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The Peter Rabbit Stories
Illustrated by Anna Currey
by Beatrix Potter, illustrated by Anna Currey

This collection brings together in a single volume the four books that feature the famous young rabbit with the blue jacket and a penchant for mischief and disobedience: The Tale of Peter Rabbit, The Tale of Benjamin Bunny, The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies and The Tale of Mr Tod.

From Peter's early adventures in the kitchen garden of Mr McGregor to his late exploits in the rescue of his cousin Benjamin's baby bunnies, these stories show why Beatrix Potter remains one of the most beloved children's authors this country has ever produced.

Author Bio

Beatrix Potter (1866-1943) was a children's writer and illustrator. Hugely successful in her lifetime, her books continue to be immensely popular among young readers of today.

Anna Currey was brought up in rural Ireland. Her parents, being rather alternative, didn't believe in formal education, so while her chemistry and algebra lessons were rather scanty, her absorption in drawing animals and people was allowed full rein. This fascination carried through until adulthood and suitably enough resulted in a career in children's books. Over the years she has illustrated many books for many publishers including One Ted fell out of Bed by Julia Donaldson. She also wrote and illustrated The Christmas Unicorn for Oxford children's Books. She now lives in England near to very wonderful city of Bath.

Anna Currey is the author and/or illustrator of several books for children, including Truffle's Christmas
Afterglow
by Phil Stamper

Bestselling author Phil Stamper takes the Golden Boys from summer fun to senior year in the next installment of his charming duology.

After a life-changing summer, these four friends are finally ready for senior year.

Gabriel is thrilled to create his school's first LGBTQ+ advocacy group, but his long-distance relationship is fading from summer love to something else. . .

Heath feels secure for the first time in years, but with his future riding on a baseball scholarship each pitch triggers his anxiety. . .

Reese is set on pursuing a career in fashion design, but his creativity takes him in an unexpected direction, he isn't yet ready to share. . .

Sal wants to be in politics, specifically local politics. After a chat with his aunt, he is ready for an unlikely path . . .

As graduation nears and the boys prepare to enter the real world, it feels like everything is changing so fast - including their friendships. Can they find a way to make the most of their senior year even as they eagerly look ahead to the future?

Stamper deals with the drama of all this beautifully, managing to juggle four interconnected stories with aplomb. His fully realized characters' changing circumstances and potential futures are dealt with realistically and satisfactorily. “- Booklist, starred review

"A joyful and hopeful story about first love and those (...

Author Bio

Phil Stamper is the bestselling author of Golden Boys, The Gravity of Us and As Far as You’ll Take Me. His stories are packed with queer joy, and his characters are often too ambitious for their own good. Born and raised in a rural village near Dayton, Ohio, he now lives outside New York City with his husband and their dog. Afterglow is the second book in a duology.

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Promotion
Brighter Than the Moon
by David Valdes

From the author of Spin Me Right Round, a fresh, modern story about learning how to love-starting with yourself-as three teens with confident online identities have the opportunity to meet in real life and find themselves questioning everything.

Shy foster kid Jonas and self-assured vlogger Shani met online, and so far, that's where their relationship has stayed, sharing memes and baring their souls from behind their screens. Shani is eager to finally meet up, but Jonas isn't so sure-he's not confident Shani will like the real him. . . if he's even sure who that is.

Jonas knows he's trapped himself in a lie with Shani-and wants to dig himself out. But Shani, who's been burned before, may not give him a chance: she talks her best friend Ash into playing spy and finding out the truth. When Ash falls for Jonas, too, he keeps that news from Shani, and soon they're all keeping secrets. Will it matter that their hearts are in the right place? Coming clean will require them to figure out who they really are, which is no easy task when all the pieces of your identity go beyond easy boxes and labels.

Lauded writer David Valdes offers a heartfelt, clever, and thought-provoking story about how we figure out who we want to be-online and IRL-for fans of David Levithan and Adam Silvera.

Mixing charm and humor with a cast of delightfully messy teens you can't help (...)

Author Bio

David Valdes is the author of Spin Me Right Round, a New York Public Library Best Book for Teens, and the nonfiction books Homo Domesticus, The Rhinestone Sisterhood, and Today Show pick A Little Fruitcake, as well as a dozen produced plays. A former Boston Globe columnist and HuffPost blogger whose posts have received over a million hits, he currently writes an advice column for Medium, and was recently featured in the New York Times’s Modern Love column. He also teaches writing at Boston Conservatory and Tufts. David lives in the Boston area with his daughter.

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In the thrilling conclusion to the Defy the Night series, *New York Times* bestselling author Brigid Kemmerer crafts heartrending twists and devastating turns that will keep readers breathless to the very end.

Left for dead, but desperate to survive . . . they have one last chance to save their kingdom.

Prince Corrick is out of options. Held captive by the vicious Oren Crane, he's desperate to reunite with Tessa, but will need to ally with the rebel leader Lochlan, who until now wished him dead. An unlikely but deadly pair, Corrick and Lochlan must plot their next moves carefully . . .

An island away, Tessa Cade is heartbroken and angry. Grieving Corrick, and unsure how to find a way back to Kandala, she doesn't know who to trust. Until Rian - the man she trusts least - makes an offer: aid in a plot to finally oust Oren Crane and see what the future holds. . .

Meanwhile in Kandala, Harristan is dethroned and on the run. He's struggling to unite the rebels in his fractured kingdom, but he finds support - and maybe more - in unexpected places.

Can Harristan be the king his people need? Can Corrick and Tessa find their way back to each other? As outside threats loom and the fires of revolution burn from within, time is running out to save their kingdom.

Brigid Kemmerer is the author of the *New York Times* bestsellers *Defy the Night*, *Defend the Dawn*, and *Forging Silver into Stars* and the *New York Times* bestselling Cursebreaker series, which includes *A Curse So Dark and Lonely*, *A Heart So Fierce and Broken*, and *A Vow So Bold and Deadly*. She has also written the contemporary young adult romances *Call It What You Want*, *More Than We Can Tell*, and *Letters to the Lost*, as well as paranormal young adult stories, including the Elemental series and *Thicker Than Water*. A full-time writer, Brigid lives in the Baltimore area with her family.

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No Time Like Now
by Naz Kutub

A teen finds himself in a race against time when he learns he's given away more years than he has left to live in this thought-provoking speculative romp.

It's been one year since Hazeem's father passed away unexpectedly, and one year since Hazeem got his special ability: He can grant any living thing extra time. Since then, he's been randomly granting people more years to live: his old friend Holly, his study buddy Yamany, his crush Jack . . . . The only problem is, none of them wanted to spend any of that time with Hazeem.

Now, Hazeem spends most of his days with his grandmother. When she experiences a heart attack, Hazeem is quick to use his power to save her - until Time themself appears and tells Hazeem he has accrued a time debt, having given away more life than he has left to live and putting the entire timeline in serious danger of collapse. In order to save the timeline and himself, Hazeem must take back some of the life he has granted other people. Suddenly, Hazeem is on a journey through and against time, but as he confronts the events of the past, he must confront the mistakes he made along the way. Hazeem will come to realize that when it comes to time, quality is more important to quantity - but is it too late to reclaim the life he's given away so he can really start living?

No Time Like Now is a timely twist on A Christmas Carol that takes readers on a thought-provoking adventure, asking what matters most in life.

Author Bio

Naz Kutub is a half-Indian, half-Malay immigrant from Singapore. His novels are inspired by his personal experiences growing up as a queer Muslim, and as someone raised on a calorie-dense diet of Eastern lore.

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The Loophole
by Naz Kutub

A gay Muslim boy travels the world for a second chance at love after a possibly magical heiress grants him three wishes in this YA that's *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* with a twist of magic.

Sy placed all his bets for happiness on his boyfriend, Farouk . . . who then left him to try and fix the world." Now, the timid seventeen-year-old Indian Muslim boy is stuck in a dead-end coffee shop job and all he can do is wish for one more chance . . .

Sy never expects his wish to be granted. But when a mysterious girl offers him three wishes in exchange for his help and proves she can grant at least one wish with an instant million-dollar deposit into Sy's struggling bank account, a whole new world of possibility opens up. Is she magic? Or just rich? And can Sy find the courage to leave Los Angeles and cross the Atlantic Ocean to lands he'd never even dreamed he could visit, all to track down his missing ex? With help from his potentially otherworldly new friend, will Sy go all the way for one last, desperate chance at rebuilding his life and refinding love?

Your wish is granted! Naz Kutub's debut weaves an engrossing whirlwind of an adventure with a journey to find love, home, and family.

Every once in a while you come upon a book filled with so much voice it has its (…)

Author Bio

Naz Kutub is a half-Indian, half-Malay immigrant from Singapore. His debut novel, *The Loophole*, was inspired by his personal experiences growing up as a gay Muslim, and as someone raised on a calorie-dense diet of Eastern lore. nazkutub.com; @nazkutub
The Dark Fable
by Katherine Harbour

Magical heists. Deadly secrets. Come along for the ride . . . if you dare. This heart-stopping, seductive fantasy is perfect for fans of *Six of Crows*.

Evie Wilder is an orphan who has gone through most of her life unnoticed . . . until she’s caught up in a dramatic heist and captures the attention of the Dark Fable. They have chosen her for a reason: she can turn invisible. This skill would make Evie a treasured asset to the legendary group of thieves known for spiriting away obscure and occult artifacts.

Evie cannot resist their allure and is eager to join this newfound family. But she discovers there are more skeletons in the Dark Fables past than she could have ever imagined. And these secrets might be the answer to her own tragic past.

No one is who they seem to be and the price of uncovering the Dark Fables cryptic history just might be fatal

Author Bio

*Katherine Harbour* was born in Albany, NY, where she attended the Russell Sage Junior College of Albany and wrote while holding down jobs as a pizza maker, video store clerk, and housekeeper. She then attended the Minneapolis School of Art and Design and, after moving to Sarasota, FL, sold her paintings in cafes and galleries. She now lives in upstate New York, where she works as a bookseller. She’s a lover of nature, folklore, and ancient things. She’s the author of The Thorn Jack series, an adult contemporary dark fantasy threaded with Celtic myth.
This is How You Fall in Love  
by Anika Hussain

Best friends Zara and Adnan must navigate the twists and turns of fake dating, family dynamics and cultural stereotypes in this swoon-worthy YA Desi rom-com. Zara loves love in all forms: rom-coms and romance novels and grand sweeping gestures. And she’s desperate to have her own great love story. A real one. So when her best friend Adnan begs her to pretend to date him to cover up his new, secret relationship, Zara hesitates. This isn’t the kind of great romance she had in mind. But there’s something in it for Zara, too: making her parents, who love Adnan, happy might just stop their arguing for a while. She may not be getting her own love story, but she could save theirs. After all, how difficult can pretending to be in a relationship with your best friend be? Turns out, very. And when a new boy turns up in Zara’s life, things get more confusing than ever.

This delightful YA follows best friends as they fall through the twists and turns of fake dating, family dynamics, and friendship, in a swoon-worthy YA rom-com.

Author Bio

Anika Hussain was born and raised in Stockholm, Sweden but currently lives and writes in Bristol, England. She is a graduate of the Bath Spa MAWYP. Not having seen herself in the books she read as a teenager, Anika writes YA novels with South Asian characters at the heart of the story. Aside from writing and work, Anika is involved with the Hawkins Project, founded by Dave Eggers, to elevate the voices of young people in the publishing industry. In her free time, Anika re-watches Love Island, listens to too many true crime podcasts, and sings pop-punk songs loudly around her apartment. Twitter: @huanika www.anikahussain.co.uk
A Whisper of Curses
by J. Elle

New York Times bestselling author J. Elle continues her magical middle grade series with our favorite witches from Park Row Magick Academy! While the new Magick Academy is under construction, an invitation to Retreat Week arrives! Before the students leave Park Row, Kyana is grabbed by an Available and, even after she slips from the spirit's grasp, can't stop either laughing or crying. Ashley thinks whatever it is, Dr. Minzy, a famous teacher at the retreat, will know what to do. But when the portal to the retreat suddenly dissolves, trapping everyone, Ash realizes: Availables are involved. With Kyana acting weird and Russ live-casting everything to the MagickWorld, Ash must choose: say something to the directors (even though she isn't sure she's right) or mind her business and trust that Dr. Minzy will fix it? In this adventurous sequel to A Taste of Magic, can Ashely, Kyana, and Russ figure out what the spirits are up to and save the day?

Author Bio

J. Elle is the New York Times bestselling author of the YA duology Wings of Ebony and Ashes of Gold and is an advocate for marginalized voices in both publishing and her community. Born in Houston, Texas, she is a first-generation college student with a Bachelor of Journalism and Master of Arts in Educational Administration and Human Development. Her passion for empowering youth dates back before writing to her first career in education. She's worked as a Preschool Director, Middle School Teacher, and High School Creative Writing Mentor. In her spare time you'll find her volunteering at an alternative school, providing feedback for aspiring writers, loving on her three littles, or cooking up some dish true to her Texas and Louisiana roots.

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Cameron Battle and the Escape Trials
by Jamar J. Perry

Fans of Rick Riordan will lose themselves in the exciting world of Chidani - where the last descendant must fight to save the world!

After his first adventure as the Descendant, Cameron can't sit through seventh grade classes. Especially when his mother is still trapped in Chidani and his father is still missing. But he encounters a particularly nasty bully in his new school, and it doesn't take long for Cameron and his trusty friends Zion and Aliyah to realize that the troubles of Chidani won't stay away for long.

With the Book to guide them, Cameron and his crew end up transported to Chidani sooner than anticipated - and the gods and goddesses they encounter don't intend to make Cameron's journey easy. Can he finally outwit and outlast the villainous god set on destroying their worlds?

Inspired by West African and Igbo history and mythology, this middle-grade fantasy celebrates the triumphs and challenges of a boy finding his path to greatness.

This installment in the thrilling series is a surefire delight that complements all fantasy shelves." - School Library Journal

"Readers who appreciate hard-fought battles, mythical worlds and a courageous young Black protagonist will be grateful for this conclusion of Cameron's adventures in Chidani." - School Library Connection

"A sentimental, action-filled fantasy." - Kirkus Reviews

"A thrilling, imaginative adventure that kids are sure to love! As immersive as it is fun, you'll feel you're tagging along with Cameron, Zion, and Aliyah (...)"

Author Bio

Jamar J. Perry is the author of Cameron Battle and the Hidden Kingdoms. He received his PhD in literacy education, language, culture, and social inquiry from the University of Maryland, College Park. Before, he taught middle school language arts for four years, where the majority of the students were Black boys. Like Cameron, he hopes that one day all Black boys can understand how magical and joyful they really are, no matter how different they may feel.

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Change Is in the Air
Carbon, Climate, Earth, and Us
by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Alex Boersma

A picture book about the amazing ways Earth can remove carbon from the air, offering a fresh and hopeful perspective on climate change.

The Earth has a problem: there's too much carbon in the air.

Luckily, the Earth also has amazing powers to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere - like the power of dirt, mangroves, and kelp. Although these powers alone cannot get us out of the climate crisis we're facing, Earth has one more power that can help: the power of the people! The power to change, protect, and invent, both to reduce emissions and to develop strategies for capturing carbon.

In accessible, engaging, and melodic language, this nonfiction picture book provides an encouraging yet honest picture of the problem of too much carbon in the air, while also conveying the awesomeness of Earth's ways of cleaning things up. Thanks to dirt, kelp, mangroves, and - perhaps most importantly - people, change is in the air!

Author Bio

Alex Boersma is a Canadian scientific illustrator living in Chicago. After studying geology and studio art at Vassar College in New York, Alex worked at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, conducting research on whale evolution. Articles on her research have appeared in multiple news outlets, including the New York Times, BBC News, Nature, and the Washington Post. Alex has since shifted her focus to working as an independent scientific illustrator. Her clients have included the American Museum of Natural History, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Stanford University, and Duke University Marine Lab, and her work ranges from scientific figures for research papers, to editorial illustrations and animation.
Emma and the Love Spell
by Meredith Ireland

Witchlings meets The Parent Trap in this contemporary fantasy about a girl who tries to use her fickle witchy powers to keep her best friend (and secret crush!) from moving away.

Twelve-year-old, Korean American adoptee Emma Davidson has a problem. Two problems. Okay, three:

1. She has a crush on her best friend, Avangeline, that she hasn't been able to share.
2. Avangeline now has to move out of their town because her parents are getting a divorce.
3. Oh, and Emma is a secret witch who can't really control her powers.

It's a complicated summer between sixth and seventh grade. Emma's parents made her promise that she'd keep her powers a secret and never, ever use them. But if Avangeline's parents fell back in love, it would fix everything. And how hard could one little love spell be?

This fast-paced, heartfelt story is a powerful exploration of learning to embrace who you are, even when your true self is different from everyone around you.

Author Bio

Meredith Ireland was born in Korea and adopted by a New York librarian. Her love of books started early and, although she pursued both pre-med at Rollins College and law at the University of Miami, stories were her fate. She currently resides with her two children, and Bob, a carnival goldfish who's likely a person. She writes children's books, some of which you may like. She is the author of the YA novels The Jasmine Project, a JLG Gold Standard Selection, and Everyone Hates Kelsie Miller. She is also a contributor to You Are Here, a middle grade anthology, and Adoptee to Adoptee, a young adult anthology.

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Grandmas Are the Greatest
by Ben Faulks, illustrated by Nia Tudor

A delightful picture book about the special bond between grandmothers and grandchildren, perfect for gifting!

Does your grandmother love your help tending to her garden? Does she take you along when she hikes through nature? Or maybe you have a grandma who tells the best jokes and likes to be silly with you?

What makes grandmas the GREATEST? Whether your grandmother is an actor or acrobat, a master chef or a master of snuggling, there's one thing all grandmas have in common: you can always count on them to give one-of-a-kind love!

With lively text from Ben Faulks and warm art from Nia Tudor, this picture book celebrating all kinds of grandmothers is the perfect gift for grandparents and grandchildren to share.

HOORAY for ALL the grandmas!
Three cheers from high above!
You can always count on grandmas . . .
for their marvelous grandma love!

Author Bio

Ben Faulks is a British actor, author, producer, and presenter. Born in Cornwall, Ben earned a degree in theatre acting from Bretton Hall School of Dance and Drama. He is best known for co-creating and starring in the award-winning television show Mr. Bloom's Nursery. www.benfaulks.co.uk

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

A beautiful picture book about the joyful magic in the tradition of hair oiling and a celebration of the bond between parent and child.

Meenu loves Magic Hair Days, when Mommy mixes sweet-smelling oils together and massages the potion into Meenu's scalp and hair. It always leaves Meenu with a fuzzy, magical feeling. And after bath time, when Mom washes the oils out, Meenu's hair is soft and shining.

When Meenu decides one day to mix the oils without any help, she discovers something's wrong: No matter how many oils she mixes, the magic just isn't there!

What is she missing? But when Mommy comes to help, massaging Meenu's head, the fuzzy, magical feeling returns! Was it really in the oils, or something else? Inspired by Anu Chouhan's own memories and family, this author-illustrator debut is a lovely depiction of a cultural tradition and a delightful story that emphasizes that magical bond between parents and children.

Author Bio

Anu Chouhan is a Canadian illustrator and video game artist. A trained animator with a background in mobile game development, Anu often combines her love of her Punjabi cultural heritage into her art, as well as drawing inspiration from anime, nature, and global fashion. Her unique, edgy, and energetic art has garnered attention from major publications, celebrities, and influencers online. She is the illustrator of A Dupatta Is... and Henna Is.
Hummingbird Season
by Stephanie V.W. Lucianovic

A poignant and necessary story about finding hope during difficult times, set in the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Archie's life - and the whole world - is turned upside down by Covid-19. Suddenly there are no more Friday night dinners out, no more going to school, no more hanging out with friends . . . no leaving the house at all.

Even though he's inside with his family all day every day, Archie can't help but feel more alone than ever before. While everyone else seems to be adapting to their new normal just fine, it's like Archie is permanently on mute, unable to find the words to describe how he feels - and sometimes, unable to find someone who will listen. The bright spot of Archie's days at home is watching and learning about the hummingbirds that feed outside his windows. But just when it seems like this could be what brings his family together again, California experiences its worst wildfire in history, and Archie's favorite hummingbird disappears. In a time when hope is hard to hold on to, Archie must find his voice and find hope once again.

*Hummingbird Season* is an honest and healing novel in verse documenting the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic and the things that bring us together when circumstances keep us apart.

**Author Bio**

Stephanie V. W. Lucianovic is the author of *The End of Something Wonderful: A Practical Guide to a Backyard Funeral* (Sterling) which received a starred review from Booklist and a glowing endorsement from SLJ's Betsy Bird; *Hello, Star* (Little Brown BYR) illustrated by Vashti Harrison; and middle grade novel *The League of Picky Eaters* (Clarion/Harper). She lives in the San Francisco Bay area with a few kids, a few cats, and one husband.

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Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution
by Sherri Winston

Longlisted for the National Book Award for Young People’s Literature
Member of the 2023 Notable Books for a Global Society (NGBS) List

From the beloved author of President of the Whole Fifth Grade, a story about a young Black girl who summons the courage to fight against a discriminatory dress code - and stand up for herself.

Lotus Bloom just wants to express herself - with her violin, her retro style, and her peaceful vibe, not to mention her fabulous hair.

This school year, Lotus is taking her talent and spirit to the seventh grade at a new school of the arts. The one where she just might get to play under the famous maestro, a violin virtuoso and conductor of the orchestra. But Lotus’s best friend, Rebel, thinks Lotus should stay at their school. Why should this fancy new school get all the funding and pull the brightest kids out? Rebel wants Lotus to help her protest, but Lotus isn't sure. If she's going to be in the spotlight, she'd rather be for her music.

Then, when boys throw paper wads and airplanes into Lotus's afro, Lotus finds herself in trouble for a (…)

Author Bio

Sherri Winston is the author of President of the Whole Fifth Grade (a Sunshine State Young Readers Award selection), President of the Whole Sixth Grade (a Kids’ Indie Next Pick), President of the Whole Sixth Grade: Girl Code, The Sweetest Sound (a Kirkus Best Book of the Year), Jada Sly: Artist & Spy, and The Kayla Chronicles. Before Sherri was an author, she was a longtime newspaper writer and columnist. She grew up in Michigan and now lives in Orlando, Florida.
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Shark Teeth
by Sherri Winston

National Book Award longlisted Sherri Winston’s touching novel about a girl trying to keep her family together as she's falling apart.

Sharkita “Kita” Hayes is always waiting.
Waiting for her mama to mess up.
Waiting for social services to be called again.
Waiting for her and her siblings to be separated.
Waiting for her worst fear to come true.

But Mama promises things are different now. She's got a good job, she's stopped drinking, stopped going out every night - it's almost enough to make Kita believe her this time. But she still can't shake the feeling that everything could go up in flames at any moment. And when her dance coach starts asking questions, Kita is more determined than ever to make sure her family stays together - even if it means falling apart herself. But could it be that Kita’s worst fear is actually the best thing that could happen to her family?

Author Bio

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Sick!
The Twists and Turns Behind Animal Germs
by Heather L. Montgomery, illustrated by Lindsey Leigh

When a super sickness lands on the land, when a parasite becomes more than a pest, when an infection ignites an epidemic, what's a body to do? Your body is an animal body, so why not ask the animals?

Follow the scientists, around the world and into their labs, who are studying animals and the germs that attack them. From fungus-ridden frogs with fevers to bacteria-resistant buzzards and everything in-between, animals have A LOT to teach us about infections. But-reader beware!!-the story of germs is filled with twists and turns.

In this fascinating, highly visual nonfiction book packed with colorful, comic-style art, you'll discover not only the cool ways that animal bodies (and our bodies) fight back against pesky pathogens, but also the amazing and surprising ways we can learn to work together with germs.

*Sick! The Twists and Turns Behind Animal Germs* is written by Heather L. Montgomery with graphic novel-style art from Lindsey Leigh.

**Author Bio**

**Heather L. Montgomery** has taught for over 20 years (both inside and outside the classroom) as well as directed a school-based environmental center. She has written curriculum; trained hundreds of teachers, naturalists, and librarians; and, helped thousands of children to make friends with the natural world. Each year, she works directly with over ten thousand children at festivals, school visits, and at environmental centers. During a typical presentation, petrified body parts and tree guts encourage scientific thinking and inspire reluctant readers. Her professional development programs for teachers have won awards and rave reviews. She lives in Ardmore, Alabama.  
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**Lindsey Leigh** is an illustrator and designer in Boston. She grew up near Washington, D.C., fascinated by the Smithsonian Museums and the Baltimore Aquarium. Her passion for communicating scientific ideas eventually led her to become a scientific illustrator. Her books include *The Deep*.  
[www.lindseyleighart.com](http://www.lindseyleighart.com)
From the creator of The Unicorn Quest series, a wondrous new series set in the magical land of Arden, full of unicorns and mystery!

Magic pulses bright in Arden, a world where humans who craft magic have been at war and separated for hundreds of years. Now a new era has dawned, the unicorns have returned, and the prime minister has decreed that apprentices from all four guilds will learn in the newly formed Unicorn Academy. But peace is tenuous: As rumors spread of dark magic and of unicorns disappearing, twelve-year-old apprentice Olivia Hayes is caught between her joy at newfound magical abilities at the academy and proving to everyone that her older sister, Laurel, is NOT a unicorn poacher. She and her friends must untangle the truth and the secrets of the past to spin a stronger future—or else the unicorns of Arden may be lost forever. This sweeping middle-grade fantasy is about friendship, choice, and the ties that truly matter.

Author Bio

Kamilla Benko is the bestselling author of Frozen II: Forest of Shadows and The Unicorn Quest trilogy. She spent most of her childhood climbing into wardrobes, trying to step through mirrors, and plotting to run away to an art museum. Now, she visits other worlds as an author and an editor. She currently lives in the Midwest with her husband, daughter, and cat in a house next to a friendly willow tree.

@kkbenko
Tilda Tries Again
by Tom Percival

Tilda's world is just as she likes it—until one day, it turns completely upside down! From the creator of Ruby Finds a Worry, the perfect picture book for helping children embrace change, now in paperback.

Tilda doesn't like change. Why would she, when her life is great just the way it is? But one day, Tilda's world turns completely UPSIDE DOWN. All of a sudden, everything is topsy-turvy, and nothing feels right. Things that were once easy now seem incredibly challenging. Everything is just so different and hard. Can Tilda discover a way to move forward and embrace all this change?

Bold, bright, and empowering, this inspiring story about coping with unexpected changes is perfect for helping children build resilience.

The Big Bright Feelings picture book series provides kid-friendly entry points into emotional intelligence topics—from being true to yourself to dealing with worries, managing anger, and making friends. These topics can be difficult to talk about. But these books act as sensitive and reassuring springboards for conversations about mental and emotional health, positive self-image, building self-confidence, and managing feelings.

Read all the books in the Big Bright Feelings series!

Ruby Finds a Worry
Perfectly Norman
Ravi's Roar
Meeshawakes Friends
Tilda Tries Again
Milo's Monster
Finn's Little Fibs

Pericival's simple, colorful illustrations pair beautifully with the author's thoughtfully worded text. Teachers looking for a book to help children discover coping skills when life unexpectedly becomes too difficult to handle will embrace this title due to its subtle messages woven within the context of an engaging story that promises to (...)

Author Bio

Tom Percival is the author and illustrator of the Big Bright Feelings picture books—including Ruby Finds a Worry, Meeshawakes Friends, Ravi's Roar, Milo's Monster, and Perfectly Norman. He writes and illustrates in his native United Kingdom where he lives in a town called Stroud with his family.

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Tiny Wonders
by Sally Soweol Han

Even small efforts have the power to bring big wonder in this debut picture book about a little girl who brings the beauty of spring flowers to her neighborhood.

The world is full of wonders, if we take a small moment to look!

April's town is dull and gray, and the people there are too busy to laugh or look up at the sky, but when Grandma tells her about all the tiny wonders of the world, like the secret language of flowers, April thinks maybe dandelions can help—so she wishes for their magic. Planting seeds while the seasons shift toward spring, April watches as the dandelions and other flowers sprout, bringing joyful wonder back to their community.

A gorgeous and inspirational story about the potential of tiny things—like seeds and small children!—to bring wonder to the world, Tiny Wonders introduces little ones to the wonders of spring and the joy they themselves can bring.

Author Bio

Sally Soweol Han is a Korean-Australian artist who is passionate about creating stories and illustrating heart-warming picture books for all ages. She is fascinated with traditional techniques and most of her illustrations are hand drawn and painted. Sally was awarded a gold medal at 3x3 Illustration Awards 2017 and has recently been longlisted in World Illustration Awards. Sally is devoted to illustrating whimsical work for picture books, in the hope of delivering warmth and joy to all readers. This is her authorial debut. www.sallyhanillustration.com
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Trouble at the Tangerine
by Gillian McDunn

Acclaimed author Gillian McDunn pens a delightfully quirky mystery that delves into the meaning of home.
Simon's family is always on the move. Every few months, they load up their van, "Vincent Van Go," and set off for a new adventure. According to his dad, you can't live an extraordinary life by staying in one place. But all Simon wants is to settle down, so he's hatched a plan: to make their latest apartment in the Tangerine Pines building his forever home.

When a priceless necklace is stolen, clues indicate the thief might actually be another neighbor. Simon worries he'll have to move again if the thief isn't caught. He usually doesn't go looking for trouble, but if retrieving the necklace means staying, Simon is willing to risk it. With the help of his neighbor Amaya, pet-sitter, plant-waterer, and podcaster extraordinaire, Simon is determined to crack the case and finally put down roots.

Author Bio

Gillian McDunn is the author of When Sea Becomes Sky, Schneider Honor winning Honestly Elliott, These Unlucky Stars, The Queen Bee and Me, and Caterpillar Summer, which received two starred reviews, and was selected for the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List, and Kirkus Reviews and Parents magazine Best Books of the Year lists. When she isn't reading or writing, she is probably baking gluten-free treats, traveling, or spending time with her family. She lives near Raleigh, North Carolina, with her husband and children, and a very silly dog named Friday.

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A Whisper of Poison
by Jess Lourey

John Wick meets The Giver in this post-apocalyptic teen survival young adult novel from bestselling author Jess Lourey.

Rose is grateful to live in an enclosed biosphere behind an imposing wall, protected from the brutal chaos of the outside world. In her village, everyone is born knowing their place, their career, and their spouse. There is no stress because there are no choices.

Gryphon is assigned to be her husband. He is quick, he is beautiful, and he wishes every day he wasn't bound to her. But Rose will accept their marriage because she never causes trouble.

Until a body harvest is called the same day as her wedding, and despite the decree that should have protected her family, her beloved little brother is chosen. Watching his terrified face as he's dragged away, Rose makes a decision that will set her on a harrowing journey, one that forces her to choose between escape and annihilation as she uncovers the dark secret that has kept them behind the wall for centuries.

Author Bio
Jess Lourey writes about secrets. She’s the Amazon Charts bestselling, Edgar, Agatha, and Lefty-nominated, Anthony and Thriller Award winning author of crime fiction, nonfiction, children's books, YA adventure, and magical realism. She is a retired professor of creative writing and sociology, a recipient of The Loft's Excellence in Teaching fellowship, a Psychology Today blogger, and a TEDx presenter (check out her TEDx Talk for the surprising inspiration behind her first published novel). When not leading women’s writing retreats, reading, traveling, or fostering kittens, you can find her drafting her next story.

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Evergreen
by Devin Greenlee

Nature buries secrets - at least until they grow in this m/m coming of age fairy tale retelling from debut author Devin Greenlee.

Quill is the most useless dryad in history. He can't make plants grow. His hair won't even mature from green to golden and he has a ton of allergies. So naturally, his mother makes sure he stays inside. Away from mortals, tending to his family's magical, massive garden inside the closet. But then a dangerous plant goes missing the same night Quill meets his first mortal: his new neighbor.

Adam, an insufferably cheery, extroverted jock, is suspicious from the start. They share a fire escape and Quill often leaves his window open, so he's the prime suspect. If Quill doesn't figure out what happened to the plant before his mother notices, he can kiss any ounce of freedom he had goodbye. So he has to stay close to Adam. Meaning: also leave the apartment. Once they grow closer, though, strange things start happening in the garden: dying fruit, flowers dissolving into dust...

Beneath all the shy kisses under moonlight lays a dark secret... and if Quill doesn't figure it out in time, he may not only lose the garden forever - but everyone he loves.

Author Bio

Devin Greenlee earned his B.A. in English Literature from the University of Colorado. He currently teaches all high school levels, so he's become fluent in the language of sharp wit. Aspects of his personal and professional life give him a strong perspective of #ownvoices, specifically as a member of the LGBTQ+ community. He is incredibly passionate about including these narratives in his work. devingreenlee.com
The Liar's Crown
by Abigail Owen

*Paste Magazine Pick for Best New YA Books of August 2022*

*An addictive, action-packed, scorcher of a read!* - #1 New York Times bestselling author Alyson Noel

*Some shadows protect you... others will kill you in this dazzling new fantasy series from award-winning author Abigail Owen.*

Everything about my life is a lie. As a hidden twin princess, born second, I have only one purpose - to sacrifice my life for my sister if death comes for her. I've been living under the guise of a poor, obscure girl of no standing, slipping into the palace and into the role of the true princess when danger is present.

Now the queen is dead and the ageless King Eidolon has sent my sister a gift - an eerily familiar gift - and a proposal to wed. I don't trust him, so I do what I was born to do and secretly take her place on the eve of the coronation. Which is why, when a figure made of shadow kidnaps the new queen, he gets me by mistake.

As I try to escape, all the lies start to unravel. And not just my lies. The Shadowraith who took me has secrets of his own. He struggles to contain the shadows he wields - other faces, identities that threaten my very life.

Winter is at the walls. Darkness is looming. And the only way to save my sister and our dominion is to kill Eidolon... and the Shadowraith who has stolen my heart.

The Dominions series is best enjoyed in order.

**Reading Order:**
- Book #1 The Liar's Crown
- Book #2 The Stolen Throne

**Author Bio**

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

Abigail currently resides in Austin, Texas, with her own swoon-worthy hero husband and their angelic (mostly) kids, who are growing up way too fast.
The Shadows Rule All  
by Abigail Owen

This electrifying conclusion combines danger, action, and a heart-pounding romance wrapped up in a gorgeous cover package.

