingdom and has contributed to a variety of publications online and in print. A graduate from the inaugural class of the Center for Cartoon Studies, Alexis lives with his wife in Maryland.
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Read along to get all the dirt on growing your favorite vegetables! And you don't need a big backyard to be a great gardener - just a little bit of space and a lot of sunlight. With the easy instructions inside this book you can grow lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, peppers, and more. Maker Comics Grow a Garden! will walk you through each step, from seed to harvest.

Follow the easy step-by-step instructions and you can make:
- A compost bin
- Seed pots
- Potting mix
- A growlight shelf
- A cold frame
- A container garden

Author Bio

Alexis Frederick-Frost is co-author and illustrator of the critically acclaimed Adventures in Cartooning series of graphic novels and picture books. A combination how-to book and exciting adventure story, Adventures in Cartooning: how to turn your doodles into comics, was one of Booklist's Top Ten Graphic Novel of 2010 and has encourage hundreds of young artists to create their own comics. He also wrote and illustrated the monthly comic Kit and Clay for The Phoenix Magazine in the United Kingdom and has contributed to a variety of publications online and in print. A graduate from the inaugural class of the Center for Cartoon Studies, Alexis lives with his wife in Maryland.
InvestiGators
by John Patrick Green

MANGO and BRASH are the INVESTIGATORS: sewer-loving agents of S.U.I.T.* and scourge of supervillains everywhere!

With their Very Exciting Spy Technology and their tried-and-true, toilet-based travel techniques, the InvestiGators are undercover and on the case! And on their first mission together, they have not one but two mysteries to solve! Can Mango and Brash uncover the clues, crack their cases, and corral the crooks - or will the criminals wriggle out of their grasp?

*Special Undercover Investigation Teams

Author Bio

John Patrick Green is a human with the human job of making books about animals with human jobs, such as Hippopotamister, Kitten Construction Company, and InvestiGators. John is definitely not just a bunch of animals wearing a human suit pretending to have a human job. He is also the artist and co-creator of the graphic novel series Teen Boat!, with writer Dave Roman. John lives in Brooklyn in an apartment that doesn't allow animals other than the ones living in his head.
Snapdragon
by Kat Leyh

Kat Leyh’s Snapdragon is a magical realist graphic novel about a young girl who befriends her town’s witch and discovers the strange magic within herself.
Snap’s town had a witch. At least, that’s how the rumor goes. But in reality, Jacks is just a c rocks-wearing, internet-savvy old lady who sells roadkill skeletons online - after doing a little ritual to put their spirits to rest. It’s creepy, sure, but Snap thinks it’s kind of cool, too.
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Author Bio

Kat Leyh is a Chicago based writer and artist. She’s best known as the current co-writer and cover artist for the series Lumberjanes, and for her queer superhero webcomic Supercakes. She’s also worked as a cover artist, and back-up writer/artist for several BOOM! Studios series.

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In the graphic novel *Astronauts: Women on the Final Frontier*, Jim Ottaviani and illustrator Maris Wicks capture the great humor and incredible drive of Mary Cleave, Valentina Tereshkova, and the first women in space.

The U.S. may have put the first man on the moon, but it was the Soviet space program that made Valentina Tereshkova the first woman in space. It took years to catch up, but soon NASA’s first female astronauts were racing past milestones of their own. The trail-blazing women of Group 9, NASA’s first mixed gender class, had the challenging task of convincing the powers that be that a woman’s place is in space, but they discovered that NASA had plenty to learn about how to make space travel possible for everyone.

**Author Bio**

Jim Ottaviani (*Feynman*, *Primates*) is the world’s preeminent writer of comics and graphic novels about science. Notable works include a biography of Niels Bohr and the fast-paced tale of the desperate lives of early paleontologists and *T-Minus: The Race to the Moon*. He has worked as a nuclear engineer and is currently employed as a reference librarian in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Maris Wicks lives in sunny Somerville, Massachusetts. She is the author behind *Human Body Theater*, as well as the illustrator of New York Times Bestselling *Primates*, with Jim Ottaviani. Wicks has also created comics for Spongebob Comics, DC and Marvel. When Maris is not drawing comics, she can be found prepping slides for her collection of vintage microscopes.
Cottons: The White Carrot
by Jim Pascoe, illustrated by Heidi Arnhold

In Cottons: The White Carrot, the second volume in Jim Pascoe and Heidi Arnhold’s epic graphic novel trilogy, we are taken deeper into a rich fantasy world where art is both coveted and feared.

For the rabbits of the Vale of Industry, cha is everything. It’s the fuel that lights their homes, powers their factories, and makes modern life possible. But to Bridgebelle, cha means so much more. It’s the vital ingredient she needs to make thokchas - beautiful works of art that glow and transform, as if by magic. But Bridgebelle isn’t the only one captivated by thokchas. Outside the Vale, the nefarious foxes have discovered the destructive power they hold. They plan use thokchas as the ultimate weapon in their age-old war against the rabbits. When the foxes attack, Bridgebelle is left with an impossible choice: make them a thokcha, or offer up her life.

Author Bio

Jim Pascoe is a writer, designer, and an award-winning creative director. His comics credits include Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Hellboy Animated, and the original series Undertown - which was originally published by TOKYOPOP, put out as a book-fair edition by Scholastic, and distributed by Universal Press Syndicate to over fifty newspapers worldwide. He lives in Los Angeles, where he drinks coffee, sleeps very little, and believes in magic. Heidi Arnhold is a graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design whose published works have involved popular franchises like Star Trek, The Dark Crystal, and Fraggle Rock. She began working on Cottons with writer Jim Pascoe in 2010. The art in this book is powered by Heidi’s love for visual storytelling, all rabbits, and kale smoothies. She currently resides in Atlanta with her husband, one adorable bunny, and a blender that makes kale smoothies.

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Cottons: The Secret of the Wind
by Jim Pascoe, illustrated by Heidi Arnhold

From writer Jim Pascoe and illustrator Heidi Arnhold, Cottons: The Secret of the Wind is the first in a fantasy graphic novel series featuring rabbits and foxes inhabiting a world where magic, technology, and art are used as weapons of war.

To her neighbors in the Vale of Industry, Bridgebelle is an ordinary rabbit. All day long, she toils at the carrot factory. After a hard day, she returns home to care for her ailing auntie. And whenever she’s out, she’s watchful of the murderous foxes who prey on her kind.

But Bridgebelle is not ordinary - she’s a rabbit with talents beyond her own understanding. Using cha, the mysterious fuel that powers her world, she can change everyday objects into thokchas - magical, transforming works of art. Bridgebelle makes thokchas because they're beautiful. But there are those in her world who want to harness her powers and turn her art into a weapon.

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Go With the Flow
by Karen Schneemann and Lily Williams

High school students embark on a crash course of friendship, female empowerment, and women’s health issues in Lily Williams and Karen Schneemann’s graphic novel *Go With the Flow*. Good friends help you go with the flow. Best friends help you start a revolution. Sophomores Abby, Brit, Christine, and Sasha are fed up. Hazelton High never has enough tampons. Or pads. Or adults who will listen. Sick of an administration that puts football before female health, the girls confront a world that shrugs - or worse, squirms - at the thought of a menstruation revolution. They band together to make a change. It’s no easy task, especially while grappling with everything from crushes to trig to JV track but they have each other’s backs. That is, until one of the girls goes rogue, testing the limits of their friendship and pushing the friends to question the power of their own voices. Now they must learn to work together to raise each other up. But how to you stand your ground while raising bloody hell?

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Karen Schneemann grew up in Northern California. She received her first undergraduate degree in Engineering from UCLA and her second in Animation from California College of the Arts. In addition to being an engineer, artist and writer, Karen is also a mom to two adorable kids. She lives and works in foggy San Francisco, California. Lily Williams is the author and illustrator of *If Sharks Disappeared*, *If Polar Bears Disappeared*, and *If Elephants Disappeared*. She grew up in Northern California where she received her B.F. A. from California College of the Arts. Lily seeks to inspire change, engage audiences, and educate people of all ages with her artwork. Her work can be seen in films, books and on her website.

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Check, Please! Book 2: Sticks & Scones

by Ngozi Ukazu, illustrated by Ngozi Ukazu

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A collection of the second half of the mega-popular webcomic series of the same name, Check, Please!: Sticks and Scones is the last in a hilarious and stirring two-volume coming-of-age story about hockey, bros, and trying to find yourself during the best four years of your life.

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Ngozi Ukazu is the creator of Check, Please, an online graphic novel whose printing campaign remains the most funded webcomics Kickstarter ever. She graduated from Yale University in 2013 with a degree in Computing and The Arts, and received a masters in Sequential Art in 2015 from the Savannah College of Art and Design. She first became interested in hockey while writing a screenplay about the sport during her senior year at Yale. But after Yale hockey won the Division I Men's Ice Hockey national championship, she became obsessed. While she used her new-found knowledge of ice hockey to launch Check, Please in 2013, Ngozi has a deep interest in sports that ranges from half-marathon training to basketball documentaries. Ngozi also cites 90's sitcoms as a major influence in the quirky, found-family feel of Check, Please.

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Dragon Hoops
by Gene Luen Yang

In his latest graphic novel, New York Times bestselling author Gene Luen Yang turns the spotlight on his life, his family, and the high school where he teaches.


But Gene doesn't get sports. As a kid, his friends called him Stick” and every basketball game he played ended in pain. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, it’s all anyone can talk about. The men’s varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that’s been decades in the making. Each victory brings them closer to their ultimate goal: the California State Championships.

Once Gene gets to know these young all-stars, he realizes that their story is just as thrilling as anything he’s seen on a comic book page. He knows he has to follow this epic to its end. What he doesn’t know yet is that this season is not only going to change the Dragons’s lives, but his own life as well.

Author Bio

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.
The City Girls
by Aki, illustrated by Aki

Bustling sidewalks, busy streets, museums, parks, and tasty treats - the City Girls are ready to explore in this adorable picture book!

From Aki, the author-illustrator of The Weather Girls and The Nature Girls, comes a new picture book starring an adorable troupe of girls exploring the city and taking in all the diversity of life it has to offer!

It's morning time in the city. We watch the sun rise, slow and pretty.

Follow these busy girls as they wander through the city, taking in the sights. Charming rhyming verse and adorable art make this picture book irresistible - and perfect for sharing!

Author Bio

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). 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).
The Middler
by Kirsty Applebaum

Beyond the mysterious boundary of eleven-year-old Maggie's town, the Quiet War rages and the dirty, dangerous wanderers roam - a gripping debut for fans of *The Giver*, *Pax*, and *Orphan Island*

Maggie lives in orderly Fennis Wick, protected from the outside world by a boundary. Her brother Jed is an eldest, revered and special, a hero who will soon go off to fight in the war. But Maggie's just a middle child, a middler, often invisible and ignored, even by her own family.

When she chances upon a wanderer girl in hiding, she decides she wants to be a hero like her brother and sets out to capture the intruder. But once Maggie peeks past the hedges of the boundary for the first time, suddenly everything she's ever known about her isolated town gets turned on its head...

In her debut novel for young readers, Kirsty Applebaum crafts a gripping story of resistance, forbidden friendship, loyalty, and betrayal.

I thought I'd almost reached my fill of dystopian novels, but Kirsty Applebaum has rebooted the genre. The plot pulls you along... [and] there is a touch of Harper Lee's scout [in Maggie]." - *The Times*

Author Bio

Kirsty Applebaum was born in Essex, England and grew up in Hampshire. She’s had a wide variety of jobs including bookselling, railway re-signaling, picking stones off conveyor belts, putting lids on perfume bottles, and teaching Pilates. She now lives with her husband on top of a hill in Winchester. Follow her on Twitter @KirstyApplebaum
A Trip to the Country for Marvin & James
by Elise Broach, illustrated by Kelly Murphy

Book 5 in the Masterpiece Adventures chapter book series featuring Marvin the beetle and his best friend, James.

Marvin gets invited to spend a weekend with James visiting Karl and Christina in the country. And Marvin is bringing his cousin Elaine! Together, they partake in exciting outdoor activities. But a playful boat ride on a pond turns into an unexpected adventure. How will James and Marvin and Elaine find each other out in the wilderness?

This fifth book in the Masterpiece Adventures series brings Marvin and James together in a celebration of friendship and family.

Christy Ottaviano Books

Author Bio

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 severa 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 E.B. White Read Aloud Award, and nominated for an Edgar Award, among other distinctions.

Ms. Broach holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in history from Yale University. She was born in Georgia and lives in the woods of rural Connecticut, walking distance from three farms, a library, a post office and two country stores.

Kelly Murphy has illustrated many books for children including Masterpiece, Alex and the Amazing Time Machine, and the Nathaniel Fludd, Beastologist books. She lives in Providence, Rhode Island.
Black Girl Unlimited
The Remarkable Story of a Teenage Wizard
by Echo Brown

Heavily autobiographical and infused with magical realism, Black Girl Unlimited fearlessly explores the intersections of poverty, sexual violence, depression, racism, and sexism - all through the arc of a transcendent coming-of-age story for fans of Renee Watson’s Piecing Me Together and Ibi Zoboi’s American Street.

Echo Brown is a wizard from the East Side, where apartments are small and parents suffer addictions to the white rocks. Yet there is magic . . . everywhere. New portals begin to open when Echo transfers to the rich school on the West Side, and an insightful teacher becomes a pivotal mentor. Each day, Echo travels between two worlds, leaving her brothers, her friends, and a piece of herself behind on the East Side. There are dangers to leaving behind the place that made you. Echo soon realizes there is pain flowing through everyone around her, and a black veil of depression threatens to undo everything she’s worked for.

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Tiny Bird
A Hummingbird’s Amazing Journey
by Robert Burleigh, illustrated by Wendell Minor

A narrative nonfiction picture book following a hummingbird's migration south for the winter, with stunning art.

When the last summer flowers open their petals to the sun, it's time for a tiny ruby-throated hummingbird to dip its beak into the heart of each bloom, extracting as much nectar as possible before the hard trip ahead.

Today is the day Tiny Bird begins its amazing journey south for the winter, traveling as fast as thirty miles an hour for hundreds of miles on end. The trip is long, with savage weather and many predators along the way, but Tiny Bird is built for this epic journey and eventually arrives at its winter home.

This inspiring migratory and life cycle story celebrates the important and impressive feat of a small but mighty creature.

Author Bio


Wendell Minor is the award-winning and bestselling illustrator of numerous books, including Ghost Ship, by Mary Higgins Clark. He lives in Washington, Connecticut.
Little Universes
by Heather Demetrios

One wave: that's all it takes for the rest of Mae and Hannah Winters' lives to change.
When a tsunami strikes the island where their parents are vacationing, it soon becomes clear that their mom and dad are never coming home. Forced to move to Boston from sunny California for the rest of their senior year, each girl struggles with secrets their parents' death has brought to light, and with their uncertainty about the future. Instead of bringing them closer, it feels like the wave has torn the sisters apart.

Hannah is a secret poet who wants to be seen, but only knows how to hide. The pain pills she stole from her dead father hurl her onto the shores of an addiction she can't shake and a dealer who turns her heart upside down. When it's clear Hannah's drowning, Mae, a budding astronaut suddenly launched into an existential crisis - and unexpected love - must choose between herself and the only family she has left.

Little Universes is a book about the powerful bond between sisters, the kinds of love that never die, and the journey we all must make through the baffling cruelty and unexpected beauty of human life in an incomprehensible universe.

Author Bio

Heather Demetrios is the author of several critically acclaimed novels including Something Real and I'll Meet You There. She is a recipient of the PEN New England Susan P. Bloom Discovery Award and has an MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. When she isn't traipsing around the world or spending time in imaginary places, she lives with her husband in New York City. Originally from Los Angeles, she now calls the East Coast home.
Elvin Link, Please Report to the Principal’s Office
by Drew Dernavich, illustrated by Drew Dernavich

Meet Elvin Link, an irrepressible kid doodler-turned-sketch artist, in this breakout illustrated diary fiction mystery.

There’s not much to get excited about when you’re surrounded by bullies at school and your twin sisters are professional pranksters waiting to humiliate you at every turn. So who could blame Elvin Link for wanting to fire things up and turn his desk into a spaceship with permanent marker? A lot of people, as it turns out. When the principal sentences him to scrub his desk clean while everybody else enjoys ice cream at recess, Elvin hits rock bottom. But after a schoolyard incident occurs and no one can identify the culprit, Elvin puts his drawing skills to good use and helps by illustrating what witnesses can describe. This chronic doodler may just have what it takes to save his reputation and become a crime-solving sketch artist.

Author Bio

Drew Dernavich is a regular cartoonist for the New Yorker magazine, and the recipient of a National Cartoonists Society award. His cartoons have also appeared in many publications including TIME, the Wall Street Journal, Harvard Business Review, the Boston Globe, and the comics anthology Flight. He lives in New York City.
Composting is cool!

Celebrate the innovation and science that helps turn your food waste into green energy. See how food scraps are composted, collected, and processed, transforming trash into biogas and electricity. It's a green machine! It's a celebration of sustainability and the important role we humans play in the energy cycle.

*Call it Peels on Wheels/ Or a truck full of yuck:/ It's a food scraps collection machine!/ It takes all the waste/ (And some slime, and some muck)/ To a place where the garbage goes green.*

**Author Bio**

Rebecca Donnelly was born in England and has lived in California, Florida, and New Mexico. She has an MA in Humanities and a Master's in Library and Information Science. These days she writes and works in a small public library in northern New York. Her debut middle-grade novel, *HOW TO STAGE A CATASTROPHE*, the story of a children’s theater in the Florida panhandle, was published by Capstone Young Readers in April 2017.
Bravo! (Bilingual board book - Spanish edition)
Poems About Amazing Hispanics / Poemas sobre Hispanos Extraordinarios
by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael Lopez

Author Bio

Margarita Engle is a Cuban American poet, novelist, and journalist whose work has been published in many countries. She is the author of young adult nonfiction books and novels in verse including The Surrender Tree, a Newbery Honor Book, The Poet Slave of Cuba, Hurricane Dancers, The Firefly Letters, and Tropical Secrets. She lives in northern California. The work of Rafael Lopez is a fusion of strong graphic style and magical symbolism. Growing up in Mexico City, he was immersed in the rich cultural heritage and native color of street life. He has illustrated many award-winning books, including Book Fiesta! by Pat Mora; Tito Puente Mambo King, by Monica Brown; and The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred by Samantha Vamos. In 2012 he was selected by the Library of Congress to create the artwork for the National Book Festival in Washington D.C.
A Castle in the Clouds
by Kerstin Gier

Witty and charming, *New York Times* bestselling author Kerstin Gier's contemporary young adult novel *A Castle in the Clouds* follows a girl as she navigates secrets, romance, and danger in an aging grand hotel. Way up in the Swiss mountains, there's an old grand hotel steeped in tradition and faded splendor. Once a year, when the famous New Year's Eve Ball takes place and guests from all over the world arrive, excitement returns to the vast hallways.

Sophie, who works at the hotel as an intern, is busy making sure that everything goes according to plan. But unexpected problems keep arising, and some of the guests are not who they pretend to be. Very soon, Sophie finds herself right in the middle of a perilous adventure - and at risk of losing not only her job, but also her heart.

Author Bio

Kerstin Gier is the bestselling author of the Ruby Red trilogy, as well as several popular novels for adults. She lives in Germany.

Henry Holt & Co
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5.38 x 8.25 • 464 pages
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YA Fic / Action & Adventure / General • Ages 12-18 years

Notes

Promotion
Bent Heavens
by Daniel Kraus

Kraus gets under your skin with brutal, elegant efficiency. Necessarily horrifying, devastatingly timely." - Kiersten White, New York Times -bestselling author of The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein and Slayer

From New York Times -bestselling author Daniel Kraus comes a breakneck, genre-defying YA thriller perfect for fans of Kiersten White, Neal Shusterman, and M. T. Anderson.

Liv Fleming’s father went missing more than two years ago, not long after he claimed to have been abducted by aliens. Liv has long accepted that he’s dead, though that doesn’t mean she has given up their traditions. Every Sunday, she and her lifelong friend Doug Monk trudge through the woods to check the traps Lee left behind, traps he set to catch the aliens he so desperately believed were after him.

But Liv is done with childhood fantasies. Done pretending she believes her father’s absurd theories. Done going through the motions for Doug’s sake. However, on the very day she chooses to destroy the traps, she discovers in one of them a creature so inhuman it can only be one thing. In that moment, she’s faced with a painful realization: her dad was telling the truth. And no one believed him.

Now, she and Doug have a choice to make. They can turn the alien over to the authorities . . . or they can take matters into their own hands.

On the heels of the worldwide success of The Shape of Water, Daniel Kraus returns with a horrifying and heartbreaking thriller about the lengths people go to find justice and the painful reality of grief.

"Bent Heavens is the (…)

Author Bio

Daniel Kraus has landed on Entertainment Weekly’s Top 10 Books of 2015 (The Death and Life of Zebulon Finch) and has won two Odyssey Awards (for Rotters and Scowler). With Guillermo del Toro, he wrote the bestselling The Shape of Water and Trollhunters (the inspiration for the Netflix series). His novels have been Library Guild selections, YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults picks, Parent’s Choice Gold Award winners, Bram Stoker finalists, and more. He lives in Chicago.
Who Did It First? 50 Politicians, Activists, and Entrepreneurs Who Revolutionized the World
by Jay Leslie, illustrated by Nneka Myers, edited by Alex Hart

A vibrantly illustrated and compelling collection of profiles about women and men who revolutionized politics, policy, commerce and activism. You likely know that Barack Obama was the first African American president of the United States. And you maybe you know that Sandra Day O'Connor was the first woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice. But you might not know that Nelson Mandela was the first black president of South Africa. Or that Schuyler Bailar is the first openly transgender NCAA Division 1 swimmer. *Who Did It First? 50 Politicians, Activists, and Entrepreneurs Who Revolutionized the World* brings together all of these trailblazers into one stunning package. With both well-known figures and lesser-known heroes, this book is a celebration of the inspiring innovators who braved uncharted waters to pave the path for future generations.

Perfect for fans of *Little Leaders, Women in Science*, and *Rad Women Worldwide*, *Who Did It First?* makes a wonderful gift for any occasion and is a must-have for every young reader's library.

Featuring Oprah Winfrey, Steve Jobs, Indira Gandhi, Melinda Gates, Janet Mock, LeBron James, Madam C.J. Walker, Thomas Gallaudet, and many others.

**Author Bio**

**Alex Hart** is the pseudonym for a children's book editor and author who is the first person in his family to write and publish a book. He lives with his husband in Brooklyn, New York and Hillsdale, New York.

**Jay Leslie** graduated from Duke University with degrees in English, international comparative studies, and religion. After writing for Issa Rae Productions and being shortlisted for Chimamanda Adichie's Farafina Trust, she co-authored a project on James Baldwin with Duke professor Dr. Adam Hollowell. *Who Did It First? 50 Politicians, Activists, and Entrepreneurs Who Revolutionized the World* is her first book for children. She lives in Berlin, Germany.

**Nneka Myers** paints worlds filled with color, texture, life and diversity. Based in Toronto, Ontario, she is the first in her family to become a full-time character designer and illustrator. Nneka can often be found looking for inspiration in vintage fashion, drinking tea with friends or playing video games. *Who Did It First? 50 Politicians, Activists, and Entrepreneurs Who Revolutionized the World* is her first nonfiction book for children.

**Nneka Myers** has been known to paint worlds filled with colour, texture, life and diversity. Based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada as a character designer and illustrator, her artwork can be found in TV animation, children's books, comics and social media illustrations. When she is not a busy bee, she can often be...
Baby Shark!
illustrated by Stevie Lewis

Stevie Lewis’ illustrated board book is perfect for fans of the Baby Shark traditional sing-along.

Author Bio

Stevie Lewis has been living on the road, furthering her passion for climbing, art, and the outdoors. Striving to live simply and tread lightly on the earth, she gathers inspiration from a variety of places, be it climbing in the high desert in central Oregon, hiking in the wilderness of Alaska, or sharing laughs with fellow travelers around a campfire. After working for four years in animation, she now illustrates children’s books and creates art based on her travels. Stevie’s books include A Week without Tuesday, Finding Serendipity, and Lost in the Library.

Henry Holt & Co
On Sale: Jan 7/20
7 x 7 • 24 pages
full-color illustrations throughout
9781250263186 • $12.50 • board book
Juvenile Fiction / Animals / Marine Life • Ages 2-5 years

Notes

Promotion
Hello, World!
Happy County Book 1
by Ethan Long, illustrated by Ethan Long

A vibrant, graphic picture book compendium for preschoolers set in a Richard Scarry-inspired world by Geisel Award-winning creator Ethan Long.

Welcome to Happy County, where everyone is out and about! The Bright Brothers are testing their newest invention. Hannah the Handywoman is hunting for her hammer. And Mr. Rhinehorn is just trying to get some sleep!

This primer compendium is chock-full of lovable characters - from Tina Tusker the County Commissioner to Dottie the Dog Walker and Cheese Louise - living in a busy, spirited world full of landmark early-childhood subjects: first words, colors, numbers, shapes, simple maps, naps, school, and plenty of funny scenarios to keep little ones turning the pages. Interactive and on point for the preschool audience.

Christy Ottaviano Books

Henry Holt & Co
On Sale: Mar 3/20
10 x 12 • 48 pages
full-color illustrations throughout
9781250191755 • $25.99 • cl
Juvenile Fiction / Readers / Beginner • Ages 3-7 years
Series: Happy County

Notes

Promotion
Alice Across America
The Story of the First Women's Cross-Country Road Trip
by Sarah Glenn Marsh, illustrated by Gilbert Ford

Writer Sarah Glenn Marsh and illustrator Gilbert Ford's *Alice Across America* is a nonfiction picture book account of maverick Alice Ramsey, the first woman to drive a car across America in 1909. When Alice Ramsey was little, she loved to ride horses. As she grew up, more people were driving cars. From the moment Alice slid behind the wheel, she was crazy about cars. So when the Maxwell-Briscoe Company challenged her to drive one of their new cars across the country as a promotional ploy to prove that even a lady could do it, Alice daringly accepted. With several women by her side, these brazen drivers sustained many hardships over the course of a remarkable two-month journey and far surpassed all expectations. With a clever blend of women's history, technological history, and American roading geography, this is a celebration of unstoppable women making strides in twentieth-century America.

Christy Ottaviano Books

Henry Holt & Co
On Sale: Feb 4/20
10 x 10 • 48 pages
full-color illustrations throughout
9781250297020 • $25.99 • cl
Juvenile Nonfiction / Biography & Autobiography / Women • Ages 4-8 years

Notes

Promotion
The Key of Skeleton Peak: Legends of the Lost Causes
by Brad McLelland and Louis Sylvester

Dark magic meets the Old West in this third installment of the Legends of the Lost Causes, as a group of vigilante orphans go head-to-head against an outlaw sorcerer in pursuit of an ancient and powerful magical artifact!

Keech Blackwood and his fellow Lost Causes have won their share of battles, but the war against the ruthless sorcerer Reverend Rose still rages on. This time, the Lost Causes face their most perilous trial yet: stopping Rose and his henchmen from retrieving an ancient, powerful object that would help return him to his full, frightening strength. As the vigilante orphans race to the dangerous depths of Skeleton Peak, the sight of the magical object, they'll have to outmaneuver Rose’s most faithful - and menacing - ally: an inhuman creature spawned by darkness and shadow. But ever in pursuit of justice and vengeance for their fallen families, the Lost Causes won't give up without a fight.

Packed with rip-roaring action, adventure, and powerful friendships, this series is perfect for fans of John Flanagan’s The Brotherband Chronicles and Peter Lerangis’s The Seven Wonders.

Praise for the Legends of the Lost Causes series:

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

“[A] rollicking adventure filled with mystery and magic that crackles like a brush fire.” - Emma Trevayne, author of The House of Months and Years

"Thrilling, dark, and full of heart, this is a Western like none I’ve ever read. I loved it." - Stefan Bachmann, author of The Peculiar and The Whatnot

Author Bio

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.

Brad is coauthor, with Louis Sylvester, of Legends of the Lost Causes. Louis Sylvesteris a professor at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. He earned his PhD from Oklahoma State University. He enjoys playing tabletop games from his collection of over 1,000 card and board games, watching western films, reading fantasy novels, and spending time with his wife and two dogs.

Louis is the coauthor, with Brad McLelland, of Legends of the Lost Causes
Lucky Caller
by Emma Mills

With the warmth, wit, intimate friendships, and heart-melting romance she brings to all her books, Emma Mills crafts a story about believing in yourself, owning your mistakes, and trusting in human connection in Lucky Caller.

When Nina decides to take a radio broadcasting class her senior year, she expects it to be a walk in the park. Instead, it’s a complete disaster. The members of Nina’s haphazardly formed radio team have approximately nothing in common. And to maximize the awkwardness her group includes Jamie, a childhood friend she’d hoped to basically avoid for the rest of her life. The show is a mess, internet rumors threaten to bring the wrath of two fandoms down on their heads, and to top it all off Nina’s family is on the brink of some major upheaval. Everything feels like it’s spiraling out of control - but maybe control is overrated?

Author Bio

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.

Notes

Promotion
Time Dogs: Barry and the Great Mountain Rescue
by Helen Moss, illustrated by Misa Saburi

An exciting new illustrated chapter book series for dog-loving readers!
When a pack of senior dogs find themselves transported back in time and turned into puppies! they must make their way back home, helping real-life historical dogs along the way.

In this third adventure, the Time Dogs - Baxter, Trevor, Newton, Maia, and Titch - find themselves transported back to the year 1800 to the Swiss Alps. There they meet Barry, a famous Great Saint Bernard rescue dog who saved many lives during his service in the mountain rescue program. Together, the Time Dogs and Barry help rescue a boy trapped in a storm.

Adorable illustrations and an action-packed story make this the perfect read for fans of Paw Patrol

Author Bio

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

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

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.
Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring
by Kenard Pak, illustrated by Kenard Pak

In a simple, cheerful conversation with nature, a young boy observes how the season changes from winter to spring in Kenard Park's Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring. As days stretch longer, animals creep out from their warm dens, and green begins to grow again, everyone knows - spring is on its way! Join a boy and his dog as they explore nature and take a stroll through the countryside, greeting all the signs of the coming season. In a series of conversations with everything from the melting brook to chirping birds, they say goodbye to winter and welcome the lushness of spring.

Author Bio

Kenard Pak, author of Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter and Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring, has experienced changing seasons in his life as well. Starting out as a visual development artist with DreamWorks and Disney, Mr. Pak has also illustrated children's books such as Have You Heard the Nesting Bird? by Rita Gray and The Dinner That Cooked Itself by J. C. Hsyu. He now lives in San Francisco with his wife and their three cats. Kenard Pak, author of Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter and Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring, has experienced changing seasons in his life as well. Starting out as a visual development artist with DreamWorks and Disney, Mr. Pak has also illustrated children's books such as Have You Heard the Nesting Bird? by Rita Gray and The Dinner That Cooked Itself by J. C. Hsyu. He now lives in San Francisco with his wife and their three cats.
Where Lily Isn't
by Julie Paschkis, illustrated by Margaret Chodos-Irvine

Where Lily Isn't is Julie Paschkis and Margaret Chodos-Irvine's beautiful bereavement picture book celebrating the love of a lost pet. Lily ran and jumped and barked and whimpered and growled and wiggled and wagged and licked and snuggled.