Meren isn't the stand-in princess anymore - she's earned the title of Queen of Aryd. Even if most of her people don't know it and she's not actually in Aryd at the moment. Things can't get any worse. King Eidolon possesses her throne, her amulet, and her Shadowraith.

Meanwhile, she's stuck on the run with a ragtag group of warriors and friends, wielding a nymph's curse that grants her a power not her own, holding on to a promise to get Reven back, and.... struggling to contain the evil he left inside her.

She has no choice... she has to fight.

But how? The only path to defeating the king that she can see is getting to the last of amulets before Eidolon does. After that, the question is... does she somehow release the goddesses? They might fix everything - the magic devastating the dominions, Eidolon's treachery, and hopefully return Reven to her. Except her ancestresses imprisoned the six sister deities for a reason.

What if, instead of gaining help against a tyrant king... she's about to unleash hellfire on the entire world?

Author Bio

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

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**A Tempest of Tea**  
by Hafsah Faizal

From Hafsah Faizal, *New York Times*-bestselling author of *We Hunt the Flame*, comes the first book in a hotly-anticipated new fantasy duology about an orphan girl and her crew who get tangled in a heist with vampires, perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo’s *Six of Crows*.

On the streets of White Roaring, Arthie Casimir is a criminal mastermind and collector of secrets. Her prestigious tearoom transforms into an illegal bloodhouse by dark, catering to the vampires feared by society. But when her establishment is threatened, Arthie is forced to strike an unlikely deal with an alluring adversary to save it - and she can't do the job alone.

Calling on some of the city's most skilled outcasts, Arthie hatches a plan to infiltrate the dark and glittering vampire society known as the Athereum. But not everyone in her ragtag crew is on her side, and as the truth behind the heist unfolds, Arthie finds herself in the midst of a conspiracy that will threaten the world as she knows it. Dark, action-packed, and swoonworthy, this is Hafsah Faizal better than ever.

**Author Bio**

Hafsah Faizal is the *New York Times*-bestselling author of *We Hunt the Flame* and *We Free the Stars*, and the founder of IceyDesigns, where she creates websites for authors and beauteous goodies for everyone else. A Forbes 30 under 30 honoree, she was born in Florida and raised in California, she now resides in North Carolina with her husband and a library of books waiting to be devoured.
An Unlikely Proposition
by Rosalyn Eves

A standalone companion to An Improbable Season, this Regency romance - perfect for fans of Bridgerton - is about following your heart, pursuing your dreams, and falling head over heels in love.

Eleanor did not come to London to be proper and boring. After the death of her husband and a year of mourning, the seventeen year old wants nothing more than her independence and to have a little fun. She's hardly looking to remarry, despite pressures from her late husband’s nephew, who is keen on obtaining her inheritance. Eleanor quickly devises a plan that includes a fake engagement. What's not a part of the plan? Falling for a dashing, quiet man outside of her social circle - a man who is not her betrothed. Can she survive the Season with her heart and her fortune intact?

Thalia is determined to begin afresh after a disastrous first Season in London. No romantic distractions, but only her work as a poet and newfound companion to Eleanor. Determined to get her poems published, she struggles to be taken seriously as a female writer. As the spring progresses, Thalia does not expect to take interest in a man from her past (a man who is engaged to her employer, no less!), but some feelings demand to be felt even if the timing isn’t quite right.

Rosalyn Eves's An Unlikely Proposition is a transportive Regency drama that captures the sparkle of London, thrill of friendship, and swoon of new love.

Author Bio

Rosalyn Eves grew up in the Rocky Mountains, dividing her time between reading books and bossing her siblings into performing her dramatic scripts. As an adult, the telling and reading of stories is still one of her favorite things to do. She is the author of the historical fantasy trilogy Blood Rose Rebellion and Beyond the Mapped Stars . When she’s not reading, writing, or teaching writing at Southern Utah University, she enjoys spending time with her chemistry professor husband and three children, watching British period pieces, or hiking.
For fans of Casey McQuiston and Alice Oseman, a girl falls for her best friend’s crush in *Cupid’s Revenge*, a queer YA rom-com from Wibke Brueggemann that’s equal parts hilarious and swoon-worthy.

It was never Tilly’s intention to fall in love, but Cupid will get you when you least expect it. That’s exactly what happens when Tilly’s best friend, Teddy, ropes Tilly into a plan to woo his dream girl, aspiring actress Katherine Cooper-Bunting. It turns out Teddy’s not the only one who finds her dreamy.

But Katherine is off-limits. The only thing more important than Tilly’s feelings for someone she just met is not hurting Teddy, whose heart has been broken in the past.

Though, avoiding temptation is easier said than done, as Teddy convinces Tilly to help him audition for a local play as a way to get to know Katherine better - a complete horror for someone who grew up in an artsy family but doesn’t have a creative bone in her body. On top of dealing with her growing feelings for the girl she shouldn’t like (but who may like her back), Tillie is still grieving a loss while navigating her grandfather’s recent Alzheimer’s diagnosis. So yeah, that’s a lot for any sixteen-year-old to handle without Cupid’s vengeful arrows getting involved.

*Author Bio*

Wibke Brueggemann grew up in northern Germany and the southern United States, but calls London her home. She originally studied acting at the Academy of Live and Recorded Arts but ended up becoming a writer. She has a Master’s in Writing for Young People from Bath Spa University, where she was the recipient of the Bath Spa University Writing Award. Wibke enjoys traveling, and is a clandestine lover of romantic poetry and Renaissance art. She is the author of *Love is for Losers* and *Cupid’s Revenge*. 

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Escargot and the Search for Spring
by Dashka Slater, illustrated by Sydney Hanson

A funny and charming French snail sets off on a springtime adventure in Escargot and the Search for Spring, the standalone fourth installment in the award-winning picture book series written by New York Times-bestselling author Dashka Slater and illustrated by Sydney Hanson - featuring an adorable bunny, this is the perfect read for Easter.

Bonjour! Escargot is thrilled to see everyone again, but you may notice that our favorite French snail is less magnifique than usual.

After such a long winter, Escargot is feeling a bit down. He has a terrible case of ennui! Perhaps a change of season will lift his spirits.

Join Escargot on his search for the first signs of Spring, where a curious bunny friend and plenty of laughs are just around the corner.

Author Bio

Dashka Slater is the New York Times-bestselling author of The 57 Bus, which won the Stonewall Book Award and was a YALSA nonfiction finalist. Her fiction includes The Book of Fatal Errors, the picture book Escargot, which won the Wanda Gag Book Award; Baby Shoes; The Antlered Ship, which was a Junior Library Guild Selection and received four starred reviews; and Dangerously Ever After. She is also an award-winning journalist whose articles have appeared in Newsweek, Salon, The New York Times Magazine, and Mother Jones. She lives in California.

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 art. 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. @sydwiki
Glenn Burke, Game Changer
The Man Who Invented the High Five
by Phil Bildner, illustrated by Daniel J. O’Brien

An inspiring picture book biography about Glenn Burke, the first Major League Baseball player to come out as gay, and the story of how he created the world’s most recognizable handshake, the high five.

Playing for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Glenn Burke could do it all - hit, throw, run, field. He was the heart of the clubhouse who energized his teammates with his enthusiasm and love for the game. It was that energy that led Glenn to invent the high five one October day back in 1977 - a spontaneous gesture after a home run that has since evolved into our universal celebratory greeting.

But despite creating this joyful symbol, Glenn Burke, a gay Black man, wasn’t always given support and shown acceptance in return.

From acclaimed author Phil Bildner, with illustrations from Daniel J. O’Brien, this moving picture book biography recognizes the challenges Burke faced while celebrating how his bravery and his now-famous handshake helped pave the way for others to live openly and free.

Author Bio

Phil Bildner is a former New York City public school teacher who lives in Newburgh, New York with his husband, dog, and cats. The author of many picture books and novels, including the acclaimed coming-of-age story A High Five for Glenn Burke as well as the middle grade Rip & Red series, Daniel J. O’Brien is a Trinidadian-born author and illustrator currently residing in New York. He holds a BFA in Illustration from the School of Visual Arts. Daniel has written, illustrated, designed, and self-published two children’s books, The Carnival Prince and I Am the Midnight Robber, and is also the illustrator of The Talking Mango Tree, The Masquerade Dance, and Juneteenth.
Here with Me
by David Walker, illustrated by David Walker

David Walker’s sweet and reassuring writer-illustrator debut Here with Me, about the everlasting bonds of love is sure to be a modern children’s classic.

If you could be a different kind of you,
what would you wish to be?
A monkey in a tree?
Would you be a fluffy fox?
A slow-moving sloth?

Or maybe, if you had the choice,
you wouldn’t be different at all. . .
because maybe, right here with the ones you love
is the best place in the world to be.

"The rhymes are steady and gentle, set against smudgy, dreamlike backdrops in a palette of lush greens and warm, toasty yellows. The rabbit appears envious of others’ abilities but always circles back to a connection with family. It’s not a tale of self-acceptance or identity but rather unconditional love." - Kirkus

Author Bio

David Walker has illustrated many books for children, including Victoria Adler’s Baby, Come Away and Ann Whitford Paul’s Little Monkey Says Good Night and If Animals Kissed Good Night. He lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

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Ages 0-3 years
From critically acclaimed author-illustrator Joowon Oh comes a poignant picture book about the special bonds between a girl and her foster dogs, with heartwarming messages of compassion, selflessness, and finding a home - in each other.

One day, Ruth and her mom are in the park and see a pet adoption fair. Ruth is drawn to a cute little dog, but they are moving soon and can’t adopt. However, they can foster for a couple of months, and that’s how they wind up with Ginger. Then Daisy. Then Cody, a special-needs dog with injured hind legs. Can Ruth help Cody find his forever home?

*Lucky Dogs* is a vibrant and charming story about three adorable dogs down on their luck and a girl with a big heart who wants to save them. Each hello is a delight as these furry friends teach our young heroine how to overcome her worries and be joyful, curious, and brave.

**Author Bio**

Joowon Oh earned her BFA in illustration at the School of Visual Arts and graduated from SVA’s MFA Illustration as Visual Essay program. Her debut picture book was *Our Favorite Day*, which received three starred reviews. Joowon divides her time between Korea and the United States. Joowon Oh earned her BFA in illustration at the School of Visual Arts and graduated from SVA’s MFA Illustration as Visual Essay program. Her debut picture book was *Our Favorite Day*, which received three starred reviews. Joowon divides her time between Korea and the United States.
Maybe It’s a Sign
by E. L. Shen

An uplifting middle-grade novel about loss, luck . . . and deep-dish chocolate chip cookies - perfect for fans of King and the Dragonflies and The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise.

Seventh-grader Freya June Sun has always believed in the Chinese superstitions spoon-fed to her since birth. Ever since her dad’s death a year ago, she’s become obsessed with them, and believes that her father is sending her messages from beyond. Like how, on her way to an orchestra concert where she’s dreading her viola solo, a pair of lucky red birds appear - a sure indication that Dad wants Freya to stick with the instrument and make him proud.

Then Freya is partnered with Gus Choi, a goofy and super annoying classmate, for a home economics project. To her surprise, as they experiment with recipes and get to know each other, Freya finds that she may love baking more than music. It could be time for a big change in her life, even though her dad hasn’t sent a single sign. But with the help of her family, Gus (who might not be so annoying after all), and two maybe-magical birds, Freya learns that to be her own person, she might just have to make her own luck.

In Maybe It’s a Sign, E. L. Shen cooks up a deliciously voicey, comforting family story sweetened with a dollop of first romance, a dash of whimsy, and heaps of heart.

Author Bio
E. L. Shen is a writer, editor, and the author of The Comeback, Maybe It’s a Sign, and The Queens of New York. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Barnard College of Columbia University, where she majored in English with a concentration in creative writing. Originally from upstate New York, she currently resides in Manhattan.
Something Kindred
by Ciera Burch

Magical realism meets Southern Gothic in this commanding young adult debut from Ciera Burch about true love, the meaning of home, and the choices that haunt us.

Welcome to Coldwater. Come for the ghosts, stay for the drama.

Jericka Walker had planned to spend the summer before senior year soaking up the sun with her best friend on the Jersey Shore. Instead she finds herself in Coldwater, Maryland, a small town with a dark and complicated past where her estranged grandmother lives - someone she knows only two things about: her name and the fact that she left Jericka's mother and uncle when they were children. But now Jericka's grandmother is dying, and her mother has dragged Jericka along to say goodbye.

As Jericka attempts to form a connection with a woman she's never known, and adjusts to life in a town where everything closes before dinner, she meets ghost girl" Kat, a girl eager to leave Coldwater and more exciting than a person has any right to be. But Coldwater has a few unsettling secrets of its own. The more you try to leave, the stronger the town's hold. As Jericka feels the chilling pull of her family's past, she begins to question everything she thought she knew about her mother, her childhood, and the lines between the living and the dead.

"A double exposure of heartbreaking beauty and electric prose, Something Kindred tenderly beckons you to a town haunted by memories and asks you to stay awhile." - Jas Hammonds, award-winning author of We Deserve Monuments

Author Bio

Ciera Burch is a lifelong writer and ice cream aficionado. She has a B.A from American University and an MFA from Emerson College. Her fiction has appeared in American Literary Magazine, Underground, the art and literary journal of Georgia State University, Stork, and Blackbird . While she is originally from New Jersey, she currently resides in Boston with her stuffed animals and far too many books.
Threads: Zlata’s Ukrainian Shirt
by Lina Maslo, illustrated by Lina Maslo

*Threads* is an inspiring picture book about a girl’s survival of the 1930s Ukrainian Famine-Genocide, messaging hope, pride for one’s heritage, and context for today’s War in Ukraine.

The threads on Zlata's beautiful birthday blouse were knotted by her mother's hands. "Red is for love, and black is for sadness," her Papa says. Her Mama warns her not to show it off. Ever since the Communists came from Russia to Ukraine, they prohibited the teaching of Ukrainian culture. They've even taken the grain from Zlata's family's fields. But despite the danger, her parents refuse to give up their art, language, or beliefs.

As Zlata works to help her community survive, she finds that the dream of freedom is stitched deeper into the Ukrainian spirit than she could ever imagine.

Drawing from her own family's experience in the 1932-33 Ukrainian Famine-Genocide, Lina Maslo weaves a thoughtful story that dares us not the forget the pain of the past as it informs the present conflict in Ukraine and inspires hope for the future.

Author Bio

Lina Maslo is a children's book author and illustrator working in Anderson, South Carolina. Originally from Ukraine, Lina emigrated to the United States in 1989, two years before the fall of the Soviet Union. Lina's other books include *Free as a Bird: The Story of Malala*, which is a Library Guild Selection, CCBC Choice, and the winner of the Living the Dream Book Award; and *Through the Wardrobe: How C.S. Lewis Created Narnia*. 
When the Rain Came Down
by Leslie Helakoski, illustrated by Keisha Morris

A stunning picture book by Leslie Helakoski and illustrated by Keisha Morris about resilience, survival, and hope found in community.

When the rain came down and the water rose up . . .
thousands fled but many couldn't leave.

When the rain came down and the water rose up . . .
a community came together.

When the rain came down and the water rose up . . .
hope grew from heartache.

With lyrical text and evocative illustrations, When the Rain Came Down spreads a powerful message of resilience through community building after the tides of a natural disaster and captures the incredible strength of shared humanity even on the darkest days.

Author Bio

Leslie Helakoski is the author of many picture books, including Are Your Stars Like My Stars? illustrated by Heidi Woodword Sheffield, and Woolbur illustrated by Lee Harper. She has also written and illustrated several books, most recently Hoot & Honk Just Can't Sleep. She is a recipient of the 2020 Gwen Frostic Award for her work in literacy and divides her time between south Louisiana and northern Michigan. www.helakoskibooks.com

Keisha Morris earned her BFA in Illustration at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and has illustrated several picture books, including The Truth About Mrs. Claus by Meena Harris and All Aboard the Schooltrain by Glenda Armand. When she is not drawing, she loves spending time with her wife, daughter, and cats. www.keishamorris.com
You're Going to Love This Book!
by Jory John, illustrated by Olivier Tallec

Sure to bring a smile to the faces of even the grumpiest readers, this laugh-out-loud picture book from #1 New York Times-bestselling author Jory John and internationally acclaimed illustrator Olivier Tallec is hilarious enough to come back to again and again.

Attention, reader: You’re going to LOVE this book!

No, really, you are. It's got everything you could ever want: comedy, drama, action, heart. Plus - are you ready? It's got homework! Ahh yeah! And a trip to the best place ever, the dentist! Ahhh yeahhh! Additionally - brace yourself - it's got raisins! Nature's candy. AHH YEAHHH! This book is so great, you won't be able to stop reading it. I DARE you not to have fun.

Author Bio

Jory John is a #1 New York Times-bestselling author of books for both children and adults. His previous collaboration with Erin Kraan was the popular picture book, Something's Wrong! His work also includes the New York Times-bestselling picture books The Good Egg and The Bad Seed; the award-winning Goodnight Already! series; the popular picture books This Book Will Get You to Sleep!, Penguin Problems, and Giraffe Problems. He lives in Silverdale, Washington. Olivier Tallec is a children's book illustrator and graduate of the Ecole Superieure des Arts Appliques in Paris. He has illustrated more than 150 books for children, including This Book Will Get You to Sleep, Who Done It, I Always Wanted One, and It's MY Tree, which he also wrote. He lives in France.
Alone Sometimes: Everybody Needs a Hole in the Ground
by Skylaar Amann

In Skylaar Amann's gentle, beautifully illustrated picture book, two best friends learn that sometimes everyone needs a quiet, safe space to just be.

Ren and Kit are the best of friends, always doing everything together. But when Ren needs some quiet time to herself, she chooses to hide away in an unlikely place. Kit doesn't understand, but she's willing to listen and learn. And in the end, they both realize that sometimes, everybody needs a hole in the ground.

Alone Sometimes speaks directly to the need we all occasionally have for a safe space where we can hide away from the frustrations of the world.

Author Bio

Skylaar Amann is the author-illustrator of Smile, Sophia and Lloyd Finds His Whalesong. She writes and draws stories about the ocean, science, and kids with big feelings. In addition to writing books, Skylaar works as an illustrator, editor, and occasional mentor. She lives in Oregon, where she enjoys exploring tide pools, playing video games, making things, and looking for holes in the ground.
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Daughter of the Bone Forest
by Jasmine Skye

Two girls reluctantly bound by fate must weather a dangerous courtship as a prophesied war grows ever closer in Jasmine Skye’s high-stakes, queernormative dark fantasy debut, *Daughter of the Bone Forest*.

Rosy is a bone familiar, gifted with the power to shift into animals marked with exposed bone. She spends most of her days in the magical Bone Forest, caring for her feral grandmother and hiding her powers to avoid conscription by the Witch King’s army. Until the day that Princess Shaw, a witch known as Death’s Heir, visits the Forest. When Rosy saves Shaw’s life, the princess offers her the chance to attend the prestigious school, Witch Hall, as payment. Though Rosy is wary of Shaw’s intentions, she cannot pass up the opportunity to find the cure for her grandmother’s affliction.

But at Witch Hall, Rosy finds herself embroiled in political games she doesn’t understand. Shaw wants Rosy for her entourage, a partner to help lead the coming war. All Rosy wants is to stay out of trouble until she can graduate and save her grandmother, but she can’t deny her attraction to Shaw or the comfort Shaw’s magic gives her. Will Rosy give in to her destiny, or will the Bone Forest call her home once and for all?

Author Bio

**Jasmine Skye** is a queer-romantic, grey-ace, bigender fantasy author. Growing up, Jasmine learned sword fighting, renaissance dancing, and equestrian skills through the SCA, a medieval recreation society. In college, s/he studied Psychology, Anthropology (with a specialization in Native and Indigenous Studies), and Multidisciplinary Honors in Writing. S/he earned a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the University of Southern Maine’s Stonecoast Program.

Jasmine owns two snakes and a dog, grew up with horses and chickens, and will likely collect a menagerie by the time s/he’s fifty. When not writing, s/he works with high schoolers across Texas as a DEI outreach coordinator. *Daughter of the Bone Forest* is Jasmine’s debut novel.
Dear Wendy
by Ann Zhao

Dear Wendy’s Sophie and Jo, two aromantic and asexual students at Wellesley College, engage in an online feud while unknowingly becoming friends in real life, in this dual POV Young Adult contemporary debut from Ann Zhao.

Sophie Chi is in her first year at Wellesley College (despite her parents' pleas that she attend a real university, rather than a liberal arts school) and has long accepted her aromantic and asexual (aroace) identities. While knowing she'll never fall in love, she enjoys running an Instagram account that offers relationship advice to students at Wellesley. No one except her roommate knows that she's behind the incredibly popular "Dear Wendy" account.

When Joanna "Jo" Ephron - also a first-year aroace student at Wellesley - created their "Sincerely Wanda" account, it wasn't all meant to be serious or take off like it does - not like Wendy's. But now they might have a rivalry of sorts with that account? Oops. As if Jo's not busy enough having existential crises over gender, the fact that she'll never truly be loved or be enough, or her few friends finding The One and forgetting her!

While tensions are rising online, Sophie and Jo are starting to get closer in real life, bonding over their shared aroace identities. As their friendship develops and they work together to start a campus organization for other a-spec students, can their growing bond survive if they learn just who's behind the Wendy and Wanda accounts?

Exploring a-spec identities, college life, and more, this platonic comedy, perfect for fans of Alice Oseman's Loveless, is ultimately a love story about two people who are not - and will not be - in love.

Author Bio

Ann Zhao (she/her) is a student at Wellesley College, where she studies linguistics with a minor in women's and gender studies. She enjoys cooking, baking, and knitting, but she does not enjoy cleaning up after herself when she's done with these activities. Dear Wendy is her debut novel.
DnDoggos: Get the Party Started
by Scout Underhill, contributions by Liana Sposto

Four adorable dogs have picked their characters and favorite dice and are ready to save the day in this middle-grade graphic novel debut from online comic creator Scout Underhill. Magnus is tail-waggingly excited to share his favorite role-playing game with his friends! They've picked their characters and favorite dice, and are ready to set off on the adventure Magnus has created for them.

Pickles, a rough-and-tumble fighter; Tonka, a playful and fun-loving bard; and Zoey, a wise and caring cleric, are given a quest to fetch a magical dog collar from a nearby swamp. But when they triumphantly return, they soon find that the collar isn't the only thing that has gone missing from Tail's Bend. All the squeaky toys in town have disappeared and Squish, the mayor's young son, has set off on his own to find them.

It's up to the Doggos to rescue Squish, track down the missing toys, and save the day!

Author Bio

Scout Underhill started DnDoggos as a webcomic in 2017 when they caught their dogs playing tabletop roleplaying games. Using their newly found internet celebrity status, Magnus and Pickles "encouraged" (demanded) Scout to make this book. Scout lives in the woods of Nashville, Tennessee with their dogs and found family. DnDoggos: Get The Party Started is their debut graphic novel.

Liana Sposto is an illustrator and cartoonist from Los Angeles, California, where she lives on a sailboat with her husband and a bunch of sea lions. She really loves coloring. @lianabnana lianasposto.com
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Don't Wash Winston
by Ashley Belote

We've all been there—A bit of a spill, an overenthusiastic leap, one mud pie too many, and OH NO! our beloved stuffed animal friend suddenly has to be (glup) WASHED!

When Winston, Liam's favorite teddy bear, gets muddy, Dad decides that Winston needs to be washed. But the washing machine is big and loud and scary! Liam decides that the only solution is to hide Winston away from this terrible fate.

Ashley Belote's humorous and heartwarming tale, Don't Wash Winston, allows anxious toy-protectors to gleefully follow along with Liam's teddy-hiding plans, while also, in the end, leading them to the realization that sometimes it really is necessary for even the most beloved friend to be washed.

Author Bio

Ashley Belote is the illustrator of Frankenslime and the author-illustrator of Listen Up, Louella. She studied traditional animation under the direction of Don Bluth. Ashley earned her BA from Alderson Broaddus University and her MA in Arts Administration from the University of Kentucky. Her graduate study included a childrens literature and illustration course through Simmons College. Ashley lives and works in North Carolina where she creates artwork that she hopes brings lots of laughs to others.
For the Stolen Fates
by Gwendolyn Clare

In this heart-pumping sci-fi sequel to In the City of Time, two people have to work together to prevent the cataclysm that will soon break the laws of physics and render Earth uninhabitable.

Now in possession of the most dangerous book ever scribed, Willa and Saudade settle into the nineteenth century and start planning how to avert the cataclysm that will soon break the laws of physics and render Earth uninhabitable.

Faraz only wants his best friend, Leo, to have the time to come to terms with the death of his father - even if his father was a power-hungry villain who had to be stopped. But someone has stolen the editbook again, and now Faraz and his friends must track down Willa and challenge her for control of the editbook.

Meanwhile, Leo's older brother Aris contemplates a path toward redemption after using the editbook to destroy the city of Napoli. Can he salvage his remaining relationships, after a lifetime of following their father?

But as far as Willa and Saudade are concerned, all these people are suspects in a crime that hasn't happened yet

Author Bio

Gwendolyn Clare teaches college biology in central Pennsylvania, where she lives with too many cats and never enough books. Her short stories can be found in Fantasy & Science Fiction, Asimov's, Analog, Clarkesworld, and Beneath Ceaseless Skies. Her debut novel was Ink, Iron, and Glass.
Human history has always been shaped by technology, but AI is like no technology that has come before it. Unlike the wheel, combustion engines, or electricity, AI does the thing that humans do best: think. While AI hasn’t reproduced the marvelously complex human brain, it has been able to accomplish astonishing things. AI has defeated our players at games like chess, Go, and Jeopardy!. It’s learned to recognize objects and speech. It can create art and music. It’s even allowed grieving people to feel as though they were talking with their dead loved ones.

On the flip side, it’s put innocent people in jail, manipulated the emotions of social media users, and tricked people into believing untrue things.

In this non-fiction book for teens, acclaimed author and teacher Martha Brockenbrough guides readers through the development of this world-changing technology, exploring how AI has touched every corner of our world, including education, healthcare, work, politics, war, international relations, and even romance. This is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand how artificial intelligence got here, how to make the best use of it, and how we can expect it to transform our lives.

Author Bio

Martha Brockenbrough draws on her diverse experience in journalism, research, nonfiction, and literary teen fiction to bring Alexander Hamilton to life in Alexander Hamilton, Revolutionary . A powerful storyteller and narrative voice, Brockenbrough is also the author of the critically acclaimed YA novels The Game of Love and Death and Devine Intervention . She enjoys reading Hamilton’s original correspondence, playing board games, and spending time with her family. She lives in Seattle, Washington.
I Am Both
A Vietnamese Refugee Story
by Kerisa Greene

A picture book inspired by the author’s family’s journey on the last flight out of Saigon, I Am Both is a compelling exploration of identity, immigration, and family.

We zip through the city listening to the music of the street.

I hear the swish swoosh of the baskets and the clink clank of the passing bikes.

For HAE*Æ¡ng, life in Saigon, Vietnam is mostly normal—*at least, as normal as it can be while a war is going on. But when her family decides to take the last flight out of the country to build a new life in America, HAE*Æ¡ng’s worries about missing her home. Through new friends and old traditions, HAE*Æ¡ng learns that no matter where we go, the smell of home and the taste of love can happen anywhere, as long as we have our family.

In this timely and hopeful story of immigration, author/illustrator Kerisa Greene captures the vibrancy of life in both Vietnam and America with wonderfully textured illustrations and descriptions of the sights and sounds of each country. Fun and educational backmatter includes the true story behind HAE*Æ¡ng’s journey and a glossary of Vietnamese terms.

Author Bio
Kerisa Greene is a mixed Asian American author and illustrator who loves to eat giant bowls of phaÝY, especially when her grandmother makes them. When she’s not drawing or crafting stories you can find Kerisa munching on chocolate chip cookies, exploring new places, and petting every dog that walks by.
Kid-ventors
35 Real Kids and Their Amazing Inventions
by Kailei Pew, illustrated by Shannon Wright

What do swim fins, Popsicles (Reg TM), Infection-Detecting Stitches, the Braille alphabet, and Taco vs. Burrito all have in common? They were all invented by kids!

When Remya Jose had to spend many hours washing her family's laundry by hand, she invented a pedal powered washing machine that could finish the chore in only 20 minutes! When Tripp Phillips' Lego creations kept falling apart, he developed a glue strong enough to hold his creations together that would wash off when he was ready to build something new! And when Fatima Al Kaabi didn't have anyone willing to teach her about robotics, she turned to the internet to teach herself all the skills she needed - and created multiple crowd-pleasing robots in the process!

From Popsicles and swim fins to robots and glitter shooting prosthetics, Kailei Pew's middle grade nonfiction debut is full of fun and inspiring stories, illustrated by Shannon Wright, about real kid inventors who proved that even the youngest people can change the world.

Author Bio

Kailei Pew believes in the power of books. As a former school mentor and reading coach, she loved seeing the spark of excitement in students when she introduced them to the perfect story. She hopes her own books will inspire the next generation. When she isn't writing or reading, you can find her spending time with her husband and kiddos, jogging through the Arizona desert, and baking anything with extra chocolate. Kid Made is her debut book. Shannon Wright is an illustrator and cartoonist reading fanfiction in Richmond, Virginia. Her work has appeared in The New York Times, Time magazine, Mother Jones, Google and KaBOOM! Studios.

She is the illustrator of Twins, a graphic novel by Varian Johnson. Shannon also teaches a comics course at Virginia Commonwealth University. My Mommy Medicine is her first picture book.
Most Ardently: A Pride & Prejudice Remix
by Gabe Cole Novoa

In the Remixed Classics series, authors from marginalized backgrounds reinterpret classic works through their own cultural lens to subvert the overwhelming cishet, white, and male canon. This bittersweet Pride & Prejudice remix follows a trans boy yearning for the freedom to live openly, centering queerness in a well-known story of longing and subverting society's patriarchal and cisheteronormative expectations.

London, 1812. Oliver Bennet feels trapped. Not just by the endless corsets, petticoats and skirts he's forced to wear on a daily basis, but also by society's expectations. The world - and the vast majority of his family and friends - think Oliver is a girl named Elizabeth. He is therefore expected to mingle at balls wearing a pretty dress, entertain suitors regardless of his interest in them, and ultimately become someone's wife.

But Oliver can't bear the thought of such a fate. He finds solace in the few times he can sneak out of his family's home and explore the city rightfully dressed as a young gentleman. It's during one such excursion when Oliver becomes acquainted with Darcy, a sulky young man who had been rude to Elizabeth at a recent social function. But in the comfort of being out of the public eye, Oliver comes to find that Darcy is actually a sweet, intelligent boy with a warm heart. And not to mention incredibly attractive.

As Oliver is able to spend more time as his true self, often with Darcy, part of him dares begin to hope that his dream of love and life as a man could be possible. But suitors are growing bolder - and (...)

Author Bio

Gabe Cole Novoa (he/him) is a Latinx transmasculine author who writes speculative fiction featuring marginalized characters grappling with identity. Now leveled up with an MFA in Writing for Children, when he isn't being nerdy at his day job, or buried under his TBR pile, you'll likely find him making heart-eyes at the latest snazzy outfit he wants to add to his wardrobe. Gabe is the author of The Wicked Bargain and the Beyond the Red trilogy, written under a former pseudonym. He also runs a popular writing-focused YouTube channel, bookishpixie and is very active on Twitter.

Notes

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Nana Loves You More
by Jimmy Fallon, illustrated by Miguel Ordonez

Jimmy Fallon, host of NBC’s The Tonight Show and #1 New York Times bestselling author, is back with a book for grandmothers.

NANA loves you more!

How much does Nana love you?
More than the moon?
More than the stars?
More than all of the planets by far!

One of the most popular entertainers in the world will tell you just how deep a Nana's love runs.

Author Bio

Emmy and Grammy Award winner Jimmy Fallon is the author of #1 New York Times-bestselling children’s books Your Baby's First Word Will Be DADA, Everything Is Mama, This Is Baby, and 5 More Sleeps 'Til Christmas. He lives in New York with his wife, Nancy, their two daughters, Winnie and Franny, and their dog, Gary.

Miguel Ordonez illustrated Everything Is MAMA and This Is BABY, and was honored by the Society of Illustrators for Your Baby's First Word Will Be DADA. He lives in Madrid with his wife, Lucia, and their daughters, Carla and Vera.
Olivetti
by Allie Millington

A heartfelt debut middle-grade told from the unique vantage points of a witty typewriter and an introverted boy - for fans of *Wishtree* and *ARover's Story*.

Being a typewriter is not as easy as it looks. Surrounded by books (notorious attention hogs) and recently replaced by a computer, Olivetti has been forgotten by the Brindle family - the family he's lived with for years. The Brindles are busy humans, apart from 12-year-old Ernest, who would rather be left alone with his collection of Oxford English Dictionaries. The least they could do was remember Olivetti once in a while, since he remembers every word they've typed on him. It's a thankless job, keeping memories alive.

Olivetti gets a rare glimpse of action from Ernest's mom, Beatrice - his used-to-be most frequent visitor - only for her to drop him off at Heartland Pawn Shop and leave him helplessly behind. When Olivetti learns Beatrice has mysteriously gone missing afterward, he believes he can help find her. He breaks the only rule of the typewriterly code and types back to Ernest, divulging Beatrice's memories stored inside him.

Their search takes them across San Francisco - chasing clues, maybe committing a few misdemeanors. As Olivetti spills out the past, Ernest is forced to face what he and his family have been running from, The Everything That Happened. Only by working together will they find Beatrice, belonging, and the parts of themselves they've lost.

Author Bio
Allie Millington first wrote *Olivetti* on her own antique typewriter, who turned out to have an awful lot to say. She lives near Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband and their fluffy dog, Crumpet. You can frequently find her doodling in her writing shed, or foraging in the woods. You can find her on Instagram: @alliemillington or online at www.alliemillington.com
Out of Our League
16 Stories of Girls in Sports
edited by Dahlia Adler and Jennifer Iacopelli

A compelling YA anthology from editors Dahlia Adler and Jennifer Iacopelli about the trials and triumphs of girls in sports.


Every athlete knows what it takes to win. But for players who are teen girls, the stakes are so much higher. In this anthology, the voices of these athletes come alive, highlighting the ferocity of those who are often shunted to the side. From navigating rampant misogyny to forging a sisterhood through sweat or just reveling in the love of the game, the stories in Out of Our League address the phenomenal physical and emotional power of teenage athletes as they compete, persevere, and thrive, on and off the field.

Author Bio

DAHLIA ADLER is an editor by day, a freelance writer by night, and a Young Adult author at every spare moment in between. She is the founder of LGBTQReads, editor of several anthologies, and author of many novels, including Cool for the Summer and Home Field Advantage. She lives in New York with her family and an obscene number of books. JENNIFER IACOPELLI was born in New York and has no plans to leave, ever. Growing up, she read everything she could get her hands on and now, as a high school librarian, she frolics all day with her students, books, and computers and writes at night while cheering on her beloved Yankees. Jennifer is the author of Game. Set. Match., Losing at Love, Break the Fall, and Finding Her Edge, as well as the co-editor, with Dahlia Adler, of Out of Our League. Follow her @jennifercarolyn.
Sabotage on the Solar Express: Adventures on Trains #5
by M. G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman, illustrated by Elisa Paganelli

This fifth standalone book in the middle-grade Adventures on Trains series by M. G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman, finds young sleuth Hal Beck hurtling across the Australian Outback while trying to figure out who sabotaged the maiden voyage of a new train before it explodes!

When artist, train enthusiast, and sleuth, Hal Beck, and his travel journalist uncle, Nat, are invited to be on the first ever ride of the Solar Express train in Australia, he couldn’t be more excited! The new train is the result of a worldwide contest held by tech billionaire August Reza, whom they met on a trip in America. And it’s even more exciting to learn that the train’s engine was designed by fourteen-year-old prodigy Boaz Tudaweli.

Once Hal and Uncle Nat connect with August and his daughter, Marianne, she confides in Hal her suspicions about a gift her father received. At first, it seems there’s nothing to it. But when things start to go wrong even before the Solar Express has left the station - and get much worse when the ride begins - Hal, Marianne, and Boaz must investigate. Can they figure out who’s behind everything before the Solar Express goes completely off track . . . and possibly explodes?

Author Bio

M. G. Leonard has made up stories since she was a girl, but back then, adults called them lies or tall tales. As a grown-up, her books have been translated into over forty languages and won many awards. Her works include the Adventures on Trains series and Twitch. She lives in Brighton, England, with her husband, two sons, a cat, a dog, and a tank of exotic beetles.

Sam Sedgman is an award-winning, bestselling novelist, and lifelong crime fiction enthusiast. His books include the Adventures on Trains series and Epic Adventures: Explore the World in 12 Amazing Train Journeys. He lives in London, where he once ran a company devising murder mystery treasure hunts. He grew up with a railway line at the bottom of his garden and has been fascinated by trains ever since.

Elisa Paganelli was in Modena Italy and lives in the UK. She is the illustrator of the Adventures on Trains series.
Song of the Six Realms
by Judy I. Lin


Xue, a talented young musician, has no past and probably no future. Orphaned at a young age, her kindly poet uncle took her in and arranged for an apprenticeship at one of the most esteemed entertainment houses in the kingdom. She doesn’t remember much from before entering the House of Flowing Water, and when her uncle is suddenly killed in a bandit attack, she is devastated to lose her last connection to a life outside of her indenture contract.

With no family and no patron, Xue is facing the possibility of a lifetime of servitude playing the qin for nobles that praise her talent with one breath and sneer at her lowly social status with the next. Then one night she is unexpectedly called to the garden to put on a private performance for the enigmatic Duke Meng. The young man is strangely kind and awkward for nobility, and surprises Xue further with an irresistible offer: serve as a musician in residence at his manor for one year, and he’ll set her free of her indenture contract.

But the Duke’s motives become increasingly more suspect when he and Xue barely survive an attack by a nightmarish monster, and when he whisks her away to his estate, she discovers he’s not just some country noble: He’s the Duke of Dreams, one of the divine rulers of the Celestial Realm. There she learns the Six Realms are (…) 

Author Bio

Judy I. Lin, #1 New York Times-bestselling author of the Book of Tea duology (A Magic Steeped in Poison and A Venom Dark and Sweet), was born in Taiwan and immigrated to Canada with her family at a young age. She grew up with her nose in a book and loved to escape to imaginary worlds. She now works as an occupational therapist and still spends her nights dreaming up imaginary worlds of her own. She lives on the Canadian prairies with her husband and daughters.
The 130-Story Treehouse
Laser Eyes and Annoying Flies
by Andy Griffiths, illustrated by Terry Denton

New York Times -bestselling team Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton invite readers to come hang out with them in their 130-Story Treehouse - the tenth book in the illustrated chapter book series filled with Andy and Terry's signature slapstick humor!

Andy and Terry live in a 130-story treehouse. (It used to be a 117-story treehouse, but they added another 13 stories.) It has a soap bubble blaster, a time-wasting level, a 13-story igloo, the GRABINATOR (it can grab anything from anywhere at any time), a toilet paper factory, and an extraterrestrial observation centre for observing aliens.

As it turns out, though, it's Andy, Terry and Jill who are being observed - and then abducted - by a giant flying eyeball from outer space! At first they're excited to be going on an intergalactic space adventure, but when they arrive on Planet Eyeballia, they discover it's not at all a friendly place. Will the gang be able to escape and get back to Earth and write their book before time runs out?

Praise for Andy Griffiths and the Treehouse series:

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

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

Read the whole (...)

Author Bio

Andy Griffiths is the New York Times bestselling author of The Day My Butt Went Psycho!, Zombie Butts from Uranus!, and Butt Wars! The Final Conflict, as well as the Treehouse Series and Killer Koalas from Outer Space. In 2007, he became the first Australian author to win six children's choice awards in one year for Just Shocking! He is passionate about inspiring a love of books in his young readers, and works as an ambassador for the Indigenous Literacy Project, which provides books and literacy resources to remote indigenous communities around Australia. Andy is a big fan of Dr. Seuss and of cauliflower. He lives in Melbourne, Australia, and is Australia's most popular children's writer. Terry Denton is known for his humorous illustration style and
The 143-Story Treehouse
Camping Trip Chaos!
by Andy Griffiths, illustrated by Terry Denton

*New York Times*-bestselling team Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton invite readers to come hang out with them in their 143-Story Treehouse - the eleventh book in the illustrated chapter book series filled with Andy and Terry's signature slapstick humor!

Andy and Terry live in a 143-story treehouse. (It used to be a 130-story treehouse, but they built another 13 stories.) It has a baked bean geyser that erupts on the hour every hour, a wrecking ball, a fish milkshake shack, a word-o-matic (it knows every word in the whole world!), a toffee apple orchard guarded by a kind-hearted scarecrow, and a camping ground.

Andy's been a bit stressed out lately, so Terry decides the perfect way to relax would be to head up to their new camping ground level for a much-needed vacation. But it turns out to be not quite as relaxing as planned. Terry forgets to pack the tent and the food, their attempt at fishing ends in disaster, the spooky campfire stories are a little too spooky and then, to make matters worse, all of Andy's fellow campers start mysteriously disappearing. Can Andy brave the dark, dark woods and rescue them in time to finish writing their next book?

*A Publishers Weekly* Bestseller

Read the whole series!
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*The 65-Story Treehouse*
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*The 91-Story Treehouse*
*The 104-Story Treehouse*
*The 117-Story Treehouse*
*The 130-Story Treehouse*
*The 143-Story Treehouse*

Andy Griffiths and (...)
The 169-Story Treehouse
by Andy Griffiths, illustrated by Terry Denton

Andy and Terry live in a 169-story treehouse. Or, at least they will live in a 169-story treehouse once they finish building all thirteen new levels!

The upgrades to the treehouse are still under construction and therefore super-duper top secret, but The 169-Story Treehouse is sure to be the zaniest adventure yet from New York Times bestselling dynamic duo Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton.

Read the whole series!
The 13-Story Treehouse
The 26-Story Treehouse
The 39-Story Treehouse
The 52-Story Treehouse
The 65-Story Treehouse
The 78-Story Treehouse
The 91-Story Treehouse
The 104-Story Treehouse
The 117-Story Treehouse
The 130-Story Treehouse
The 143-Story Treehouse
The 156-Story Treehouse
The 169-Story Treehouse

The Treehouse books are a perfect balance of minimal text, maximum black-and-white drawings (…)

Author Bio

Andy Griffiths is the New York Times bestselling author of The Day My Butt Went Psycho!, Zombie Butts from Uranus!, and Butt Wars! The Final Conflict, as well as the Treehouse Series and Killer Koalas from Outer Space. In 2007, he became the first Australian author to win six children's choice awards in one year for Just Shocking! He is passionate about inspiring a love of books in his young readers, and works as an ambassador for the Indigenous Literacy Project, which provides books and literacy resources to remote indigenous communities around Australia. Andy is a big fan of Dr. Seuss and of cauliflower. He lives in Melbourne, Australia, and is Australia's most popular children's writer.
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The Thirteenth Circle
by MarcyKate Connolly and Kathryn Holmes

The X-Files meets Scooby-Doo in THE THIRTEENTH CIRCLE, a middle-grade mystery from MarcyKate Connolly and Kathryn Holmes, featuring two unexpected friends, crop circles, science fairs, and Men in Black, perfect for both the highly scientific and cryptid enthusiasts alike.

Cat knows aliens are real, and she’s determined to prove it. By studying the Weston Farm Circles, her town’s legendary crop circle phenomenon, she’ll not only demonstrate the existence of extraterrestrial life, but also win the grand prize in the McMurray Youth Science Competition - a feat she’s sure will impress her distant NASA scientist father.

Dani most certainly does not believe in aliens. How can she, when they go against every scientific principle she’s been taught? So when Dani is paired with Cat to enter the McMurray Youth Science Competition - which she has to win to avoid going to her parents’ artsy summer camp - she knows she’s at a disadvantage. Her solution? Disprove Cat’s theory, of course . . . without telling her partner her true intentions.

But as the girls bond over science, it becomes clear that there is something strange about the Weston Farm Circles. And when Dani and Cat’s project is threatened by suspicious forces, they’ll have to work together to expose the truth, once and for all.

Author Bio

MarcyKate Connolly is a New York Times bestselling children’s book author who lives in New England with her family and a grumble of short-nosed dogs. She can be lured out from her writing cave with the promise of caffeine and new books. When she was in 4th grade, she and her neighbors saw an unidentified flying object zig-zag across the sky over their backyard and she’s been preparing to write a book like The Thirteenth Circle ever since. She’s also the author of several middle grade fantasy novels including Monstrous and the Shadow Weaver series, and a young adult duology ( Twin Daggers and Heartless Heirs ).

Kathryn Holmes is the author of multiple books for kids and teens, including the Class Critters chapter book series and the young adult novels The Distance Between Lost and Found and How It Feels to Fly. The Thirteenth Circle is her middle-grade debut. Kathryn grew up in Maryville, Tennessee, and now lives in Brooklyn, New York, with her husband, daughter, and piles upon piles of books. A graduate of The New School’s MFA in Creative Writing program, Kathryn works as a freelance dance journalist, among other writing gigs.
This Is Me Trying
by Racquel Marie

Perfect for fans of Nina LaCour, This Is Me Trying is a profound and tender YA contemporary novel exploring grief, love, and guilt from author Racquel Marie.

Growing up, Bryce, Beatriz, and Santiago were inseparable. But when Santiago moved away before high school, their friendship crumbled. Three years later, Bryce is gone, Beatriz is known as the dead boy's girlfriend, and Santiago is back.

The last thing Beatriz wants is to reunite with Santiago, who left all her messages unanswered while she drowned alone in grief over Bryce's death by suicide. Even if she wasn't angry, Santiago's attempts to make amends are jeopardizing her plan to keep the world at arm's length - equal parts protection and punishment - and she swore to never let anyone try that again.

Santiago is surprised to find the once happy-go-lucky Bea is now the gothic town loner, though he's unsurprised she wants nothing to do with him. But he can't fix what he broke between them while still hiding what led him to cut her off in the first place, and it's harder to run from his past when he isn't states away anymore.

Inevitably drawn back together by circumstance and history, Beatriz and Santiago navigate grief, love, mental illness, forgiveness, and what it means to try to build a future after unfathomable loss.

Praise for Racquel Marie:
You Don't Have a Shot has every ingredient that makes rivals-to-lovers such a (...)

Author Bio
Racquel Marie grew up in Southern California, where her passion for storytelling of all kinds was encouraged by her friends and big family. She received a BA in English with an emphasis in creative writing and a minor in gender and sexuality studies from the University of California, Irvine. She is the author of Ophelia After All, You Don't Have a Shot, and many unfinished first drafts.
We Are Golden: 27 Groundbreakers Who Changed the World
by Eva Chen, illustrated by Sophie Diao

Throughout history and to this day, people of Asian descent have been at the forefront of artistic brilliance, scientific advancement, and athletic excellence. From Sandra Oh to Patsy Mink, Bruce Lee to Michelle Kwan, We Are Golden - written by Eva Chen and illustrated by Sophie Diao, the New York Times bestselling team behind I Am Golden - offers a fresh collection of groundbreakers perfect for every young reader's library.

Let our voices be heard.
Let our stories be told.
We are golden.

Praise for I Am Golden:

An Instant New York Times Bestseller!

In these pages, cultural triumphs live next to snug family dinners, and all of it matters as the parents set their child aloft. Every child should be launched by such words of love and confidence. . . . Salve on the wounds of (...

Author Bio

Eva Chen is a first-generation Chinese-American who grew up in New York City. She blames her deviation from pre-med at Johns Hopkins University on a love of fashion and beauty instilled in her by her mother, whose perfect bob and lipstick made a permanent imprint on her impressionable young mind. Previously the editor in chief of Lucky, Eva has also written for ELLE, Vogue, Teen Vogue, Vogue China, the New York Times, and the Wall Street Journal. She is currently the head of fashion partnerships at Instagram, where she is guilty of the occasional duck-face selfie. Eva lives in New York City with her husband and two children. She is the author of Juno Valentine and the Magical Shoes, A Is for Awesome, and Juno Valentine and the Fantastic Fashion Adventure. Sophie Diao is an artist in San Francisco. As research for the book Sarah and the Big Wave, she surfed a wave that she's pretty sure was over one foot tall. She loves illustrating natural wonders and is the talent behind many a Google Doodle.
We Are Mayhem
by Beck Rourke-Mooney

Filled with messy, complicated characters, We Are Mayhem is a debut YA novel about finding your strength, embracing your weird, and being who you truly are - no matter what.

When Birdie's parents move the family from their gated New Jersey community to the Catskills, Birdie thinks life as she knows it is once again - just like it was when she quit gymnastics - completely over. But when Birdie's friends ditch her during a dare gone wrong, she finds herself staring down the barrel of a shotgun wielded by Mad Mabel the Mother of Mayhem, and Birdie strikes a deal with Mabel to work off her crime.

Abigail Rose, Mabel's granddaughter, is convinced that Birdie - whose big, strong arms have always felt like the bane of her existence - is destined to help pull her family's male-dominated indie wrestling promotion in a more feminist direction.

With no way to return to or escape her past and no clear course into her future, Birdie has to find a way to somehow make her new town a home. But if Birdie is going to be the future of Mayhem, she first has to find a way to embrace who she is - no matter the cost.

Author Bio

Beck Rourke-Mooney grew up outside Providence and has worked as clambake staff, a donut finisher, a ballot counting machine tester, a telemarketer, and most importantly, a middle school English teacher. When not writing contemporary YA novels, they procrasti-bake, write songs, and watch (depending on who you ask) either way too much or just enough television, including, of course, wrestling. She lives in upstate New York.
Where Sleeping Girls Lie
by Faridah Abike-Iyimide

In Where Sleeping Girls Lie - a YA contemporary mystery by Faridah Abike-Iyimide, the New York Times -bestselling author of Ace of Spades - a girl new to boarding school discovers dark secrets and coverups after her roommate disappears.

It's like I keep stumbling into a dark room, searching for the switch to make things bright again. . .

Sade Hussein is starting her third year of high school, this time at the prestigious Alfred Nobel Academy boarding school, after being homeschooled all her life. Misfortune has clung to her seemingly since birth, but even she doesn't expect her new roommate, Elizabeth, to disappear after Sade's first night. Or for people to think Sade had something to do with it.

With rumors swirling around her, Sade catches the attention of the girls collectively known as the 'Unholy Trinity' and they bring her into their fold. Between learning more about them - especially Persephone, who Sade is inexplicably drawn to - and playing catchup in class, Sade already has so much on her plate. But when it seems people don't care enough about what happened to Elizabeth, it's up to she and Elizabeth's best friend, Baz, to investigate.

And then a student is found dead.

The more Sade and Baz dig into Elizabeth's disappearance, the more she realizes there's more to Alfred Nobel Academy and its students than she thought. Secrets lurk around every corner and beneath every surface. . . secrets that rival even her own.

Author Bio

Faridah Abike-Iyimide is the instant New York Times, International bestselling, & Award-winning author of Ace of Spades. She is an avid tea drinker, a collector of strange mugs, and a recent graduate from a university in the Scottish Highlands where she received a BA in English Literature. She is currently pursuing an MA in Shakespeare Studies from Kings College London. When she isn't spinning dark tales, Faridah can be found examining the deeper meanings in Disney channel original movies.faridahabikeiyimide.com
With a Little Luck
by Marissa Meyer, contributions by Chuck Gonzales

After being magically gifted with incredible luck, a boy discovers this gift just may be a curse when it comes to love, in this sweet romantic comedy by #1 New York Times-bestselling author Marissa Meyer.

Jude is determined to fly under the radar. He just wants to draw comics, host D&D night with his friends, work at his parents vinyl record store, and escape high school as unscathed as possible. That is, until the night he finds himself inexplicably gifted with a bout of supernatural good luck.

Suddenly, everything Jude has ever wanted is within reach. His art is being published. He helps his friends song become a finalist in a songwriting competition. And he wins a pair of coveted concert tickets, which he can use to ask out the popular girl he’s been crushing on since elementary school.

But how long can Jude’s good fortune last? And why does he find himself thinking about Ari, his best friend since forever? If Jude has been dreaming of the wrong girl this whole time, does that mean he’s doomed to be unlucky in love forever?

With a sprinkle of magic, this sweet beachside romance is perfect for fans of To All the Boys Ive Loved Before and Love & Gelato, as well as anyone who has ever swooned over Marissa Meyer’s beloved characters.

Author Bio

Marissa Meyer is the #1 New York Times “bestselling author of the Renegades Trilogy, The Lunar Chronicles series, the Wires and Nerve graphic novels, and The Lunar Chronicles Coloring Book. Her first standalone novel, Heartless, was also a #1 New York Times bestseller. Marissa created and hosts a podcast called The Happy Writer. She lives in Tacoma, Washington, with her husband and their two daughters. Chuck Gonzales is a Brooklyn-based illustrator who works internationally in publishing, animation, editorial, packaging, and advertising projects. A He has illustrated many books for children, A and created works for animated projects for Nickelodeon and ESPN.
Blue, Barry & Pancakes: Mayhem on Wheels
by Dan & Jason, Dan Abdo and Jason Patterson

Blue, Barry, and Pancakes are best friends! They love roller skates, inflatable rubber ducks, and going on HIGH VELOCITY adventures!

After a series of wacky mishaps, Blue, Barry, and Pancakes find themselves inside a Roller Duck Ball stadium. Forced to compete in this nonsensical yet highly popular sport, the gang discovers a natural talent for the game. Soon enough, they find themselves hurtling towards athletic stardom! As endorsement deals and branded merchandise offers pile up, will our heroes be able to stay humble and hold onto their friendship? Or will the pressures of fame and success tear them apart?!

Like all friends, Blue, Barry, and Pancakes can make mistakes . . . but at the end of the day, they always have each other's backs. And tops, and sides, and fronts, too!

Author Bio

Dan & Jason go back. Waaaaay back. They have directed award-winning commercials, created hit cartoon shows, and even sold a feature-film concept, but nothing has prepared them for this. . . the pinnacle of their storied career: publishing the hilarious and heartwarming comic tales of Blue, Barry & Pancakes?! Dan & Jason have packed it with everything they know about drawing, writing, and the enduring power of friendship. Please enjoy their comic book debut! They make everything together. They think it, draw it, write it, mix it, bake it, and serve it together. Teamwork!

Dan Abdo and Jason Patterson have been making stuff together for a very looong time! They created the animated television program Rocket Monkeys, and they've directed countless animated commercials for major global brands. Their short films have won numerous awards and their cartoons and comics have been published in The New Yorker and Nickelodeon magazine. Through all these different mediums their humor and storytelling always rings sweet, silly, and slightly twisted. Together at First Second, they've produced several volumes of Blue, Barry & Pancakes, a zany story about three animal friends who go on out-of-this-world adventures! Jason Patterson and Dan Abdo met in the back of the art room in highschool, started drawing together, and never stopped. They both attended the Rhode Island School of Design and then both moved to New York City to begin their world conquest. These days Jason has jumped across the Hudson to live in New Jersey with his wife and two children. Dan returned to the place where it all started and lives in Vermont with his wife, two children, six chickens, two ducks, and one ancient cat. Even though they're hundreds of miles apart they still draw together every day. Together at First Second, they've produced several volumes of Blue, Barry & Pancakes, a zany story about three animal friends who go on out-of-this-world adventures!
From the creator of Check, Please!, a young adult graphic novel about a girl who loses her art school scholarship and cooks up a plan to win one game of softball in order to earn the school's athletic scholarship instead.

Molly Bauer loves her hometown of Peachtree, North Carolina. And her favorite part about her town is the prestigious art school, Peachtree Institute of Collegiate Arts. On the first day of attending this school of her dreams, the spunky freshman—buoyed on the native Peachtreeian Full Ride Scholarship—discovers her scholarship . . . is defunct. Rather than take out loans her parents can't afford, she uncovers a lesser-known scholarship in the PICA financial-aid policy book. If she and a dozen other art students can win a single game at the varsity level, they'll all be retroactively qualified for a PICA athletic scholarship. It's a softball scheme for the ages.

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Ngozi Ukazu is a New York Times bestselling author and the creator of Check, Please!, an online graphic novel whose printing campaign remains the most funded webcomics Kickstarter ever. She enjoys trekking through nature, giving talks at colleges, and all things fandom. Since 2020, her cartoons have appeared in The New Yorker.

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Bunt!
Striking Out on Financial Aid
by Ngozi Ukazu, illustrated by Mad Rupert

Molly Bauer's first year of college is not the picture-perfect piece of art she'd always envisioned. On day one at PICA, Molly discovers that - through some horrible twist of fate - her full-ride scholarship has vanished! But the ancient texts (PICA's dusty financial aid documents) reveal a loophole. If Molly and 9 other art students win a single game of softball, they'll receive a massive athletic scholarship. Can Molly's crew of ragtag artists succeed in softball without dropping the ball?

The author of the New York Times best-selling Check, Please series, Ngozi Ukazu returns with debut artist Madeline Rupert to bring an energetic young adult story about authenticity, old vs. new, and college failure. It also poses the question: Is art school worth it?

Author Bio

Ngozi Ukazu is a New York Times -bestselling author and the creator of Check, Please!, an online graphic novel whose printing campaign remains the most funded webcomics Kickstarter ever. She graduated from Yale University with a degree in Computing and The Arts, and later received a masters in sequential arts and comics. She enjoys trekking through nature, giving talks at colleges, and all things fandom. Since 2020, her cartoons have appeared in The New Yorker. Mad Rupert is less than 5 feet tall and lives in Somerville, Massachusetts. She got her start in online comics over ten years ago, and authors two ongoing webcomics: Sakana, a slice-of-life workplace comedy, and Robber-Robert, a sci-fi romance for mature readers. She has also worked extensively on comic adaptations of Cartoon Network properties like Adventure Time, Regular Show, and Steven Universe. When not making comics, Mad enjoys spending time with her partner and their very old dog, going to the gym, and playing Minecraft. 'Mad' is short for Madeline, she's not actually angry.
Call Me Iggy
by Jorge Aguirre, illustrated by Rafael Rosado

A young adult graphic novel about Iggy, a Colombian American teen who gets help from his grandfather's ghost to win over his crush.

Ignacio Garcia—or Iggy as he urges you to call him—is an Ohio-born Colombian American teen who's got a pretty easygoing life . . . for now. After bumping into Marisol (and her coffee) at school, Iggy's world is spun around. But Marisol has too much going on to be bothered with the likes of Iggy. She has school, work, family, and the uphill battle of getting her legal papers. As Iggy stresses over how to get Marisol to like him, his grandfather comes to the rescue. The thing is, not only is his abuelito dead but he also gives terrible love advice. The worst. And so, with his ghost abuelito's meddling, Iggy's life begins to unravel as he sets off on a journey of self-discovery.

Call Me Iggy tells the story of Iggy searching for his place in his family, his school, his community, and his country.

Author Bio

Jorge Aguirre is a Colombian American from Columbus, Ohio. He's written for everything from the most popular children's shows to documentaries about Romanian exorcisms. He is the author of Giants Beware! and lives on the East Coast.

Born in Puerto Rico and based in Columbus, Ohio, Rafael Rosado is a seasoned writer, director, and storyboard artist. He began his career at Character Builders as an assistant animator, quickly moving up to become a character designer, storyboard artist, and commercial director. During his tenure there he worked on such shows as Fox's Emmy Award-winning Life with Louie, HBO's Happily Ever After, and Fox's Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego.
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Call Me Iggy tells the story of Iggy searching for his place in his family, his school, his community, and ultimately - as the political climate in America changes during the 2016 election - his country. Focusing on familial ties and budding love, Call Me Iggy challenges our assumptions about Latino-American identity while reaffirming our belief in the hope that all young people represent. Perfect for lovers of multigenerational stories like Displacement and The Magic Fish

Author Bio

Jorge Aguirre is an author and two-time Emmy-nominated animation writer. He co-created and wrote the graphic novel series, The CHRONICLES OF CLAUDETTE. The New York Times called the first book in the series, GIANTS BEWARE, a "Rollicking fun story." It also received a starred review from Publisher's Weekly and was a nominee for a Texas Bluebonnet Award. He wrote the book, CALL ME IGGY, and is working on its sequel. He's also writing a new graphic novel series, MONSTER LOCKER, with art by Andres Vera Martinez. His animation work includes co-creating Disney Junior's GOLDIE & BEAR. He's the Head Writer and Co-EP for the PBS Kids/Fred Rogers Production show ALMA'S WAY. A Colombian-American born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Jorge calls the great state of New Jersey home. Born in Puerto Rico and based in Columbus, Ohio, Rafael Rosado is a seasoned writer, director and storyboard artist for the animation industry. He began his career at Character Builders in Columbus, Ohio as an assistant animator. He quickly worked his way up to become a character designer, storyboard artist and commercial director. During his tenure there he worked on such shows as Fox's Emmy Award-winning Life With Louie, HBO's Happily Ever After and Fox's Where In The World Is Carmen San Diego.

After leaving Character Builders in 1994, Rafael went to work for Warner Brothers Animation, storyboarding on Pinky and The Brain and Emmy nominated Animaniacs, for which he also wrote two episodes.
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Kathy loves Maine’s idyllic beauty and all the exotic delicacies she can’t get back home, like clam chowder and blueberry pie. But no matter how hard she tries, she struggles to fit in. She doesn’t look like the other kids in this rural New England town. Kathy just wants to find a place where she truly belongs, but she’s not sure if it’s in America, Thailand . . . or anywhere.

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Eowulf Wegmund just had the most amazing summer ever! She traveled to a magical supply shop at the crossroads of all realities, rescued unicorn soldiers from a pocket dimension, and fought an evil god with the help of her new friend Nico Bravo. Pretty rad stuff, even if you are descended from the legendary monster hunter Beowulf!

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Perfect for readers of Can't Stop, Won't Stop and Nathan Hale's Hazardous tales.

Author Bio
Jarrett Williams was born in New Orleans, LA. He attended the Savannah College of Art and Design (BFA & MFA in Sequential Art). He completed three volumes of his pro-wrestling/adventure series Super Pro K.O.! for Oni Press along with Rick & Morty monthly comics. He wrote and drew Rico Nasty: Nightmare Vacation for Z2 Comics. He is currently finishing the first of a three-book kids’ mystery graphic novel series called Harper Sharp for Random House Graphic. He loves classic JRPGs/anime and still draws his comics by hand.
History Comics: Hip-Hop
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InvestiGators: Agents of S.U.I.T.: From Badger to Worse
by John Patrick Green and Christopher Hastings, illustrated by Pat Lewis

In the first book of AGENTS OF S.U.I.T., the new volume in John Green’s smash-hit INVESTIGATORS world, eager rookie agent Cilantro stepped into the spotlight - and rocketed into space! Now it's time for the B-Team to show why they're so un-B-lievably B-loved.

That's right, Bongo and Marsha, the super-spy Badgers, are on the case... and way over-budget. When S.U.I.T. realizes just how much money the Badgers waste with their gadgets and spy vehicles and custom plush toys, they're sent to Bora Bora to investigate a case... the old-fashioned way. The bees - that's bee-ee-ee," like the insect - that run the resort are hiding something under the tropical sands, and Marsha and Bongo are just the bumbling agents to crack this pineapple-flavored case wide open.

Author Bio

John Patrick Green is a human with the human job of making books about animals with human jobs, notably the smash-hit graphic novel series InvestiGators. John is definitely a multiple New York Times-bestselling human author and not just a bunch of animals in a trench coat pretending to have a human job. With over a million copies of InvestiGators in print, John is a successful human being with only two hands and a normal amount of fur. He lives in a Brooklyn apartment that doesn't allow animals other than the ones living in his head.

Christopher Hastings is a comics writer best known for creating the award-winning Adventures of Dr. McNinja and co-creating The Unbelievable Gwenpool. His other writing credits include Adventure Time, Deadpool, Quantum & Woody, and NYT-bestselling graphic novel adaptation of Five Nights at Freddy's: The Twisted Ones. Christopher also voices Frederick de Bonesby for the narrative play podcast Rude Tales of Magic.

Pat Lewis is a freelance cartoonist/illustrator who lives in Pittsburgh, PA with his wife and two cats. His artwork has appeared in magazines such as Highlights for Children and Boys' Life, as well as books by Workman Publishing, Macmillan and McGraw-Hill. Some of his favorite things in this world are: flea markets, road trips, monster movies and snack-bar nachos. Oh, and drawing funny pictures for kids and adults.
Lunar New Year Love Story
by Gene Luen Yang, illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Graphic novel superstars Gene Luen Yang and LeUyen Pham join forces in this heartwarming rom-com about fate, family, forgiveness, and lion dancing.

Valentina Tran was named after Valentine's Day, which used to be her favorite holiday. But when Val learns the truth behind what happened with her parents and why she's being raised by a single father, she realizes true love is a lie. This is reinforced when she meets the spirit of Saint Valentine, who tells her she and her family are cursed to always be unlucky in love. Val is ready to give into her fate, until one Lunar New Year festival, where a mysterious lion dancer hands her a paper heart, and ZING. Val becomes determined to change her destiny, prove Saint Valentine wrong, and give her heart to the right person.

Meanwhile, lion dancing is the only thing that has given Jae peace after his dad passed away. It's also what keeps him connected to his father's side of the family. Both Jae and his cousin Leslie notice Val at the Lunar New Year festival, and for some inexplicable reason, Jae hands Val a paper heart. But it's Leslie, with his K-Pop good looks, who starts to date Val. Jae still feels this connection with Val and feels it's somehow tied to how he feels about losing his father.

Both Val and Jae struggle with the spirits who haunt them as they are inextricably brought together in a love story that is satisfying, sweet, and moving.

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But then a chance encounter with a pair of cute lion dancers sparks something in Val. Is it real love? Could this be her chance to break the family curse? Or is she destined to live with a broken heart forever?

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Luckily, Brian has his reassuring pal Avery to keep him grounded as weird occurrences start stacking up, like Brian’s breakfast muffin talking to him, or a bizarre black cat offering him a business card. But when shadowy creatures from another realm kidnap Avery, Brian has to embrace his fate to rescue his best friend.

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This simultaneously whimsical, adventurous, and bone-chilling genre-spanning collection smartly riffs on the referenced source material to explore contemporary values." - Publishers Weekly (starred review)

"Each story has a unique twist and writing style that makes it hard for readers to put down this compilation. . . . Adler's (…)

Author Bio

DAHLIA ADLER is an editor by day, a freelance writer by night, and a Young Adult author at every spare moment in between. She is the founder of LGBTQReads, editor of several anthologies, and author of many novels, including Cool for the Summer and Home Field Advantage. She lives in New York with her family and an obscene number of books.
NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author Melissa Albert returns with THE BAD ONES, a supernatural horror novel about four mysterious disappearances in a town haunted by a sinister magical history.

In the course of a single winter's night, four people vanish without a trace across a suburban town.

Nora Powell's estranged best friend, Becca, is one of the lost. As Nora tries to untangle the truth of Becca's disappearance, she discovers a darkness in her town's past, as well as a string of coded messages Becca left for her to unravel. These clues lead Nora to a piece of local lore: a legendary goddess of forgotten origins who played a role in Nora and Becca's own childhood games. . . .

An arresting, crossover horror fantasy threaded with dark magic, THE BAD ONES is a poison-pen love letter to semi-toxic best friendship, the occult power of childhood play and artistic creation, and the razor-thin line between make-believe and belief.

Author Bio

Melissa Albert is the New York Times and indie bestselling author of the Hazel Wood series (The Hazel Wood, The Night Country, Tales from the Hinterland) and a former bookseller and YA lit blogger. Her work has been translated into more than twenty languages and included in the New York Times list of Notable Children's Books. She lives in Brooklyn with her family.
The Ballad of Never After
by Stephanie Garber

1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER!

Stephanie Garber’s THE BALLAD OF NEVER AFTER is the jaw-dropping sequel to the ONCE UPON A BROKEN HEART, starring Evangeline Fox and the Prince of Hearts on a new journey of magic, mystery, and heartbreak.

Not every love is meant to be.

After Jacks, the Prince of Hearts, betrays her, Evangeline Fox swears she’ll never trust him again. Now that she’s discovered her own magic, Evangeline believes she can use it to restore the chance at happily ever after that Jacks stole away.