But not now.

It is hard to lose a pet. There is sadness, but also hope - for a beloved pet lives on in your heart, your memory, and your imagination.

Author Bio

JULIE PASCHKIS won a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor for Yellow Elephant. She is also the illustrator for the Worldwide Stories for children and lives in Seattle.
Dandylion Summer
by Frann Preston-Gannon, illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon

Author Bio

Frann Preston-Gannon has illustrated many books for children, including Deep Deep Sea and What a Hoot! Based in London, Frann spent time in the United States as the first Brit selected for the Maurice Sendak fellowship.

Notes

Promotion
A Game of Fox & Squirrels
by Jenn Reese

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1-color illustrations
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Juvenile Fiction / Social / Physical & Emotional Abuse
• Ages 10-14 years

Notes

Promotion
**Sootypaws: A Cinderella Story**  
by Maggie Rudy, illustrated by Maggie Rudy  

With intricate dioramas, Maggie Rudy's *Sootypaws: A Cinderella Story* retells the classic fairy tale - with a modern twist!  
Sootypaws the mouse lives with her stepmother and sisters, who are rats in all senses of the word. But with a little help from her woodland friends, Sootypaws finds her way to the ball to meet her Prince - will they live mously ever after?  
Sootypaws features stunning hand-built diorama art, including hand-sewn outfits and an environment that is beautifully constructed and filled with charming details. Posed and photographed, these characters come to life!

**Author Bio**

Maggie Rudy spent part of her childhood living in England, where she visited Beatrix Potter's farm on a formative third-grade field trip. She has since been making mice and their worlds out of felt and scavenged materials for more than twenty years. Her books include *The House That Mouse Built*, *I Wish I Had a Pet*, and *City Mouse, Country Mouse*. Maggie lives in Portland, Oregon.

**Notes**

**Promotion**

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9 x 11 • 40 pages  
full-color illustrations throughout  
9781250186041 • $24.50 • cl  
Juvenile Fiction / Fairy Tales & Folklore / Adaptations • Ages 4-8 years
Thieves of Weirdwood
by William Shivering, illustrated by Anna Earley

For fans of The Five Kingdoms and Rick Riordan comes a brand-new illustrated fantasy series about two kid thieves who are plunged into a battle between the Real and Imaginary worlds! Action, laughs, and monsters beyond imagining abound!

Startling, original and epic." - Eoin Colfer, creator of Artemis Fowl

Beware Your Imagination . . .

Twelve-year-old thieves Arthur and Wally are determined to steal their way up the ranks of the notorious Black Feathers gang. With loan sharks chasing after Arthur's father and Wally's brother's hospital bill due, they're in need of serious cash. Fast.

When Arthur spots some wealthy strangers exiting a derelict mansion, he smells an opportunity for a big score. Little do the boys realize, they've stumbled upon Weirdwood Manor, the headquarters of a magical order who protect the Balance between the Real and Imaginary worlds. When Kingsport is besieged by nightmarish creatures, it's up to a pair of thieves to save their city. Filled with giant tentacle monsters and heroes literally ripped from the pages of adventure stories, this imagination-bending series is perfect for fans of Keeper of the Lost Cities, Aru Shah, and Nevermoor

Author Bio

Professor William Shivering lives in a house by the sea with three cats and a one-eyed raven named Glinda. When he's not writing true stories about fake worlds, he enjoys walking the cliffs and conversing with the moon. He's the president and founder of CASPR (Coalition for the Appreciation of Shades, Phantasms, and Revenants), a non-profit that provides assistance to disembodied peoples. Professor Shivering has an assistant named Christian McKay Heidicker, though he rarely if ever takes Christian's writing suggestions. Mr. Shivering is rarely cold.
Don't Feed the Coos!

by Jonathan Stutzman, illustrated by Heather Fox

The dynamic team behind Llama Destroys the World returns with a laugh-out-loud tale about the dangers... of feeding pigeons!

When you see a coo, you will be tempted to give it a treat.
Coos are adorable, peaceful, kind of silly.
But DON'T FEED THE COO!
If you feed one, they will ALL come...

So begins Don't Feed the Coos, a cautionary tale that details the fallout when a little girl decides to share some bread with a coo (aka pigeon). From the park to home to the arcade to karate practice, the coos follow the generous-but-foolish girl who didn't heed the warning. Because when you give a coo a crumb... the entire population of coos will come! But fret not: our spunky little heroine will discover that even the biggest of problems can be solved with a little determination.

In the grand tradition of If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Don't Feed the Coos reminds us that the most disastrous of reactions can come from the most innocent of actions. Jonathan Stutzman and Heather Fox deliver another ridiculous and hilarious story, sure to delight fans of The Bad Seed and I Want My Hat Back

Author Bio

Jonathan Stutzman is an award-winning filmmaker and a picture book author. He has writing credits on Joseph Gordon-Levitt’s Emmy-winning variety show HitRECord on tv (Pivot). Jonathan is a contributing writer to HitRECord’s best-selling collection the Tiny Book of Tiny Stories (Vol 1-3). He received his masters at Temple University for Film & Digital Media. He lives in Palmyra, Pennsylvania.
jonathanstutzman.com

Heather Fox is an illustrator and graphic designer, creating art in pen and ink, digital, and gouache. Her art is filled with large quantities of quirk and dashes of whimsy, and she is very passionate about illustrating children’s books and traveling the world. She lives in Ephrata, Pennsylvania.
adoodlefox.com

Fox’s books for children include The Elephant's Nose and Llama Destroys the World

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My Life as a Coder
by Janet Tashjian, illustrated by Jake Tashjian

Author Bio

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, author Janet Tashjian. He has also illustrated several books for the author P.T. Evans.

Fun fact: Jake is a visual learner. When Jake was in elementary school, he used to draw his vocabulary words on index cards. This later became the inspiration for the main character, Derek, in the My Life As series.

In 2016 Jake co-founded Workshop 2.0, a non-profit foundation to train and hire other young artists on the Autism Spectrum.

Jake grew up in Massachusetts and currently lives in Los Angeles. He is an avid surfer and filmmaker.
The Story Seeker
A New York Public Library Book
by Kristin O'Donnell Tubb, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno

The follow-up to The Story Collector, Kristen O'Donnell Tubb's The Story Thief delivers a heartwarming middle grade mystery that captures the illustrious New York Public Library during the roaring 20's.

Author Bio

Kristin O'Donnell Tubb is the author of Autumn Winifred Oliver Does Things Different, Selling Hope, and The 13th Sign. She lives in Tennessee with her family. IACOPO BRUNO is a graphic artist and illustrator who lives in Italy. He illustrated James Preller's Home Sweet Horror, I Scream, You Scream!, Good Night, Zombie, and Nightmareland.

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Juvenile Fiction / Books & Libraries • Ages 9-12 years
Series: Story Collector

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Dedicated series pages at nyplbookadventures.com
Featured at Applicable School, Library, and Bookseller Conferences and Conventions
Digital Review Copies Available for Download on Netgalley and Edelweiss
Available as an Audio Book
Available as an E-Book
Ducks!
by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by T. L. McBeth

Ducks. Ducks? NO DUCKS!

Duck wanders away from the pond for a moment and returns to find the other ducks gone! Searching high and low, Duck discovers many clues around the city - footprints, feathers, eggs - but no ducks. Will Duck's feathered friends finally be found? With spare storytelling and lots of visual jokes, this is a funny and sweet celebration of family.

Author Bio

Deborah Underwood grew up in Walla Walla, Washington. She is the author of many books for children, including the New York Times bestselling The Quiet Book. When she's not writing, you might find her singing in a chamber choir, playing a ukulele, walking around in Golden Gate Park, baking vegan cookies, or petting any dogs, cats, pigs, or turkeys that happen to be nearby.

T.L. McBeth is an author and illustrator living and working in New York. His illustrations have been featured on Threadless and displayed at the Society of Illustrators.
Epic Athletes: Kevin Durant
by Dan Wetzel, illustrated by Marcelo Baez

In Epic Athletes: Kevin Durant, award-winning sports journalist Dan Wetzel tells the inspirational true-life story of an NBA superstar in this thrilling biography for young readers!

Featuring comic-style illustrations by Marcelo Baez!

In 2016, Kevin Durant shocked the basketball world when he decided to sign with the Golden State Warriors. Many questioned why one of the league’s best players would join a team that was already stacked with talent - didn’t he want to make a name for himself as the sole leader of a team?

Kevin would have the last laugh, winning two championships and putting to rest any questions about his incredible legacy. In choosing to tune out the noise, he instead set his sights on success, maintaining the same winning attitude that has helped him achieve and overcome ever since he was kid.

Even after his father abandoned the family when he was a young boy, when he was told he was too skinny to make an impact in the NBA, Kevin ignored the critics and forged his own path to victory.

Filled with sports action and comic-style illustrations, this inspiring biography recaps the life of one of the most talented scorers in NBA history.

Praise for Epic Athletes:
* Wetzel knows how to organize the facts and tell a good story . . . an unusually informative and enjoyable sports biography for young readers." - Booklist, STARRED review of Epic Athletes: Stephen Curry

Author Bio

New York Times bestselling author Dan Wetzel has been a Yahoo Sports national columnist since 2003. He's covered events and stories around the globe, including college football, the NFL, the MLB, the NHL, the NBA, the UFC, the World Cup, and the Olympics. For years, he's been called America's best sports columnist, appeared repeatedly in the prestigious Best American Sports Writing, and been honored more than a dozen times by the Associated Press Sports Editors. Dan was recently inducted into the U.S. Basketball Writers Hall of Fame.

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On Sale: Feb 11/20
5.38 x 8.25 • 160 pages
black-and-white comic art
9781250295835 • $22.99 • CL - With dust jacket
Juvenile Nonfiction / Sports & Recreation / Basketball • Ages 8-12 years
Series: Epic Athletes

Notes

Promotion
In *Epic Athletes: Simone Biles*, celebrated sports journalist Dan Wetzel scores a perfect ten with this uplifting young reader's biography of gold medal gymnast Simone Biles!

Featuring comic-style illustrations from Annabelle Hayford!

In the 2016 Summer Olympics, Simone Biles dazzled gymnastics fans across the globe with each jaw-dropping backflip, spin, and jump she landed. Her record-breaking performance catapulted her to the top of the sport, and she quickly became a hero to young people. But well before Simone faced Olympic trials on the balance beam and rings, she confronted real-life challenges as a kid, as she moved in and out of foster care. With the support and love of her grandparents, plus her unwavering drive to make history on the ultimate stage in sports, she grew into an incredible role model and activist for the #MeToo movement - and one of the greatest athletes of our time.

Filled with sports action and bold comic-style illustrations, this inspiring biography recounts the incredible life of a world class gymnast.

Praise for Epic Athletes:
* "Wetzel knows how to organize the facts and tell a good story. . . an unusually informative and enjoyable sports biography for young readers." - *Booklist*, STARRED review of *Epic Athletes: Stephen Curry*

**Author Bio**

*New York Times* bestselling author Dan Wetzel has been a *Yahoo Sports* national columnist since 2003. He's covered events and stories around the globe, including college football, the NFL, the MLB, the NHL, the NBA, the UFC, the World Cup, and the Olympics. For years, he's been called America's best sports columnist, appeared repeatedly in the prestigious *Best American Sports Writing*, and been honored more than a dozen times by the Associated Press Sports Editors. Dan was recently inducted into the U.S. Basketball Writers Hall of Fame.
Emily Writes
Emily Dickinson and Her Poetic Beginnings
by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Christine Davenier

Jane Yolen’s Emily Writes is an imagined and evocative picture book account of Emily Dickinson’s childhood poetic beginnings, featuring illustrations by Christine Davenier.

As a young girl, Emily Dickinson loved to scribble curlicues and circles, imagine new rhymes, and connect with the natural world around her. The sounds, sights, and smells of home swirled through her mind, and Emily began to explore writing and rhyming her thoughts and impressions. She thinks about the real and the unreal. Perhaps poems are the in-between.

This thoughtful spotlight on Emily’s early experimentations with poetry offers a unique window into one of the world’s most famous and influential poets.

Christy Ottaviano Books

Author Bio

Jane Yolen is one of the most distinguished and successful authors for young readers and adults in the country. She is the author of more than 200 books - including Briar Rose, Sister Light, Sister Dark, Owl Moon, and the immensely popular The Devil’s Arithmetic. Her books have won awards including the Caldecott Medal, two Nebula Awards, the World Fantasy Award, the Jewish Book Award, and two Christopher Medals. SFWA named her the 2017 Damon KNIGHT MEMORIAL GRAND MASTER for her contributions to the literature of Science Fiction and Fantasy. She lives in Hatfield, Massachusetts. As a young girl growing up in Tours, France, Christine Davenier loved listening to her older sister read fairy tales aloud. But she frequently found herself wondering, What does the princess’s beautiful dress look like? or How exquisite are her jewels? Christine was left to her own imagination, for the books had few illustrations. So it comes as little surprise that today, Christine embraces her career as an illustrator. I’m thrilled to have the opportunity to create the illustrations I dreamed about seeing as a child,” she says.

When Christine was fourteen, she received her first box of watercolor paints, a gift from her grandmother. That was the beginning of many afternoons spent painting together in her grandmother’s garden. “My grandmother was an extraordinary woman,” Christine says. “Even though she worked in an office all her life, she was an artist through and through. She shared everything she knew about color - in painting and in life. Her wisdom and talent still inspire me today.”

She has illustrated many picture books, including Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen by Cari Best. She lives in Paris, France.
Rebel in the Library of Ever
by Zeno Alexander

The follow-up to Zeno Alexander's acclaimed middle-grade fantasy The Library of Ever features a dangerous takeover of the magical Library as our heroine fights to make knowledge free for everyone.

Lenora returns to the magical Library - which holds every book ever known on its shelves. But she discovers the Library is under new management, its incredible rooms and corridors turned dark and sinister.

She quickly connects with a secret resistance that's trying to free knowledge from the shadows threatening it. Her new friends introduce her to an ancient lost city, hang-gliding, and mathematical beings larger than the universe itself. And they help her face the mysterious Board of new leaders - who are leading the Library into darkness.

Now it's up to Lenora to prove that knowledge is always more powerful than ignorance and fear.

An Imprint Book
Praise for The Library of Ever:

"Unusually clever." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Zeno Alexander’s The Library of Ever reads like someone mixed Neil Gaiman with Chris Grabenstein, then threw in an extra dash of charm. Reading it is like getting lost in an entire library full of books, and never wanting to leave!"

- James Riley, New York Times bestselling author of the Story Thieves series

"Full of whimsy and pluck, The Library of Ever is a total delight!"

- Wendy Mass, New York Times bestselling author

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.
Solstice
by Lorence Alison

A music fest goes wrong in this comic YA thriller as selfie-mad concert-goers wake up to realize their tropical island fantasy is a deadly nightmare.

When Adri is offered an all-expenses-paid trip to the exclusive Solstice Festival, she throws caution, her prestigious summer internship, and her parents' goodwill to the wind. She just wants to live a little before the first day of the rest of her life, planned and scheduled in accordance with her parents' law school dreams.

But when she and a horde of affluent, entitled teen partiers arrive at the island paradise, it looks nothing like the luxury vacation they were promised. There's barely any food, nowhere to stay, and not nearly enough porta-potties. Pretty soon, the festival's trending on social media for all the wrong reasons, and the music acts are cancelling left and right.

And then the first dead body washes up on the beach.