But when a new terrifying curse is revealed, Evangeline finds herself entering into a tenuous partnership with the Prince of Hearts again. Only this time, the rules have changed. Jacks isn’t the only force Evangeline needs to be wary of. In fact, he might be the only one she can trust, despite her desire to despise him.

Instead of a love spell wreaking havoc on Evangeline’s life, a murderous spell has been cast. To break it, Evangeline and Jacks will have to do battle with old friends, new foes, and a magic that plays with heads and hearts. Evangeline has always trusted her (…)

Author Bio

Stephanie Garber is the #1 New York Times and internationally bestselling author of Once Upon a Broken Heart, The Ballad of Never After, and the Caraval trilogy. Her books have been translated into thirty languages.
The Black Girl Survives in This One
Horror Stories
edited by Desiree S. Evans and Saraciea J. Fennell

A YA anthology of horror stories centering Black girls who battle monsters, both human and supernatural, and who survive to the end

Be warned, dear reader: The Black girls survive in this one.

Celebrating a new generation of bestselling and acclaimed Black writers, The Black Girl Survives in This One makes space for Black girls in horror. Fifteen chilling and thought-provoking stories place Black girls front and center as heroes and survivors who slay monsters, battle spirits, and face down death. Prepare to be terrified and left breathless by the pieces in this anthology.

The bestselling and acclaimed authors include Erin E. Adams, Monica Brashears, Charlotte Nicole Davis, Desiree S. Evans, Saraciea J. Fennell, Zakiya Dalila Harris, Daka Hermon, Justina Ireland, L. L. McKinney, Brittney Morris, Maika & Maritza Moulite, Eden Royce, and Vincent Tirado. The foreword is by Tananarive Due.

Author Bio

Desiree S. Evans writes fiction for children, teens, and adults. She is co-editor of the anthology, The Black Girl Survives in This One, and a contributor to the anthologies Cool. Awkward. Black. and Foreshadow. Desiree is a 2020 winner of the Walter Dean Myers Grant for children’s fiction awarded by the nonprofit organization We Need Diverse Books. She received her MFA in fiction from the Michener Center for Writers at The University of Texas at Austin and is currently the Southern Studies Fellowship in Arts and Letters Writer-in-Residence in Spartanburg, SC.

Saraciea J. Fennell is a Black Honduran American writer, founder of The Bronx is Reading, and creator of Honduran Garifuna Writers. She is also a book publicist who has worked with many award-winning and New York Times bestselling authors. Fennell is board chair for Latinx in Publishing Inc., as well as on the Advisory Board of People of Color in Publishing. She lives in the Bronx with her family and dog, Oreo.
In our left corner we have the meanest villain that's ever existed. Responsible for rising seas and loss of biodiversity, it's climate change ready to wreak havoc on the Earth. But in our right corner? We have four superheroes ready to save the day!

Forest elephants protect our forests by trampling trees.

Whales boost ocean health with their massive poo-nados.

Sea otters defend kelp forests from purple invaders.

And echidnas bury tons of soil to stop climate change.

But we can't leave them in this fight alone. We need to protect our heroes who, in return, defend our planet. Get ready to learn all about these four legged, and two-flippered, creatures and how YOU can be a climate hero too!

Author Bio

Alison Pearce Stevens, Ph.D., has written more than one hundred science articles for children and coauthored four National Geographic Kids books. She is also the author of Rhinos in Nebraska, which she found inspiration for through her work at the University of Nebraska State Museum.

Jason Ford has worked for a wide range of clients and has become an author with the publication of the popular kids' activity book The Super Book for Superheroes and the follow-up title, The Monster Book of Zombies, Spooks and Ghouls. His third title, The Cosmic Book of Space, Aliens and Beyond, was released in autumn 2021.
Coretta: The Autobiography of Mrs. Coretta Scott King
by Coretta Scott King, illustrated by Ekua Holmes

Adapted from her adult memoir, this is the autobiography of Coretta Scott King - wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., founder of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change (the King Center), and twentieth-century American civil and human rights activist.

Celebrate the life of the extraordinary civil and human rights activist Coretta Scott King with this picture book adaptation of her critically acclaimed adult memoir.

This is the autobiography of Coretta Scott King--the founder of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change (The King Center), the wife of Martin Luther King Jr., and a singular twentieth-century American civil and human rights activist. Learn about how a girl born in the segregated Deep South became a global leader at the forefront of the peace movement and an unforgettable champion of social change. Resilience, bravery, and joy lie at the center of this timeless story about fighting for justice against all odds.

Author Bio

Coretta Scott King was an American civil rights activist, international human rights champion and author, the wife of Martin Luther King Jr., and the mother of four. Born in 1927 in Heiberger, Alabama, she died in 2006 in Rosarito Beach, Mexico.

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.
Memory Garden
by Zohreh Ghahremani, illustrated by Susie Ghahremani

A lively afternoon together in Nana's garden is full of laughter, discovery, and connection. In lyrical text that blends past and present, Memory Garden takes us to the places we leave behind but never forget.

Written and illustrated by a loving mother-daughter duo, the nostalgic text and vibrant illustrations invite us to enjoy the beauty of Iranian gardens - and culture - in an adventure that will resonate with readers of all backgrounds.

Author Bio

Zohreh Ghahremani is an author and poet whose work is influenced by her experiences as Middle Eastern immigrant. Formerly a children's dentist and professor, she followed her love of literature and become the award-winning author of the novels Sky of Red Poppies and The Moon Daughter and a renowned voice of the Iranian diaspora. Born in Iran, Zoe now lives, writes, and gardens in San Diego, California. This is her first picture book. For more, please visit Zohrehwrites.com.

Susie Ghahremani is an award-winning illustrator whose work is exhibited and sold internationally. A graduate of Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), she is the author-illustrator of STACK THE CATS and BALANCE THE BIRDS. Susie drinks tea while working with her paints, and often worries about mixing up the two. She is Zohreh's daughter. Please visit her online at boygirlparty.com and on social media @boygirlparty.
My First Earth Day
by Karen Katz, illustrated by Karen Katz

I think about the forests, the water, all the animals, the fish, and the sun. I think about all the ways I can take care of our earth.

Introduce young readers to Earth Day with Karen Katz’ lovely storytelling and colorful collage art.

There’s no better way to spend the day than visiting Nana and learning all about Earth day. Planting trees and vegetables, visiting the forest and lake, recycling, and supporting local businesses, this book helps little ones to see how to care for our wonderful planet.

Author Bio

Karen Katz has written and illustrated many books for children, including The Colors of Us, Can You Say Peace, My First Ramadan, Counting Kisses and Where is Baby’s Belly Button. Long inspired by folk art from around the world, she was inspired to write her first book, Over the Moon, when she and her husband adopted their daughter from Guatemala, and she wanted to tell the story of welcoming Lena into their lives. Katz loves to paint and experiment with texture, color, collage and pattern. Besides an author and illustrator, she has been a costume designer, quilt maker, fabric artist and graphic designer. Katz and her family divide their time between New York City and Saugerties, New York.
The Three Little Tardigrades
by Sandra Fay, illustrated by Sandra Fay

In this hilarious retelling of The Three Little Pigs®, three little tardigrades set out to find a home that's just right for them - all while watching out for the Big Hairy Wolf Spider.

Gavin, Colin, and Doug live on a cozy little drop of H2O until one day, their mother tells them it's time for them to grow up and leave home. In search of the perfect place to settle down, the three little tardigrades (also known as "moss piglets") journey to an underwater ice cave, an erupting volcano, and even the moon! They can survive under extreme conditions, but can they avoid the Big Hairy Wolf Spider...?

Humor and scientific facts about these resilient microscopic creatures come together to remix a beloved story-with an unexpected twist (and tons of laughs)

Author Bio

Sandra Fay is an author-illustrator who uses potatoes and paint to make art. She is the creator of The Very True Legend of the Mongolian Death Worms. She lives in Auckland, New Zealand, with her husband, two daughters, and cat.

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Time to Eat!
by Vickie Lee, illustrated by Joey Chou

Sparse text and bright illustrations help readers learn the names of all of their favorite dishes in both English and Mandarin. From spare ribs to spring pea shoots there's something for everyone in this timeless story about dinner time.

Author Bio

Vickie Lee is an acupuncturist and a Chinese medicine practitioner. Vickie graduated from Columbia University with a dual degree in East Asian studies and English literature. She is the author of Ruby's Chinese New Year and 12 Lucky Animals. She lives with her daughter and her husband in Brooklyn, New York. Joey Chou was born in Taiwan and moved to sunny California in his early teens. There he received his BFA from Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. Joey works by day as a visual development artist on feature animated films, and by night as a picture book illustrator. He has illustrated such books as Group Hug, When the Snow Is Deeper Than My Boots Are Tall, Ruby's Chinese New Year, Monster & Son, and Disney Parks Presents: It's A Small World.
Waist-Deep in Dung
A Stomach-Churning Look at the Grossest Jobs Throughout History
by Christine Virnig, illustrated by Korwin Briggs

A hilarious illustrated middle-grade nonfiction offering about the most revolting jobs throughout history involving pee, poop, vomit, dead bodies, and all things disgusting, from Christine Virnig and Korwin Briggs, the author-illustrator team behind SCBWI Golden Kite Finalist Dung for Dinner.

What did the ancient Egyptian embalmer say when he was feeling sad? I want my mummy!

After wading into the grossest animal pee, poop, and vomit humans have consumed in Dung for Dinner, Dr. Virnig dives back into the muck with an equally humorous and informative exploration of the most revolting jobs throughout history in Waist-Deep in Dung.

From the ancient Egyptian mummy makers who removed brains by shoving iron hooks up peoples’ noses, to the 19th century Toshers who hunted for treasure deep in the London sewers, to modern day forensic entomologists who study the fly eggs, maggots, and other creepy crawlies that live on - and crawl through - human corpses, we'll learn about jobs that deal with poop, pee, blood, medicine, and dead bodies.

Combining history, science, and a slew of fascinating facts, it’s middle grade nonfiction with real kid appeal. Art from Korwin Briggs will make readers laugh out loud!

Author Bio
Christine Virnig made her kidlit debut with Dung for Dinner. Christine is a pediatric physician specializing in allergies where - in addition to dodging the occasional snot rocket or projectile vomit - she gets to talk about topics that most adults find downright repulsive, like phlegm, snot, and dust mite poo. She lives in Madison, Wisconsin with her husband, two children, and two hairball producers. Korwin Briggs is a writer and illustrator who makes comics, infographics, and books about academic stuff like history and science. He’s the author of a webcomic called Veritable Hokum, as well as Gods and Heroes: Mythology Around the World; The Invention Hunters Discover How Machines Work; and The Invention Hunters Discover How Electricity Works. Since graduating, he’s been working as a professional freelance artist in a couple of different cities (currently New York)
Welcome to the Cactus Hotel
by Brenda Z. Guiberson, illustrated by Megan Lloyd

Welcome, welcome, to the Cactus Hotel.

Many desert animals make holes and nests on the great arms of this giant cactus.

Spring time is extra busy when the flowers bloom. This is the season for sweet nectar, fluffy pollen, juicy red fruit, and shiny black seeds. Yummm!

With simplified text and new illustrations, this board book allows the youngest child to enjoy and understand the helpful connections between the Cactus Hotel and those beautiful, busy and varied guests. a new generation of little ones to become immersed in this nonfiction board book about desert wildlife.

"A fascinating look at the life cycle of the giant saguaro cactus and its place in the desert ecosystem." - Booklist

"Guiberson weaves an amazingly large range of facts into this simple story of a fragile ecosystem." - Publishers Weekly

Author Bio

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

Megan Lloyd read the manuscript for Cactus Hotel and went to the Saguaro National Monument in Arizona herself. I like to see what I am going to illustrate rather than make it up," she says. Ms. Lloyd is the illustrator of many picture books. She lives in Pennsylvania.
A Rainbow in Brown
by Pavonis Giron, illustrated by Pavonis Giron

Jo wants to paint all the wonderful things she loves. With a palette of red, yellow, and blue, Jo knows she can mix any colors together to create new ones. Her imagination takes flight as she explores painting with primary and by mixing her own secondary colors, each picture as beautiful as the last. But through her exploration of the colors of the rainbow, Jo finds that her favorite is a combination of them all: brown.

With stunning artistry from debut author/illustrator Pavonis Giron comes an illuminating story of self-love through color theory.

Author Bio

As an author/illustrator of children's literature, Pavonis Giron creates with bold colors and a taste for exploration, whether that be in the great outdoors or between city blocks. The sun-bleached rocks and endless skyscapes of their childhood in the Mojave Desert continue to inspire their work. They are now currently based in Milwaukee with their partner and pets. A Rainbow in Brown is their debut picture book.

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All About Penises
A Learning About Bodies Book
by Dorian Solot and Marshall Miller, illustrated by Tyler Feder

This cheerful picture book from two professional sexuality educators introduces children to scientific facts about penises in a shame-free and accessible way.

Head, shoulders, knees, and... penises! Young children are curious about all their body parts, including the private ones. Many parents are unsure how to answer their questions in a way that's accurate, age-appropriate, and understandable. This book is here to help!

With bright illustrations, readable language, and a matter of fact tone, this book offers children the facts they need to understand how their bodies work.

All About Penises: a learning about bodies book embraces body diversity, reassures kids, and provides caregivers an easy way to answer the common questions that children have.

Author Bio
Dorian Solot (she/her) and Marshall Miller (he/him) are nationally-recognized sex educators who are passionate about increasing people's knowledge and comfort with their own bodies. They have presented over 1,000 programs on sexuality topics at universities, businesses, high schools, national conferences, churches, and adult education centers over the past twenty years.

Tyler Feder (she/her) is an artist whose work explores big feelings, feminism, and pop culture. Her debut solo work, Dancing at the Pity Party, won the Sydney Taylor gold medal for young adult literature. When she is not making art, Tyler enjoys milky coffee, jigsaw puzzles, and staring emo-ly into Lake Michigan. She currently lives in Chicago with her beloved cat son, Mitzvah Bear. Tyler's favorite color is pink (obviously)
**All About Vulvas and Vaginas**
*a learning about bodies book*
by Dorian Solot and Marshall Miller, illustrated by Tyler Feder

A picture book from two professional educators that introduces children to scientific facts about vulvas and vaginas in a shame-free and accessible way.

Head, shoulders, knees, and... vaginas! Young children are curious about all their body parts, including the private ones. Many parents are unsure how to answer their questions in a way that's accurate, age-appropriate, and understandable. This book is here to help!

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With an updated understanding of gender, this is the book for the modern caregiver. Back matter includes more information on being an askable parent, and how to talk to young children about sensitive topics.

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Coyote Lost and Found
by Dan Gemeinhart

From #1 New York Times-bestselling author Dan Gemeinhart comes a standalone companion to the critically-acclaimed The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise about a father and daughter who venture on a moving, uplifting, and rollicking cross-country road trip.

It's been almost a year since Coyote and her dad left the road behind and settled down in a small Oregon town. . . time spent grieving the loss of her mom and sisters and trying to fit in at school. But just as life is becoming a new version of normal, Coyote discovers a box containing her moms ashes. And she thinks she might finally be ready to say goodbye.

So Coyote and her dad gear up for an epic cross-country road trip to scatter the ashes at her moms chosen resting place. The only problem? Coyote has no idea where that resting place is—and the secrets hidden in a book that Coyote mistakenly sold last year, somewhere in the country. Now, its up to Coyote to track down the treasured book . . . without her dad ever finding out that its lost.

Its time to fire up their trusty bus, Yager, pick up some old friends, discover some new ones, and hit the road on another unforgettable adventure.

Your heart needs this joyful miracle of a book." -“Katherine Applegate, acclaimed author of The One and Only Ivan and Wishtree, on The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise

Author Bio

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Cute Toot
by Breanna J. McDaniel, illustrated by Olivia de Castro

An explosive ode to the bonds of sisterhood, the time-honored tradition of hide and seek, and the hilarious gas we pass.

Everyone knows attics are the best place to play hide and seek on a rainy day. That is, unless your stomach is rumbling with a bubbly gas that you absolutely cannot keep in. When Baby sister lets one sneaky fart slip out, she betrays her hiding spot and begins the most phenomenal fart fest this attic has ever seen... 

A battle of the good, the bad and the stinky, young readers will surely revisit Cute Toot time and again, improving their various mouth fart sounds with each read.

Author Bio

Breanna J. McDaniel is the author of two previous picture books, Hands Up! and Impossible Moon. A proud alumna of Emory University and Simmons University, she holds a Ph.D. from Cambridge University, where she focused her research on surveillance and respectability politics in representations of Black children as food in contemporary picture books. She lives in Atlanta.

Olivia de Castro is an illustrator and graphic designer. She grew up in a Dominican Colombian family in New Jersey and graduated from the Pratt Institute. When she's not illustrating, you can find her binging true crime documentaries and cooking spicy food in her kitchen.
Homegrown
by DeAnn Wiley, illustrated by DeAnn Wiley

A touching and stunningly illustrated ode to the homes - and loved ones - that raise us, perfect for fans of Christian Robinson, Oge Mora, and Ekua Holmes.

While her mother puts the finishing touches on her twists, a young girl asks what it means to be homegrown”. Touring precious memories and lively rooms warmed by family, Mama and Granny explain that home isn't just a place, but rather a reflection of people who support and love one another.

With lush, cozy illustrations, Homegrown is a beautiful author-illustrator debut picture book that reminds us to lift up the places - and people - we call home.

Author Bio

DeAnn Wiley is a self-taught illustrator and licensed mental health professional born and raised in Detroit. She is an advocate for social justice as she sits at the intersection of many identities: Black, Woman, Queer, & (Dis)Abled, and stands in solidarity with those communities that she is not a member of. When she's not painting, she's learning, growing, and healing, with each phase of her journey depicted in her art.

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It's Holi!
by Sanyukta Mathur, illustrated by Courtney Pippin-Mathur

This lively picture book follows a young boy and his family as they celebrate the festivities of Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colors.

Wake up, it's Holi!

Nikhil and his family are preparing to celebrate Holi and the beginning of spring! Scrumptious sweet and savory treats fill platters, and a rainbow of powdered colors is set out. Everyone is ready for the bright and messy festivities ahead.

But young Nikhil gets nervous when his sisters start throwing colors and water balloons at each other. Noticing Nikhil's fears, his family comes up with a silly solution that allows him to celebrate the messy colors of spring with everyone.

Excitement, history, and traditions abound in this vibrant celebration of Holi. Complete with a glossary and recipes.

Author Bio

Sanyukta Mathur is a social scientist and studies how to improve the health and well-being of young people around the world. She is the author of various research publications; Happy Diwali! is her first children's book. She lives in Maryland with her family. In Sanyukta's words: Celebrating Diwali is one of my fondest memories of growing up in Delhi, India. My mother would cook for days, our home would be decorated with lights, we would get new clothes and money (if we were lucky) from visiting friends and family, we would see Ram Leela (street theater retelling the stories of Ramayana), and there would be fireworks at every home and neighborhood to delight all. When our family moved to the United States, we continued with our Diwali celebrations. Now, with my own family, I have tried to re-create some of the celebrations. Courtney and I hope you enjoy reading this book and learning about how our family celebrates Diwali in the US. Courtney Pippin-Mathur is the author-illustrator of Maya Was Grumpy and Dragons Rule, Princesses Drool!, which Booklist praised as "a delight from start to finish, and its empowering conclusion is a welcome bonus." She lives in Alexandria, Virginia. She is hugely grateful to be part of a diverse and welcoming family who work hard to bring their traditions to the United States and to pass them to new generations.
Jimena Ramos had no idea she was undocumented.

Now she’s seventeen, and she needs to figure out a way to stay in New York City, the only home she can remember. There’s only one possibility that will get her a green card quickly enough: Jimena is going to find an American to marry her.

She’s got one excellent candidate: Vitaly, her next-door neighbor and friend, the only person she trusts with her secret. But Vitaly’s got his own plans for the future. He’s a definite no.

So Jimena tries online dating. She decides to approach this marriage like a business transaction. She figures out a plan that just might save her and make her a citizen at last.

But of course, she can't stop thinking about Vitaly.

Author Bio

Goldy Moldavsky was born in Lima, Peru, and grew up in Brooklyn, New York, where she lives with her family. She is the New York Times-bestselling author of Kill the Boy Band and No Good Deed. Some of her influences include Buffy the Vampire Slayer, the esteemed works of John Irving, and the Mexican telenovelas she grew up watching with her mother.
Mavis the Bravest
by Lu Fraser, illustrated by Sarah Warburton

Mavis is not like her adventurous friend Marge. Mavis is a chicken who finds EVERYTHING scary (night-time and daytime and anything hairy!). So when the slumbering peace of their cozy barn is disturbed by someone trying to steal their friend Sandra the sheep, will Mavis be able to find her bright spark of braveness and save Sandra?

With a tractor, a lasso, and a lot of hen-durance Mavis might just have what it takes to be the hero the barn needs.

Author Bio

Lu Fraser is a prolific picture book author who's written titles such as The Littlest Yak (illustrated by Kate Hindley) which won the Sainsbury's Children's Book of the Year award and The Viking Who Liked Icing (illustrated by Mark McKinley) which was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Award. She lives in the south of England with her husband & daughter & their much-hugged Beagle & Great Dane.

Sarah Warburton is an established artist whose books include Dinosaurs in the Supermarket (written by Timothy Knapman), The Princess and the Peas (written by Caryl Hart), and the Twinkle books (written by Katharine Holabird), as well as One Camel Called Doug, with author Lu Fraser. She has an uncanny ability to capture huge amounts of charm, humor, and detail in her work. She lives in Bristol, England.
Mihi Ever After: Off the Rails
by Tae Keller, illustrated by Geraldine Rodriguez

Mihi and her friends are heading back to the Rainbow Realm—and this time, they have to save the princess.

Mihi, Reese, and Savannah thought their fairy tale realm adventures were over. But just as they were getting ready to go home, they learn that their first friend in the realm, Princess Pat, has disappeared on a quest of her own. Pat is traveling around the fairy world trying to gather enough magic to save the Rainbow Realm, but the journey is too dangerous, and Mihi, Reese, and Savannah are the only ones that can save her.

But as the girls chase after Princess Pat, they meet creatures and learn stories they've never heard of before, from cultures all over the world. And slowly, they realize Princess Pat might be the problem. Can they save the fairy tale world from their friend's destructive quest?

Author Bio

Tae Keller grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she subsisted on kimchi, purple rice, and stories. Now, she writes about biracial girls trying to find their voices, and lives in Seattle with her husband and a multitude of books. She is the author of The Science of Breakable Things and When You Trap a Tiger, winner of the Newberry Medal.

Geraldine Rodriguez is an artist who loves buffalo wings, tacos, and iced tea. Geraldine has illustrated publishing projects across a range of formats, but Kindergarten Hat is her debut picture book. She lives in Mexico. Follow her @GeryRdz.
Mihi Ever After: A Giant Problem
by Tae Keller, illustrated by Geraldine Rodriguez

Newbery Medalist Tae Keller continues the fantasy adventures of Mihi Whan Park and her friends as they revisit the fairy tale realm to solve a giant problem.

After just barely surviving their last trip to the Rainbow Realm, Mihi Whan Park and her friends Reese and Savannah know that stepping back through the library refrigerator and into the magical fairy-tale world would be a dangerous choice. But when they discover that Mihi’s nemesis, Genevieve, has crossed through the fridge and into the Rainbow Realm herself, Mihi, Reese, and Savannah decide they must bring her home.

Through the refrigerator they go, and when they arrive, they find the world has changed. Atop an enormous beanstalk, a greedy giant wreaks havoc on the realm, and Genevieve isn’t the only one who needs saving. Now Mihi and her friends must team up with villains, concoct a magical disguise, and infiltrate a party full of the most fearsome creatures in all the land. What could possibly go wrong?

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The Deadlands: Survival
by Skye Melki-Wegner

Wings of Fire meets Jurassic Park in the thrilling finale of this action-adventure series about five outcasts - and former enemies - who are the only hope to save their warring dinosaur kingdoms from impending doom.

As bloody battle rages between the two surviving dinosaur kingdoms, Eleri and the other young exiles - including a peppy stegosaur, a stoic sauropod, a testy triceratops, and a mysterious spy - have temporarily thwarted the Carrion Kingdom, a conniving cabal of carnivores, and destroyed their secret stronghold.

Fearing that their cunning enemies will soon regroup and seek vengeance, the exiles must risk their lives by returning home to unite and lead the war-torn herds that turned their backs on them into one final, all-out battle for the very future of the land of Cretacea. Will they convince their kingdoms to follow them into battle against the true enemy, or will Cretacea be overrun by an army of predators?

Praise for The Deadlands: Hunted

This is my favorite middle grade book of the year . . . Full of heart, I would have inhaled a series like this as a kid - I did as an adult. It's the full package." - New York Times -bestselling author Amie Kaufman

"A claw-biting epic fantasy full of family drama, clever humor, nonstop action, weighty themes, and of course, the coolest band of misfit dinosaurs around." - John David Anderson, author of Ms. Bixby's Last Day and Posted

Author Bio

Skye Melki-Wegner started writing as soon as she could hold a pen. She was immediately drawn to fantasy - and soon her notebooks overflowed with dragons, pixies, and wizards. After graduating with an honors degree in law, she traded in practicing law for writing fantasy novels. Her first middle-grade trilogy, The Deadlands, draws inspiration from her time working in a museum (where some of her colleagues were dinosaurs).
The One That Got Away with Murder
by Trish Lundy

Be careful who you fall for... Robbie and Trevor Crestmont have a body count - the killer kind. Handsome and popular, the Crestmont brothers' have enough wealth and privilege to ensure they'll never be found guilty of any wrongdoing, even if all of Happy Valley believes they're behind the deaths of their ex-girlfriends. First there was soccer star Victoria Moreno, Robbie's ex, who mysteriously drowned at the family lake house. Then, a year later, Trevor's girlfriend died of a suspicious overdose.

But the Crestmonts aren't the only ones with secrets. Lauren O'Brien might be the new girl at school, but she's never been a good girl. With a dark past of her own, she's desperate for a fresh start. Except when she starts a no-strings-attached relationship with Robbie, her chance is put in jeopardy. During what's meant to be their last weekend together, Lauren stumbles across shocking evidence that just might implicate Robbie.

With danger closing in, Lauren doesn't know who to trust. And after a third death rocks the town, she must decide whether to end things with Robbie or risk becoming another cautionary tale.

This is an edge-of-your-seat debut YA thriller about a teen who is forced to confront her past in order to catch a murderer before she ends up the next victim. Perfect for fans of Karen McManus and Holly Jackson.

Author Bio
Trish Lundy is an East Coast transplant who now calls California home. She received her BA in English from UCLA, where she fell in love with the craft of writing. She's worked in the film industry, in marketing, and is also a former hospice & palliative care volunteer. The One That Got Away with Murder is her debut novel. patricialundy.com
There's No Such Thing as Vegetables
by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Andrea Tsurumi

A hilarious new picture book that exposes vegetables for what they truly are - leaves, roots, flowers, and stalks - by National Book Award Finalist and Newbery Honor winner Kyle Lukoff, perfect for fans of the Our Universe series.

Chester plans to have a salad for lunch, but in order to do that, he'll need vegetables. So, off he goes to the community garden, except he quickly learns that he won't be dressing a salad anytime soon. Instead, the vegetables start dressing him down. According to them, vegetables" don't exist!

I know what you are thinking: What the bell pepper? Vegetables are totally real! But here's the thing: Kale is just a leaf, broccoli is a flower, potatoes are roots, and celery... well, stalks. Thanks to a lively, sassy cast of talking "veggies," Chester learns a valuable lesson about categories and how they shape our understanding of the world.

With a slyly informative text and illustrations that will crack readers up, the schooling in There's No Such Thing As Vegetables will be easy to digest and is a total treat.

Author Bio

Kyle Lukoff is the author of the Newbery Honor winner and National Book Award finalist Too Bright to See, the Stonewall Award winner When Aidan Became a Brother, among other titles for young readers. While becoming a writer, he worked as a bookseller and school librarian. He lives in New York City, and hopes you're having a nice day. kylelukoff.com

Andrea Tsurumi is the author and illustrator of the books Accident!, Crab Cake, and I'm On It, and they have illustrated many more, including Mr. Watson's Chickens and the Kondo & Kezumi series. They live with their spouse and carrot-loving dog in Philadelphia. Find out more at andreatsurumi.com
Time to Make Art
by Jeff Mack, illustrated by Jeff Mack

Does art have to be perfect? Where do you begin? This inspiring picture book about making art doubles as an introduction to the multifaceted and diverse global history of art empowering readers to get creative.

Awed by the endless possibilities, a young girl begins asking meaningful questions about creating art. Her questions are answered by a diverse group of artists throughout time and history: from the earliest cave painters to the most recent digital illustrators. Rethinking the familiar Western European timeline of art history, this book introduces readers to diverse works from every era and continent in a playful and inspiring way.

Making both art history and art making accessible to all, Time to Make Art nourishes creativity, encouraging young readers to see the artist in themselves.

Author Bio

Jeff Mack is a children’s book author whose books include the Hippo and Rabbit series, Frog and Fly in Six Slurpy Stories, the Clueless McGee books, and Art Is Everywhere: A Book About Andy Warhol. He lives in Western Massachusetts where he continues to write and illustrate books, paint murals, and visit schools and libraries to talk about his work.

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V Is for Voting
by Kate Farrell, illustrated by Caitlin Kuhwald

This playful, though powerful book engages little readers in the tenets of democracy and activism through rhyming text and colorful works of art." -" PBS Kids for Parents

"An ideal starting point in helping kids to understand elections and voting." -" Today.com

V Is for Voting is an ABC board book that introduces progressive families to concepts like social justice and civil rights and reminds readers that every vote counts!

A is for active participation.
B is for building a more equal nation.
C is for citizens' rights and our duty.
D is for difference, our strength and our beauty.

An engaging introduction to the tenets of democracy, V Is for Voting is a playful, poetic, and powerful primer about the importance of voting and activism. Featuring Kate Farrell's rhyming text and Caitlin Kuhwald's bold art, plus thoughtful back matter, the book is a gorgeous, and crucial, addition to every young readers library. It makes the perfect gift (…)

Author Bio

Kate Farrell is a writer and an editor who lives in New York City. V Is for Voting is her first picture book. Caitlin Kuhwald received a BFA in Illustration from the California College of the Arts, and an MFA in painting from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine arts in Philadelphia. She returned to San Francisco after grad school to teach at her alma mater for nearly eight years. At CCA she taught illustration, drawing and watercolor, and she was also the Program Expert (Advising Liaison) for the illustration department. She now teaches illustration at the University of California, San Diego. Her illustrations appear in various magazines, books and other media. And her work has been recognized by American Illustration, The Society of Illustrators, Communication Arts and 3x3. Caitlin and her family of two moved to LA in 2014 and are happily living in the sunshine where they are now a family of three!
Amazing Machines Amazing Airplanes Sticker Activity Book
by Tony Mitton, illustrated by Ant Parker

For fans of the best-selling Amazing Machines series, this interactive early-learning activity book is the perfect purchase for vacations and long journeys, and is packed full of airplanes! Airplanes that are fast, big, and heavy. Airplanes that can zoom and soar and go whoosh through the skies. Airplanes with wings and wheels and controls to carry people across the world. Preschool children will love the activity pages - there are counting, matching, drawing, writing, coloring, and lots of other activities, as well as two pages of stickers to use.

Author Bio

Amazing Machines Roaring Rockets Sticker Activity Book
by Tony Mitton, illustrated by Ant Parker

For fans of the best-selling Amazing Machines series, this interactive early-learning activity book is the perfect purchase for vacations and long journeys, and is packed full of rockets! Rockets that are noisy, strong, and big. Rockets that can blast off, roar, and soar. Rockets with astronauts inside, heading to the Moon. Preschool children will love the activity pages - there are counting, matching, drawing, writing, coloring, and lots of other activities, as well as two pages of stickers to use.

Author Bio

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Amazing Machines Terrific Trains Sticker Activity Book
by Tony Mitton, illustrated by Ant Parker

For fans of the best-selling Amazing Machines series, this interactive early-learning activity book is the perfect purchase for vacations and long journeys, and is packed full of trains! Trains that huff and puff and rattle and rush. Trains that can rumble over bridges and through tunnels. Trains with rails and wheels and coaches to carry people across the world. Preschool children will love the activity pages - there are counting, matching, drawing, writing, coloring, and lots of other activities, as well as two pages of stickers to use.

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Amazing Machines Tough Trucks Sticker Activity Book
by Tony Mitton, illustrated by Ant Parker

For fans of the best-selling Amazing Machines series, this interactive early-learning activity book is the perfect purchase for vacations and long journeys, and is packed full of trucks! Trucks that are tough, strong, and big. Trucks that can carry and push and tip. Trucks with radios, cabs, and beds, pistons that hoist, tilt, and shift. Preschool children will love the activity pages - there are counting, matching, drawing, writing, coloring, and lots of other activities, as well as two pages of stickers to use.

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Amazing Machines: Clean Green Machines
by Tony Mitton, illustrated by Ant Parker

Amazing Machines: Green Machines follows the animal team as they discover the latest eco-friendly inventions, from electric bikes and green buses to solar panels and energy found underground! Each page is filled with details that machine-mad kids will love.

From water dams to electric cars, the internationally bestselling Amazing Machines series is the perfect way for children to learn about all sorts of machines and vehicles! Each book introduces a new vehicle or machine and the many jobs it can do. Bright, engaging artwork and simple, rhyming text combine to make these fantastic books for young children. Kids will love getting to know the friendly, animal characters who feature throughout the series and reading about their fast-paced adventures.

Author Bio


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

Kids will love reading about the gory (blood transfusions and operations), the gruesome (eye surgery and heart transplants), and the gross (diarrhoea and vomiting). And they'll learn about the latest technological breakthroughs in medical science, including the story of the record-breaking Covid-19 vaccine, how a liver was repaired using lab-grown cells, and how nanobots will revolutionize medicine in the future. This is a really sick book!

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Epic Adventures
Explore the World in 12 Amazing Train Journeys
by Sam Sedgman

From Adventures on Trains author and British Book Award 2021 winner Sam Sedgman comes a beautiful and fact-filled book encapsulating the excitement and wonder of adventure and travel - all seen through the world's most epic train journeys.