Adri has a front-row seat as everything devolves into chaos - and she's in a prime position to put together the clues to who - or what - is killing off the helpless attendees.

But even if she finds the killer, how can she hope to stop them?

Check your privilege at the door - before it gets you killed. This is one vacation you can't escape.

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Author Bio

Lorence Alison is a lover of writing, traveling, music, dogs, video games, and music festivals. She has attended many Lollapalooza and Coachella festivals, but luckily none of them were on disastrous islands. She lives in Pennsylvania with her family.
The Bear's Garden
by Marcie Colleen, illustrated by Alison Oliver

Inspired by the true story of a community garden in Brooklyn, New York, The Bear's Garden by Marcie Colleen is a testament to how imagination and dedication can transform communities and create beauty for everyone in unexpected places.

A little girl sees an empty lot in a city and imagines what it can be. She sees a place to grow, a place to play, and a place to love. With the help of her stuffed bear, the girl brings her community together to create a beautiful garden.

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Author Bio

My Life Gone Viral
by Rae Earl

For fans of Girl Online and Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging comes My Life Gone Viral by Rae Earl, a quirky, irresistible story that tackles the unpredictability, joy, and insecurity of life online.

Millie Porter finally has everything she wanted. But it doesn't make her feel the way she thought it would . . .

The pressure of having to create a great vlog forces Millie to take risks that her usual sensible self would never take. And soon, everything starts changing before her eyes - she's not getting along with her boyfriend, her former enemy suddenly wants to be her best friend, and she's unwillingly involved in her mom's dating life. Plus, the boy she thought was her totally, completely, non-romantic buddy is now feeling like anything but.

Can Millie balance it all? She is about to find out and share it all online.

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Praise for My Life Uploaded:
Quite excellent." - Kirkus Reviews

Author Bio

Rae Earl was born in Stamford, Lincolnshire. After graduating Hull University, she did every job in a radio station except accountant." Rae has written articles for The Guardian, Marie Claire, and Elle, and she has been featured in The Telegraph and The Times among others. She has also appeared on BBC Breakfast TV, BBC World Service, and countless local radio stations. Her books My Mad Fat Diary and My Madder Fatter Diary have been made into a TV show that is shown in over fifty countries worldwide including the USA. My Life Uploaded is based on her teenage years. She currently lives in Hobart, Tasmania, with her husband and son.
Taylor Before and After
by Jennie Englund

In journal entries alternating between two timelines - before and after a tragic accident - this heartfelt coming-of-age story follows the year that changes one girl's life forever.

Before, Taylor Harper is finally popular, sitting with the cool kids at lunch, and maybe, just maybe, getting invited to the biggest, most exclusive party of the year.

After, no one talks to her.

Before, she's friends with Brielle Branson, the coolest girl in school.

After, Brielle has become a bully, and Taylor's her favorite target.

Before, home isn't perfect, but at least her family is together.

After, Mom won't get out of bed, Dad won't stop yelling, and Eli... Eli's gone.

Through everything, Taylor has her notebook, a diary of the year that one fatal accident tears her life apart. In entries alternating between the first and second semester of her eighth-grade year, she navigates joy and grief, gain and loss, hope and depression.

How can Taylor pick up the pieces of what used to be her social life? How can her house ever feel like home again after everything that's happened? And how can she move forward if she can't stop looking back?

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Author Bio

Jennie Englund began Taylor Before and After during her time as a National Endowment for the Humanities fellow in Hawaii. She lives in Oregon, where she works as a teacher. Taylor Before and After is her first book.

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All Eyes on Her
by L.E. Flynn

Perfect for fans of *One of Us is Lying* and *We Were Liars*, *All Eyes on Her* by L.E. Flynn is a gripping young adult thriller told from the perspective of everyone except the alleged killer - a seventeen-year-old girl. You heard the story on the news. A girl and a boy went into the woods. The girl carried a picnic basket. The boy wore bright yellow running shoes. The girl found her way out, but the boy never did. . . .

Everyone thinks they know what happened. Some say Tabby pushed him off that cliff - she didn't even like hiking. She was jealous. She had more than her share of demons. Others think he fell accidentally - she loved Mark. She would never hurt him. . . even if he hurt her.

But what's the real story? *All Eyes On Her* is told from everyone but Tabby herself as the people in her life string together the events that led Tabby to that cliff. Her best friend. Her sister. Her enemy. Her ex-boyfriend. Because everybody thinks they know a girl better than she knows herself.

What do you think is the truth?

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Praise for *Last Girl Lied To*:

I can't lie: *Last Girl Lied To* is my favorite thriller of 2019. Twisted and delicious." - Kim Savage, author of *In Her Skin*

"A twisty, piercing thriller with an end you won't see coming." - Mindy McGinnis, author of *Female of the Species*

"Fans of E. Lockhart, Karen M. McManus, and Flynn's other work will revel in this mystery/thriller and the authenticity with which its characters are rendered." - *Booklist*

Author Bio

L.E. Flynn is the author of *Firsts* (Thomas Dunne Books/St Martin's Press), a YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults pick, along with an accompanying series of short stories, *The Boys Tell All*. Flynn is a former model who worked in Tokyo, Athens, and Paris. Flynn now lives in London, Ontario with her husband, daughter, and the world's most spoiled Chihuahua. When she's not writing, you can likely find her hiking in the woods, perusing thrift stores for vintage dresses, or binging on reality TV.
The Fairies of Honeysuckle Hollow
by Robyn Frampton, illustrated by Laura K. Horton

The Fairies of Honeysuckle Hollow by Robyn Frampton is a heartwarming, whimsical picture book about a girl who makes friends with a fairy and earns her own fairy wings.

Let me tell you a secret of the magical kind.
Step into the forest and open your mind.
In forests, in glens, near water and flowers, magical creatures play at all hours . . .

One magical day in the woods, a young girl encounters a fairy who needs help. Showing kindness to someone in need earns her an invitation to visit Honeysuckle Hollow, where the girl’s good heart earns her a set of fairy wings, a gift from the fairy queen.

Young readers can follow the Fairy Code of Kindness to share the magic!

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Author Bio

Robyn Frampton is the creative force behind the mystery of Firefly Forest. In the spring of 2013, she individually carved and placed installations with the help of her young sons along a well-traveled, picturesque trail in the heart of America. Robyn and her sons now reside in Utah, where she recently graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in psychology. She continues to create magical spaces, most recently donating an enormous whimsical tree to Primary Children’s Hospital. Her work has recently been featured in the award-winning documentary The Gnomist, which aired on CNN in December 2015. Firefly Forest is her first picture book. Having grown up with two rowdy older brothers, a vast collection of books and a muddy creek in the backyard, illustrator Laura K. Horton has always had a passion for family, creativity and imagination. Laura earned her BFA in illustration and animation from the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. When she’s not working, Laura can be found drinking tea, reading, and writing stories. She currently lives in Bountiful, Utah, with her family. Laura is the illustrator of Kirsten Mayer’s Game of Gnomes and Go BIG or Go Gnome!
All the Stars and Teeth
by Adalyn Grace

Fierce and unrelenting. . . Do yourself a favor and get lost in this beautiful book!” - Tomi Adeyemi, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Children of Blood and Bone

Set in a kingdom where danger lurks beneath the sea, mermaids seek vengeance with song, and magic is a choice, Adalyn Grace’s All the Stars and Teeth is a thrilling fantasy for fans of Stephanie Garber’s Caraval and Sarah J. Maas’s Throne of Glass series.

She will reign.

As princess of the island kingdom Visidia, Amora Montara has spent her entire life training to be High Animancer - the master of souls. The rest of the realm can choose their magic, but for Amora, it’s never been a choice. To secure her place as heir to the throne, she must prove her mastery of the monarchy’s dangerous soul magic.

When her demonstration goes awry, Amora is forced to flee. She strikes a deal with Bastian, a mysterious pirate: he’ll help her prove she’s fit to rule, if she’ll help him reclaim his stolen magic.

But sailing the kingdom holds more wonder - and more peril - than Amora anticipated. A destructive new magic is on the rise, and if Amora is to conquer it, she’ll need to face legendary monsters, cross paths with vengeful mermaids, and deal with a stow-away she never expected. . . or risk the fate of Visidia and lose the crown forever.

I am the right choice. The only choice. And I will protect my kingdom.

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"Vicious and alluring, All the (...)"

Author Bio

Adalyn Grace graduated from Arizona State University when she was nineteen years old. She spent four years working in live theater and acted as the managing editor of a nonprofit newspaper before studying storytelling as an intern on Nickelodeon Animation’s popular series The Legend of Korra. Adalyn splits time between San Diego and Arizona with her bossy cat and two dorky dogs, and spends her days writing full-time while trying to find the best burrito around. All the Stars and Teeth is her debut novel.
Hostile Territory
by Paul Greci

In Paul Greci's Hostile Territory, a catastrophic earthquake strands four teens in the Alaskan wilderness - and leaves them without a civilization to return to.

Josh and three other campers at Simon Lake are high up on a mountain when an earthquake hits. The rest of the camp is wiped out in a moment - leaving Josh, Derrick, Brooke, and Shannon alone, hundreds of miles from the nearest town, with meager supplies, surrounded by dangerous Alaskan wildlife.

After a few days, it's clear no rescue is coming, and distant military activity in the skies suggests this natural disaster has triggered a political one.

Josh and his fellow campers face a struggle for survival in their hike back home - to an America they might not recognize.

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Praise for The Wild Lands:
This rugged survival story places a group of teens in a dark, burned-out post-apocalyptic nightmare. Your heart will pound for them as they face terrible dangers and impossible odds. *Gripping, vivid, and haunting!*

- Emmy Laybourne, international bestselling author of the Monument 14 trilogy

"A compelling story that wouldn't let me stop reading. Greci has created both a frightening landscape and characters you believe in and want to survive it."

- Eric Walters, author of the bestselling Rule of Three series

Author Bio

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.
Mind Body Baby: Meditation
by Imprint

Mind Body Baby: Meditation is a board book that families can use with their youngest for bonding and to find peace and calm in the middle of life's daily stresses. This board book teaches little ones to clear their minds and relax. Aided by simple text and instructive illustrations, babies will learn meditation step-by-step: how to find a comfortable position, close their eyes, and take deep slow breaths. Share a quiet moment of mindfulness with the child in your life! With adorable illustrated babies and a hip design, the Mind Body Baby series is the perfect way for adults and their little ones to create a healthy mind and body connection together.

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Author Bio

Imprint is a publishing home for authors, illustrators, and brands that fosters collaboration, finds ideas in unexpected places, and looks ahead to the future. Our goal is to make our mark in the world and in the lives of readers. Imprint is a part of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.
Mind Body Baby: Chakras
by Imprint

From the root chakra to the crown chakra, *Mind Body Baby: Chakras* is a board book that teaches little ones the colors of the rainbow through the energies of the body.

This board book introduces the concept of chakras and color to the youngest readers. With simple text and instructive illustrations, babies will learn about each of the seven chakras, the energy centers in our bodies, and how we express this energy in our daily lives. This book also serves as a first introduction to colors!

With adorable illustrated babies and a hip design, the Mind Body Baby series is the perfect way for adults and their little ones to create a healthy mind and body connection together.

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Foreverland
by Nicole C. Kear

Nicole C. Kear's Foreverland is a big-hearted coming-of-age story about being lost, and finding your way back home again.
Margaret is tired of everything always changing. Middle school's gone from bad to worse. Her best friend's become a stranger. And her family - well, it's not even a family anymore. For twelve years, she's felt like a human pinball, getting bounced around with no control over anything - and she's had enough. So Margaret's running away - and she knows the perfect place to go. Foreverland, her family's favorite amusement park.
Careful, anxious Margaret is no criminal mastermind. Chances are slim she can pull this scheme off, especially with a hulking, hot-headed Captain of security on the lookout. Luckily, Margaret finds another runaway hiding out in Foreverland. Jaime, a thrill-seeking, fast-thinking rule breaker, teaches Margaret everything she needs to know to stay one step ahead of security.
At first, this after-hours, all-access pass to the park is a dream come true: sleepovers in the Haunted House, nonstop junk food, an unlimited ticket to ride. But nothing lasts forever, not even in Foreverland. As the runaways become friends, they learn each other's secrets, and must face the reasons they left their normal lives behind. With the Captain closing in and her friend's future on the line, can Margaret finally take control?
Foreverland is an exhilarating story about riding life's rollercoaster - figuring out how to hang on and learning when to let go.
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Author Bio

Nicole C. Kear is a parenting writer who contributes essays and articles to Parents, American Baby, Babble and Salon, among others. A native of New York, she received a BA from Yale, a MA from Columbia, and a red nose from the San Francisco School of Circus Arts. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband, three children and a morbidly obese goldfish. Now I See You is her debut work.
Odd Squad Agent's Handbook
by Tim McKeon and Adam Peltzman

Odd Squad is a hit show on PBS and Amazon streaming that teaches kids math while making them laugh -- and this book is its ultimate in-universe guide.

Is there a tornado in the break room? Does your lunchbox keep teleporting out of reach? Are you trapped in a time loop? Sounds like you're a member of Odd Squad, the coolest, strangest, wackiest organization in the world. Totally run by kids, Odd Squad investigates anything that is, well, odd -- and tries to put things right again. Its agents also make a lot of jokes along the way (and, just maybe, they also learn some basic math concepts).

Odd Squad is an award-winning live-action TV show for kids that's aired on PBS since 2015 and is now also streaming on Amazon. While it has taught its millions of viewers math and wacky jokes in equal measure, it has never had a tie-in book -- until now! The Odd Squad Agent's Handbook is the ultimate tie-in to the show, with an in-universe twist: Written by the show's two creators, this will look and feel like the handbook each new Odd Squad agent gets as their first required reading for the job.

It will feature highlights from previous missions, agent profiles, a fun and tricky training test, and lots of jokes and puzzles and secrets that emulate the fast-paced, hilarious, clever tone of the show. Most importantly, it will be... odd!

Author Bio

Tim McKeon is an Emmy award-winning American writer, director, and producer. In addition to being the co-creator, head writer, and executive producer for Odd Squad, he's also worked as a writer for Cartoon Network's Adventure Time and Disney's Gravity Falls.

Adam Peltzman is an Emmy-winning writer and producer. In addition to being the co-creator and co-executive producer for Odd Squad, he created the Nickelodeon preschool television series Wallykazam! and worked as a head writer on PBS's The Electric Company and Nickelodeon's The Backyardigans and Blue's Clues.
Five Fuzzy Chicks
by Diana Murray, illustrated by Sydney Hanson

Five adorable baby chickens are determined to have some fun before bed in *Five Fuzzy Chicks* by Diana Murray, a rhyming farm story with counting elements. It's time for bed, but these five chicks are full of energy! They race out of the coop to visit all of the other animals. But the dog is so snuggly and the hay is so comfy, and these five fuzzy chicks can't help but fall asleep one by one. Before long, the sleeping chicks are scattered all over the farm! What will Mama Hen do?

As playful as it is soothing, *Five Fuzzy Chicks* is the perfect story for tucking your own little chicks into bed.

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Author Bio

Diana Murray grew up in New York City and still lives nearby with her husband, two daughters, and a spiky bearded dragon who loves listening to stories - especially about dinosaurs. Some of Diana's other picture books include *Grimelda: The Very Messy Witch*, *Ned the Knitting Pirate*, and *City Shapes*. Her poems have appeared in magazines including *Highlights*, *High Five*, and *Spider*. Sydney Hanson is a children's book illustrator living in Sierra Madre, California. She works in a combination of traditional and digital media to create her illustrations - her favorites are watercolor and colored pencil. She loves the outdoors and is a certified naturalist who spends most of her spare time poking around the woods with her Labrador retriever, Cash. To see all of her latest animals and illustrations please follow her on Instagram @sydwiki
My So-Called Superpowers: All the Feels
by Heather Nuhfer, illustrated by Simini Blocker

My So-Called Superpowers: All the Feels is the third book in a heartwarming middle-grade series about a girl whose emotions turn into uncontrollable superpowers.

Veronica's powers have taught her a lot—about her family, her friends, and how to be herself. They've also literally rained on her parade, turned her green with jealousy, and set her school on fire. You win some, you lose some.

Now Veronica's finally figuring out how to control her superpowers. But then she discovers there might be a way to get rid of them forever—and to live a normal life.

Featuring ten black-and-white illustrations by Simini Blocker, All the Feels raises the stakes for this middle-school girl who has to decide if being "normal" is as fun as going on a roller-coaster ride of superpowered emotion.

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Praise for My So-Called Superpowers:
"Heather Nuhfer has hilariously and achingly captured what it's like to be in middle school, trying to control the weird things that make you different but also super. It's impossible not to root for Veronica. Super real, super fun, and just generally and genuinely super." - Dana Simpson, New York Times bestselling author of the Phoebe and Her Unicorn series
"My So-Called Superpowers is vibrant, lively, and hums along at a snappy pace. It has genuinely warm, welcoming Saturday-morning cartoon feeling to it." - Tony Cliff, New York Times bestselling author of the Delilah Dirk series

Author Bio

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, and Monster High. Her My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic graphic novels are international bestsellers. My So-Called Superpowers is her first prose novel. When she isn't writing, Heather loves to knit while watching bad 1990s action movies with her beloved furbaby, Einstein.

Simini Blocker is an illustrator currently working in Texas. She has recently worked on several middle-grade and YA titles, including Almost Midnight, and the My So-Called Superpowers series. When not illustrating, she loves experimenting with embroidery, traveling as much as possible, and collecting too many stationary supplies. The Singing Rock is her first graphic novel.
Babysitting Nightmares: The Vampire Doll
by Kat Shepherd

Fans of Goosebumps and the updated Baby-Sitters' Club graphic novels will find lots to like in this delightfully monstrous mash-up." - School Library Journal on Babysitting Nightmares: The Shadow Hand

Anchored by a strong friendship between smart, savvy girls, Kat Shepherd's fun Babysitting Nightmares adventure story is filled with "safe scary" jump scares that will appeal to contemporary readers as well as fans of mysteries.

Tanya has always been the unflappably cool and collected one in her friend group. So when she begins babysitting for her neighbor's great-niece, she's surprised to find herself super freaked out by the doll collection in the house. They're just toys right?

But when her babysitting charge becomes a little too attached to the doll, Tanya realizes the doll might be the incarnation of a supernatural threat Tanya and her friends have faced before.

There are a handful of black-and-white illustrations by Rayanne Vieira for the key spine-tingling moments.

Read the whole series:

- Babysitting Nightmares: The Shadow Hand
- Babysitting Nightmares: The Phantom Hour
- Babysitting Nightmares: The Twilight Curse
- Babysitting Nightmares: The Vampire Doll

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"These spooky stories 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

Author Bio

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.
It's Okay To Be a Unicorn!
by Jason Tharp, illustrated by Jason Tharp

An inspiring picture book, Jason Tharp's *It's Okay To Be A Unicorn* features a unicorn pretending to be a horse - until he learns to embrace his true self.

Cornelius J. Sparklesteed is known among all the other horses in Hoofington for his beautiful and creative handmade hats. But Cornelius is hiding a secret under his own tall, pointy hat: He's really a unicorn. Hoofington is a friendly place, but its horses pass on lots of mean rumors about unicorns. When Cornelius is chosen to perform for this year's Hoofapalooza, will he find the courage to show everyone his unicorniness?

*It's Okay To Be A Unicorn* is an inspiring story about the rainbow magic of kindness.

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Author Bio

Jason Tharp has dreamed of being an author and creating wacky worlds with fun characters since he was a kid. Now as a grown-up kid, Jason is driven to help others embrace the magic of their story. Being an obsessive daydreamer and doodler has led him to create many licensed properties, write books, and design clothing and travel the country talking to kids and adults about embracing their "weirdness" and the power of the unicorn effect. Jason lives in Columbus, Ohio.
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Eyeball Everything
by Odd Dot

Instant gratification and endless hours of fun. Eyeball everything and make the ordinary come to life! This book is packed with removable eyeball stickers to create exciting and witty characters out of anything you find. Stickers range in size from small to large, so you can sticker a pencil, a notebook, or even a refrigerator! The possibilities are endless. What can you eyeball?

Author Bio

Odd Dot is an imprint of Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group dedicated to creating joyful books for curious minds. Our mission is to develop interactive and substantive gift books that explore categories and formats never seen before. We are a proudly odd mix of makers, creators, and engineers, guided by the priorities of innovation, education, and play.

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Promotion
Alphaprints: Easter 123 Mini
Mini Version
by Priddy Books


Alphaprints Easter 123 is the latest addition to the Alphaprints series, which has sold over 1,000,000 copies in the US alone, and is published around the world in 13 languages.

Author Bio

Roger Priddy's passion for educating children through fun, informative and engaging books has led him to create some of publishing's most enduring and successful non-fiction 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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See, Touch, Feel: Spring
by Roger Priddy, edited by Natalie Munday

Your baby can explore the joys of Spring with Roger Priddy's sturdy sensory book, See, Touch, Feel: Spring. It's specially designed to stimulate babies with colorful pictures, activities, textures to feel and finger trails to follow. These fun, simple, Spring-themed activities encourage babies to interact with the book through sight, sound and touch. As your baby grows, See, Touch, Feel: Spring will help them to develop early language recognition and motor skills. With lots of bright pictures and engaging novelties to enjoy together, this is the perfect sensory experience to share with your little one.

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A Changing Picture Book: Chirp, Chirp
by Roger Priddy

With clever acetate pictures that change at the pull of a tab, Roger Priddy's fun, interactive A Changing Picture Book: Chirp, Chirp will encourage preschoolers to use their imaginations. Each spread provides a spring surprise that young readers will love to discover. Simply pull the tabs down to see the pictures transform before your eyes!

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See, Touch, Feel: ABC
by Roger Priddy

There's lots for toddlers to explore in See, Touch, Feel: ABC. Following on from Priddy's exciting new title See, Touch, Feel: Create, publishing in Fall 2019, this sturdy board book is specially designed to stimulate toddlers through creative pictures and help them learn first words. Each page has a colorful illustration made up of footprints, handprints, child friendly art, or a photo. With lots of bright pictures to explore together and core first words to learn, See, Touch, Feel: ABC is the perfect first book to share with your baby.

With raised textured pages to feel, this book encourages the development of motor skills and sensory exploration, making it a fabulous addition to any child's first-learning library.

Author Bio

Roger Priddy's passion for educating children through fun, informative and engaging books has led him to create some of publishing's most enduring and successful nonfiction early learning books. Roger lives in London and has three children, who have been the inspiration behind many of his best publishing ideas.

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Promotion
Turn the wheel: Odd Jobs
by Roger Priddy

Roger Priddy's Turn the Wheel: Odd Jobs is a funny novelty board book for toddlers with a jobs theme and wheels to turn on every page. Choose what outfit each character should wear for their job by turning the wheel for some hilarious results. Young children will enjoy finding the sailor's hat, the judge’s wig, and the chef's apron, or they can mix things up by choosing one of the other options - giving the sailor a clown wig, the judge a surgeon’s mask, or the chef a tennis skirt!
The quirky animal characters and playful text make this an enjoyable book to share, and it's a great springboard for some real costume fun. A follow-up to Fancy Pants

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First 100 Bible Words Padded
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My Little World: Watch Me Grow
by Roger Priddy

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My First Places: My First Town
A flap book
by Roger Priddy

The start of a new series, this colorful illustrated giant flap book is aimed at toddlers to help improve their observational and language skills by seeing inside buildings and discovering lots of things in the town. The large, shaped flaps are easy for toddlers to use and there is lots to search for and find in the bright and colorful illustrations. There is lots of lift-and-learn fun on every spread, with a big gatefold flap to open to see inside each building. Each double-page spread introduces a different shop or building, and has cute and colorful illustrations of characters and everyday objects inside.

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Chunky Set: Play Tractor
by Roger Priddy

Hop onboard the tractor! Roger Priddy's eye-catching Chunky Set: Play Tractor set combines three toddler favorites: tractors, jigsaw puzzles, and early learning. The set includes three shaped board books that slot together to form a colorful tractor for children to play with. Each chunky book focuses on a key early-learning concept: colors, animals, and 123. With a fun design sure to delight and entice little tractor fans, this engaging set is an ideal way to introduce young children to educational play.

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Puzzle and Play: Alphabet Train
by Roger Priddy

Help your young child learn the alphabet, identify animals and develop their fine motor and problem-solving skills with this fantastic puzzle book. With bright artwork that features children's favorite animals, and chunky puzzle pieces that are ideal for little hands, Alphabet Train is the perfect addition to your young child's first library. The unique jigsaw design makes learning extra fun for little learners.

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Puzzle and Play: Color Bus
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Help your young child learn to identify colors, learn first words, and develop their fine motor and problem-solving skills with this fantastic puzzle book. With bright artwork and chunky puzzle pieces that are ideal for little hands, Color Bus is the perfect addition to your young child’s first library. The unique jigsaw design makes learning extra fun for little learners.

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Lift the Flap: Nursery Rhymes
by Roger Priddy

Lift-the-Flap: Nursery Rhymes is a chunky board book with colorful, beautifully illustrated artwork and large flaps that reveal lots of fun surprises. Each page features kooky characters in a classic nursery rhyme, and includes a fun flap to lift. Children will love finding the mouse in Hickory Dickory Dock, seeing the cow jump over the moon, and finding out what happens to Jack and Jill in this delightfully charming book.

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My First Clock Book
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Arlo Finch in the Kingdom of Shadows
by John August

A thrilling adventure full of magic and wonder.” - Ransom Riggs, #1 New York Times- bestselling author of Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children

Arlo Finch in the Kingdom of Shadows is a captivating fantasy-adventure story by master screenwriter John August.

After a harrowing summer camp, Arlo Finch is back in Pine Mountain, Colorado, preparing to face a new school, new threats, and two new Rangers in Blue Patrol.

Arlo is about to undertake his most dangerous journey yet: all the way to China to try to bring his father home.

But when the mysterious Eldritch reveal their true agenda, Arlo must make an impossible choice: save his friends and family, or save the Long Woods. Both worlds will never be the same.

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Author Bio

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.
Jane Against the World
Roe v. Wade and the Fight for Reproductive Rights by Karen Blumenthal

From award-winning author Karen Blumenthal, comes a deep and passionate look at the riveting history of the fight for reproductive rights in the United States.

Tracing the path to the landmark decision in Roe v. Wade and the continuing battle for women's rights, Blumenthal examines, in a straightforward tone, the root causes of the current debate around abortion and repercussions that have affected generations of American women.

This eye-opening book is the perfect tool to facilitate difficult discussions and awareness of a topic that is rarely touched on in school but affects each and every young person. It's also perfect for fans of Steve Sheinkin and Deborah Heiligman.

This journalistic look at the history of abortion and the landmark case of Roe v. Wade is an important and necessary book.

Author Bio
Karen Blumenthal is an award-winning children's non-fiction writer and a long-time journalist. Her book Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition received four starred reviews and was a finalist for the YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults Award. Later, Six Days in October: The Stock Market Crash of 1929, was named a Sibert Honor Book, and Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX, won a Jane Addams Children's Book Award. Karen's recent book, Tommy: The Gun That Changed America, explores the history and controversy of the famous and deadly Tommy gun. She lives in Dallas, Texas.
**Woke**

A Young Poet's Call to Justice
by Mahogany L. Browne and Elizabeth Acevedo, contributions by Elizabeth Acevedo

**Woke: A Young Poet's Guide to Justice** is a collection of poems to inspire kids to stay woke and become a new generation of activists. Historically poets have been on the forefront of social movements. *Woke* is a collection of poems by women that reflects the joy and passion in the fight for social justice, tackling topics from discrimination to empathy, and acceptance to speaking out.

With Theodore Taylor's bright, emotional art, and writing from Mahogany L. Browne, Elizabeth Acevedo and Olivia Gatwood, kids will be inspired to create their own art and poems to express how they see justice and injustice.

**Author Bio**

**Mahogany L. Browne**: The Cave Canem, Poets House and Serenbe Focus Fellow alum is the author of several books including *Swag & Dear Twitter: Love Letters Hashed Out On-line*, recommended by Small Press Distribution & listed as About.com Best Poetry Books of 2010. She has released five LPs and is co-founder of Brooklyn Slam (currently ranked 2nd in the world) and has toured Germany, Amsterdam, England, Canada and recently Australia as 1/3 of the cultural arts exchange project Global Poetics. Her journalism work has been published in magazines Uptown, KING, XXL, The Source, Canada’s The Word and UK’s MOBO. Her poetry has been published in literary journals Pluck, Manhattanville Review, Muzzle, Union Station Mag, Literary Bohemian, Bestiary Brown Girl Love and Up The Staircase. She is the Artistic Director of Urban Word NYC (as seen on HBO’s Brave New Voices) and facilitates performance poetry and writing workshops throughout the country. She is the publisher of Pennmanship Books, curator & FridayNight Slam host at Nuyorican Poets Cafe, and Program Director of BLM@Pratt Institute. She also is a recipient of an Agnes Gund Art for Justice award.
In *Catching a Russian Spy*, Bryan Denson presents the story of the FBI's investigation of Aldrich Ames, and brings to life Agent Les Wiser, Jr., the agent who helped bring him to justice.

Aldrich H. "Rick" Ames was a 31-year veteran of the CIA. He was also a Russian spy. By the time Ames was arrested in 1994, he had betrayed the identities of dozens and caused the deaths of ten agents. The notorious KGB (and later the Russian intelligence service, SVR) paid him millions of dollars. Agent Leslie G. "Les" Wiser, Jr. ran the FBI's Nightmover investigation tasked with uncovering a mole in the CIA. The team worked night and day to collect evidence - sneaking into Ames' home, hiding a homing beacon in his Jaguar, and installing a video camera above his desk. But the spy kept one step ahead, even after agents followed him to Bogota, Colombia. In a crazy twist, the FBI would score its biggest clue from inside Ames' garbage can.

At the time of his arrest on February 21, 1994, he had compromised more highly-classified CIA assets than any other agent in history. First in the FBI Files, a true-crime series for middle grade readers that follows FBI agents behind the scenes as they work to keep Americans safe.

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From award-winning author Angela Dominguez, comes the novel Stella Diaz Never Gives Up, a story about a shy Mexican-American girl who becomes an environmental activist and makes a difference in her community.

Stella gets a big surprise when her mom plans a trip to visit their family in Mexico! Stella loves marine animals, and she can't wait to see the ocean for the first time . . . until she arrives and learns that the sea and its life forms are in danger due to pollution.

Stella wants to save the ocean, but she knows she can't do it alone. It's going to take a lot of work and help from old and new friends to make a difference, but Stella Diaz never gives up!

This is the second middle-grade novel from award-winning picture book author and illustrator Angela Dominguez. Based on the author's experiences growing up Mexican-American, this infectiously charming character comes to life through relatable story-telling including simple Spanish vocabulary and adorable black-and-white art throughout.

Author Bio

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 America, and represented by Wernick and Pratt Literary Agency. As a child, she loved reading books and making a mess creating pictures. She's delighted to still be doing both.
Ben Braver and the Vortex of Doom
by Marcus Emerson, illustrated by Marcus Emerson

Author Bio

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. 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.