So climb on board and travel across six continents, 34 countries and numerous cities via twelve of the world's most awe-inspiring railways. Bestselling author Sam Sedgman brings to life these astonishing feats of railway engineering, including the Eurostar (London to Amsterdam), Orient Express (Paris to Istanbul), the first Transcontinental Railroad (Chicago to San Francisco) and the Rejuvenation Express (Beijing to Hong Kong). Each locomotive adventure reveals some of the rich history, culture, landscape and wildlife of the countries travelled. Take in the safari sights of Southern Africa, wrap up warm in the Arctic Circle, cross scorching deserts on the California Zephyr, and taste tea in India whilst on a toy train - there's a whole world to discover when travelling by train!

Detailed, colourful illustrations by Sam Brewster bring the facts and journeys to life. Epic Adventures will appeal to culture-, travel-, locomotive-fans of all ages.

Author Bio

Sam Sedgman is an award-winning, bestselling novelist, and lifelong crime fiction enthusiast. His books include the Adventures on Trains series and Epic Adventures: Explore the World in 12 Amazing Train Journeys. He lives in London, where he once ran a company devising murder mystery treasure hunts. He grew up with a railway line at the bottom of his garden and has been fascinated by trains ever since.
Everyday STEM Science - Geology
by Emily Dodd, illustrated by Robbie Cathro

Discover how geology is part of our daily lives with Everyday STEM Science - Geology.

Explore the wonders of Earth and see how geology is all around us, from nature’s materials that are used to construct roads and buildings, to the minerals found in your cell phone and drinks can. Witness a volcanic eruption, find out if there is water on Mars, unearth a dinosaur, and meet the geologists and scientists who brought geology to life, including Zelma Maine Jackson, Georges Cuvier, and Florence Bascom. Readers can also carry out cool geology experiments at home.

With easy-to-understand text written by STEM expert Emily Dodd, and lots of colorful artworks, photos, and diagrams, readers can best explore where we encounter geology and why it’s even important at all.

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

Author Bio

Emily Dodd loves science and wildlife. She is the author of picture books and non-fiction science books, a screenwriter for CBeebies and a writer of BBC radio plays for children. Emily spent several years working in museum education and has written science shows, workshops and stories for the Scottish Seabird Centre, Edinburgh International Science Festival, the National Museums Scotland and Our Dynamic Earth. Emily was the 2012/2013 Scottish Book Trust Reader in Residence at Leith Library. She once performed a poem about puffins to the Queen.

Robbie Cathro is an Illustrator & Storyteller living in Bristol, UK, where he creates fun and lively work from his desk in The Island Studios. He loves bright colours, limited palettes, atmospheric textures and layered characters. All of which are inspired from the animation he loves, the folk tales that he reads as well as the small stories you find in the corner of your day-to-day. He has worked with Airbnb, The Sunday Times, The Natural History Museum, Aquila Magazine and Anorak Magazine, where he has produced children’s activity spreads, editorial imagery and illustrated narratives. He loves nothing more than getting a brief through that opens a subject from
I Wonder Why Snakes Shed Their Skin
and Other Questions About Reptiles
by Amanda O’Neill, illustrated by Gareth Lucas

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

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Anita Ganeri is the author of the Award-winning book *Horrible Geography*. She is currently residing at West Yorkshire, England with her family. She was born in Calcutta India and her family immigrated to Europe. She attended primary and secondary school in England. Anita has spent many years working for publishers both as an editor and a foreign rights manager. She has published over 100 books.
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What does it mean to be happy? Are there different levels of happiness? *This Book Will Make You Smile* looks at the theory of what it is to be happy.

Why do certain colors lift your mood? How does a tree bring a sense of peace and calm? Find out where happiness stems from - both physiologically and in current surroundings. Discover what happiness means to people around the world and realize not everyone feels or reacts the same. Explore how different cultures and religions see happiness in different ways. Uncover happiness in unexpected places, including in colors, nature, and even items in your house.

Keilly Swift's engaging and emphatic text is complemented by Lucy Davey's wonderful and vibrant artwork. This is not a journal or activity book, but looks at the philosophy (and philosophers) of this most wanted emotion.

**Author Bio**

Kingfisher is an award-winning publisher of non-fiction and fiction for children of all ages. Known around the world for its informative and engaging reference and early learning books, Kingfisher also receives widespread acclaim for its classic anthologies for five- to fourteen-year-olds and original picture books for very young children.
**The Kingfisher Science Encyclopedia**  
by Charles Taylor and Editors of Kingfisher

Science and technology is a part of our past, present and future. It makes up everything we do and everything we are.

Split into ten thematic chapters, *The Kingfisher Science Encyclopedia* explores key scientific fields including space and time, technology, power, the human body and the environment. Fully updated to include the latest groundbreaking discoveries in the world of science, including SpaceX launches, the current fight against climate change and the advancement of AI. This new and revised fourth edition details the very latest facts and data with clear text and more than 1000 photos and illustrations to inform and amaze. A vital go-to source for curious minds for children aged 7 up and all the family.

Kingfisher’s encyclopedias are award-winning, information-packed reference books for all the family, saving hours of unguided internet trawling. The new, updated editions are beautiful versions of these trusted favorites - perfect for gifts and reference alike. If you want one science encyclopedia, this is it!

**Author Bio**

Professor Charles Taylor received the U.K.’s Bragg Medal and Prize of Institutional Physics, and the UK’s Michael Faraday Award for contributions to the public understanding of science. He has presented lectures on BBC television and has written many science books for children. Kingfisher is an award-winning publisher of non-fiction and fiction for children of all ages. Known around the world for its informative and engaging reference and early learning books, Kingfisher also receives widespread acclaim for its classic anthologies for five- to fourteen-year-olds and original picture books for very young children.
The Spectacular Science of Art
by Rob Colson, illustrated by Moreno Chiacchiera

The Spectacular Science of Art is guaranteed to answer all those tricky science questions that children ask about colors, perspective, and symmetry - and that parents often struggle to answer - such as: What is color theory? How do artists use math in their paintings? How do scientists spot forgeries in a laboratory? And many, many more!

The bright, busy artworks will encourage science-hungry children to pore over every detail and truly get to grips with the science that underpins everything around us. Information is delivered on multiple levels, allowing readers to dip in and out at speed, or take a deep dive into their favourite subjects

Author Bio

Rob Colson is an author and editor of a wide range of books for children and adults, including many natural history, math, and science titles. Previous titles as author: Ultimate Cars, Ultimate Machines; Super Science. Other titles: Bone Collection: Animals, Puzzles, Conundrums, and Enigmas.

Moreno Chiacchiera is an Italian illustrator who has published dozens of history, math, and science books for children. His bright, busy artworks are full of intriguing details that children love to explore in great depth.

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The Spectacular Science of Inventions
Editors of Kingfisher

The Spectacular Science of Inventions is guaranteed to answer all those tricky science questions that children ask about machines, technology and gadgets.

Discover who built the first robots? How is a text message sent from one smartphone to another? Why will the James Webb telescope revolutionize our knowledge of the Universe?
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The Spectacular Science of the Living World
Editors of Kingfisher

*The Spectacular Science of the Living World* is guaranteed to answer all those tricky science questions that children ask about animals, plants, habitats and ecosystems.

Questions include when and how did life first appear on Earth? How do trees communicate with each other? What are the Great Extinctions? And answers to many, many more!

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The Spectacular Science of Vehicles
by Rob Colson, illustrated by Moreno Chiacchiera

The Spectacular Science of Vehicles is guaranteed to answer all those tricky science questions that children ask about cars, trains, ships and planes - and that parents often struggle to answer - such as:
- How does a Maglev train float on air?
- What happens when you break the sound barrier?
- How do modern airports and container ports work?
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What Do Bees Do In Winter?
by Kate Peridot, illustrated by Dawn Cooper

Some animals migrate and leave and go to another place to live, some animals hibernate and find a cozy place to sleep, and some animals stay and adapt, changing their coat and behavior. But which animal does which?

Meet whales and wood frogs, beavers and brown bears, salmon and snowshoe hares and lots more amazing animals who want to share their story of living through the changing seasons with you. Beautiful illustrations bring Kate Peridot's lyrical text to life and introduces readers to animals and their habitats from around the world.

Author Bio

Kate Peridot is an author of both fiction and non-fiction children's stories who lives with her family in the south of France. In 2014, her children's story, The Elephant Carnival, won a Walker Books Animal Stories competition for 4-7-year-olds. In 2015 she won the Winchester Festival, First Pages of a Novel award for a YA concept. Her debut non-fiction, Caring Conservationists, will be published in 2023, and a further four non-fiction titles will be published in 2023 and 2024.
The Ultimate Wizarding World History of Magic
A comprehensive chronicle of the Harry Potter universe through the ages
by The Editors of MuggleNet

Harry Potter's adventures are built upon a rich tapestry of historical events dating back as far as the first century, during which an ancient Greek wizard known only as Herpo the Foul created the first usable Horcrux. It was this successful venture nearly two millennia ago that enabled the evil wizard Voldemort to create one Horcrux for each piece of his splintered soul.

In *The Ultimate Wizarding World History of Magic*, the editors of MuggleNet document all of the significant historical events that shaped the wizarding world, from Herpo's first breakthrough through the final adventures of Harry Potter and his friends. Readers will learn about the founding of Hogwarts, the beginnings of Quidditch and its rules, the creation of the sword of Gryffindor and much more. It's the only book of its kind to delve so deep into the history and mysteries of the world of witches and wizards.

Topics covered include:
- The creation of the Chamber of Secrets
- The beginnings of the Triwizard Tournament
- Incidents related to Muggle magic, such as the Salem witch trials, and their impact upon the wizarding world
- The founding of Gringotts Bank
- Important historical figures, including those shared with the Muggle world such as Merlin
- The birth of Albus Dumbledore
- World War I and its impact upon the wizarding world
- The Battle of Hogwarts
- The installment of Harry Potter as Head of the Auror Department
- And much more

Informed by dozens of different official sources, and supplemented with family trees and informative timelines, *The Ultimate Wizarding World History of Magic* provides all the information fans could want to (...)

**Author Bio**

MuggleNet is the world's #1 Harry Potter website, hosting more than 1.5 million visitors each month. Having celebrated its 20th year in 2019, MuggleNet is one of the world's primary sources for all things Harry Potter. The site has been quoted by periodicals and news outlets such as Cosmopolitan, SyFy, Newsweek, Bustle, Nerdist, BBC Radio, The Los Angeles Times, People.com and many others. The site has even been a
A Stinky History of Toilets
Flush with Fun Facts and Disgusting Discoveries
by Olivia Meikle and Katie Nelson, illustrated by Ella Kasperowicz

You sit on it every day, but how much do you really know about your toilet? Discover the history of pooping and peeing in this frankly disgusting nonfiction book.

Authors Katie Nelson and Olivia Meikle have scoured the toilet bowls and sewers of the world to find out how humans have done their business throughout history. It’s time to get to the bottom of toilets! Prepare to be revolted by:

- A fossilized Viking turd discovered by archaeologists
- The Mongol catapult used to fling smelly poop at their enemies
- The reason ancient Romans used pee to wash their clothes

Filled with poop facts and vomit-inducing stats, you will also learn how diseases like cholera spread through bad sanitation, why some of the earliest toilets had a tendency to explode, and how medieval kings and queens had special helpers to wipe their bums.

Featuring hilarious illustrations by Ella Kasperowicz, it’s a history book like no other!

Author Bio

Katie Nelson and Olivia Meikle are sisters who host the women’s history podcast What’sHerName, which shines a light on amazing women often unfairly overlooked in history. Katie has a PhD in History from the University of Warwick, UK, and teaches at Weber State University. Olivia teaches Women’s Studies and English at the University of Denver and Naropa University. Katie Nelson and Olivia Meikle are sisters who host the women’s history podcast What’sHerName, which shines a light on amazing women often unfairly overlooked in history. Katie has a PhD in History from the University of Warwick, UK, and teaches at Weber State University. Olivia teaches Women’s Studies and English at the University of Denver and Naropa University. Ella Kasperowicz. AKA Ellastrated, is a UK-based illustrator. She creates playful, relatable and modern information illustrations inspired by travel, mental health, and friendship.
Snakes (A Day in the Life)
What Do Cobras, Pythons, and Anacondas Get Up to All Day?
by Christian Cave and Neon Squid, illustrated by Rebecca Mills

Set over 24 hours, meet rattlesnakes, vipers, and black mambas in this kids nonfiction book by TikTok star and snake expert Christian Cave.

Journey around the world to follow the lives of these cold-blooded reptiles as they hunt, hide, and fight their way through their day. Biologist and conservationist Christian Cave tells the story of the worlds most amazing venomous snakes in the style of a nature documentary, including gentle science explanations of topics such as camouflage and skin shedding that are perfect for future biologists. Witness incredible moments including:

- A paradise flying snake soaring through the air to escape a predator
- A king cobra defending her eggs from a mongoose
- A spider-tailed viper using its tail to catch birds!

Beautifully illustrated by Rebecca Mills and packed with animal facts, Snakes (A Day in the Life) encourages kids to look at the roles these incredible legless predators play in ecosystems across the globe, and why its important we protect them.

Author Bio

Christian Cave is a biologist and snake expert based in Georgia. He creates popular TikTok videos where he tracks snakes in the wild (in the style of Steve Irwin!). He has over 400,000 followers and his videos have been viewed more than 5 million times. Rebecca Mills is an illustrator based in Perth, Western Australia. Her work is bright, colorful and fun, focused on balancing playfulness with purpose-driven design. Rebecca’s illustrations have made it into exhibitions and onto print, puzzles, clothing, stamps, even surfboards. Rebecca lives with her husband, two kids, and one very cute dog. Neon Squid creates beautiful nonfiction books for inquisitive kids (and kids at heart). We believe the most amazing stories are real ones, so our books are for children who want to decipher ancient scrolls, orbit distant stars, and dive into the deepest oceans. Our books are a labor of love—written by experts, illustrated by the best artists around, and produced using the finest materials, including sustainably sourced paper. We hope that by reading them kids are encouraged to further explore the world around them.
A beautifully illustrated first guide to tigers from big cat expert Samantha Helle, featuring stunning illustrations by Sally Agar.

You might know that tigers are the largest of the big cats, but there's so much more to learn about these incredible predators! Discover why tigers have stripes, what makes them stick out their tongue, and how they can survive in habitats ranging from snowy Siberia to the tropical rainforest of Indonesia. You'll also discover what it takes to become a tiger zoologist—including learning how to track a tiger using its paw prints! Filled with simple science and plenty of animal facts, this book also looks at the conservation challenges these iconic animals face.

*Tiger (Young Zoologist)* is part of an exciting series of collectable animal books from Neon Squid aiming to inspire the next generation of biologists and conservationists.

**Author Bio**

Samantha Helle is a wildlife conservationist who works closely with local communities in Nepal to study and protect tigers. She is also a science communicator who founded the non-profit organization Project Conservation, which supports people and projects on the frontlines of global conservation.

Sally Agar is an illustrator and designer based in North Yorkshire, UK. She loves working with color, texture, and pattern, and aims to bring a bit of everyday magic to her illustrations. Sally returned to the UK after ten years living in Stockholm working as a Print Designer for fashion companies. When she's not in her attic studio working on her latest painting, Sally is happiest out in nature with her young son by her side.

Neon Squid creates beautiful nonfiction books for inquisitive kids (and kids at heart). We believe the most amazing stories are real ones, so our books are for children who want to decipher ancient scrolls, orbit distant stars, and dive into the deepest oceans. Our books are a labor of love—written by experts, illustrated by the best artists around, and produced using the finest materials, including sustainably sourced paper. We hope that by reading them kids are encouraged to further explore the world around them.

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We Need to Talk About Death
An IMPORTANT Book About Grief, Celebrations, and Love by Sarah Chavez and Neon Squid, illustrated by Annika Le Large

An educational book that helps grieving children understand what happens when we die, and celebrates the traditions people around the world use to honor the dead.

Death is an important part of life, and yet it is one of the hardest things to talk about—"for adults as well as children. Historian and museum curator Sarah Chavez is determined to create a book that sparks wonder and curiosity about dying, instead of fear and shame.

In this informative book, illustrated by Annika Le Large, children will marvel at the flowers different cultures use to represent death. They will find out about eco-friendly burials, learn how to wrap a mummy, and go beneath the streets of Paris to witness skull-lined catacombs! Readers will also ride a buffalo alongside Yama, the Hindu god of death, come face-to-face with the terracotta army a Chinese emperor built to escort him to the afterlife, and party in the streets to celebrate the Day of the Dead in Mexico.

Through these examples Sarah Chavez showcases the amazing ways humans have always revered those who have died. Full of practical tips, this book won't stop the pain of losing a loved one or a pet, but it may give young readers ideas for different ways they can celebrate those who have passed away, and help begin the healing process.

Author Bio
Sarah Chavez is a historian, museum curator, and podcaster who has also worked on the popular YouTube series *Ask a Mortician*. She is one of the founders of the Death Positive movement, which wants to encourage a more open conversation about death. As the executive director of the *Order of the Good Death*, a founding member of *The Collective for Radical Death Studies*, and co-founder of feminist site *Death & the Maiden*, Sarah's multifaceted approach to observing and honoring this process is unparalleled; her work weaves together the relationship between death and food, rituals, culture, and society, which she also shares on her blog *Nourishing Death*.

Annika Le Large is an illustrator based in Leipzig, Germany. Her artworks are often related to social issues or concepts of self-love. *Neon Squid* creates beautiful nonfiction books for inquisitive kids (and kids at heart). We believe the most amazing stories are real ones, so our books are for children who want to decipher ancient scrolls, orbit distant stars, and dive into the deepest oceans. Our books are a labor of love—"written by experts, illustrated by the
Brown Bear and Friends ABC (World of Eric Carle)
by Eric Carle and Odd Dot, illustrated by Eric Carle

From Eric Carle’s Brown Bear and Friends comes an exciting new novelty crinkle board book original exploring the perennial favorite: the alphabet!

In the forest, looking for a treat! What will Brown Bear find to eat? Apple, Berries, Cherries, Deee-licious!

Exploring everything there is to see, taste, and discover in the forest, Brown Bear delights in each letter from A to Z in this charming alphabet book. With rhythmic, rhyming, read-aloud text, and an oh-so-touchable novelty cover, it’s perfect for the youngest of readers. Featuring Eric Carle’s bright, distinctive artwork, each letter introduces foods, animals, sounds, and so much more. It’s an exploration of the alphabet that will engage all of the senses!

Author Bio

Eric Carle (1929-2021) was one of America’s leading children’s book illustrators and authors. Author of more than seventy books, his picture book career started when Bill Martin Jr invited him to create the illustrations for Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? That book that went on to sell millions of copies worldwide and Eric soon began writing and illustrating his own books, eventually creating the bestselling classic The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Born in the United States, Eric also spent many of his early years in Germany where he studied typography and graphic art at the Academy of Applied Art in Stuttgart. Carle was the recipient of many honors including the American Library Association’s Children’s Literature Legacy Award and the Original Art Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Illustrators. In addition to writing and illustrating books of his own, he also collaborated on several others, including Bill Martin Jr’s Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?, Isaac Bashevis Singer’s Why Noah Chose the Dove, and the Eric Carle and Friends’ What’s Your Favorite picture book series. The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, which Carle and his wife Bobbie founded, opened in Amherst, Massachusetts in 2002.

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Counting on Mom
by Odd Dot, illustrated by Valentina Jaskina

A beautifully illustrated board book that encourages readers to count and celebrate all the moms around them!
1 mom waking, 2 moms eating, 3 moms walking . . .

Moms are all around us! This simple counting book encourages readers to count and celebrate all the amazing moms around them - the heroes kids count on every day! Moms playing; moms relaxing; moms helping each other and their kids. It's a joyful opportunity to celebrate all that moms are and do! With sweet animal characters and charming art, this is the perfect gift book for new moms and at Mother's Day and all year long.

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Little Seasons: Spring Seeds
by Mirka Hokkanen, illustrated by Mirka Hokkanen

A funny and informative nonfiction picture book introducing the life cycle of seeds and exploring the season of spring, including interactive back matter and a tear-out memory card game. Discover how seeds spring into action! As winter warms into spring, the amazing life cycle begins - seeds root and sprout and start to grow. From tiny carrot seeds to big avocado seeds and everything in between, discover what seeds can do in this pitch-perfect picture book for younger readers. With clear, informative text and bright, charming illustrations, as well as lots of hilarious interjections from the seeds themselves, this is an exciting start to a new nonfiction picture book series exploring life cycles and the seasons. Next, look out for Autumn Leaves! in Fall 2024.

Author Bio

Mirka Hokkanen is the author-illustrator of the companion book Kitty and Cat: Opposites Attract as well as the early-reader graphic novel series Mossy and Tweed and the illustrator of Four Otters Toboggan: An Animal Counting Book by Vivian Kirkfield. Mirka Hokkanen was born in Finland and began her career as a fine art printmaker before transitioning to picture book illustration. She has lived around the world and loves to knit, sew, and explore the outdoors with her three energetic kids.
Outdoor School: Gardening
The Definitive Interactive Nature Guide
by Bridget Heos, illustrated by John D. Dawson

In this next gift-worthy, full-color, definitive guide in the Outdoor School series discover the rich possibilities of gardening.

With more than four hundred pages of full-color illustrations, Outdoor School: Gardening is your indispensable tool for the outdoors. Highly designed, gorgeous, and interactive, this field guide to gardening includes:
- immersive activities to get you growing
- write-in sections to journal about experiences
- next-level adventures to challenge even seasoned gardeners

No experience is required - only curiosity and courage. Inside you'll find easy-to-follow instructions on how to:
- sprout plants from seed
- grow plants indoors and outdoors
- create delicious combinations of herbs and vegetables
- care for fruits, vegetables, flowers, herbs, and more
- design the garden of your dreams
And so much more!

Author Bio

Bridget Heos is the prolific author of Stegothesaurus; Mustache Baby; Mustache Baby Meets His Match; I, Fly; and more than one hundred other children's books. She lives in Kansas.

John D. Dawson has created art spanning over four decades, from early years in advertising art to freelance work for the US Postal Service, National Park Service, United Nations, National Wildlife Federation, National Geographic Society, the Audubon Society, and the Golden Guide books. He and his wife Kathleen have lived on the Big Island of Hawaii since 1989.

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Outdoor School: Spot & Sticker Butterflies & Moths
by Odd Dot

An exquisite collection of more than four hundred artful stickers inspired by vintage nature guides, with a spot-them-all poster!

Finally - a sticker book for the curious and the adventurous. The Outdoor School: Spot & Sticker series delivers the natural wonders of the world in gorgeous, scientifically accurate stickers.

Peel and place each sticker on the pull-out poster once you've seen each butterfly or moth - or simply decorate your surroundings to make a fluttering paradise.

The hundreds of extravagant illustrations can decorate greeting cards, letters, packages, classroom notebooks, scrapbooks, cell phone cases - anything your heart desires! For the curious-minded, each butterfly or moth on the pull-out poster is identified by name.

Full of unique, hand-painted wonders, this book makes the perfect gift for butterfly-lovers, crafters, scrapbookers, and any sticker lover.

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You're Going to Be a Big Sibling
by Manon Chevallerau, illustrated by Denise Holmes

This interactive and personalizable keepsake picture book for children is a must for welcoming a new sibling into the family!

Filled with:
* fun illustrations
* age-appropriate information
* fill-in-the-blank activities
* easy crafts
* two sticker sheets with over 50 stickers
* a keepsake cover that can be personalized with a photograph
* and more!

It's the essential resource for preparing the big-sibling-to-be for their new role. Learn kid-friendly and age-appropriate information about pregnancy and birth, about tiny newborn babies and bigger babies who can do even more activities together.

With lots of great ideas for games and crafts to do together, as well as journaling activities for the big sibling to express their feelings, this is the foundation for a strong, happy sibling relationship that will last a lifetime!

With beautiful keepsake-worthy in-book activities, it's a memory of that lead-up and first year as siblings that the family will cherish forever.

Author Bio

Manon Chevallerau has been working in person and virtually as a postpartum doula, newborn care and sleep expert since 1999 and her expertise is well respected and connected in the birthing and parenting communities. She hosts ongoing classes and support groups and is an exceptional passionate advocate for her field. You're Going to Be a Big Sibling is her picture book debut. She is a mother of two grown children. Manon is from Amsterdam Netherlands and lives in New York City.

Denise Holmes is an award-winning children's book illustrator and educator living in Chicago, IL with her husband, daughter and tiny dog Mochi. niseemade.com
Children can celebrate and learn about Eid with this new title in the Bright Baby Touch & Feel series from Priddy Books.

With a mixture of interesting photographs and charming illustrations, this book is a first introduction to the Islamic holiday of Eid. Babies will love to explore the touch and feel tactiles on every spread, like the silky soft present ribbon and glittering crescent moon.

Each page features a word and image associated with Eid, making this the perfect gift for any young child celebrating with their family.

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Passover (Bright Baby Touch & Feel)
by Roger Priddy and Priddy Books

Children can celebrate and learn about Passover with this new title in the Bright Baby Touch & Feel series from Priddy Books.

With a mixture of interesting photographs and charming illustrations, this book is a first introduction to the Jewish holiday of Passover. Babies will love to explore the touch and feel tactiles on every spread, like Moses' soft red cloak and the sparkling light of the Passover candles.

Each page features a word and image associated with Passover, making this the perfect gift for any young child celebrating the religious festival with their family.

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My First Prayers (Festive Felt)
by Roger Priddy and Priddy Books

Enjoy reading prayers together with My First Prayers from Priddy Books.

This shaped board book features eight prayers themed around key values such as family, friendship, gratitude, and love. The prayers are perfect for sharing together at bedtime, mealtimes or for calm reflection throughout the day.

Each prayer is beautifully illustrated by Holly Sterling, with scenes and vignettes focused around each key value and theme.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for giving me my special family.
I pray for you to bless and look after them, as you look after me.

Amen.

The pages are lined with a different-colored felt which create a beautiful image of a rainbow on the cover. The felt also gives this book a tactile feel as you turn each page.

This makes this book a wonderful gift for any child at Easter, or any other special occasion.

Also published in the series: Festive Felt: Santa's Perfect Present.

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First Royal Words (First 100)
by Roger Priddy

Roger Priddy's *First Royal Words* is full of royal-themed words to read and learn.

With a soft, padded cover and a small, easy-to-hold size, this new addition to the *First 100* series is the perfect book for children who love all-things kings and queens.

From Coronations and Royal weddings, to the Crown Jewels, palaces, and more, children can learn about the Royal family from the colorful illustrations and photographic images. There are lots of new words for young children to learn in this pocket-sized board book which has a fresh, vibrant look. The eye-catching cover makes this another stand-out Priddy book to add to the bookshelf.

Part of an established series including the titles: *First 100: Spooky Words, First 100: Nature Words, First 100: Words of Love, First 100: First Book of Prayers, First 100: First 100 Dinosaurs, First 100: First 100 Bible Words, First 100: First 100 Farm Words, First 100: First 100 Animals, First 100: First 100 Words, First 100: First 100 Christmas Words, First 100: First 100 Numbers, First 100: First 100 Numbers Colors Shapes, First 100: First 100 Trucks and Things that Go, First 100: First Book of Colors.*

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First Felt Colors (First Felt)
by Roger Priddy and Priddy Books

A fun first concept book as part of a new early learning series from Priddy Books with brightly colored felt-trimmed pages and photographic images.

Babies will love to feel the soft felt edges as they turn the pages of this first colors book. The front cover also features a felt touch-and-feel which will stimulate young children's senses and encourage them to discover the world with their hands.

With a fascinating photograph on every page and lots of first color words to help children build their early vocabulary.

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Also available: Numbers, Colors, and Animals

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First Felt: ABC
by Roger Priddy

Help your toddler learn their ABC with First Felt ABC by Priddy Books!

This bright and colorful board book is packed full of first words to learn to encourage early speaking skills and increase vocabulary. Each alphabetical word has a matching photographic image to help with picture recognition and awareness of the world through real objects.

This early-learning book has an eye catching design with a shaped rainbow at the top of each page. The pages are also edged with soft colorful felt for an additional tactile element and added interest for any young child. The pages are lightweight so this book can be taken in the car, stroller, or on road trips to keep your toddler entertained on the go or in the home.

Priddy Books are renowned for their photographic first concepts books and My First Felt: ABC is a wonderful addition to any toddler’s reading library.

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Publishing alongside *First Felt: ABC*.

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Sleepy Baby (Happy Baby)
by Roger Priddy

Soothe your baby ready for bedtime with Sleepy Baby Cloth Book from Priddy Books.

Focusing on three stages of getting ready for bed such as bath time, story time and going to sleep, this book is designed to be read to babies as part of their bedtime or naptime routine.

Each spread features an illustrated vignette of a baby with labelled images on the other page to introduce new vocabulary, encourage early speaking skills and word-picture association.

This book has soft padded cloth pages which are easy to hold and turn pages. Each spread also includes a different texture for babies to touch and feel. There are four ribbons attached to the side of the cloth book with different patterns and tactiles for added sensory exploration.

The encouraging text is perfect for reading out loud together as part of story time.

Publishing into the same series as Happy Baby, a tabbed board book publishing in October 2023.

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Little Lost Dinosaur (Search & Find)
A prehistoric search-and-find book
by Roger Priddy

Get ready for a hilarious adventure with Little Lost Dinosaur, the new title in successful Search and Find series by Priddy Books.

Young children will love helping Little Dinosaur find his mom in this chunky, interactive novelty board book. With tabs to pull and flaps to lift, children can search the scenes to find mommy. Could she be behind the tree, in the dumper truck, or under the sink? Come and find out!

With its repetitive text that encourages participation, satisfying novelties, and a surprise ending, Little Lost Dinosaur is sure to become a favorite with little ones.

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See Touch Feel: Play Book
by Roger Priddy

Encourage your preschooler’s early pen control skills with See Touch Feel: Play Book—a wipe-clean activity book from Priddy Books!

This bright and bold spiral-bound book is full of fun activities to encourage young children to develop first writing and drawing skills. The exercises range from colorful mazes to complete and pictures to trace to simple puzzles to solve.

The colorful painted images and craft style of the artwork makes the pages bold and engaging for children aged 3 and over and will encourage their imagination and creativity as they complete the activities.

The pages are wipe-clean so children can do the activities over and over again and the spiral binding allows the book to sit flat on a table. This workbook also comes with a wipe-clean pen attached to the spiral.

There is even a page of stickers to use in the book or just for fun!

Part of the best selling See Touch Feel series which includes: See Touch Feel, See Touch Feel 123, See Touch Feel ABC, See Touch Feel Colors, See Touch Feel Create, See Touch Feel Roar, and See Touch Feel Tummy Time.

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See, Touch, Feel Quack! (See, Touch, Feel)
by Roger Priddy and Priddy Books

Babies will love bath time with Quack!, a fantastic new format in the successful See, Touch, Feel series, with waterproof pages and an embedded squeaker.

With soft waterproof pages, See, Touch, Feel Quack! is the perfect book to entertain baby at bath time. With an interactive squeaker, engaging images, and playful text, Quack! turns bath time into playtime. What's more, the waterproof pages can be wiped clean for hygiene purposes.

Part of the best-selling See, Touch, Feel series, which includes, Farm Babies, Trucks and Things That Go, ABC, 123, Colors, Numbers, Words, Farm, Animals, Roar, Tummy Time, Cloth Book, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Halloween, Spring, and Love.

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Flower Girl (Sticker Friends)
by Roger Priddy

Keep young flower girls busy on the big day with Sticker Friends: Flower Girl, an engaging activity book with over 300 stickers by Priddy Books.

With celebratory scenes to color and pretty stickers to use, this book is sure to delight young flower girls and boys. There is also a fun wordsearch, tricky maze, and many more fantastic puzzles and activities that young children are sure to love.

With over 300 stickers, children can add accessories to the outfits, complete celebration scenes, and much more. The shaped cover and vibrant artwork is sure to delight any little flower girl.

The unique shaped cover design and lots of pretty dresses to decorate, this engaging activity book is the ideal gift to give to young flower girls to prepare them in advance for the big day, or to keep them entertained throughout the celebration. Young children will love sharing the additional stickers with their friends and family on the day.

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Ten Little Lambs
by Roger Priddy and Priddy Books

Toddlers will love counting from 10 to 1 in Ten Little Lambs, an exciting new numbers book from Priddy Books!

Ten little lambs are leaving the farm and going off on an adventure. They zoom around in outer space, rock out on stage at a concert, find buried treasure and much more. But every time they go somewhere new, one lamb gets left behind:

Ten daring lambs go out for the day.
One felt worried so decided to stay.

This casebound board book also includes tactile silicon lambs. On every page there are die-cut shapes for the lambs faces to appear through so that every time the child turns the page, there is one less animal to count. The tactile nature of each page encourages children to explore and practice numbers from a young age.

This fantastic book is perfect to share together at bedtime as there is so much to spot and look out for in the busy illustrated scenes as well as fun rhyming text to read aloud.

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**Butterfly on the Wind**
by Adam Pottle, illustrated by Ziyue Chen

A magical picture book about a Deaf girl who creates a butterfly with Sign Language and sends it on a journey around the world.

On the day of the talent show, Aurora's hands tremble. No matter how hard she tries to sign, her fingers stumble over one and another and the words just won't come. But as she's about to give up, she spots a butterfly.

Using her hands to sign the ASL word for butterfly,” Aurora sends a magical butterfly of her own into the world, inspiring Deaf people across the globe to add their own. The butterflies grow in numbers and strength as they circle back to Aurora, bolstering her with the love and support of her worldwide Deaf community.

Deaf picture book creators author Adam Pottle and artist Ziyue Chen combine powerful text and sweeping art into a moving story of resilience and self-belief.

**Author Bio**

Born Deaf and raised in a hearing family, Adam Pottle spent much of his childhood searching for magical portals and pretending to be Godzilla. He is an award-winning Canadian writer, with books in multiple genres, including the acclaimed memoir *Voice* and the adult novel *The Bus*. His groundbreaking fantasy play *The Black Drum* was performed to rave reviews in Canada and France and is the world's first all-Deaf musical. He has a PhD in English Literature and has taught English and Creative Writing for nearly twenty years. When not writing, he is usually found at the boxing gym, the library, or the park with his goldendoodle Valkyrie. Born deaf and raised in sunny island Singapore, Ziyue pronounced as Zzz yuair, lives with her husband and her two darling children. Her life goal has been to have an emotional connection with those who view her work. She loves visualising stories through illustrations, working on mostly Children's books and personal life experience.
Bye Land, Bye Sea
by RenA Spencer, illustrated by Rodolfo Montalvo

Two children from different backgrounds show that friendship has no language in this epic bilingual story about being lost and finding a friend who understands.

I'm lost.
Soy naufrago.

A boy and a girl lost at sea run into each other on an island, but they quickly realize there is a huge barrier between them. They speak two different languages. Hesitant and unsure, they must figure out how to connect despite their differences, if they want to find a way home.

Dynamic picture book creators RenA© Spencer and Rodolfo Montalvo join forces in this powerful picture book about connection and the perseverance of friendship.

Author Bio
As a kid, RenA© Spencer developed a love for nature, art, travel, and foreign languages. She grew up speaking English at home and learned French in school before living and studying in Paris, France. When she is not busy working on picture books, you may find her watching movies from distant lands, reading, hiking, or taking care of bees. Rodolfo Montalvo is an illustrator/writer who grew up in Southern California speaking mostly Spanish at home and English at school. Today, whether on land, at sea, or in the air, Rodolfo is always working on a story, a drawing, a painting, or some kind of art project. He is the illustrator of the popular picture book Dear Dragon, written by Josh Funk.
Dive!
The Story of Breathing Underwater
by Chris Gall, illustrated by Chris Gall

DIVE! is a fascinating introduction to the comprehensive, world history of diving by award-winning artist Chris Gall.

How do you breathe underwater? What tools can we use to go deeper and deeper into the oceans? And... what's down there?

Two-thirds of our Earth is covered in ocean, yet only 5% of it has been explored.

DIVE deep into our long history of sea exploration to learn why, how, and when humans have dived, and uncover our biggest questions about what hides in the Earth's deepest waters.

Perfect for STEM-oriented minds and young and old readers fascinated by the sea, Dive! is a must-have to add to any nonfiction shelf.

Author Bio

Chris Gall has been drawing pictures for as long as he can remember. When he was caught doodling on his desk in second grade, his teacher suggested that he might become an artist some day, then made him clean all the desks in the classroom. In seventh grade, Chris won a Read Magazine Young Writers Award, and that inspired him to create stories to go with his art. After graduating from the University of Arizona, Chris became an award-winning, internationally recognized illustrator, and his artwork has been shown in almost every publication in America, including Time, Newsweek, People, Fortune, The New York Times, and The Washington Post.


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Emma Full of Wonders
by Elisha Cooper, illustrated by Elisha Cooper

Emma is a big dog with a lot of little dreams.
She dreams of a cool roll in the grass, a warm spring walk, and food, of course.
Every day her dreams get bigger, and bigger, until one day... they all come true!

A beautiful classic-in-the-making, Caldecott Honor Winner Elisha Cooper's Emma Full of Wonders is a heartwarming and special read that will be cherished amongst readers young and old.

Author Bio

Elisha Cooper is an author / illustrator who has received a Caldecott Honor for Big Cat, Little Cat, and his following book River won the 2020 Robin Smith Picture Book Prize. One of his earlier books, Dance!, was a New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Book of the Year, and Beach won the Society of Illustrators Gold Medal. In 2016 he was awarded a Sendak Fellowship. His essays and sketchbooks have appeared in the sports section of The New York Times. Cooper lives with his wife, daughters, and cats in New York City.
Icon and Inferno
by Marie Lu

Perfect for fans of Nicola Yoon and Ally Carter, the sparkling sequel to #1 New York Times bestselling author Marie Lu's Stars and Smoke, "a brilliant, breathtaking ride" - Tahereh Mafi, #1 internationally bestselling author.

A year has passed since superstar Winter Young last saw secret agent Sydney Cossette. After surviving a mission in London - and the white-hot chemistry between them - they haven't talked since, though that hasn't stopped Winter from thinking about her constantly. . .

So when Sydney shows up at his studio with a new mission from Panacea, Winter accepts. With no time to lose, the duo heads abroad to rescue a fellow agent - only to learn he is none other than Sydney's ex.

Of course, nothing is ever simple when it comes to Winter and Sydney. As old flames give way to new jealousies, they're ensnared in yet another treacherous plot that's much more sinister than it seems. To survive, they'll have to figure out how to be partners again - and if they can resist something more.

Author Bio

Marie Lu is the #1 New York Times-bestselling author of the Legend series, The Young Elites trilogy, the Warcross series, the Skyhunter series, Batman: Nightwalker, and The Kingdom of Back. She graduated from the University of Southern California and jumped into the video game industry, where she worked as an artist. A full-time writer, she spends her spare hours reading, drawing, playing games, and getting stuck in traffic. She lives in the traffic-jam capital, Los Angeles, with her illustrator/author husband, Primo Gallanosa, and their son.
Marked Man
Frank Serpico's Inside Battle Against Police Corruption
by John Florio and Ouisie Shapiro

1971. Brooklyn, New York. Undercover cop Frank Serpico is knocking on a drug dealer's door. His partners are there to back him up, but when the door opens, he's staring down the barrel of a gun - and his partners are nowhere to be found.

For more than a century, the New York Police Department had been plagued by corruption, with cops openly taking bribes from gamblers and drug dealers. Not Serpico. He refused to take dirty money and fought to shed light on the dark underbelly of the NYPD. But instead of being hailed as a hero, he became a target for every crooked cop on the force.

In Marked Man, John Florio and Ouisie Shapiro bring this true story of police corruption to life. Join Frank Serpico on his one-man crusade to clean up the largest police force in the United States. And discover the price he had to pay for being an honest cop.

Author Bio

Mommy’s New Friend
by Shelley Tougas, illustrated by Sara Palacios

Mommy’s New Friend is a heartfelt, lyrical story about accepting a new family member, even if it’s not easy at first.

When That Guy comes over and makes homemade pizza for dinner, it’s not the same as before, when Daddy and Mommy and I would all eat together.

But That Guy takes care of Mommy when she’s sick, and That Guy laughs at my jokes.

Maybe, That Guy isn’t that bad, after all.

Shelley Tougas and award-winning illustrator Sara Palacios’ Mommy’s New Friend is a gentle and uplifting tale about growing up, learning new perspectives, and accepting how blended families can evolve and expand.

Author Bio

Shelley Tougas is an award-winning writer of nonfiction for children, including Little Rock Girl 1957, and the author of the novels The Graham Cracker Plot, Finders Keepers, and A Patron Saint for Junior Bridesmaids. She lives in Hudson, Wisconsin. Sara Palacios was the recipient of the 2012 Pura Belpre Illustrator Honor Award for her work on Marisol McDonald Doesn’t Match. A native of Mexico, Sara graduated from the National Institute of Fine Arts in Mexico City and went on to earn BFA and MFA degrees in illustration from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. She illustrates for companies in both the United States and Mexico.
No Better Than Beasts
by Z. R. Ellor

A dark and captivating new take on the beloved Nutcracker story, ZR Ellor’s YA fantasy debut, No Better Than Beasts, is perfect standalone novel for fans of Russian folktales, cursed kingdoms, fraught romance, and fairy tale retellings with a bite.

The Gogitdan siblings had suffered much to fight for their place in Szpratzian Society. Immigrants from the cursed neighboring kingdom of Kolznechia, they spent their childhood on the street and in workhouses until Vdradir, the eldest, lifted from poverty with the help of a wealthy patron.

Now nineteen, Nabik is a conflicted soldier, forever in the shadow of his older brother. Vdradir has been appointed governor, ruling and grasping for power with a merciless iron fist. And Drakne, their little sister, is a dancer who dreams of peace and comfort and protection. Together, they are as broken and divided as the land they once called home.

When a powerful enemy rises, and signs of war between the Szpratzian empire and Kolznechia begin to spread, the siblings are forced to choose - cling to power and safety or save the remains of their tattered bond? When Rat Kings and Pinewood Princes force them into the Kolznechian woods, the siblings will be forced to fight for their home and humanity with teeth and claw.

Author Bio

ZR ELLOR is an author and literary agent from the Washington, DC area. An avid lifelong reader, he wrote his first novel when he was twelve years old and never put down his pen. He graduated from Cornell University with a dual degree in biology and English literature. He is the author of young adult and adult novels including May the Best Man Win, Acting the Part, and Silk Fire. No Better Then Beasts is his YA fantasy debut. His non-literary interests include running, travel, and global cuisine. He lives in Long Beach, CA.
Seeds of Change
by Nina Laden, illustrated by Sawyer Cloud

From award-winning, bestselling author Nina Laden comes a poetic picture book about having the courage and resilience to plant seeds that will improve ourselves and our community.

Sow seeds of strength,
Ride out the storm.

Sow seeds of compassion,
Make hearts warm.

After seeing an area in her local, Madagascar community devastated from drought, a young girl gets inspired. She should plant a garden - what could be more perfect? She gathers her friends, cooperates to make a plan, and gets to work. But when things go devastatingly wrong, what can they do?

It takes a lot of courage, but with the support of her whole community on her side, this girl won't give up. One way or another, she'll sow the seeds of change she's been dreaming of.

With sweet, lush art from Sawyer Cloud, this lyrical picture book about making the effort to invest in the future of ourselves and our community teaches an invaluable lesson about having the patience to see that, in time, effort will blossom into a more peaceful, loving, and accepting world.

Author Bio

Nina Laden is an award-winning, bestselling children's book author and illustrator. She was born and raised in the New York City area, the daughter of two artists. Nina writes, illustrates, and teaches occasionally. Her many books include The Night I Followed the Dog, Peek-a-Who, When Pigasso Met Mootisse, Roberto the Insect Architect, Once Upon a Memory, and Yellow Kayak. When she is not writing or drawing, she paddleboards, takes long beach walks, hunts for agates, forages for mushrooms, makes jewelry, and cooks up a storm, amongst other things. She lives on a little island in the San Juan Islands of Washington State with her husband, Booth, and their Siberian cat, Marley.

Sawyer Cloud is a self-taught, freelance artist who loves sunny days and music. When she's not drawing, you can find Sawyer singing out loud in her room and wearing her favorite fairy costume. She lives in Madagascar with her family and two pets, Arya the dog and Potter the cat.
Simple Thanks
by Deborah Wiles, illustrated by Bao Luu

From award-winning author Deborah Wiles and illustrator Bao Luu comes an exuberant and heartwarming picture book tribute to the things that connect us all - nature, love, and gratitude.

I hear the song that nature sings
that links each heart to mine.
The ocean blue, the sky above
the forest with its pine.

For a young brother and sister, every day spent in nature is an adventure, and every natural marvel they encounter is a gift. Together, they run through fields of tall grass and say thank you for the rain; they greet fish in babbling brooks and say thank you for the clear blue waters. At the end of each adventure, they say thank you for the new friends they collected along the way.

When given a chance to do more than say thank you, the siblings gather their tools - their friends, their shovels, and their watering cans - and plant the seeds of gratitude.

Author Bio

Deborah Wiles is the author of several highly acclaimed books, including the beloved Love, Ruby Lavender and two National Book Award finalists - Each Little Bird that Sings and Revolution. Her first picture book, Freedom Summer, received the Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Award. She is also an NAACP Book Award finalist, E.B. White Award winner, Golden Kite Award winner, Jane Addams Peace Award finalist, and recipient of a PEN Phyllis Reynolds Naylor Working Writer Fellowship. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia deborahwiles.com

Bao Luu dreamed of becoming an artist as a child, and today his work as an illustrator focuses on bright, playful colors and unique textures. He is the illustrator of Simple Thanks written by Deborah Wiles and The Seed of Compassion written by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Bao Luu was born and raised in Vietnam and currently lives near Houston, Texas.
Sound the Gong
by Joan He

From New York Times and Indie bestselling author Joan He, come the dazzling and sweeping conclusion to The Kingdom of Three duology, Sound the Gong, the breathtaking sequel to the critically-acclaimed Strike the Zither.

All her life, Zephyr has tried to rise above her humble origins as a no-name orphan. Now she is a god in a warriors body, and never has she felt more powerless. Her lordess Xin Ren holds the Westlands, but her position is tenuous. In the north, the empress remains under Miasmas thumb. In the south, the alliance with Cicada is in pieces.

Fate also seems to have a different winner in mind for the three kingdoms, but Zephyr has no intentions of respecting it. She will pay any price to see Ren succeed - and she will make her enemies pay, especially one dark-haired, dark-eyed Crow. What shell do when she finds out the truth - that he worked for the South all along . . .

Only the heavens know.

Author Bio

Joan He was born and raised in Philadelphia but still, on occasion, loses her way. At a young age, she received classical instruction in oil painting before discovering that stories were her favorite kind of art. She studied psychology and Chinese history at the University of Pennsylvania, and now splits her time between Philly and Chicago. She is the New York Times-bestselling author of The Ones We’re Meant to Find, Descendant of the Crane, and the Kingdom of Three series, including Strike the Zither and Sound the Gong.

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by Maxwell Eaton, III, illustrated by III, Maxwell Eaton

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Remember, if you live near a coast and see the warning signs, DON'T WAIT - get to higher ground. And stay safe out there!

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Author Bio

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

Fall in love with a modern fairy tale inspired by a Jewish family memory in this magical picture book by award-winning picture book creators Elana K. Arnold and Magdalena Mora.

Once, there was a girl named Kiki, who found a fish on the asphalt.

The fish was very hot and very dry.

But when Kiki put it in the bathtub, it started swimming, and growing, and . . . speaking?

I want to grant you a wish for saving me," it said.

A wish-granting fish!

Alas, this fish was only a fish of small wishes, and Kiki's wish was too big.

Unless . . . there was a way for both their dreams to come true.

Follow Kiki and the wish-granting fish in this contemporary fairy-tale perfect for fans of A Big Mooncake for Little Star and Carmela Full of Wishes.

Author Bio

Elana K. Arnold is the author of critically acclaimed and award-winning young adult novels (Damsel, What Girls Are Made Of) and children's books (A Boy Called Bat). She lives in Southern California with her family and a menagerie of pets. Magdalena Mora is a Minneapolis-based illustrator and graphic designer with a special interest in children's books and visual storytelling. She has illustrated Deborah Diesen's Equality's Call and Jackie Azua Kramer's I Wish You Knew. When not drawing, she spends her free time reading, people-gawking, and trying to find the best tacos in the Twin Cities. Mostly the latter.
The Girl Who Sang
A Holocaust Memoir of Hope and Survival
by Estelle Nadel, Sammy Savos and Bethany Strout

A heartrending graphic memoir about a young Jewish girl's fight for survival in Nazi occupied Poland, The Girl Who Sang illustrates the power of a brother's love, the kindness of strangers, and finding hope when facing the unimaginable.

Born to a Jewish family in a small Polish village, Estelle Nadel - then known as Enia Feld - was just seven years old when the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939. Once a vibrant child with a song for every occasion, Estelle would eventually lose her voice as, over the next five years, she would survive the deaths of their mother, father, their eldest brother and sister, and countless others.

A child at the mercy of her neighbors during a terrifying time in history, The Girl Who Sang is an enthralling first-hand account of Estelle's fight for survival during World War II. She would weather loss, betrayal, near-execution, and spend two years away from the warmth of the sun - all before the age of eleven. And once the war was over, Estelle would walk barefoot across European borders and find remnants of home in an Austrian displaced persons camp before finally crossing the Atlantic to arrive in New York City - a young woman carrying the unseen scars of war.

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The Last Bloodcarver
by Vanessa Le

The tantalizing romance of These Violent Delights meets the mechanical wonders of Cinder in The Last Bloodcarver, the first in a two-book debut - with a riveting medical magic system and lush Vietnam-inspired fantasy world.

Nhika is a bloodcarver. A cold-hearted, ruthless being who can alter human biology with just a touch. In the industrial city of Theumas, she is seen not as a healer, but a monster that kills for pleasure.

When Nhika is caught using her bloodcarving abilities during a sham medical appointment, she's captured by underground thugs and sold to an aristocratic family to heal the last witness of their father's murder.

But as Nhika delves deeper into their investigation amidst the glitz of Theumas' wealthiest district, she begins to notice parallels between this job and her own dark past. And when she meets an alluring yet entitled physician's aide, Ven Kochin, she's forced to question the true intent behind this murder. In a society that outcasts her, Kochin seems drawn to her... though he takes every chance he gets to push her out of his opulent world.

When Nhika discovers that Kochin is not who he claims to be, and that there is an evil dwelling in Theumas that runs much deeper than the murder of one man, she must decide where her heart, and her allegiance, truly lie. And - if she's willing to become the dreaded bloodcarver Theumas fears to save herself and the ones she's vowed to protect.

Author Bio

Vanessa Le graduated from Brown University with a degree in Health and Human Biology and now resides in the Pacific Northwest. Her writing is an expression of her love for medicine and her Vietnamese heritage. When not writing, she's wishing she was writing, studying medicine, and/or spoiling her two Shiba Inus.
The Summer Queen
by Rochelle Hassan

This captivating sequel to The Buried and the Bound draws readers into the twisted and irresistible world of the Fair Folk—“perfect for fans of The Cruel Prince and The Hazel Wood.

As a new coven, Aziza, Leo, and Tristan faced evil and triumphed. All that’s left is to put their lives back together, a process complicated by the fallout from painful secrets, the emotional and physical scars they now carry, and the mysteries that still haunt them.

But with the approach of the solstice comes the arrival of strange new visitors to Blackthorn: the Summer Court, a nomadic community of Fair Folk from deep in Elphame. They’ve journeyed to the border between the human world and fairyland, far from their usual caravan route, to take back something that belongs to them—something Leo is not willing to lose.

Refusing to give up without a fight, he makes a risky deal with the Summer Courts princess and regent. The challenge she proposes sends Coven Blackthorn into the farthest, wildest reaches of Elphame.

But when you play games with the Fair Folk, even winning has a cost.

Author Bio

Rochelle Hassan grew up reading about dragons, quests, and unlikely heroes; now she writes about them, too. She is the author of the middle grade novel The Prince of Nowhere and young adult fantasy novel, The Buried and the Bound. She lives in New York.
Unstoppable!
My Journey from World Champion to Athlete A to 8-Time NCAA National Gymnastics Champion and Beyond by Maggie Nichols

Maggie Nichols's official memoir is an inspirational tell-all about the abuse she suffered under the US national gymnastics team and how she managed to redefine herself in the face of adversity.

With an introduction from Olympic Gold Medalist Simone Biles.

In 2015, Maggie Nichols's gymnastics career was on fire. Having spent most of her young life training as an elite-level gymnast, Maggie carried the team all-around at the 2015 World Championships, helping to cinch the team gold medal. Next in her sights was the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. She was eagerly looking forward to training for the 2016 Olympic Games along with teammates such as Aly Raisman, Simone Biles, and Laurie Hernandez. But on the verge of achieving her lifelong Olympic dream, her world came crashing down.

That summer Maggie revealed to her coach that USAG doctor Larry Nassar had been sexually abusing herself and other athletes under his care. What followed was an extensive investigation that would capture the nation’s attention and illuminate for the world the trauma and massive cover-up behind the scenes of one of the country's most celebrated sports institutions.

Ultimately, Maggie would go on to become an 8-time NCAA champion and an outspoken advocate for the protection of young children, especially young athletes.

This inspirational tell-all offers an intimate look into the world of elite gymnastics, the sexual abuse scandal that shattered lives and dreams, and how Maggie Nichols risked everything in the name of justice. Maggie now tells this story in her words: a story of hope, trauma, reclamation, and above all, triumph.

Author Bio

Maggie Nichols is a five time National Team Member on the US Gymnastics team, a World Champion and World Bronze Medalist, six time individual National Champion, and NCAA Women's Gymnastics Champion. She lives in Fort Worth, Texas.
When You Have to Wait  
by Melanie Conklin, illustrated by Leah Hong

A mindful, gentle picture book about patience and learning to find beauty in the act of waiting.
Sometimes, you have to wait.

The seconds drag on . . . each one feels like forever, when all you want is now. Yet, you wait.

You wait, and while you wait, you notice things. Like the worm attempting to cross the sidewalk and the way lunch tastes even better when you make it yourself.

Sometimes, you have to wait. So you wait. And you find the good in the moments between now and later.

Until, finally, you can say the wait is over.

When You Have to Wait is a profound, warm, and relatable picture book about mastering the art of patience, with stunningly gorgeous art by Leah Hong.

Author Bio

Melanie Conklin grew up in North Carolina and worked as a product designer before she began her writing career. Her debut middle grade novel, Counting Thyme, is a Bank Street Best Children's Book, winner of the International Literacy Association Teacher's Choice Award, and nominated to four state reading lists. She is also the author of Every Missing Piece, A Perfect Mistake, Crushed (2024), and her picture book debut, When You Have to Wait (2023). When she's not writing, Melanie spends her time doodling and dreaming up new ways to be creative. She lives in New Jersey with her family.

Leah Hong spent many of her childhood hours drawing stories, but it wasn't until she had children of her own that she became re-immersed in the world of picture books, and fell in love with them all over again. An art school graduate with a visual arts degree in painting, Leah has worked both as an illustrator and a graphic designer. Her lifelong love of making art and storytelling led her to create her picture book debut, Happy Dreams, Little Bunny. She lives with her family in Vancouver, British Columbia. You can find her at leahhhong.com.
Olive All At Once
by Mariam Gates

Olive feels conflicting emotions. As she sorts through her feelings, she learns its OK to feel lots of ways-“all at once.

In this illustrated picture book, Olive experiences contradictory emotions. The first day of school is exciting but also scary. When she attends a friend's birthday party, she is both delighted for him but also disappointed that the presents aren't for her. And when she thinks about her little sister, she's both glad and mad-“for lots of reasons!

In Olive All at Once, our title character helps young readers explore the sometimes-contradictory ways they feel about various events in their lives, both big and small. Building social-emotional intelligence in children helps them to allow all of their emotions to coexist inside them. Its part of being human to feel many different ways-“all at the same time-“and its totally OK.

Author Bio

Mariam Gates holds a masters in education from Harvard University and is the creator of the renowned Kid Power Yoga. She is the author of the bestselling Good Night Yoga (more than 200,000 copies sold) and many other picture books for children. She lives in Northern California. For more, see mariamgates.com.

Alison Hawkins started her career as a graphic designer. In addition to children's books, she's worked illustrating apparel, toys, and greeting cards. She lives in Durham, North Carolina. For more, see alisonhawksportfolio.com.
A Magic Steeped in Poison
by Judy I. Lin

A #1 New York Times Bestseller!

Judy I. Lin’s sweeping debut A Magic Steeped in Poison, first in a duology, is sure to enchant fans of Adrienne Young and Leigh Bardugo.

I used to look at my hands with pride. Now all I can think is, These are the hands that buried my mother."

For Ning, the only thing worse than losing her mother is knowing that it’s her own fault. She was the one who unknowingly brewed the poison tea that killed her - the poison tea that now threatens to also take her sister, Shu.

When Ning hears of a competition to find the kingdom’s greatest shennong-shi - masters of the ancient and magical art of tea-making - she travels to the imperial city to compete. The winner will receive a favor from the princess, which may be Ning’s only chance to save her sister’s life.

But between the backstabbing competitors, bloody court politics, and a mysterious (and handsome) boy with a shocking secret, Ning might actually be the one in more danger.

Praise for A Magic Steeped in Poison:

A USA Today Bestseller
A Publishers Weekly Bestseller
An ABA Indie (…)

Author Bio

Judy I. Lin, #1 New York Times-bestselling author of the Book of Tea duology (A Magic Steeped in Poison and A Venom Dark and Sweet), was born in Taiwan and immigrated to Canada with her family at a young age. She grew up with her nose in a book and loved to escape to imaginary worlds. She now works as an occupational therapist and still spends her nights dreaming up imaginary worlds of her own. She lives on the Canadian prairies with her husband and daughters.
A Venom Dark and Sweet
by Judy I. Lin

The enthralling conclusion to Judy I. Lin's Book of Tea duology - #1 New York Times bestseller A Magic Steeped in Poison and A Venom Dark and Sweet - is sure to enchant fans of Adrienne Young and Leigh Bardugo.

A great evil has come to the kingdom of Daxi. The Banished Prince has returned to seize power, his rise to the dragon throne aided by the mass poisonings that have kept the people bound in fear and distrust.

Ning, a young but powerful shennong-shi - a wielder of magic using the ancient and delicate art of tea-making - has escorted Princess Zhen into exile. Joining them is the princess' loyal bodyguard, Ruyi, and Ning's newly healed sister, Shu. Together the four young women travel throughout the kingdom in search of allies to help oust the invaders and take back Zhen's rightful throne.

But the golden serpent still haunts Ning's nightmares with visions of war and bloodshed. An evil far more ancient than the petty conflicts of men has awoken, and all the magic in the land may not be enough to stop it from consuming the world...

Praise for A Venom Dark and Sweet:

A New York Times Bestseller
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Thrilling . . . An immensely satisfying conclusion to this duology. . . . Teens will be clamoring for more." - School Library Journal

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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’s All Boys Aren’t Blue explores his childhood, adolescence, and college years in New Jersey and Virginia.

A New York Times Bestseller!
Good Morning America, NBC Nightly News, Today Show, and MSNBC feature stories

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.

Velshi Banned Book Club
Indie Bestseller
Teen Vogue Recommended Read
Buzzfeed Recommended Read
People Magazine Best Book of the Summer
A New York Library Best Book of 2020
A Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2020 . . . and more!

A New York Times Bestseller!
Optioned for television by Gabrielle Union
Featured on Good Morning America, NBC Nightly News, Today Show, MSNBC and Fox Soul (…)

Author Bio

GEORGE M. JOHNSON is a writer and activist based in New York. They have written on race, gender, sex, and culture for Essence, the Advocate, BuzzFeed News, Teen Vogue, and more than forty other national publications. George has appeared on BuzzFeeds AM2DM as well as on MSNBC. All Boys Aren’t Blue is their debut, and was an Indie Bestseller and a People Magazine Best Book of the Year. The New York Times called it an exuberant, unapologetic memoir infused with a deep but cleareyed love for its subjects.
An Improbable Season
by Rosalyn Eves

For fans of Bridgerton, a Regency romance by Rosalyn Eves about three young women, their big dreams, and a London Season gone awry.

When Thalia, Kalliope, and Charis set off to Regency London for their first Season, they each have clear goals—few of which include matrimony. Thalia means to make her mark among the intelligentsia and publish her poetry, Charis hopes to earn her place among the scientific elite, and Kalliope aims to take the fashionable ton by storm. But this Season, it doesn’t take long for things to fall apart. Kalli finds herself embroiled in scandal and reliant upon an arranged marriage to redeem her reputation, Thalia’s dreams of publication are threatened by her attraction to a charming rake, and Charis finds herself an unexpected social hit—and the source of a family scandal that her heart might not survive. Can this roller-coaster Season find its happily ever after?

An Improbable Season is a voicy, swoony regency drama about falling in love—with another person, with new opportunities, and with yourself.

Alternating third-person narration highlights the [three] young people's personal loves—Thalia's for poetry, Kalli's of home and hearth, Charis’ of the natural world—and their dreams for the future. . . . Regency fans will enjoy this comfortingly familiar feeling story of endearing young women chasing happy endings through a maze of societal rules." - Kirkus Reviews

"An Improbable Season will delight fans of regency novels, containing just enough twists and turns to keep the familiar beats and tropes exciting. Eves pens compelling romantic moments, but the real strength of this novel is the (...)" - Kirkus Reviews

Author Bio

Rosalyn Eves grew up in the Rocky Mountains, dividing her time between reading books and bossing her siblings into performing her dramatic scripts. As an adult, the telling and reading of stories is still one of her favorite things to do. She is the author of the historical fantasy trilogy Blood Rose Rebellion and Beyond the Mapped Stars. When she’s not reading, writing, or teaching writing at Southern Utah University, she enjoys spending time with her chemistry professor husband and three children, watching British period pieces, or hiking.
After battling the impossible, Zelie and Amari have finally succeeded in bringing magic back to the land of Orisha. But the ritual was more powerful than they could've imagined, reigniting the powers of not only the maji, but of nobles with magic ancestry, too.

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

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

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

Praise for Children of Blood and Bone:

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

TIME Top 100 Fantasy Books of All Time (…)

Author Bio

Named one of TIME magazine's 100 most influential people, Tomi Adeyemi is a Hugo and Nebula Award-winning Nigerian-American writer and storyteller based in Los Angeles, CA. After graduating from Harvard University with an honors degree in English literature, she studied West African mythology, religion, and culture in Salvador, Brazil. Her first novel, Children of Blood and Bone, debuted at #1 on The New York Times Bestseller list and is being developed into a movie by Disney's Fox & Lucasfilm. Its highly anticipated sequel, Children of Virtue and Vengeance, also debuted at #1 on the New York Times Bestseller list. When she's not working or playing with puppies, Tomi can be found teaching creative writing at thewritersroadmap.net. In 2020, she was named one of Forbes’ 30 Under 30 in Media, and her website...
Every Bird a Prince
by Jenn Reese

Nominated for the 2023 Andre Norton Nebula Award for Middle Grade and Young Adult Fiction

A girl’s quest to save a forest kingdom is intertwined with her exploration of identity in *Every Bird a Prince*, a gorgeous middle-grade contemporary fantasy by Jenn Reese, the award-winning author of *A Game of Fox & Squirrels*, perfect for fans of Josephine Cameron and Barbara O’Connor.

The only time Eren Evers feels like herself is when she’s on her bike, racing through the deep woods. While so much of her life at home and at school is flying out of control, the muddy trails and the sting of wind in her face are familiar comforts.

Until she rescues a strange, magical bird, who reveals a shocking secret: their forest kingdom is under attack by an ancient foe - the vile Frostfangs - and the birds need Eren's help to survive.

Seventh grade is hard enough without adding bird champion* to her list of after-school activities. Lately, Eren's friends seem obsessed with their crushes and the upcoming dance, while Eren can't figure out what a crush should even feel like. Still, if she doesn't play along, they may leave her behind. . . or just leave her all together. Then the birds enlist one of Eren's classmates, forcing her separate lives to collide.

When her own mother starts behaving oddly, Eren realizes that the Frostfangs - with their insidious whispers - are now hunting outside the woods. In order (...) 

**Author Bio**

**Jenn Reese** (she/they) writes speculative fiction for readers of all ages. She is the author of *A Game of Fox & Squirrels*, an NPR Best Book of 2020, a finalist for the Andre Norton Award and the Mythopoeic Award, and winner of the Oregon Book Award. Her other publications include the *Above World* trilogy and numerous short stories and essays. Jenn lives in Portland, Oregon where she makes art, plays video games, and talks to the birds.
Fart Quest: The Dragon's Dookie
by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Cam Kendell

If you love fantasy, funny humor, flatulence, and friends, then Aaron Reynolds has written the perfect book for you!” - DAN SANTAT, author of The Aquanut, Sidekicks, and The Adventures of Beekle

Another fart-tastic installment in the middle-grade adventure series by #1 New York Times bestselling author Aaron Reynolds and illustrator Cam Kendell.

The Great and Powerful Kevin has a new quest for our heroes. . . seek out another disgusting ingredient for his mysterious project.

High in the Frostflung Mountains lies the lair of a fearsome dragon named Glacierbane. Pan, Moxie, Fart and TickTock must venture there and fish a dragon-digested object from deep within a pile of dragon doo.

But Pan isn't having it. She's not sure why, but she doesn't trust Kevin. But when she learns of a kidnapped prince that needs rescuing from Glacierbane, suddenly this quest seems a whole lot more heroic.

Our young heroes will face their toughest challenges yet as they team up with a valiant knight, brave the air-islands of Frostflung, fight Yetis and snow goblins, solve puzzles and riddles, face a dragon, and seek the poo they need.

An entertaining, action-packed fantasy series that will appeal to readers of Max Brallier's "Last Kids on Earth" books." - School Library Journal

"Fart's whimsical, first-person perspective thrusts (...)" - School Library Journal

Author Bio

Aaron Reynolds is a New York Times bestselling author of many highly acclaimed books for kids, including Carnivores, Chicks and Salsa, Joey Fly, Nerdy Birdy, and the Caldecott Honor winning Creepy Carrots! He lives in the Chicago area with his wife, two kids, four cats, and between three and ten fish, depending on the day. Cam Kendell is the creator of such comics as Choose Your Gnome Adventure, Mortimer B. Radley: the Case of the Missing Monkey Skull, and Flopan the Bunbarian and artist for board games like D&D's Dungeon Mayhem: Monster Madness and 5-Minute Mystery. When not drawing gnomes and/or goblins Cam enjoys birding, rocking on the accordion, losing at board games, and hiking in the beautiful Utah mountains with his wife and four children, hoping to see a black bear. . . from a safe distance.
Ghosts, Toast, and Other Hazards
by Susan Tan

Susan Tan's writing is funny, fun, and hits straight to the heart." - Christina Soontorvat, two-time Newbery Honor recipient

From APALA Honor award-winning author Susan Tan, a middle-grade novel about a girl who must overcome her worries to find the truth behind her town's urban legend.

Mo is not afraid of toast. Just to be clear. She is afraid of fires, though. Which can be caused by everyday appliances, like toasters. So toast isn't the problem, but you could say it's the start of a slippery slope. Since her family's recent move, Mo's been eating oatmeal for breakfast.

Moving to a new town is never easy, but it's even harder when you're dealing with a stepdad who just left and a mom who can't get out of bed long enough to find a new a job.

But Mo doesn't have time to dwell on these things. Because it's her job to keep her family together. To keep them safe.

So when an elephant starts to haunt her dreams - and a mysterious spirit attacks her home - Mo knows it's up to her to intervene before things get too dangerous.

With her new friend, Nathaniel, she embarks on an investigation, searching for the truth about the town, its people, and their history. But things are much (...)

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.
In the City of Time
by Gwendolyn Clare

From the author of the highly acclaimed *Ink, Iron, and Glass* series, this YA duology sends three science prodigies on a time-traveling adventure to save the Earth - if they don't accidentally destroy it first - in Gwendolyn Clare's *In the City of Time*.

In 1891, Willa Marconi's life falls apart when her mentor at the University of Bologna unexpectedly dies. She loses her laboratory access and her stipend, but she refuses to let anyone take her research away. While testing her prototype radio equipment, she detects a mysterious signal and pursues its origin.