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Promotion
Hey kids! Are you ready to WRESTLE? Don’t miss *Friday Night Wrestlefest*, the new bedtime book inspired by WWE professional wrestling that will wear kids out before they go to bed.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it’s Friday night, and these kids are ready to wrestle! Join Dangerous Daddoo as he dishes out some serious moves to get the kids ready for bed. But what happens when Flying Mom Bomb gets home from work? Are the kids toast? This charming and quirky family will teach you a new Bedtime Blitz everyone will enjoy.

**Author Bio**

J. F. Fox has worked as a children's book editor and freelance writer for two decades, and has adapted and ghostwritten more than seventy books for children, including chef Lidia Bastianich’s NONNA TELL ME A STORY books. Jenny lives in Brooklyn, NY with her husband and two sons. Micah Player is the picture book author-illustrator of *Chloe, Instead* and the *Lately Lily* series, and the creator of the best-selling Around the World Puzzle” and its follow-up, the “Around the World Matching Game.” Born in Alaska, Micah now lives in Utah with his wife, Stephanie, and their two kids.
Black is a Rainbow Color
by Angela Joy, illustrated by Ekua Holmes

A child reflects on the meaning of being Black in this moving and powerful anthem about a people, a culture, a history, and a legacy that lives on.

Red is a rainbow color.
Green sits next to blue.
Yellow, orange, violet, indigo,
They are rainbow colors, too, but

My color is black . . .
And there’s no BLACK in rainbows.
From the wheels of a bicycle to the robe on Thurgood Marshall’s back, Black surrounds our lives. It is a color to simply describe some of our favorite things, but it also evokes a deeper sentiment about the incredible people who helped change the world and a community that continues to grow and thrive.

Stunningly illustrated by Caldecott Honoree and Coretta Scott King Award winner Ekua Holmes, Black Is a Rainbow Color is a sweeping celebration told through debut author Angela Joy’s rhythmically captivating and unforgettable words.

Author Bio

Angela Joy was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She began performing at the age of 8 and went on to study under some of the city’s top musicians. After graduating Summa Cum Laude from the University of Minnesota, Angela attended New York University and Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia - where her heart will forever reside. Angela traveled abroad extensively as a background vocalist, also working in television and movie soundtracks. She currently lives in southern California with her husband and two children, writing from a small hallway desk where the walls are painted a royal shade of purple. Black Is A Rainbow Color is her first book. Ekua Holmes is a native of Roxbury, MA and a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. She is the recipient of the 2013 NAACP Image Award, a Brother Thomas Fellowship, and a 5-year appointment to the Boston Art Commission. Her picture book illustrations include the Caldecott Honor book Voice of Freedom and the Coretta Scott King Award winners Out of Wonder and The Stuff of Stars. Holmes serves as Assistant Director of MassArt's Center for Art and Community Partnerships, and manages sparc! the ArtMobile, the institution’s vehicle for community outreach.
Sunny
by Celia Krampien

Most people would say there is nothing good about trudging to school on a rainy day.
Most people would say that being carried away by the wind and dropped into the middle of a tumultuous sea is a very bad sort of situation.
No, most people wouldn't like that at all.
But Sunny isn't most people. Sunny likes to look on the bright side. And when things get exceedingly bleak?
Well, isn't that what friends are for?
From debut author/artist Celia Krampien comes an unforgettable, transcendent story about the true power of optimism.

Author Bio

Celia Krampien grew up in a house in the woods in a small town near Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada. She studied illustration at Sheridan College and currently lives in St. Catharines, Ontario with her partner, a mischievous cat, and a nosy beagle.
We Are Water Protectors
by Carole Lindstrom, illustrated by Michaela Goade

Water is the first medicine.
It affects and connects us all . . .
When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth
And poison her people's water, one young water protector
Takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource.

Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, this bold and lyrical picture book issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguarding the Earth’s water from harm and corruption.

Author Bio

Carole Lindstrom is Anishinabe/Metis and is a proud member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe Indians. She was born and raised in Nebraska and currently makes her home in Maryland. Michaela Goade is an artist and graphic designer living and working in Juneau, Alaska, where she was also raised. Her childhood was spent in the forests and on the beaches of Southeast Alaska and her artistic style is rooted in the depth and beauty of its landscapes. Forever inspired by the coastal wilds of Southeast Alaska, she works to capture its magic and honor its vibrant cultures. Michaela is from the Raven moiety and Kiks.adi Clan from Sitka, Alaska.
Ronan the Librarian
by Tara Luebbe and Becky Cattie, illustrated by Victoria Maderna

Ronan was a mighty barbarian. He invaded. He raided. And back home, he traded. He always found the greatest treasures. Until one day, Ronan found something no barbarian wants: A BOOK.

This humorous picture book from sister duo Tara Luebbe and Becky Cattie and illustrator Victoria Maderna follows Ronan the Barbarian as he grows from being just a rough-and-tumble warrior to a rough-and-tumble warrior who loves books. At first, his fellow barbarians are skeptical of his newfound passion for reading, but in the end, even they aren't immune to the charms of a good book.

Author Bio

Tara Luebbe and Becky Cattie are sisters who discovered their love for books early on. Tara is a former children's bookstore owner and lives in Fort Mill, South Carolina, with her three boys and husband. In her free time, she can be found reading and discussing all things Star Wars with her kids. Becky is a creative recruiter with a background in reality TV casting. She currently lives in Chicago, where she spends her free time bowling and eating sushi. You can learn more about their books at beckytarabooks.com.

Victoria Maderna is an Argentinian illustrator working mainly in children's publishing and fantasy tabletop games. She owns far too many books and is fond of bushy beards, but she strongly prefers sharp pencils to sharp axes. Victoria lives in Spain with her bushy-bearded husband.
The First Conspiracy: Young Reader's Edition
by Brad Meltzer

#1 New York Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer unravels the truth behind the secret assassination attempt on George Washington and how the plot helped create the CIA and the FBI in this young reader's adaptation for younger audiences.

1776. The early days of the Revolutionary War.
It supposedly began with Thomas Hickey, a private in the Continental Army, and New York governor William Tryon. In an astonishing power grab, they plotted to kill Hickey's boss: a man by the name of George Washington.
In the end, Hickey was caught, brought to trial, and found guilty. It would seem he became the first person in the new nation to be executed for treason.
But to this day, nobody knows for sure if this story is true. In The First Conspiracy, Brad Meltzer sheds light on the close-kept secrets and compelling details surrounding this story and exposes the history of how the assassination plot catalyzed the creation of the CIA and FBI.
This page-turning investigation offers young readers an in-depth look at the facts and remaining questions that surround this contested historical event.

Author Bio

BRAD MELTZER is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Escape Artist, The Inner Circle, and many other bestselling thrillers, as well as the Ordinary People Change the World series. He is also the host of the History Channel TV shows Brad Meltzer's Decoded and Brad Meltzer's Lost History, which he used to help find the missing 9/11 flag that the firefighters raised at Ground Zero.
Late to the Party
by Kelly Quindlen

Seventeen is nothing like Codi Teller imagined. She’s never crashed a party, never stayed out too late. She’s never even been kissed. And it’s not just because she’s gay. It’s because she and her two best friends, Maritza and JaKory, spend more time in her basement watching Netflix than engaging with the outside world. So when Maritza and JaKory suggest crashing a party, Codi is highly skeptical. Those parties aren’t for kids like them. They’re for cool kids. Straight kids.

But then Codi stumbles upon one of those cool kids, Ricky, kissing another boy in the dark, and an unexpected friendship is formed. In return for never talking about that kiss, Ricky takes Codi under his wing and draws her into a wild summer filled with late nights, new experiences, and one really cute girl named Lydia. The only problem? Codi never tells Maritza or JaKory about any of it.

From author Kelly Quindlen comes a poignant and deeply relatable story about friendship, self-acceptance, what it means to be a Real Teenager. Late to the Party is an ode to late bloomers and wallflowers everywhere.

Author Bio

Kelly Quindlen graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in English Literature and spent two years teaching with the Teach for America program. Her 2014 self-published novel, Her Name in the Sky, has sold over 13,000 copies and was featured on BuzzFeed’s 15 Books Every Young Gay Woman Should Read.” Her 2015 Wattpad novel, A Different Kind of Us, garnered 877,000 views and won the site’s coveted Watty award for the LGBT+ genre. She has had the joy of speaking to PFLAG groups and high school GSAs, and currently serves on the leadership board of a non-profit for Catholic parents with LGBT children. She lives in Atlanta.
Beyond Words: What Wolves and Dogs Think and Feel
by Carl Safina, illustrated by Carl Safina

Eye-opening, wise, and filled with triumphant and heartbreaking stories about the wolf population at Yellowstone (as well as some personal anecdotes about dogs), Beyond Words: What Wolves and Dogs Think and Feel accessibly explores the mysteries of animal thought and behavior for young readers. Weaving decades of field research with exciting new discoveries about the brain, and complete with astonishing photos, Beyond Words offers an extraordinary look at what makes these animals different from us, but more importantly, what makes them similar, namely, their feelings of joy, grief, anger, and love. These similarities between human and nonhuman consciousness and empathy allow the reader to reexamine how we interact with animals as well as how we see our own place in the world.

Author Bio

Carl Safina's work has been recognized with MacArthur, Pew, and Guggenheim Fellowships, and his writing has won Orion, Lannan, and National Academies literary awards and the John Burroughs, James Beard, and George Rabb medals. Safina is founding president of the not-for-profit Safina Center. He hosted the 10-part PBS series Saving the Ocean with Carl Safina. This is his eighth book. He lives on Long Island, New York.
Bear Has a Story to Tell
by Philip C. Stead, illustrated by Erin E. Stead

Philip C. Stead’s classic picture book *Bear Has a Story to Tell*, a *Kirkus Reviews* Best Children’s Book of 2012, is now a board book, ready to delight a whole new audience.

Featuring illustrations by Erin E. Stead.

*It was almost winter and Bear was getting sleepy.*

*But first, Bear had a story to tell . . .*

Bear found his friend Mouse, but Mouse was busy gathering seeds and didn’t have time to listen to a story. Then Bear saw his friend Duck, but Duck was getting ready to fly south. What about his friend Toad? He was busy looking for a warm place to sleep. By the time Bear was through helping his friends get ready for winter, would anyone still be awake to hear his story?

The universal desire to narrate our lives is at the heart of Philip C. Stead’s delightful and instructive *Bear Has a Story to Tell.* - *The New York Times Book Review*

"The rhythms of nature and of storytelling are in fine form here." - *School Library Journal*, starred review

". . . especially soulful. . . .The quiet suggestion that no one has all the answers is just one of the many pleasures the Steads give readers." - *Publishers Weekly*, starred

"The creators of the Caldecott-winning *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* (2010) offer another charming story about the reciprocal nature of friendship. . . ." - *Booklist*

"Quietly entrancing." - *Horn Book*

**Author Bio**

**PHILIP C. STEAD** is the author of the Caldecott Medal winning *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*, also named a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book of 2010 and a *Publishers Weekly* Best Children’s Book of 2010, illustrated by his wife, Erin E. Stead (A Neal Porter Book, Roaring Brook Press, 2010). Philip, also an artist, both wrote and illustrated his debut *Creamed Tuna Fish and Peas on Toast* (Roaring Brook Press, 2009), which was applauded by *School Library Journal* for its wry humor and illustrations worthy of a Roald Dahl creation." Philip lives with Erin in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Erin E. Stead** has illustrated several children’s books with her husband, Philip C. Stead. Their first picture book, *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*, won the Caldecott Medal. She has also illustrated *And Then It's Spring* (written by Julie Fogliano) and contributed to Eric Carle's *What's Your Favorite Animal?* The Steads divide their time between Ann Arbor, Michigan, and New York City.
Fins
by Randy Wayne White

From the bestselling author of the Doc Ford series for adults, comes a high-stakes, masterfully plotted story of courage, friendship . . . and sharks!

The world's shark population is in trouble for a sad, simple reason: shark fin soup. And although it's illegal, poachers have been targeting Florida's biannual migration of blacktip sharks.

Marine biologist Doc Ford needs some assistance protecting the sharks and enlists the help of three kids - Luke, Marta and Sabina. Luke is brand-new to Florida from the Midwest; sisters Marta and Sabina have only recently arrived from Cuba - and all three feel like fish out of water. It's going to take some convincing for them to work as a team and to recognize in themselves the courage, wisdom and tenacity that Doc sees in them.

Together they form Sharks, Inc. and are given an important assignment: to set out each day on their small fishing boat in hopes of tagging sharks for Doc's research - and to stay away - faraway - from any possible poachers in the area.

The trio certainly isn't looking for trouble, but when they come face to face with danger, survival requires them to rely on each of their own unique gifts, and especially on one another.

Author Bio

Randy Wayne White is the New York Times bestselling and award-winning author of the Doc Ford series. In 2011, White was named a Florida Literary Legend by the Florida Heritage Society. A fishing and nature enthusiast, he has also written extensively for National Geographic Adventure, Men's Journal, Playboy and Men's Health. He lives on Sanibel Island, Florida, where he was a light-tackle fishing guide for many years, and spends much of his free time windsurfing, playing baseball, and hanging out at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille. His first middle-grade novel Fins will be published by Roaring Brook Press in 2020.
**The Prettiest**
by Brigit Young

A must-read for budding young feminists, *The Prettiest* is an incisive, empowering novel by Brigit Young about young women fighting back against sexism and objectification.

THE PRETTIEST: It's the last thing Eve Hoffmann expected to be, the only thing Sophie Kane wants to be, and something Nessa Flores-Brady knows she'll never be . . . until a list appears online, ranking the top fifty prettiest girls in the eighth grade.

Eve is disgusted by the way her body is suddenly being objectified by everyone around her.

Sophie is sick of the bullying she's endured after being relegated to number two.

And Nessa is tired of everyone else trying to tell her who she is.

It's time for a takedown. As the three girls band together, they begin to stand up not just for themselves, but for one another, too.

**Author Bio**

Brigit Young, born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, has published poetry and short fiction in numerous literary journals. She is a proud graduate of the City College of New York, and has taught creative writing to kids of all ages in settings ranging from workshops at Writopia Lab to bedsides at a pediatric hospital. Brigit is the author of the middle grade novels *Worth a Thousand Words* and *The Prettiest*. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and daughters.
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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An Amazon Best Book of the Month

Full of whimsy and pluck, *The Library of Ever* is a total delight!” - *New York Times* bestselling author Wendy Mass


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.
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.

An Imprint Book

"The Weight of the Stars is one of the most gentle, gracious, and, overall, kind books that I've read all year . . . It's a YA romance about girls and stars and friendship and mercy and loss and regret and what we owe each other and what we give away to lift each other up . . . This book is starlight on broken concrete, it's flowers on a (...)"

Author Bio

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 too many nights experimenting with hard literary criticism and hanging out with unsavory types, like poetry students. Currently, she lives in River North, Chicago, and writes books at work when no one is looking. She is the author of The Wicker King.
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. A near-fatal carriage accident has deposited an unconscious young woman on the doorstep of Hardwick Manor and into the care of young Lord James Ellerby. But when she finally awakens, it is with no memory of who she is or where she came from.

Beth, as she calls herself, has no identity; the only clue to her circumstances is a recurring nightmare of a hummingbird, blood dripping from its steel beak. With the help of James and his sister, Caroline, Beth tries to solve the mystery of her own identity and the appalling events that brought her to their door. But nothing could prepare her for the escalating dangers that threaten her and the Ellerby clan. From the hazardous cliffs of Dorset to the hostile streets of London, Beth will fight to reclaim her past, hunted by a secretive foe with murderous intentions.

Fans of Cindy Anstey’s previous novels won’t want to miss *The Hummingbird Dagger*, a dark and twisty new offering that blends romance, danger and mystery.