In 2034, a cataclysmic event has rendered the Earth uninhabitable, and humankind survives by living inside of artificial worlds. Riley would do anything for Jaideep, who lost his parents in the collapse of the Bay Area pocket universe - and anything includes building a time machine so they can travel back to the 19th century, prevent the destabilization of the planet, and rewrite history.

But the experiment goes wrong, accidentally pulling Willa forward in time and stranding the three of them in a strange, seemingly abandoned city. Now they've got a glitchy time machine, a scary android time cop hot on their trail, and some tangled temporal mechanics to unravel. Can they save the Earth when the Continuity Agency is dead-set on preserving the current timeline?

Praise for the *Ink, Iron, and Glass* Duology

The novel samples historical figures the way a hip-hop album might sample (...)

Author Bio

Gwendolyn Clare teaches college biology in central Pennsylvania, where she lives with too many cats and never enough books. Her short stories can be found in *Fantasy & Science Fiction*, *Asimov’s*, *Analog*, *Clarkesworld*, and *Beneath Ceaseless Skies*. Her debut novel was *Ink, Iron, and Glass*.
Jasmine Toguchi, Peace-Maker
by Debbi Michiko Florence, illustrated by Elizabet Vukovic

With more than 150,000 copies sold, the award-winning Jasmine Toguchi chapter book series starring a spunky Japanese American heroine returns with four new standalone books set on a family vacation in Japan!

Eight-year-old Jasmine and her family travel to Hiroshima to visit her grandma and cousin Akari. After finally building a good relationship with her older sister, Sophie, Jasmine couldn't be more excited to spend time together in Japan—and make a new friend in Akari. But Akari seems to only want to play with Sophie, and Jasmine's jealousy threatens to upend their visit. Can Jasmine befriended Akari and keep the peace?

With humor and warmth, Debbi Michiko Florence tells a relatable story of new experiences, family drama, and kindness at every corner. Paired with Elizabet Vukovic's playful illustrations, readers can't help but root for Jasmine as you explore Japan alongside her.

Author Bio

Debbi Michiko Florence is a third-generation Japanese American and has many fond memories of sharing in her family's traditions while growing up in California and visiting her relatives in Japan. Debbi is also the author of novels and picture books, including Niki Nakayama: A Chef's Tale in 13 Bites. She now lives in Connecticut with her husband and their many animals (but no flamingo). Elizabet Vukovic received her BFA from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, California. She specializes in children's book illustration but enjoys experimenting with character design, concept art, fashion illustration, and decorative art. Her illustrated books include Debbi Michiko Florence's Jasmine Toguchi series, Katey Howes's Be A Maker, and Elana K. Arnold's An Ordinary Day. She currently resides in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
Jimena Ramos had no idea she was undocumented.

Now she’s seventeen, and she needs to figure out a way to stay in New York City, the only home she can remember. There’s only one possibility that will get her a green card quickly enough: Jimena is going to find an American to marry her.

She’s got one excellent candidate: Vitaly, her next-door neighbor and friend, the only person she trusts with her secret. But Vitaly’s got his own plans for the future. He’s a definite no.

So Jimena tries online dating. She decides to approach this marriage like a business transaction. She figures out a plan that just might save her and make her a citizen at last.

But of course, she can’t stop thinking about Vitaly.

Author Bio

Goldy Moldavsky was born in Lima, Peru, and grew up in Brooklyn, New York, where she lives with her family. She is the New York Times bestselling author of Kill the Boy Band and No Good Deed. Some of her influences include Buffy the Vampire Slayer, the esteemed works of John Irving, and the Mexican telenovelas she grew up watching with her mother.
Love Is for Losers
by Wibke Brueggemann

In this wry and hilarious queer YA romantic comedy, fifteen-year-old Phoebe realizes that falling in love is maybe not just for losers.

Did you know you can marry yourself? How strange / brilliant is that?

Fifteen-year-old Phoebe thinks falling in love is vile and degrading, and vows never to do it. Then, due to circumstances not entirely in her control, she finds herself volunteering at a local thrift shop. There she meets Emma . . . who might unwittingly upend her whole theory on life.

This is a laugh-out-loud exploration of sexuality, family, female friendship, grief, and community. With heart and hilarity, Wibke Brueggemann's sex-positive YA debut is perfect for readers who love Heartstopper and Casey McQuiston.

A Lambda Literary Most Anticipated LGBTQ Book of the Month!
A Junior Library Guild Selection!
A Capitol Choices Selection!

A sarcastic 15-year-old records angst - about her parents, first love and loss, and failure - in six months of achingly universal journal entries. Via journal entries told in Phoebe's no-nonsense tone, debut author Brueggemann details the snarky, socially awkward protagonist's growth as she experiences the messiness of attraction and love, and comes to appreciate the joy and pain of connection. Phoebe's frequent internet searches and frank narration style manage to both entertain and inform on (...)

Author Bio

Wibke Brueggemann grew up in northern Germany and the southern United States, but calls London her home. She originally studied acting at the Academy of Live and Recorded Arts but ended up becoming a writer. She has a Master's in Writing for Young People from Bath Spa University, where she was the recipient of the Bath Spa University Writing Award. Wibke enjoys traveling, and is a clandestine lover of romantic poetry and Renaissance art. She is the author of Love is for Losers and Cupid's Revenge.
Northwind
by Gary Paulsen

This stunning New York Times Bestseller from the survival story master, set along a rugged coastline centuries ago, does for the ocean what Hatchet does for the woods, as it relates the story of a young person's battle to stay alive against the odds, where the high seas meet a coastal wilderness.

When a deadly plague reaches the small fish camp where he lives, an orphan named Leif is forced to take to the water in a cedar canoe. He flees northward, following a wild, fjord-riven shore, navigating from one danger to the next, unsure of his destination. Yet the deeper into his journey he paddles, the closer he comes to his truest self as he connects to the heartbeat of the ocean . . . the pulse of the sea. "With hints of Nordic mythology and an irresistible narrative pull, Northwind is Gary Paulsen at his captivating, adventuresome best."

Paulsen . . . was not only a master storyteller, but also a master world-builder . . . Wondrous . . . A grand and worthy journey." - Neal Shusterman, The New York Times Book Review

"A voyage both singular and universal, marked by sharply felt risks and rewards and deep waters beneath." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Spare, survival-oriented prose keeps the reader immersed in scenes difficult and wondrous, offering a glimpse of the sheer awesomeness of nature, showcasing (...)"

Author Bio

Gary Paulsen (1939-2021) wrote more than two hundred books for children and adults, including the father-son comedy How to Train Your Dad, and the survival adventure Northwind. Three of his novels - Hatchet, Dogsong, and The Winter Room - were Newbery Honor books. In 1997, he received the ALA's Margaret A. Edwards Award for his contribution to young adult literature. His books have sold over 35 million copies around the world.
Pilar Ramirez and the Curse of San Zenon
by Julian Randall

*The Land of Stories* meets Dominican culture and mythology come to life in Julian Randall's *Pilar Ramirez and the Curse of San Zenon*, the action-packed fantasy duology finale - for fans of the Tristan Strong series and *Amari and the Night Brothers*.

After being magically transported to the mythical island of Zafa and rescuing her long captive cousin Natasha, Pilar is back in Chicago . . . and hiding the shocking truths about Zafa and Natasha being alive. So, when she and her family are invited on a trip to Santo Domingo, Pilar welcomes the distraction and the chance to see the Dominican Republic for the first time.

But when Ciguapa and close friend Carmen magically appears in the DR searching for help, Pilar is soon on the hunt for the escaped demon El Baca and his mysterious new ally. Now, with a cursed storm gathering over the island to resurrect an ancient enemy, Pilar will have to harness her newfound bruja powers if she has any hope of saving her own world, Zafa, and most importantly her family before the clock runs out and ushers in a new era of evil.

Dominican lore brings a fresh perspective to a thrilling tale." - *Kirkus*

"Action-packed details on every page fully bring the conclusion of this duology to life." - *School Library Journal*

**Praise for Pilar Ramirez and the Escape from Zafa**

"Abreathtaking journey through a world teeming with fantasy and history - readers better hold on tight as Pilar swings into her next adventure." - Kwame Mbalia, *New York Times* - bestselling author of the Tristan Strong series

"Randall takes history and (...)"

**Author Bio**

Julian Randall is a Living Queer Black poet from Chicago. His poetry and essays are published in the *New York Times Magazine*, *POETRY*, *The Atlantic*, and *Vibe*. He is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize. Julian holds an MFA in Poetry from Ole Miss. His first book, Refuse, won the Cave Canem Poetry Prize and was a finalist for an NAACP Image Award. He was also a contributor to the #1 *New York Times*-bestseller *Black Boy Joy*. Julian has previously worked as a youth mentor teaching writing workshops to children.
Saving Earth
Climate Change and the Fight for Our Future
by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich, illustrated by Tim Foley, introduction by Nathaniel Rich

A timely and inspiring nonfiction guide for middle grade readers about the history of our fight against climate change, and how young people today are rising to action.

Inspired by Nathaniel Rich's Losing Earth: A Recent History, the acclaimed book that grew out of an August 2018 issue of the New York Times Magazine solely dedicated to it, Saving Earth tells the human story of the climate change conversation from the recent past into the present day. It wrestles with the long shadow of our failures, what might be ahead for today's generation, and crucial questions of how we understand the world we live in - and how we can work together to change the outlook for the better.

Written by acclaimed author Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich and enlivened with illustrations from Tim Foley, and filled with the voices of climate activists from the past and present, this book is both a call to action and a riveting dramatic history.

A Junior Library Guild Selection

A caustic indictment of this country's foot-dragging response to the threat of climate disaster, paired with a rising international chorus of younger voices raised in protest . . . In language as acerbic as the famously take-no-prisoners activist Greta Thunberg's, Rhuday-Perkovich draws from Nathaniel Rich's terrifying Losing Earth (2019). . . Readers will be jolted out of any sense of complacency" - Kirkus Reviews

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.

Tim Foley was born in Flint, Michigan, and since attending college at the Kendall School of Design, has made his home in Grand Rapids on the west
Serendipity
Ten Romantic Tropes, Transformed
by Elise Bryant and Elizabeth Eulberg, edited by Marissa Meyer

Love is in the air in Serendipity, a collection of stories inspired by romantic tropes and edited by #1 New York Times bestselling author Marissa Meyer.

The secret admirer.
The fake relationship.
The matchmaker.

From stories of first love, unrequited love, love that surprises, love that’s been there all along, 10 of the brightest and award-winning authors writing YA have taken on some of your favorite romantic tropes, embracing them and turning them on their heads. Readers will fall for this collection of stories that celebrate love at its most humorous, inclusive, heart-expanding, and serendipitous.

Contributors include Elise Bryant, Elizabeth Eulberg, Leah Johnson, Anna-Marie McLemore, Marissa Meyer, Sandhya Menon, Julie Murphy, Caleb Roehrig, Sarah Winifred Searle, and Abigail Hing Wen.

Here, best-selling YA authors take common rom-com tropes (fake dating, matchmaking, feelings for a best friend, enemies to lovers) and offer their twists on each one. . . . The collection is inclusive and diverse, with four LGBTQ+ romances as well as one short graphic novel. [S]ure to pull on heartstrings and make romance readers swoon.” - Booklist

Author Bio

Elise Bryant was born and raised in Southern California. For many years, Elise had the joy of working as a special education teacher, and now she spends her days writing swoony love stories and eating dessert. She lives with her husband and two daughters in Long Beach. Happily Ever Afters is her debut novel. You can visit her online at www.elisebryant.com.

ELIZABETH EULBERG is not a detective (or so she claims). She is, however, the internationally bestselling author of The Lonely Hearts Club, Prom & Prejudice, Take a Bow, Revenge of the Girl with the Great Personality, Better Off Friends, and We Can Work it Out. Elizabeth lives outside Manhattan, where she spends her free time stalking English bulldogs in her neighborhood and filling her brain attic with random pop culture facts. The Great Shelby Square Fish

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Square Fish
Stars and Smoke
by Marie Lu

This smoldering enemies-to-lovers novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Marie Lu puts a superstar global phenomenon and a hotshot young spy on a collision course with danger - and Cupid's arrow - in an electric new series perfect for fans of Nicola Yoon and Ally Carter.

Meet Winter Young - Global pop sensation, with a voice like velvet and looks that could kill. His star power has smashed records, selling out stadiums from LA to London. His rabid fans would move heaven and earth for even a glimpse of him - just imagine what they'd do to become his latest fling.

Meet Sydney Cossette - Part of an elite covert ops group, Sydney joined their ranks as their youngest spy with plans to become the best agent they've ever had. An ice queen with moves as dangerous as her comebacks, Sydney picks up languages just as quickly as she breaks hearts. She's fiery, no-nonsense, and has zero time for romance - especially with a shameless flirt more used to serving sass than taking orders.

When a major crime boss gifts his daughter a private concert with Winter for her birthday, Sydney and Winter's lives suddenly collide. Tasked with infiltrating the crime organization's inner circle, Sydney is assigned as Winter's bodyguard with Winter tapped to join her on the mission of a lifetime as a new spy recruit. Sydney may be the only person alive impervious to Winter's charms, but as their (...)
Strike the Zither
by Joan He

A dazzling new fantasy from *New York Times* and Indie bestselling author Joan He, *Strike the Zither* is a powerful, inventive, and sweeping fantasy that reimagines the Chinese classic tale of the Three Kingdoms.

The year is 414 of the Xin Dynasty, and chaos abounds. A puppet empress is on the throne. The realm has fractured into three factions and three warlordesses hoping to claim the continent for themselves.

But Zephyr knows it's no contest.

Orphaned at a young age, Zephyr took control of her fate by becoming the best strategist of the land and serving under Xin Ren, a warlordess whose loyalty to the empress is double-edged - while Ren's honor draws Zephyr to her cause, it also jeopardizes their survival in a war where one must betray or be betrayed. When Zephyr is forced to infiltrate an enemy camp to keep Ren's followers from being slaughtered, she encounters the enigmatic Crow, an opposing strategist who is finally her match. But there are more enemies than one - and not all of them are human.

Military stratagems, qi-infused zither duets, and divine interference come together in this tightly crafted reimagining of the Chinese classic Three Kingdoms. ...A riveting series opener." *Kirkus*, starred review

"The protagonist's clever narration and boundless ambition, coupled with He's powerful, action-packed (...)"

Author Bio

Joan He was born and raised in Philadelphia but still, on occasion, loses her way. At a young age, she received classical instruction in oil painting before discovering that stories were her favorite kind of art. She studied psychology and Chinese history at the University of Pennsylvania, and now splits her time between Philly and Chicago. She is the *New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Ones We're Meant to Find* and *Descendant of the Crane*, her young adult debut novel.
Study Break
11 College Tales from Orientation to Graduation by Jake Maia Arlow and Arushi Avachat, edited by Aashna Avachat

Study Break, a collection of interconnected contemporary Young Adult short stories written by Gen Z authors, explores different parts of the college experience, “from questioning your major to questioning your identity.”

College... the best time, the worst time, and something in between.

What do you do when orientation isn’t going according to your (sister’s) detailed plans? Where do you go when you’re searching for community in faith? How do you figure out what it means that you’re suddenly attracted to your RA? What happens when your partner for your last film project is also your crush and graduation is quickly approaching?

Told over the course of one academic year, this collection of stories set on the same fictional campus features students from different cultures, genders, and interests learning more about who they are and who they want to be. From new careers to community to (almost) missed connections - and more - these interconnected tales explore the ways university life can be stressful and confusing and exciting and fulfilling.

Gen Z contributors include Jake Maia Arlow, Arushi Avachat, Boon Carmen, Ananya Devarajan, Camryn Garrett, Christina Li, Racquel Marie, Oyin, Laila Sabreen, Michael Waters, and Joelle Wellington.

"The tales, all set on the fictional University of Milbridge campus, flow well, and subtle overlaps add detail and richness to the setting. ...An inclusive, cohesive collection." - Kirkus

Author Bio

Aashna Avachat is a YA author and editorial assistant with a love for hope-filled stories. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in spring 2020 with a BA in English and is currently a 1L at Harvard Law School. She is passionate about amplifying marginalized voices in publishing and increasing space for readers to see themselves in book pages. Study Break is her first book. When she's not writing, she's probably reading on a sunny patch of grass, going on long walks to grocery stores, or being cozy with one of her many foster kittens. You can find her on Twitter: @AashnaAvachat.
Surviving the Wild: Rainbow the Koala
by Remy Lai

*Planet Earth* meets *Narwhal and Jelly* in this funny and suspenseful early reader graphic novel series featuring heroic animals surviving in the perilous wilderness! Inspired by true events, the book includes facts about climate change, koalas, and how kids can help protect the environment.

A heartening and pensive story, told through irresistibly charming art, *Star the Elephant* is an utter delight." - John Patrick Green, *New York Times*-bestselling creator of *InvestiGators*, on *Star the Elephant*

Rainbow the Koala is ready to go off and live on his own - or so his mom says. But Rainbow is scared! The kookaburra bird cackles at him and he struggles to find a tree to call his home. As scorching heat takes hold and Rainbow runs out of water, he'll soon face his most dangerous test: surviving a bush fire.

Though high on the adorable factor, this is also a powerful, stirring example of the devastating impact of climate change." - *School Library Journal*, starred

"A heartening and pensive story, told through irresistibly charming art, Star the Elephant is an utter delight." - John Patrick Green, *New York Times*-bestselling creator of *InvestiGators*, on *Star the Elephant*

"Gorgeously drawn and bursting with charm, adventure, and tenderness. . . *Star the Elephant* is a pure delight for young readers." - Jonathan Stutzman, author of *Llama Destroys the World*, on *Star the Elephant*

**Praise for Pawcasso**

"It's tail-wagging entertaining!" - Kelly Yang, *New York Times* bestselling author

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Surviving the Wild: Star the Elephant
by Remy Lai

Planet Earth meets Narwhal and Jelly in this funny and suspenseful young reader graphic novel adventure series featuring heroic animals! Inspired by true events, the book includes facts about climate change, elephants, and how kids can help protect the environment.


Star the Elephant and his herd are searching for a new home. But when Star is separated from his family, he must journey alone into the great unknown. He'll come face to face with giant spiders, the vast ocean beyond his island, and strange humans. Can Star find his way back to his family?

Pulled in by simple yet adorable illustrations . . . this tender tale packs an all too timely environmental message." - *School Library Journal*, starred


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**A Best Book of the Year for (...)**

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The Buried and the Bound
by Rochelle Hassan

A contemporary fantasy YA debut from Rochelle Hassan about monsters, magic, and wicked fae, perfect for fans of *The Darkest Part of the Forest* and *The Hazel Wood*.

As the only hedgewitch in Blackthorn, Massachusetts - an uncommonly magical place - Aziza El-Amin has bargained with wood nymphs, rescued palm-sized fairies from house cats, banished flesh-eating shadows from the local park. But when a dark entity awakens in the forest outside of town, eroding the invisible boundary between the human world and fairyland, run-of-the-mill fae mischief turns into outright aggression, and the danger - to herself and others - becomes too great for her to handle alone.

Leo Merritt is no stranger to magical catastrophes. On his sixteenth birthday, a dormant curse kicked in and ripped away all his memories of his true love. A miserable year has passed since then. He's road-tripped up and down the East Coast looking for a way to get his memories back and hit one dead end after another. He doesn't even know his true love's name, but he feels the absence in his life, and it's haunting.

Desperate for answers, he makes a pact with Aziza: he'll provide much-needed backup on her nightly patrols, and in exchange, she'll help him break the curse.

When the creature in the woods sets its sights on them, their survival depends on the aid of a mysterious young necromancer they're not certain they can trust. But they'll have to work together to eradicate the new threat and take back their hometown. . . even if it forces them to (...)

Author Bio

Rochelle Hassan grew up reading about dragons, quests, and unlikely heroes; now she writes about them, too. She is the author of the middle grade novel *The Prince of Nowhere* and young adult fantasy novel, *The Buried and the Bound*. She lives in New York.
The Deadlands: Trapped  
by Skye Melki-Wegner

*Wings of Fire meets Jurassic Park* in *The Deadlands: Trapped*, the second book of this action-adventure series by Skye Melki-Wegner about five outcasts - and former enemies - who are the only hope to save their warring kingdoms from impending doom.

As bloody battle rages on between the two surviving dinosaur kingdoms, Eleri and his fellow outcasts, newly exiled from their herds, are searching for evidence to prove a mass conspiracy - a conniving cabal of carnivores have manipulated the herbivore kingdoms into war, so they can feast on the slain. But after their temporary home is discovered by a vengeful pack of raptors, the exiles must flee and soon find themselves trapped inside the Fire Peak: the volcanic heart of the dreaded CarrionKingdom.

Before they have a chance to escape, they discover a cavern of imprisoned herbivores, who are being picked apart - literally - one by one. Can the outcasts stage an elaborate heist to free the prisoners and gather proof of the Carrion Kingdom's vicious plans in one fell swoop?

**Praise for The Deadlands: Hunted**

This is my favorite middle grade book of the year . . . Full of heart, I would have inhaled a series like this as a kid - I did as an adult. It's the full package."
- New York Times -bestselling author Amie Kaufman

"A claw-biting epic fantasy full of family drama, clever humor, nonstop action, weighty themes, and of course, the coolest band of misfit dinosaurs around."
- John David Anderson, author of *Ms. Bixby's Last Day* and *Posted*

**Author Bio**

Skye Melki-Wegner started writing as soon as she could hold a pen. She was immediately drawn to fantasy - and soon her notebooks overflowed with dragons, pixies, and wizards. After graduating with an honors degree in law, she traded in practicing law for writing fantasy novels. Her first middle-grade trilogy, *The Deadlands*, draws inspiration from her time working in a museum (where some of her colleagues were dinosaurs).
The Department of Lost Dogs
by Josephine Cameron

In this stand-alone middle-grade novel set in the same world as *A Dog-Friendly Town*, Josephine Cameron delivers a mystery full of prime-time puppers, Houdini-inspired whodunits, and a reminder that puzzles are best solved with a little teamwork.

Eleven-year-old Rondo McDade is starting to feel left out. His older brother, Epic, is heading into high school, and his younger sister, Elvis, is always mad at him. His parents keep pushing him out of their dog-friendly bed and breakfast, the Perro del Mar, and into the company of the new kid in town while a famous TV show films on location at the Perro. It’s an important week for the town, and everyone knows Rondo has a history of causing trouble. Even if he doesn’t mean to.

But when canine actors start to disappear, including Carmelito’s most beloved celebrity doggo, Pico Boone, Rondo is sure he knows who did it. Can he win back his family’s trust and crack the case before Pico is lost forever?

A tight time frame of less than a week, an observant first-person narrator, and a large cast of family members and suspects make for an entertaining whodunit perfect for animal lovers. . . A fun, fast-paced mystery.” - *Kirkus Reviews*

“The hilarious whodunit works splendidly on its own, and fans of *A Dog-Friendly Town* (2020) will be thrilled to reunite with familiar characters from a different child’s perspective. Brisk pacing, interspersed podcast transcripts, and dog puns aplenty keep the proceedings compelling for younger readers. Supersleuths and dog lovers will lap up this clever caper.” - *Booklist*

**Author Bio**

Josephine Cameron received her MFA in creative writing from the University of Notre Dame. She is the author *Maybe a Mermaid* and *A Dog-Friendly Town*. She lives in Maine, where she writes, sings, and teaches music to kids.
One of Us Is Lying meets Gossip Girl in The Headmaster's List, an edge-of-your-seat YA thriller about a fatal car crash and the dangerous lengths one teen will go to uncover the truth about what really happened.

Friday night. The party of the summer. Four teens ride home together. Only one never makes it.

When high school sophomore Chris Moore is tragically killed in a car crash, Armstrong Prep is full of questions. Who was at the wheel? And more importantly, who was at fault?

Eighteen-year-old Spencer Sandoval wishes she knew. As rumors swirl that her ex, Ethan, was the reckless driver, she can't bring herself to defend him. And their messy breakup has nothing to do with it - she can't remember anything from that night, not even what put her in that car with Ethan, Chris, and Tabby Hill, the new loner in school.

The hunt for answers intensifies when a local true crime podcast takes an interest in the case, pushing Spencer further into the depths of this sinister mystery. Was it all just a night out that went very wrong? And is it a coincidence that all but Chris is on Armstrong's esteemed honor roll, the Headmaster's List? In a place ruled by pedigree and privilege, the truth (…)

Author Bio

MELISSA DE LA CRUZ is the #1 New York Times, #1 Publisher's Weekly and #1 Indie Bound bestselling author of many critically acclaimed and award-winning novels for readers of all ages, and edited the inspiring anthology of true stories, Because I Was a Girl. She grew up in Manila and moved to San Francisco with her family, where she graduated high school salutatorian from The Convent of the Sacred Heart. At Columbia University, she majored in art history and English. Melissa de la Cruz lives in West Hollywood with her husband and daughter.
The Lost Year
A Survival Story of the Ukrainian Famine
by Katherine Marsh

From the author of Nowhere Boy - called a resistance novel for our times" by The New York Times - comes a brilliant middle-grade survival story that traces a harrowing family secret back to the Holodomor, a terrible famine that devastated Soviet Ukraine in the 1930s.

Thirteen-year-old Matthew is miserable. His journalist dad is stuck overseas indefinitely, and his mom has moved in his one-hundred-year-old great-grandmother to ride out the pandemic, adding to his stress and isolation.

But when Matthew finds a tattered black-and-white photo in his great-grandmother's belongings, he discovers a clue to a hidden chapter of her past, one that will lead to a life-shattering family secret. Set in alternating timelines that connect the present-day to the 1930s and the US to the USSR, Katherine Marsh's latest novel sheds fresh light on the Holodomor - the horrific famine that killed millions of Ukrainians, and which the Soviet government covered up for decades.

An incredibly timely, page-turning story of family, survival, and sacrifice, inspired by Marsh's own family history, The Lost Year is perfect for fans of Ruta Sepetys' Between Shades of Gray and Alan Gratz's Refugee.

Praise for The Lost Year

Marsh's novel, inspired by the struggles of her own Ukrainian grandmother's family, is a haunting story of survival in which children's anxieties - whether about famine or Covid - are masterfully wrapped in layered prose." - The New York Times (...)

Author Bio

We Are All So Good at Smiling
by Amber McBride

_They Both Die at the End_ meets _The Bell Jar_ in this haunting, beautiful young adult novel-in-verse about clinical depression and healing from trauma, from National Book Award Finalist Amber McBride.

Whimsy is back in the hospital for treatment of clinical depression. When she meets a boy named Faerry, she recognizes they both have magic in the marrow of their bones. And when Faerry and his family move to the same street, the two start to realize that their lifelines may have twined and untwined many times before.

They are both terrified of the forest at the end of Marsh Creek Lane.

The Forest whispers to Whimsy. The Forest might hold the answers to the part of Faerry he feels is missing. They discover the Forest holds monsters, fairy tales, and pain that they have both been running from for 11 years.

_Stunning..._ Readers will revel in the depth of Whimsy and Faerry’s relationship, all the while finding solace and relief in the calculated messiness of their search for wholeness." - _Booklist_, starred review

"This phenomenal novel-in-verse transports readers into an impassioned tale of heartache and hope that belongs on every bookshelf serving teens." - _School Library Journal_, starred review

"Raw and poignant and promising hope, even when it seems there is no way out (…)

Author Bio

Amber McBride estimates she reads about 100 books a year. Her work has been published in literary magazines including _Ploughshares_ and _Provincetown Arts_. Her debut young adult novel, _Me (Moth)_ was a finalist for the National Book Award, and won the 2022 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent, among many other accolades. She is a professor of creative writing at University of Virginia, and lives in Charlottesville, Virginia.
We Deserve Monuments
by Jas Hammonds

An absolute must read." - *Buzzfeed*

"A gripping portrayal of the South's inherent racism and a love story for queer Black girls." - *Teen Vogue*

Family secrets, a swoon-worthy romance, and a slow-burn mystery collide in *We Deserve Monuments*, a YA debut from Jas Hammonds that explores how racial violence can ripple down through generations.

What's more important: Knowing the truth or keeping the peace?

Seventeen-year-old Avery Anderson is convinced her senior year is ruined when she's uprooted from her life in DC and forced into the hostile home of her terminally ill grandmother, Mama Letty. The tension between Avery's mom and Mama Letty makes for a frosty arrival and unearths past drama they refuse to talk about. Every time Avery tries to look deeper, she's turned away, leaving her desperate to learn the secrets that split her family in two.

While tempers flare in her avoidant family, Avery finds friendship in unexpected places: in Simone Cole, her captivating next-door neighbor, and Jade Oliver, daughter of the town's most prominent family - whose mother's murder remains unsolved.

As the three girls grow closer - Avery and Simone's friendship blossoming into romance (…)

**Author Bio**

**Jas Hammonds** was raised in many cities and between the pages of many books. They have received support for their writing from Lambda Literary, Baldwin for the Arts, and the Highlights Foundation. They are also a grateful recipient of the MacDowell James Baldwin Fellowship. Their debut novel, *We Deserve Monuments*, won the 2023 Coretta Scott King John Steptoe Award for New Talent, among many other accolades.
Get lost in a sweeping middle-grade adventure following Rype, an abandoned girl in fourteenth-century Europe, as she walks from Norway to England looking for safety from the plague.

Her name was Rype. That wasn't really her name. It was what the strangers called her. She didn't remember her real name. She didn't remember anything at all.

Rype was hiding in the hollow of a tree trunk when they found her. She was hungry, small, cold, alone. She did not speak their language, or understand their mannerisms. But she knew this: To survive, she would have to go with them.

In fourteenth-century Norway, the plague has destroyed the entire village of Skeviga. To stay alive, Rype, the only one left, must embark on a sweeping adventure across Europe with the son of an English ship captain and a band of troubadours in search of a brighter future and a new home.

Expertly crafted, beautifully written, and completely unique, Diane Zahler has created a historically rich, stunning story of survival and hope in the face of tragedy.

Praise for Wild Bird

*A Junior Library Guild Selection*

Something special. Don't miss it. -Karen Cushman, Newbery Medal-winning author of The Midwife’s Apprentice and Newbery Honor-winning Catherine, Called Birdy

"A quick-paced treasure." -Donna Jo Napoli (...)

Author Bio

Diane Zahler grew up reading children's books and never wanted to do anything but write them. She worked in the children's room of her public library and in a children's book publishing company, and now she's the author of several middle-grade novels (including The Thirteenth Princess and Daughter of the White Rose) and nonfiction books for older readers. She lives in the Hudson Valley with her husband and slightly neurotic dog in what is aptly nicknamed the Bug House.
You Don't Have a Shot
by Racquel Marie

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

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

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

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

"You Don't Have a Shot has every ingredient that makes rivals-to-lovers such a great (...)"

Author Bio

Racquel Marie grew up in Southern California, where her passion for storytelling of all kinds was encouraged by her friends and big family. She received a BA in English with an emphasis in creative writing and a minor in gender and sexuality studies from the University of California, Irvine. She is the author of Ophelia After All, You Don't Have a Shot, and many unfinished first drafts.
The Grossest Gross Joke Book Ever Written. . . Only Grousser!
1,001 Jokes that Are Sooooo Gross
by Brian Boone, illustrated by Amanda Brack

Gross-out gags for jokesters!
From the great minds of The Jokiest Joking Joke Book Ever Written. . . No Joke! comes a way-gross joke book that will have readers laughing so hard they'll puke (figuratively). With over a thousand yucky funnies and fart jokes galore, this book will be sure to ruin any polite setting, such as tea time, quiet time, time out - and is guaranteed* to improve quality time between clever comedians and their unsuspecting audiences (*results may vary). This fun misadventure into rude-ish humor and goofy gags will delight readers almost everywhere!

Author Bio

BRIAN BOONE is the author of I Love Rock n' Roll (Except When I Hate It) and many other books about everything from inventions to paper airplanes to magic to TV. He's written jokes for lots of funny websites and he lives in Oregon with his family. AMANDA BRACK has a passion for drawing and illustration, and enjoys the creativity of working on a wide variety of projects in her freelance career. She currently lives in Boston, Massachusetts.
A Far Wilder Magic
by Allison Saft

AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
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ONE OF 2022'S MOST ANTICIPATED READS: *BUZZFEED *EPIC READS
*GOODREADS *THE NERD DAILY *UNITED BY POP *

An utterly transportive read, unfolding into a world of crumbling manors and ancient forests. Allison Saft crafts a deliberate, intricate romance that will have you as unmoored as the characters." - Chloe Gong, New York Times bestselling author of These Violent Delights

A romantic YA fantasy perfect for fans of Erin A. Craig and Margaret Rogerson, about two people who find themselves competing for glory - and each other's hearts - in a magical fox hunt.

When Margaret Welty spots the legendary hala, the last living mythical creature, she knows the Halfmoon Hunt will soon follow. Whoever is able to kill the hala will earn fame and riches, and unlock an ancient magical secret. While Margaret is the best sharpshooter in town, only teams of two can register, and she needs an alchemist.

Weston Winters isn't an alchemist - yet. He's been fired from every apprenticeship he's landed, and his last chance hinges on Master Welty taking him in. But when Wes arrives at Welty Manor, he finds only (...)

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Allison Saft is the author of the eerie and critically acclaimed romantic fantasies, Down Comes the Night and A Far Wilder Magic. After receiving her MA in English literature from Tulane University, she moved from the Gulf Coast to the West Coast, where she spends her time hiking the redwoods and practicing aerial silks.

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A Fragile Enchantment
by Allison Saft

In this romantic fantasy of manners from New York Times bestselling author Allison Saft, a magical dressmaker commissioned for a royal wedding finds herself embroiled in scandal when a gossip columnist draws attention to her undeniable chemistry with the groom.

Niamh O Conchobhair has never let herself long for more. The magic in her blood that lets her stitch emotions and memories into fabric is the same magic that will eventually kill her. Determined to spend the little time she has left guaranteeing a better life for her family, Niamh jumps at the chance to design the wardrobe for a royal wedding in the neighboring kingdom of Avaland.