**Praise for The Hummingbird Dagger:**

“A blend of Jane Austen, Jack the Ripper, and your favorite cozy mystery... The romance was lovely, sweet and a perfect subplot to the darker tones of murder, mystery and mayhem.” - Isabel Ibanez, author of *Woven in Moonlight*

“Quite fun. . . There is a softness when it (...)”

**Author Bio**

Cindy Anstey spends her days painting with words, flowers, threads, and acrylics. 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 ; Carols and Chaos ; The Hummingbird Dagger; and Deadly Curious*
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 continues the spellbinding fantasy adventure series 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 search for ancient forest spirits and discover mysterious messages encoded in tree bark. But when Arlo and his best friends Indra and Wu stumble upon clues about the long-lost Yellow Patrol, Arlo uncovers a stunning history that leads right back to his very own family.

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 reality with a strong emphasis on friendships and great characters. This new series will appeal to fans of mystery and adventure as well as reluctant readers." - School Library Journal

"The mysteries - from what makes Arlo a target to why a (...)"

Author Bio

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.
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.

Christy Ottaviano Books

Author Bio

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 E.B. White Read Aloud Award, and nominated for an Edgar Award, among other distinctions.

Ms. Broach holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in history from Yale University. She was born in Georgia and lives in the woods of rural Connecticut, walking distance from three farms, a library, a post office and two country stores.

Kelly Murphy has illustrated many books for children including Masterpiece, Alex and the Amazing Time Machine, and the Nathaniel Fludd, Beastologist books. She lives in Providence, Rhode Island.
All We Could Have Been
by TE Carter

From TE Carter, All We Could Have Been is a powerful and heartbreaking look at the assumptions we make about people and how one person's actions can affect everyone around them.

Five years ago, Lexi witnessed something that shattered her very core. To cope, she moves from town to town, desperate to hide the darkest of family secrets. In every location, she assumes a new name and flies under the radar as long as she can before anyone figures out who she is - who she's related to.

Lexie now lives with her aunt, has minimal interaction with her parents, and has no communication with her brother. But the pain is always there. After starting her newest school, all she wants is to just live life. But how can she when the past keeps threatening to drag her back?

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.
Mist, Metal, and Ash
by Gwendolyn Clare

Worlds collide in Mist, Metal, and Ash, the 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?

An Imprint Book
The alternate-history thrill ride continues... The author is a master of character development. . . Action and adventure with a fearless heroine at the helm." - Kirkus Reviews

"A satisfying sequel." - Booklist

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

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.
In Search of Us
by Ava Dellaira

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.

A rare and special book. Part mother-daughter love story, part road trip journey, part compelling mystery, and one hundred percent beautiful, spellbinding tearjerker. I'm in love with every page." - Jennifer Niven, New York Times-bestselling author of All the Bright Places and Holding Up the Universe

"A masterful work of fiction. Exploring race and mother and daughter relationships, this novel is also one of the most tender and authentic takes on first love that I have ever read." - Jennifer Mathieu, author of Moxie

A coming-of-age novel about all kinds of love, this is a realistic look into how teens' lives intertwine with their parents' pasts. Readers who enjoyed Dellaira's Love Letters to the Dead or Emery Lord's When We Collided will (...) Author Bio

Location: Santa Monica, California

Ava Dellaira is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, where she was a Truman Capote Fellow. She grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago. Love Letters to the Dead is her debut novel. She currently lives in Santa Monica
My Life Uploaded
by Rae Earl

Fresh, funny, and utterly irresistible, this young adult novel from Rae Earl explores the ups and downs of life online.

Hello! Millie Porter here. I'm posting this from a garden shed, because three so-called adults are in the house arguing over whether you can train penguins. You see, I moved in with my dad, granddad, and aunty to escape my mum's neat freak boyfriend. (He follows me around with a vacuum cleaner, like that's a normal thing to do. It's not.)
The point is, this reality thing is HARD, so my BFF Lauren and I are taking it online to tell you how to handle it. We are going to make a difference with this vlog. That is, if I can just get Dave the cat's tail OUT OF MY FACE.
Yes, we know it's usually only ubergeeks like Bradley Sanderson who do vlogs. Yes, we know that Instagram queen Erin Breeler will not like it ONE TINY BIT. But Lauren says she'll be too obsessed with the hot new boy at school to notice us.
You get to see me juggling real life, online life, and a cat intent on my destruction as it happens - IRL.
This is my life. Uploaded.
An Imprint Book

Quite excellent." - Kirkus Reviews

Author Bio

Rae Earl was born in Stamford, Lincolnshire. After graduating Hull University, she did every job in a radio station except accountant." Rae has written articles for The Guardian, Marie Claire, and Elle, and she has been featured in The Telegraph and The Times among others. She has also appeared on BBC Breakfast TV, BBC World Service, and countless local radio stations. Her books My Mad Fat Diary and My Madder Fatter Diary have been made into a TV show that is shown in over fifty countries worldwide including the USA. My Life Uploaded is based on her teenage years. She currently lives in Hobart, Tasmania, with her husband and son.
Ben Braver and the Incredible Exploding Kid
by Marcus Emerson, illustrated by Marcus Emerson

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! 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?

Author Bio

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.

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Ruby in the Sky
by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo

In Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo's heartfelt middle-grade debut about family, friendship, and finding your own identity, Ruby Moon Hayes learns there's more to a person's story than what other people tell. 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.

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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.

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. Jessica has also written the young adult novel The Castaways.
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.

I can't lie: Last Girl Lied To is my favorite thriller of 2019. Flynn's perfectly paced story about a girl who can't trust anyone integrates important subjects, like body image, addiction, and romantic obsession, imaginatively and masterfully.

L.E. Flynn is the author of Firsts (Thomas Dunne Books/St Martin's Press), a YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults pick, along with an accompanying series of short stories, The Boys Tell All.  
Flynn is a former model who worked in Tokyo, Athens, and Paris. Flynn now lives in London, Ontario with her husband, daughter, and the world's most spoiled Chihuahua. When she's not writing, you can likely find her hiking in the woods, perusing thrift stores for vintage dresses, or binging on reality TV.
All Is Fair
by Dee Garretson

A young lady is pulled out of school and into a secret wartime mission with a dashing American spy in Dee Garretson’s YA historical mystery, All Is Fair.

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.

Praise for All Is Fair:
I love the writing style and you capture the era so very well. I love it so far and I can't wait to read more. Definitely a yay!” - Bookish Worm, Swoon Reader

“Your a great voice and engaging style. I like Mina already.” - Linda D., Swoon Reader

“I liked the suspense and the gradual revelation of all the secrets.

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.

Dee is the author of All Is Fair, Wolf Storm, and Wildfire Run

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How Not to Ask a Boy to Prom
by S. J. Goslee

If you're looking for a novel to fill the To All The Boys I've Loved Before-shaped hole in your heart, this is the book for you." - Camille Perri, author of When Katie Met Cassidy

How (Not) to Ask a Boy to Prom is a modern gender-bent young adult rom com from 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 ideas. Ideas that involve too-tight pants, a baggie full of purple glitter, and worst of all: a Junior-Senior prom ticket.

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

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)
The Wild Lands
by Paul Greci

Paul Greci’s 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.

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.

An Imprint Book

This fast-paced book contains all the hallmarks of a classic wilderness survival novel (deadly terrain, vicious predators, literal cliff-hangers) and the best of the postapocalyptic genre . . . The author’s decades of Alaskan wilderness experience is evident throughout . . . A great high-stakes wilderness survival tale.” - School Library Journal

"Heart-thumping suspense for readers who liked Rick Yancey’s The 5th Wave." - Booklist

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Author Bio

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.
The Astonishing Maybe
by Shaunta Grimes

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

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 perpituously studies at the University of Nevada. The Astonishing Maybe marks her middle-grade debut.
Hazy Bloom and the Mystery Next Door
by Jennifer Hamburg, illustrated by Jenn Harney

The Hazy Bloom chapter book series continues in *Hazy Bloom and the Mystery Next Door*, the third standalone adventure from writer Jennifer Hamburg and illustrator Jenn Harney, when Hazy's tomorrow visions cause her boring summer vacation to take a mysterious and hilariously Hazy-like turn.

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!

**Author Bio**

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, including *Hazy Bloom and The Tomorrow Power* and *Hazy Bloom and The Pet Project*.

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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 undersea 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

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.
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?

In *The Lonely Dead*, master mystery writer April Henry adds a chilling paranormal twist to this incredibly suspenseful young adult novel.

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**Author Bio**

April Henry is the *New York Times* bestselling author of many acclaimed mysteries for adults and young adults, including the YA novels *Girl, Stolen* and *The Night She Disappeared* and the thriller *Face of Betrayal*, co-authored with Lis Wiehl. She lives in Oregon.

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Comics Will Break Your Heart
A Novel
by Faith Erin Hicks

Comics Will Break Your Heart is a sweet, funny contemporary teen romance for the inner geek in all of us from 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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Join the Conversation!
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, The Birds, the Bees, and You and Me.

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.

Bold, vibrant, and unafraid to go there. The Birds, The Bees, And You And Me is the sex-positive book every teen needs on their radar. A debut that manages to inform without ever preaching and entertain to the very last page." - Laurie Elizabeth Flynn, author of Firsts and Last Girl Lied To

"Hinebaugh puts a fresh spin on the coming-of-age story, authentically portraying the messiness - and beauty - that comes with new awakenings." - Christina June, author of It Started with Goodbye and Everywhere You Want to Be

Author Bio

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 Stitch in Time
by Daphne Kalmar

NPR’s Best Book of 2018

An orphan grapples with her unpleasant aunt and the even more unpleasant idea of moving to Boston in this poignant middle-grade debut that handles loss and renewal.

Heartbreaking and heartwarming at the same time, Donut’s story is gritty, hopeful and ultimately all about the various ways that love shows up. I loved it.” - Kathi Appelt, author of the Newbery Honor and National Book Award finalist novel The Underneath

"Taxidermy? What better journey to uncover the true stuff of character! A classic, indelible debut." - Rita Williams-Garcia, author of the Newbery Honor novel One Crazy Summer

Donut is an eleven-year old geography buff who keeps her taxidermied mice hidden in her late mother’s hope chest. Her pops passed away, leaving her an orphan. Aunt Agnes has moved in, bringing along her lumpy oatmeal, knitting, and a plan to drag Donut off to Boston forever.

Donut stands to lose everything: her friends, her village, her home, the woods, and walks where the memories of her pops are stored up. While Donut dodges the ache of missing her pops, she and her best friend Tiny plan how to keep her where she belongs.

A Stitch in Time by Daphne Kalmar is shot through with gorgeous, evocative language, and gets right to Donut’s heart.

Author Bio

Daphne Kalmar was an elementary and middle-school teacher for over twenty years. Exploring the natural world with kids was her passion as an educator - she owned seventy-five pairs of rubber boots so she could outfit each new class in September and lead weekly expeditions to local creeks and ponds. She has an MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts. A Stitch in Time is her debut.
Lassie Come-Home
Collector's Edition
by Eric Knight, illustrated by Marguerite Kirmse

For more than eighty years, Eric Knight's Lassie Come-Home has been the quintessential friendship story between a boy and his dog. From books to television to the silver screen, Lassie remains one of the most adventurous, courageous and loyal friends in the history of popular culture.

Twelve-year-old Joe Carraclough can't imagine life without his family's dog and beloved friend, Lassie. The pair are inseparable, from walks home from school together every afternoon to epic explorations of the Yorkshire countryside. Then Joe's family falls on hard times, and his father is forced to sell their prized collie to the Duke of Rudling.

Joe thinks there's no chance he will ever see his best friend again. But, Lassie has other plans. Driven by natural instinct and an extraordinary love, Lassie escapes from her new owners and makes a perilous journey back to Greenall Bridge to reunite with Joe. Across hundreds of miles and against staggering odds, Lassie rises to every occasion as she races back to her home... and her family.

This special collector's edition celebrates the enduring origin story of our favorite collie, with an introduction by New York Times bestselling author Ann M. Martin, pen-and-ink illustrations by Marguerite Kirmse, and a stunning new package.

The most faithful of all dogs returns in Lassie Come-Home by Eric Knight... This story of a boy and his beloved collie has been retold in many formats but appears here in its original unabridged version, with Marguerite Kirmse's charming b&w interior illustrations and new jacket art." - Publishers Weekly

Author Bio

Eric Knight was born in 1897 in Yorkshire, England, the countryside that was the background for Lassie Come-Home. He moved to the United States as a teenager. After graduating from Cambridge Latin School in Massachusetts, Mr. Knight married and settled on a farm in Pennsylvania, where Lassie Come-Home was written and where the collie who inspired the book is buried. Mr. Knight was killed while serving in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Marguerite Kirmse (1885-1954) was a British-born artist who emigrated to the United States. She was known for her etchings, particularly of dogs, and she illustrated books including Eric Knight's Lassie Come-Home and her own Dogs in the Field.
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 Warrior of the Wild, the 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
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.
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, A Soldier and A Liar.

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.

Praise for A Soldier and a Liar

Along with action, there is also a bit of mystery threaded throughout. This, along with the author's accessible writing and the book's short chapters, make this a perfect choice for reluctant readers. Purchase this action-packed tale where Alexandra Bracken's Darkest Minds series is popular." - School Library Journal

"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 (...)"

Author Bio

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.
Squad
by Mariah MacCarthy

*A Barnes & Noble Teen Blog's Most Anticipated LGBTQAP YA Book of 2019*

Jenna Watson is a cheerleader. And she wants you to know it's not some Hollywood crap: they are not every guy's fantasy. They are not the mean girls" of Marsen High School. They're literally just human females trying to live their lives and do a perfect toe touch. And their team is at the top of their game. They're a family.

But all that changes when Jenna's best friend stops talking to her. Suddenly, she's not getting invited out with the rest of the squad. She's always a step behind. And she has no idea why.

While grappling with post-cheer life, Jenna explores things she never allowed herself to like, including LARPing (live action role playing) and a relationship with a trans guy that feels a lot like love.

When Jenna loses the sport and the friends she's always loved, she has to ask herself: What else is left

**Author Bio**

Mariah MacCarthy is an award-winning writer, performer, and birth mother. They've written for BuzzFeed, Yes! magazine, LOOK magazine, The Brooklyn Rail, and others. Their plays have been performed all over the world, and the New York Times called their immersive party play Mrs. Mayfield's Fifth-Grade Class of '93 20-Year Reunion a lot of fun." They live in Astoria with their cat, Sophie. Squad is their first novel.
Fear of Missing Out
by Kate McGovern

Everyone has a fear of missing out on something - a party, a basketball game, a hangout after school. But what if it’s life that you’ll be missing out on? When Astrid learns that her cancer has returned, she hears about a radical technology called cryopreservation that may allow her to have her body frozen until a future time when - and if - a cure is available. With her boyfriend, Mohit, and her best friend, Chloe, Astrid goes on a road trip in search of that possibility. To see if it’s real. To see if it’s worth it. For fear of missing out on everything.

Author Bio

Kate McGovern 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. Rules for 50/50 Chances is her first novel.
The Fang of Bonfire Crossing: Legends of the Lost Causes
by Brad McLelland and Louis Sylvester

Dark magic meets the Wild West in this rip-roaring middle-grade adventure series filled with 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 rollicking adventure filled with mystery and magic that crackles like a brush fire." - Emma Trevayne, author of The House of Months and Years

"Thrilling, dark, and full of heart, this is a Western like none I've ever read. I loved it." - Stefan Bachmann, author of The Peculiar and The Whatnot

A Junior Library Guild Selection

This is a fun and (...)
Blanca & Roja
by Anna-Marie McLemore

Award-winning author Anna-Marie McLemore retells Swan Lake in this spellbinding YA story of sisters who are each other's best friends - and worst enemies.

*The biggest lie of all is the story you think you already know.*

The del Cisne girls have never just been sisters; they're also rivals, Blanca is as obedient and graceful as Roja is vicious and manipulative. They know that, because of a generations-old spell, their family is bound to a bevy of swans deep in the woods. They know that, one day, the swans will pull them into a dangerous game that will leave one of them a girl, and trap the other in the body of a swan.

But when two local boys become drawn into the game, the swans' spell intertwines with the strange and unpredictable magic lacing the woods, and all four of their fates depend on facing truths that could either save or destroy them. 

*Blanca & Roja* is the captivating story of sisters, friendship, love, hatred, and the price we pay to protect our hearts.

Author Bio

Anna-Marie McLemore was born in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and taught by her family to hear la llorona in the Santa Ana winds. She is the author of *The Weight of Feathers, When the Moon Was Ours, Wild Beauty,* and *Blanca & Roja.*
Famous in a Small Town
by Emma Mills

From Emma Mills, the acclaimed author of *First & Then*, comes a warm and witty YA novel about long-hidden truths - and what it really means to come home.

For Sophie, small town life has never felt small. With her four best friends - loving, infuriating, and all she could ever ask for - she can weather any storm. But when Sophie’s beloved Acadia High School marching band is selected to march in the upcoming Rose Parade, it’s her job to get them all the way to LA. Her plan? To persuade country singer Megan Pleasant, their Midwestern town’s only claim to fame, to come back to Acadia to headline a fundraising festival.

The only problem is that Megan has very publicly sworn never to return. What ensues is a journey filled with long-kept secrets, hidden heartbreaks, and revelations that could change everything - along with a possible fifth best friend: a new guy with a magnetic smile and secrets of his own.

"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*

"Mills (*This Adventure Ends*) seamlessly creates art imitating life imitating art while bringing freshness to the familiar romantic conventions (…)"

Author Bio

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.
Time Dogs: Balto and the Race Against Time
by Helen Moss, illustrated by Misa Saburi

An exciting new illustrated chapter book series for dog-loving readers! When a pack of senior dogs find themselves transported back in time - and turned into puppies! - they must make their way back home, helping real-life historical dogs along the way.

In this first adventure, meet Baxter, Trevor, Newton, Titch, and Maia - the time dogs! - as they find themselves transported through time and space to 1925 Alaska. There, deep in the wilderness, the puppies must help Balto in his famous sled race to deliver medicine during a diphtheria outbreak. Adorable illustrations and an action-packed story make this the perfect read for fans of Paw Patrol

Author Bio

Helen Moss is the author of many best-loved books for children, including the Adventure Island series and Secrets of the Tombs series. She lives near Cambridge with her family - including a menagerie of dogs, hens, gerbils and lizards. When not writing, she can be found taking the dogs for long walks, climbing trees, playing badminton and, whenever possible, climbing up or skiing down mountains.

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 Beamard's Book, written by Deborah Underwood.
Time Dogs: Seaman and the Great Northern Adventure
by Helen Moss, illustrated by Misa Saburi

An exciting new illustrated chapter book series for dog-loving readers!

When a pack of senior dogs find themselves transported back in time - and turned into puppies - they must make their way back home, helping real-life historical dogs along the way.

In this second adventure, Baxter, Trevor, Newton, Titch, and Maia - the time dogs! - find themselves transported through time and space to 1805 on the Missouri River. There, deep in the wilderness, the puppies must help Seaman, the dog of legendary explorers Lewis and Clark.

Author Bio

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My So-Called Superpowers: Mixed Emotions
by Heather Nuhfer, illustrated by Simini Blocker

The second book in Heather Nuhfer’s heartfelt, hilarious, and acclaimed My So-Called Superpowers series, illustrated by Simini Blocker, 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:
"My So-Called Superpowers is vibrant, lively, and hums along at a snappy pace. It has a genuinely warm, welcoming Saturday-morning cartoon feeling to it." - Tony Cliff, New York Times bestselling author of the Delilah Dirk series

"Readers will empathize with Veronica’s quest, and fall in love with this fun, heartwarming story about learning to embrace your individual quirks and the power of friendship." - Rysa Walker, author of the bestselling CHRONOS Files series and the Delphi Trilogy

Author Bio

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, and Monster High. Her My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic graphic novels are international bestsellers. My So-Called Superpowers is her first prose novel. When she isn’t writing, Heather loves to knit while watching bad 1990s action movies with her beloved furbaby, Einstein.

Simini Blocker is an illustrator currently working in Texas. She has recently worked on several middle-grade and YA titles, including Almost Midnight, and the My So-Called Superpowers series. When not illustrating, she loves experimenting with embroidery, traveling as much as possible, and collecting...
In Space Cat-astrophe: My FANGtastically Evil Vampire Pet, the second in the spin-off series to Mo O'Hara's New York Times bestselling My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish chapter books, 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. Hmmm . . . I wonder if you can take evil kittens on space stations.

Let the Epic Evil Spaceness begin.

Signed,
The Great and Powerful Mark

Author Bio

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.
Good Enough: A Novel
by Jen Petro-Roy

A young girl with an eating disorder must find the strength to recover in this moving middle-grade novel from Jen Petro-Roy

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 and activist, Good Enough is a realistic depiction of inpatient eating disorder treatment, and a moving story about a girl who has to fight herself to survive.

Author Bio

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.
Death Prefers Blondes is a high-stakes YA thriller featuring a rebel heiress and butt-kicking, jewel-thieving drag queens from Caleb Roehrig, author of a BuzzFeed Best YA Novel, Last Seen Leaving. Teenage socialite Margo Manning leads a dangerous double life. By day, she dodges the paparazzi while soaking up California sunshine. By night, however, she dodges security cameras and armed guards, pulling off high-stakes cat burglaries with a team of flamboyant young men. In and out of disguise, she’s in all the headlines.

But then Margo’s personal life takes a sudden, dark turn, and a job to end all jobs lands her crew in deadly peril. Overnight, everything she’s ever counted on is put at risk. Backs against the wall, the resourceful thieves must draw on their special skills to survive. But can one rebel heiress and four kickboxing drag queens withstand the slings and arrows of truly outrageous fortune? Or will a mounting sea of troubles end them - for good.

Author Bio

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.
All the Ways the World Can End
by Abby Sher

A laughter through tears” YA novel about a teenage girl struggling to deal with her father’s terminal cancer - in all the wrong ways

All the Ways the World Can End by Abby Sher is at times heart wrenching while at others hilarious.

Lenny (short for Eleanor) feels like the world is about to end. Her best friend is moving to San Francisco and her dad is dying. To cope with her stress Lenny is making a list of all the ways the world can end - designer pathogens, blood moon prophecies, alien invasion - and stockpiling supplies in a bunker in the backyard.

Then she starts to develop feelings for her dad's very nice young doctor - and she thinks he may have feelings for her too. Spoiler alert: he doesn't. But a more age-appropriate love interest might. In a time of complete uncertainty, one thing's for sure: Lenny's about to see how everything is ending and beginning. All at the same time.

Praise for All the Ways the World Can End:
"Lenny's grief feels palpable and honest." - Kirkus Reviews

"Expressing the same type of magical thinking explored in Sher's memoir, Amen, Amen, Amen, the novel delineates destructive and healthy responses to loss, and shows that beauty and continuity can exist amid tragedy." - Publishers Weekly

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Author Bio

Abby Sher is a writer and performer whose work has appeared in The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Washington Post The Los Angeles Times, Self, Jane, Elle, and more. She is also the author of All the Ways the World Can End (Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers), Breaking Free: True Stories of Girls Who Escaped Modern Slavery, Amen, Amen, Amen: Memoir of a Girl Who Couldn't Stop Praying, and Kissing Snowflakes. One of her essays has recently been optioned by Amazon for a television series. Abby has written and performed for The Second City, Upright Citizen's Brigade, HBO and NPR. She is currently a co-producer of the Chucklepatch Comedy Show and she lives in New Jersey with her family. www.abby-sher.com.
Match Me If You Can
by Tiana Smith

Tiana Smith's Match Me If You Can is a hilarious YA novel about a young teen whose attempts to match herself to her perfect" guy result in disastrous consequences.
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
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. Match Me If You Can is her debut novel.
Cilla Lee-Jenkins: The Epic Story
by Susan Tan, illustrated by Dana Wulfekotte

Cilla Lee-Jenkins returns to pursue her dreams of becoming a successful author while dealing with her Chinese-American family in *Cilla Lee-Jenkins: The Epic Story* by writer Susan Tan and illustrator Dana Wulfekotte.

*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*

Pricilla “Cilla” Lee-Jenkins has already written a "Bestseller" and a “Classic” - now it’s time for her to write an Epic Story. Epics are all about brave heroes overcoming Struggles to save the world, and this year, Cilla is facing her toughest struggles yet:
- Cilla is in fifth grade and, unlike her classmates, not at all ready to start middle school
- She has two younger sisters to look after now and they don’t exactly get along
- Her beloved grandfather YeYe has had a stroke and forgotten his English, and it’s up to Cilla to help him find his words again

With humor, heart, and her mighty pen Cilla Lee-Jenkins will use her powers to vanquish every foe (the mean girls in her class), help every citizen (especially Ye Ye), and save the world.

**Author Bio**

**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. *Cilla Lee-Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire* is her first book. **Dana Wulfekotte** is a children's book author, illustrator, and animator. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and lives in Queens with her boyfriend and two rabbits (whom she now regrets not naming Supernova and Sparkledust)
Marty Frye, Private Eye: The Case of the Busted Video Games & Other Mysteries
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, this is an ideal stepping stone to longer chapter books. Young readers will be off in search of a rhyme in no time.

Christy Ottaviano Books

Author Bio

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.

Laurie Keller is the acclaimed author-illustrator of Do Unto Otters, Amie, the Doughnut, The Scrambled States of America, and Open Wide: Tooth School Inside, among numerous others. She grew up in Muskegon, Michigan, and always loved to draw, paint and write stories. She earned a B.F.A. at Kendall College of Art and Design, then worked at Hallmark as a greeting card illustrator for seven-and-a-half years, until one night she got an idea for a children’s book. She quit her job, moved to New York City, and soon had published her first book. She loved living in New York, but she has now returned to her home state, where she lives in a little cottage in the woods on the shore of Lake Michigan.
My Life as a Youtuber
by Janet Tashjian, illustrated by Jake Tashjian

Book 7 of the much-loved My Life series that has the irrepressible Derek Fallon starting his own Youtube web series!

Derek Fallon finally found something to get excited about at school - an extracurricular class on making videos! Together with his friends Carly, Matt, and Umberto, Derek can't wait to create his own Youtube web series. But he soon realizes Youtube stardom is a lot of work. On top of that, it's time for his foster monkey Frank to go to monkey college so Derek must scramble to find a reason for Frank to stay with his family - if only a little while longer. Can Derek solve both problems at once? What if Frank became a part of Derek's Youtube videos?

Here's another funny and thoughtful novel in the series that centers around most every tween today's pastime - Youtube!

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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, author Janet Tashjian. He has also illustrated several books for the author P.T. Evans.

Fun fact: Jake is a visual learner. When Jake was in elementary school, he used to draw his vocabulary words on index cards. This later became the inspiration for the main character, Derek, in the My Life As series.

In 2016 Jake co-founded Workshop 2.0, a non-profit foundation to train and hire other young artists on the Autism Spectrum.

Jake grew up in Massachusetts and currently lives in Los Angeles. He is an avid surfer and filmmaker.
Tito the Bonecrusher
by Melissa Thomson

In Melissa Thomson's first standalone middle-grade novel, the beloved author of the Keena Ford chapter book series delivers a funny yet moving story about fathers, sons, and criminal justice. 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 correctional facility. 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.

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

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The Story Collector
A New York Public Library Book
by Kristin O'Donnell Tubb, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno

In the tradition of E. L. Konisburg, Kristin O'Donnell Tubb's *The Story Collector* is a historical fiction middle-grade novel inspired by the real life of Viviani Joffre Fedeler, born and raised in the New York Public Library.

Eleven-year-old Viviani Fedeler has spent her whole life in the New York Public Library. She knows every room by heart, except the ones her father keeps locked. When Viviani becomes convinced that the library is haunted, new girl Merit Mubarak makes fun of her. So Viviani decides to play a harmless little prank, roping her older brothers and best friend Eva to help out. But what begins as a joke quickly gets out of hand, and soon Viviani and her friends have to solve two big mysteries: Is the Library truly haunted? And what happened to the expensive new stamp collection? It's up to Viviani, Eva, and Merit (reluctantly) to find out.

*For every book lover who fantasized about getting locked in the library overnight, *The Story Collector* is a dream come true!* - New York Times-bestselling author Alan Gratz

Author Bio

Kristin O'Donnell Tubb is the author of *Autumn Winifred Oliver Does Things Different*, *Selling Hope*, and *The 13th Sign*. She lives in Tennessee with her family. IACOPO BRUNO is a graphic artist and illustrator who lives in Italy. He illustrated James Preller's *Home Sweet Horror, I Scream, You Scream!, Good Night, Zombie*, and *Nightmareland*.

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The Boneless Mercies
by April Genevieve Tucholke

“A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year”
“A Barnes & Noble Best YA Book of the Year”

Frey, Ovie, Juniper, and Runa are the Boneless Mercies - girls hired to kill quickly, quietly, and mercifully. But Frey is weary of the death trade and, having been raised on the heroic sagas of her people, dreams of a bigger life. When she hears of an unstoppable monster ravaging a nearby town, Frey decides this is the Mercies’ one chance out. The fame and fortune of bringing down such a beast would ensure a new future for all the Mercies. In fact, her actions may change the story arc of women everywhere. Full of fierce girls, bloodlust, tenuous alliances, and unapologetic quests for glory, this elegantly spun tale challenges the power of storytelling - and who gets to be the storyteller. Perfect for fans of Maggie Stiefvater, V.E. Schwab, and Heidi Heilig

Author Bio

April Genevieve Tucholke is the author of Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea, Between the Spark and the Burn, Wink Poppy Midnight, and The Boneless Mercies. Her books have been published in fourteen countries, and have received eight starred reviews. They have been selected for the Junior Library Guild, Kids’ Indie Next picks, and YALSA Teens Top Ten. When she’s not writing, April likes walking in the woods, exploring abandoned houses, and drinking expensive coffee. She currently resides in the Pacific Northwest with her husband.

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Worth a Thousand Words
by Brigit Young

Whether it’s earrings, homework, or love notes, Tillie Lost and Found” Green and her camera can find any lost thing - until a search for a missing person forces her to step out from behind the lens.

Ever since a car accident left Tillie Green with lasting painful injuries, she’s hidden behind her camera. She watches her family and classmates through the lens, tracking down misplaced items and spotting the small details that tell a much bigger story than people usually see. But she isn’t prepared for class clown Jake Hausmann’s request: to find his father.

In a matter of days, Tillie goes from silent observer to one half of a detective duo, searching for clues to the mystery of Jake’s dad’s disappearance. When the truth isn’t what Jake wants it to be, and the photographs start exposing people's secrets, Tillie has to decide what - and who - is truly important to her.

Worth a Thousand Words is the debut book by Brigit Young.

A Junior Library Guild Selection

Author Bio

Brigit Young, born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, has published poetry and short fiction in numerous literary journals. She is a proud graduate of the City College of New York, and has taught creative writing to kids of all ages in settings ranging from workshops at Writopia Lab to bedsides at a pediatric hospital. Brigit is the author of the middle grade novels Worth a Thousand Words and The Prettiest. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and daughters.