But Avaland is far from the fairytale that she imagined. While young nobles attend candlelit balls and elegant garden parties, unrest brews amid the working class. The groom himself, Kit Carmine, is prickly, abrasive, and begrudgingly being dragged to the altar as a political pawn. But when Niamh and Kit grow closer, an unlikely friendship blossoms into something more - until an anonymous gossip columnist starts buzzing about their chemistry, promising to leave them alone only if Niamh helps to uncover the royal family's secrets. The rot at the heart of Avaland runs deep, but exposing it could risk a future she never let herself dream of, and a love she never thought possible.

Transporting readers to a Regency England-inspired fantasy world, A Fragile Enchantment is a sweeping romance threaded with intrigue, unforgettable characters, and a love story for the ages.

Achingly romantic and full of heart, in A FRAGILE ENCHANTMENT, Saft proves that her ability to (…)

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Ander & Santi Were Here
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Arya Khanna's Bollywood Moment by Arushi Avachat

Save the Date meets Never Have I Ever in this sparkling debut rom-com about a high school senior whose life suddenly gets a Bollywood spin when her sister gets engaged.

Shaadi preparations are in full swing, which means lehenga shopping, taste testing, dance rehearsals, and best of all, Arya's sister Alina is home. The Khannas are together again, finally, and Arya wants to enjoy it. So she stifles her lingering resentment towards Alina, plays mediator during her sister's fights with their mother, and welcomes her future brother-in-law with open arms. (Okay, maybe enjoy isn't exactly right.)

Meanwhile at school, Arya's senior year dreams are unraveling. In between class and her part-time gig as a bookshop assistant, Arya struggles to navigate the aftermath of a bad breakup between her two best friends and a tense student council partnership with her rival, the frustratingly attractive Dean Merriweather.

Arya is determined to keep the peace at home and at school, but this shaadi season teaches Arya new realities: Alina won't always be in the bedroom down the hall, Mamma's sadness isn't mendable, friendships must evolve, and life doesn't always work out like her beloved Bollywood movies. But sometimes, the person you least expect will give you a glimpse of your dream sequence just when you need it most.

Structured like a Bollywood film (entertaining intermission included!) Arya Khanna's Bollywood Moment will make you swoon, laugh, cry, think, nod your head in agreement, and quite possibly make you get up and dance.

A tender coming-of-age story that navigates fraught friendships, first loves (...

Author Bio

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As usual, Andie Rose has a plan: Transfer from community college to the hyper competitive Blue Ridge State, major in psychology, and maintain her lifelong goal of becoming an iconic self-help figure despite the nerves that have recently thrown her for a loop. All it will take is ruthless organization, hard work, and her trademark unrelenting enthusiasm to pull it all together.

But the moment Andie arrives, the rest of her plans go off the rails. Her rocky relationship with her boyfriend Connor only gets more complicated when she discovers he transferred out of Blue Ridge to her community college. Her roommate Shay needs a major, and despite Andie's impressive track record of being The Fixer, she's stumped on how to help. And Milo, her coffee-guzzling grump of an R.A. with seafoam green eyes, is somehow disrupting all her ideas about love and relationships one sleep-deprived wisecrack at a time.

But sometimes, when all your plans are in rubble at your feet, you find out what you're made of. And when Andie starts to find the power of her voice as the anonymous Squire on the school's legendary pirate radio station—the same one her mom founded, years before she passed away—Andie learns that not all the best laid plans are necessarily the right ones.

Filled with a friend group that feels like family, an empowering journey of finding your own way, and a Just Kiss Already! romance, Begin Again is an unforgettable novel of love and starting again.

Author Bio

Emma Lord (she/her) is a digital media editor and writer living in New York City, where she spends whatever time she isn't writing either running or belting show tunes in community theater. She graduated from the University of Virginia with a major in psychology and a minor in how to tilt your computer screen so nobody will notice you updating your fan fiction from the back row. She was raised on glitter, a whole lot of love, and copious amounts of grilled cheese. Her books include Tweet Cute, You Have a Match, and When You Get the Chance.
Canto Contigo
A Novel
by Jonny Garza Villa

When a Mariachi star transfers schools, he expects to be handed his new group's lead vocalist spot - what he gets instead is a tenacious current lead with a very familiar, very kissable face.

In a twenty-four-hour span, Rafael Alvarez led North Amistad High School's Mariachi Alma de la Frontera to their eleventh consecutive first-place win in the Mariachi Extravaganza de Nacional; and met, made out with, and almost hooked up with one of the cutest guys he's ever met.

Now eight months later, Rafie's ready for one final win. What he didn't plan for is his family moving to San Antonio before his senior year, forcing him to leave behind his group while dealing with the loss of the most important person in his life - his beloved abuelo. Another hitch in his plan: The Selena Quintanilla-Perez Academy's Mariachi Todos Colores already has a lead vocalist, Rey Chavez - the boy Rafie made out with - who now stands between him winning and being the great Mariachi Rafie's abuelo always believed him to be.

Despite their newfound rivalry for center stage, Rafie can't squash his feelings for Rey. Now he must decide between the people he's known his entire life or the one just starting to get to know the real him.

Canto Contigo is a love letter to Mexican culture, family and legacy, the people who shape us, and allowing ourselves to forge our own path. At its heart, this is one of the most glorious rivals-to-lovers romance (…)

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When two young rival journalists find love through a magical connection, they must face the depths of hell, in a war among gods, to seal their fate forever.

After centuries of sleep, the gods are warring again. But eighteen-year-old Iris Winnow just wants to hold her family together. Her mother is suffering from addiction and her brother is missing from the front lines. Her best bet is to win the columnist promotion at the Oath Gazette.

To combat her worries, Iris writes letters to her brother and slips them beneath her wardrobe door, where they vanish - into the hands of Roman Kitt, her cold and handsome rival at the paper. When he anonymously writes Iris back, the two of them forge a connection that will follow Iris all the way to the front lines of battle: for her brother, the fate of mankind, and love.

*Shadow and Bone* meets *Lore* in Rebecca Ross's *Divine Rivals*, an epic enemies-to-lovers fantasy novel filled with hope and heartbreak, and the unparalleled power of love.

An ardent romance and a harrowing exploration of war's horrors and heartbreaks. . . with inventive worldbuilding, nuanced characterizations, and prose by turns dreamy and atmospherically tense." - *Publishers Weekly*

" *Divine Rivals* is another absolute winner from author Rebecca Ross, who is rapidly proving there's very little she can't do in the realm of fantasy fiction." - *Paste Magazine*

"Rich and romantic - if stories had scent, this one would (...)"

**Author Bio**

REBECCA ROSS was born and raised in Georgia, where she continues to reside with her husband, her lively Australian Shepherd, and her endless piles of books. She loves coffee, the night sky, chalk art, maps, the mountains, and growing wildflowers in her yard. And a good story, of course. She is the author of *The Queen's Rising*, *The Queen's Resistance*, *Sisters of Sword and Song*, *Dreams Lie Beneath*, and *A River Enchanted*
Draw Down the Moon
by P. C. Cast and Kristin Cast


Wren Nightingale isn't supposed to have any powers. Born of magickal parents but not under a moon sign, she was destined for life as a Mundane - right up until she starts glowing on her eighteenth birthday. In a heartbeat, Wren's life is turned upside down, and she's suddenly leaving her home for the mystical Academia de la Luna - a secret magickal school on a hidden island off the Seattle coast.

Lee Young has always known about his future at the Academia. He has one goal: pass the trials, impress the Moon Council, and uphold his family's reputation. But he wasn't expecting to be attending alongside the girl he's been secretly in love with for as long as he can remember.

As Wren and Lee are thrown into the Academie's gruelling trials, they quickly learn there's something different - and dangerous - about the school this year. Wren will have to navigate a web of secrets, prophecies - and murder. And Lee will have to decide who to protect - his family's legacy, or the girl he loves.

Author Bio

P.C. Cast is the author of the House of Night novels, including Marked, Betrayed, Chosen, and Untamed.

Ms. Cast is a #1 New York Times and USA Today Best-Selling author and a member of the Oklahoma Writers Hall of Fame. With more than 20 million copies in print in over 40 countries, her novels have been awarded the prestigious Oklahoma Book Award, YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award, the Prism, Holt Medallion, Daphne du Maurier, Booksellers' Best, and the Laurel Wreath.

Ms. Cast was born in the Midwest and grew up being shuttled back and forth between Illinois and Oklahoma, which is where she fell in love with Quarter Horses and mythology. After high school she joined the United States Air Force and began public speaking and writing. After her tour in the USAF, she taught high school for 15 years before retiring to write full time. She now lives in Oregon surrounded by beloved cats, dogs, horses, and family.

Kristin Cast is a #1 New York Times and #1 USA Today bestselling author who teams with her mother to write the wildly successful HOUSE OF NIGHT series. She has editorial credits, a thriving t-shirt line, and a passion for all things paranormal. When away from her writing desk, Kristin loves going on...
Ellie Haycock Is Totally Normal
by Gretchen Schreiber

_The Breakfast Club_ meets _Five Feet Apart_ in this big-hearted novel from debut author Gretchen Schreiber.

Ellie Haycock has always separated her life into sections: Ellie at home and Ellie at the hospital. At home, Ellie is a proud member of her high school's speech and debate team alongside her best friend and her boyfriend. At the hospital, Ellie has a team of doctors and a mom who won’t stop posting about the details of her illness online. It's not hard for Ellie to choose which of the two she prefers.

But this latest hospital stay is different. Ellie becomes close with a group of friends, including Ryan, a first-timer who's still optimistic about the doctors that Ellie stopped trusting years ago. Despite their differences, she can't seem to keep him out of her head. Ellie's life has never been ordinary - but maybe this time it will be extraordinary.

**Author Bio**

_Gretchen Schreiber_ grew up between the hills of Kansas and the hospitals of Minnesota, but now calls the hills of Los Angeles home. After getting her MFA from USC Film School, she works as a professional bookworm for Hello Sunshine, Reese Witherspoon's media company. She is always down to run away to Disneyland or a bookstore.
Even If It Breaks Your Heart
by Erin Hahn

A heart-buckling ride of a romance by beloved author Erin Hahn about two teens finding out that sometimes, the hardest part of discovering what you want is getting the courage to pursue it.

The only thing keeping nineteen-year-old Case Michaels together after the death of his best friend, Walker, is a list Walker left behind of things he wants Case to accomplish in his absence. So far, though, Case hasn't even been able to continue riding bulls in the rodeo circuit, something he's done his entire life, balking at the thought of competing without Walker by his side. But the list? Case is determined to follow it to the letter- and he follows it all the way to Winnie Sutton.

Eighteen-year-old Winnie Sutton just wants to keep her family together. She graduated high school early to work long shifts at the Michaels family ranch so she can support her younger siblings and a father who's more than happy to let Winnie fill the responsible parent role. If she sometimes sneaks out to ride the horses herself and forget about life for a while- well, that's no one else's business- until the day she crashes headfirst into Case Michaels. Case sees her riding skills and immediately ropes her into competing for the ranch and becoming his friend.

Winnie and Case couldn't be more different, but Case can't help but be inspired by Winnie's badly-hidden passion for riding and competition. And there's something about Case that makes Winnie want to try grasping onto a dream for herself, whether that's a shot at a rodeo trophy, the annoyingly handsome rancher's son who won't leave her alone, or maybe both

Author Bio

ERIN HAHN is the author of the young adult novels You'd Be Mine, More Than Maybe, and Never Saw You Coming as well as the adult romance Built to Last. Romance is her vibe, grunge is her soundtrack and fall is her signature color. She fell for her flannel-clad college sweetheart the very first day of school and together, they have two hilarious kids who keep her humble. She lives outside Ann Arbor, Michigan, and has a cat named Gus who plays fetch and a dog named June who doesn't.
Heartless Hunter
The Crimson Moth Duology
by Kristen Ciccarelli

A steamy game of cat and mouse between witch and witch-hunter, played out against a backdrop of opulence, secrets, and bloody history. I couldn't look away." - Kendare Blake, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Champion of Fate

Enemies-to-lovers doesn't get more high stakes than a witch and a witch hunter falling in love in bestselling author Kristen Ciccarelli's latest romantic fantasy

On the night Rune's life changed forever, blood ran in the streets. Now, in the aftermath of a devastating revolution, witches have been diminished from powerful rulers to outcasts ruthlessly hunted due to their waning magic, and Rune must hide what she is.

Spending her days pretending to be nothing more than a vapid young socialite, Rune spends her nights as the Crimson Moth, a witch vigilante who rescues her kind from being purged. When a rescue goes wrong, she decides to throw the witch hunters off her scent and gain the intel she desperately needs by courting the handsome Gideon Sharpe - a notorious and unforgiving witch hunter loyal to the revolution - who she can't help but find herself falling for.

Gideon loathes the decadence and superficiality Rune represents, but when he learns the Crimson Moth has been using Rune's merchant ships to smuggle renegade witches out of the republic, he inserts himself into her social circles by pretending to court her right back. He soon realizes that beneath her beauty and shallow facade, is (...)

Author Bio

Kristen Ciccarelli grew up on a grape farm, dropped out of college, and worked various jobs before becoming an author. Some of her previous trades included: baker, potter, L'Arche assistant, and community bread oven coordinator. Today, Kristen resides in the Niagara region of Ontario with her husband and their book-obsessed toddler. She is the author of Edgewood and the internationally bestselling Iskari series.
She lost her words but found her voice.

* All My Rage* meets *The Poet X* in this electric debut that explores a Muslim teen finding her voice in a post-9/11 America.

Nida has always been known as Mamou Abdul-Hafeedh's niece - the poet that will fill her uncle's shoes after he was wrongfully incarcerated during the war on terror. But for Nida, her poetry letters are her heart and sharing so much of herself with a world that stereotypes her faith and her hijab is not an option.

When Nida is illegally frisked at a Democratic Senatorial candidate's political rally, she writes a scathing poem about the politician, never expecting the letter to go viral weeks before Election Day. Nida discovers her poem has won first place in a national contest, a contest she never entered, and her quiet life is toppled. But worst of all, Nida loses her ability to write poetry. In the aftermath of her win, Nida struggles to balance the expectations of her mother, her uncle, and her vibrant Muslim community with the person she truly wants to be.

With a touch of magic and poetry sprinkled throughout, Sarah Mughal Rana's *Hope Ablaze* is heartbreaking, often funny, and ultimately uplifting, not only celebrating the Islamic faith and Pakistani culture, but simultaneously confronting racism and Islamophobia with unflinching bravery.

**Author Bio**

Sarah Mughal Rana is a Muslim author and student from the University of Toronto, now pursuing her MPhil in Asian studies at Oxford. She works at the intersection of human rights and Asian policy. She is a BookTok personality and the co-host of On the Write Track podcast. Outside of school, she falls down history rabbit holes and trains in traditional martial arts.
I'm the Girl
by Courtney Summers

Named a Best Book of the Year by BuzzFeed * CrimeReads * Indigo * Kirkus Reviews * School Library Journal * Shelf Awareness. 4 starred reviews from Kirkus, Publishers Weekly, School Library Journal and Shelf Awareness!

Available now from bestselling and award-winning author Courtney Summers, an emotionally raw and brutally captivating" (Publishers Weekly, starred review) queer coming-of-age thriller based loosely on the Epstein case that's "not for the faint of heart." (The New York Times)

All sixteen-year-old Georgia Avis wants is everything, but the poverty and hardship that defines her life has kept her from the beautiful and special things she knows she deserves. When she stumbles upon the dead body of thirteen-year-old Ashley James, Georgia teams up with Ashley's older sister Nora, to find the killer before he strikes again, and their investigation throws Georgia into a glittering world of unimaginable privilege and wealth - and all she's ever dreamed. But behind every dream lurks a nightmare, and Georgia must reconcile her heart's desires with what it really takes to survive. As Ashley's killer closes in and their feelings for one another grow, Georgia and Nora will discover when money, power, and beauty rule, it's not always a matter of who is guilty but who is guiltiest - and the only thing that might save them is each other.

I'm the Girl is a brutal and illuminating account of how one young woman feels in her body as she (...)

Author Bio

Courtney Summers is the bestselling and critically acclaimed author of several novels for young adults, including Cracked Up To Be, All the Rage and Sadie. Her work has been released to multiple starred reviews, received numerous awards and honors - including the Edgar Award, John Spray Mystery Award, Cybils Award, Odyssey Award, and International Thriller Award - and has been recognized by many library, 'Best Of' and Readers' Choice lists. She lives and writes in Canada.
In the Orbit of You
by Ashley Schumacher

_In the Orbit of You_ is a YA story of enduring love from acclaimed author Ashley Schumacher, where a personality test reunites two friends and makes them second guess their careful plans.

It's been years since Nova Evans last saw Sam. She was too young then to understand why he had to move away—and what it had to do with the cuts and bruises he got from home and never wanted to talk about. All she knew is that they promised to find each other when they were older, something she thought was impossible thanks to her and her mom moving around constantly. Until she bumps into Sam in her new school, and realizes he has clearly forgotten their childhood promise.

Sam Jordan has a plan for his life: accept his college football scholarship, date his girlfriend Abigail, and—"most importantly"—hide how much he wants to do something, anything other than The Plan his parents and coaches have set before him. It doesn't matter if sometimes he finds himself thinking about the new girl he met in the cafeteria, a girl who reminds him of a past that hurts to remember.

When a school-wide personality test reveals Nova and Sam to be each others' top matches—"not only that, but a match of 99%, the highest in the school"—they begin to remember why they were such close friends, all those years ago. As well as the myriad of reasons this new-yet-familiar, magnetic, sparkling thing between them will never, ever work out.

_In the Orbit of You_ is a story about the enduring and changing nature of friendship, of the strange struggle between who you are and who you want to be, and finding your voice after trauma.

**Author Bio**

Ashley Schumacher is the author of _Amelia Unabridged_ and _Full Flight_ and has a degree in creative writing from the University of North Texas. When she's not reading or writing, she's either singing Disney songs, finding new and exciting ways to pester her family, or trying to find her inside voice, which has been sadly missing since birth. She lives in a small town north of Dallas with her husband, son, and more books than is strictly necessary.
The stunning conclusion to the Ouroboros series, a contemporary fantasy duology in which a teen, Gem, finds out they're a reincarnated god from another world.

That day at the First Church of Gracie changed everything for Gem Echols, and not just because Marian and Poppy betrayed them. Forced to use the Ouroboros knife on Zephyr, who had kidnapped their parents, Gem now has the power of the God of Air.

While for any other god things might work out okay, the Magician - whose role within the pantheon is to keep the balance - having the power of another god has thrown everything into chaos. The Goddess of Death can now reanimate corpses; the God of Art's powers are now corrupted and twisted, giving life to his macabre creations; and, while the God of Land has always been able to communicate with creatures of the Earth, now everyone can hear their cries.

As Gem, Rory, and Enzo search for a way to restore the balance without sacrificing themselves, new horrors make them question how far they're willing to go. In the end, Gem may be forced to fully embrace their merciless nature and kill off their own humanity - if it ever really existed in the first place.

Author Bio

H.E. Edgmon is an author of queer speculative fiction across genres. Once a stray dog in the rural south, he now makes his home in the Pacific Northwest with a family of his own design. Haunted and hopeful, his work aims to offer levity without flinching from hard truths. In his writing and his daily life, H.E. will always prioritize the pursuit of an Indigenous future, the safety of our most vulnerable, and making a terrible joke whenever possible. His debut series, The Witch King duology, is out now.

In August of 1999, dazzlingly popular cheerleader Clarissa Campbell disappears from a party in the woods outside the rural town of Oreville, Washington and is never seen again. The police question her friends, teachers, and the adults who knew her - who all have something to hide. And thanks to Clarissa's beauty, the mystery captures the attention of the nation. But with no leads and no body, the case soon grows cold. Despite the efforts of internet sleuths and true-crime aficionados, Clarissa is never found - dead or alive.

Over twenty years later, Oreville high-school juniors and best friends Blair and Cameron start a true crime podcast, determined to unravel the story of what - or who - happened to this rural urban legend. In the process they uncover a nest of dirty small-town secrets, the sordid truth of Clarissa's relationship with her charismatic boyfriend, and a high school art teacher turned small-town figurehead who had a very good reason for wanting Clarissa dead. Such a good reason, in fact, that they might have to make him the highlight of their next episode . . .

But does an ugly history with a missing girl make him guilty of murder? Or are two teenage girls about to destroy the life of an innocent man - and help the true killer walk free?

SHEREADS, Most Anticipated YA Thrillers of 2023

CRIMEREADS, "12 YA MYSTERIES, THRILLERS, AND HORROR NOVELS TO (...)"

**Author Bio**

RIPLEY JONES is a person of interest.
Namesake
A Novel
by Adrienne Young

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Following the Hello Sunshine Book Club pick Fable, New York Times bestselling author Adrienne Young returns with Namesake, a captivating conclusion to the duology, filled with action, emotion, and lyrical writing.

Trader. Fighter. Survivor.

With the Marigold ship free of her father, Fable and its crew were set to start over. That freedom is short-lived when she becomes a pawn in a notorious thug's scheme. In order to get to her intended destination she must help him to secure a partnership with Holland, a powerful gem trader who is more than she seems.

As Fable descends deeper into a world of betrayal and deception, she learns that the secrets her mother took to her grave are now putting the people Fable cares about in danger. If Fable is going to save them then she must risk everything, including the boy she loves and the home she has finally found.

"An exciting, fast-paced ride that will ultimately satisfy those that stepped on board the Marigold with Fable (...)

Author Bio

Adrienne Young is a foodie with a deep love of history and travel and a shameless addiction to coffee. When she's not writing, you can find her on her yoga mat, sipping wine over long dinners or disappearing into her favorite art museums. She lives with her documentary filmmaker husband and their four little wildlings in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. She is the author of the New York Times bestselling Sky in the Deep duology and the World of the Narrows series.
**Never Ever Getting Back Together**

by Sophie Gonzales

When their now famous ex-boyfriend asks them to participate in a teen reality show, two eighteen year old girls - one bent on revenge, the other open to rekindling romance - get tangled up in an unexpected twist when they fall for each other instead in *Never Ever Getting Back Together* by nationally and internationally-bestselling and Indie Next Pick author Sophie Gonzales.

"Wickedly funny [and] searingly sexy." - Kelly Quindlen, author of *She Drives Me Crazy*

It's been two years since Maya's ex-boyfriend cheated on her, and she still can't escape him: his sister married the crown prince of a minor European country and he captured hearts as her charming younger brother. If the world only knew the real Jordy, the manipulative liar who broke Maya's heart.

Skye Kaplan was always cautious with her heart until Jordy said all the right things and earned her trust. Now his face is all over the media and Skye is still wondering why he stopped calling.

When Maya and Skye are invited to star on the reality dating show *Second-Chance Romance*, they're whisked away to a beautiful mansion - along with four more of Jordy's exes - to compete for his affections while the whole world watches. Skye wonders if she and Jordy can recapture the spark she knows they had, but Maya has other plans: exposing Jordy and getting revenge. As they navigate the competition, Skye and Maya discover that their real happily (...)

**Author Bio**

SOPHIE GONZALES is a young adult contemporary author. She graduated from the University of Adelaide and lives in Adelaide, Australia, where she can be found ice skating, painting, and practicing the piano. She is also the author of *Perfect on Paper*, *Only Mostly Devastated*, and *The Law of Inertia*, and *If This Gets Out* with Cale Dietrich.
Ruthless Vows

by Rebecca Ross

The epic conclusion to the intensely romantic and beautifully written story that started in Divine Rivals.

Two weeks have passed since Iris Winnow returned home bruised and heartbroken from the front, but the war is far from over. Roman is missing, and the city of Oath continues to dwell in a state of disbelief and ignorance. When Iris and Attie are given another chance to report on Dacre's movements, they both take the opportunity and head westward once more despite the danger, knowing it's only a matter of time before the conflict reaches a city that's unprepared and fracturing beneath the chancellor's reign.

Since waking below in Dacre's realm, Roman cannot remember his past. But given the reassurance that his memories will return in time, Roman begins to write articles for Dacre, uncertain of his place in the greater scheme of the war. When a strange letter arrives by wardrobe door, Roman is first suspicious, then intrigued. As he strikes up a correspondence with his mysterious pen pal, Roman will soon have to make a decision: to stand with Dacre or betray the god who healed him. And as the days grow darker, inevitably drawing Roman and Iris closer together... the two of them will risk their very hearts and futures to change the tides of the war.

Author Bio

REBECCA ROSS was born and raised in Georgia, where she continues to reside with her husband, her lively Australian Shepherd, and her endless piles of books. She loves coffee, the night sky, chalk art, maps, the mountains, and growing wildflowers in her yard. And a good story, of course. She is the author of The Queen's Rising, The Queen's Resistance, Sisters of Sword and Song, Dreams Lie Beneath, and A River Enchanted.
The Getaway List
A Novel
by Emma Lord

Inescapably romantic and brimming with New York Times bestselling author Emma Lord’s signature cheer, The Getaway List is an uplifting and romantic read that will settle into your heart and never leave.

The day of her high school graduation, Riley realizes two things: One, that she has spent the last four years trying so hard to be a Good Kid for her mom that she has no idea who she really is anymore, and two, she has no idea what she wants because of it. The solution? Pack her bags and move to New York for the summer, where her childhood best friend Tom and co-creator of The Getaway List - a list of all the adventures they’ve wanted to do together since he moved away - will hopefully help her get in touch with her old adventurous self, and pave the road to a new future.

Riley isn’t sure what to expect from Tom, who has been distant since his famous mom’s scriptwriting career pulled him away. But when Riley arrives in the city, their reconnection is as effortless as it was when they were young—except with one, unexpected complication that will pull Riley’s feelings in a direction she didn’t know they could take. As she, Tom, and their newfound friends work their way through the delightfully chaotic items on The Getaway List, Riley learnsthat sometimes the biggest adventure is not one you take, but one you feel in your heart.

Author Bio

Emma Lord (she/her) is a digital media editor and writer living in New York City, where she spends whatever time she isn't writing either running or belting show tunes in community theater. She graduated from the University of Virginia with a major in psychology and a minor in how to tilt your computer screen so nobody will notice you updating your fan fiction from the back row. She was raised on glitter, a whole lot of love, and copious amounts of grilled cheese. Her books include Tweet Cute, You Have a Match, and When You Get the Chance.
What happens when the people you love the most are the people you can trust the least?

In the months after Cam and Blair broke their small hometown's legendary missing-girl story and catapulted to accidental fame, they vowed never to do it again. No more mysteries, no more podcasts, and no more sticking their heads where they don't belong.

Until Mattie Brosillard, a freshman at their high school, shows up on their doorstep, begging Cam and Blair for help. Mattie's sister Lola disappeared mysteriously five years ago. No trace of her was ever found. Now, she's back - but Mattie is convinced the girl who returned is an impostor. Nobody believes Mattie's wild story - not Mattie's brother, not Mattie's mother, and not even Cam and Blair. But something is definitely wrong in the Brosillard family. And Blair has her own reasons for wanting to know what really happened to Lola while she was gone.

With Cam and Blair still struggling with the aftermath of their first mystery - and with new secrets swirling between them - the stakes are higher than ever in this can't-miss sequel to Missing Clarissa.

Praise for Missing Clarissa:

Ripley Jones writes like a switchblade: quick, sharp, and straight to the jugular. This is the writer you've been waiting for. Ripley does not disappoint.”
- Justina Ireland, New York Times bestselling author of Dread Nation and Deathless Divide

Author Bio

RIPLEY JONES is a person of interest.
The Other Lola
A Novel
by Ripley Jones

The sequel to Ripley Jones's unforgettable YA thriller Missing Clarissa, The Other Lola is about what happens when the people you love the most are the people you can trust the least.

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Author Bio

RIPLEY JONES is a person of interest.
The Perfect Guy Doesn't Exist
A Novel
by Sophie Gonzales

A fanfic writer brings her favorite TV character to life in this friends-to-enemies-to-lovers novel full of humor and heart.

Ivy Winslow has the house to herself for a week while her parents are away. She's planning to use this newfound freedom to binge-watch her favorite fantasy TV show, H-MAD, and hang out with her best friend, Henry. She'll also have to avoid her former best friend-turned enemy (and neighbor), Mack. But things quickly go awry when Ivy wakes up to find Weston, the gorgeous, very fictional main character of H-MAD in her bedroom, claiming to be her soul mate.

Ivy realizes that her fanfic writing has somehow brought Weston as she's imagined him to life. But it turns out that the tropes she swoons over in her stories are slightly less romantic in reality, and her not-so-fictional crush is causing some real-world problems. To figure out why Weston is here and what to do with him, Ivy decides to team up with Henry and (against her better judgment) Mack. But with Mack back in her life, Ivy starts to wonder if Weston, her perfect guy*, is the one who's truly perfect for her . . . or if that was someone else all along.

Author Bio

SOPHIE GONZALES is a young adult contemporary author. She graduated from the University of Adelaide and lives in Adelaide, Australia, where she can be found ice skating, painting, and practicing the piano. She is also the author of Perfect on Paper, Only Mostly Devastated, and The Law of Inertia, and If This Gets Out with Cale Dietrich.
This Day Changes Everything
A Novel
by Edward Underhill

Dash & Lily meets Ferris Bueller's Day Off in Edward Underhill's new whirlwind rom-com about two queer teens who spend one life-changing day together in New York City.

Abby Akerman believes in the Universe. After all, her Midwest high school marching band is about to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City - if that's not proof that magical things can happen, what is? New York also happens to be the setting of her favorite romance novel, making it the perfect place for Abby to finally tell her best friend Kat that she's in love with her (and, um, gay). She's carefully annotated a copy of the book as a gift for Kat, and she's counting on the Universe to provide an Epic Scene worthy of her own rom-com.

Leo Brewer, on the other hand, just wants to get through this trip without falling apart. He doesn't believe the Universe is magical at all, mostly because he's about to be outed to his very Southern extended family on national TV as the trans boy he really is. He's not excited for the parade, and he's even less excited for an entire day of sightseeing with his band.

But the Universe has other ideas. When fate throws Abby and Leo together on the wrong subway train, they soon find themselves lost in the middle of Manhattan. Even worse, Leo accidentally causes Abby to lose her Epic Gift for Kat. So to salvage the day, they come up with a new mission: find a souvenir from every location mentioned in the (...)
Abeni's Song
by P. Djeli Clark

IN DARKNESS, A SONG CAN LEAD THE WAY. BEWARE WHICH ONE YOU LISTEN TO.

Abeni's Song by award-winning author P. Djeli Clark is the enchanting beginning of an epic West African and African Diaspora-inspired fantasy adventure for middle-grade readers about a reluctant apprentice to magic and the stolen villagers she sets out to save.

Lush and magical." - KWAME MBALIA o"Astonishing." - MARK OSHIRO o"Abeni's story will sweep you away." - AMANDA FOODY

On the day of the Harvest Festival, the old woman who lives in the forest appears in Abeni's village with a terrible message:

You ignored my warnings. It's too late to run. They are coming.

Wars with burning blades storm the village. A man with a cursed flute plays an impossibly alluring song. And everyone Abeni has ever known and loved is captured and marched toward far-off ghost ships set for even more distant lands.

But not Abeni.

Abeni is magically whisked away by the old woman. In the forest, Abeni begins her unwanted magical apprenticeship, her journey to escape the witch, and her impossible mission to bring her people home.

Abeni's Song is the beginning (...

Author Bio

Born in New York and raised mostly in Houston, P. DJALI CLARK spent the formative years of his life in the homeland of his parents, Trinidad and Tobago. He is the author of the novel A Master of Djinn and the novellas Ring Shout, The Black God's Drums, and The Haunting of Tram Car 015. He has won the Nebula, Locus, and Alex Awards and been nominated for the Hugo, World Fantasy, and Sturgeon Awards. His stories have appeared in online venues such as Tor.com, Daily Science Fiction, Heroic Fantasy Quarterly, Apex, Lightspeed, Beneath Ceaseless Skies, and in print anthologies, including Griots, Hidden Youth, and Clockwork Cairo. He is also a founding member of FIYAH Magazine of Black Speculative Fiction and an infrequent reviewer at Strange Horizons.

Notes
Blood Debts
by Terry J. Benton-Walker

GODS MEDDLE AND MAGIC WILL BETRAY YOU, BUT THIS TIME JUSTICE WILL REIGN.

Terry J. Benton-Walker’s contemporary fantasy debut, Blood Debts, is an extravaganza from start to finish” (Chloe Gong) with powerful magical families, intergenerational curses, and deadly drama in New Orleans.


Thirty years ago, a young woman was murdered, a family was lynched, and New Orleans saw the greatest magical massacre in its history. In the days that followed, a throne was stolen from a queen.

On the anniversary of these brutal events, Clement and Cristina Trudeau - the sixteen-year-old twin heirs to the powerful, magical, dethroned family - are mourning their father and caring for their sick mother. Until, by chance, they discover their mother isn't sick - she's cursed. Cursed by someone on the very magic council their family used to rule. Someone who will (...)

Author Bio

TERRY J. BENTON-WALKER grew up in rural GA and now lives in Atlanta with his husband and son, where he writes fiction for adults, young adults, and children. He has an Industrial Engineering degree from Georgia Tech and an MBA from Georgia State. When he's not writing, he can be found gaming, eating ice cream, or both. Blood Debts is his first novel.
Blood Justice
by Terry J. Benton-Walker

Blood Justice is the hotly anticipated sequel to Terry J. Benton-Walker's Most Anticipated debut Blood Debts.

The sequel to Terry J. Benton-Walker's smash hit debut, Blood Debts, continues the story of powerful magical families, intergenerational curses, and deadly drama in New Orleans.

Cristina and Clement Trudeau achieved the impossible. They took back their family throne. The Gen Council answers to their family again and that's not even the best part. Cris reclaimed her power in magic and Clem found his first real love in Yves.

But when Cris and Clem got their lives back, Valentina Savant lost everything. Her beloved grandparents are gone and her sovereignty has been revoked. Valentina is alone and will never be queen.

When Detective Jeida Summers is transferred to New Orleans to address the escalating issue of magical crime in the city, Cris and Clem's family is under a new type of scrutiny. She's come to investigate the mysterious tragedy aboard the Montaigne Majestic, but no one's talking. And she's not the only new person in town.

The Moon King has escaped the realm of wandering souls into the living realm and he's on the (...)

Author Bio
TERRY J. BENTON-WALKER grew up in rural GA and now lives in Atlanta with his husband and son, where he writes fiction for adults, young adults, and children. He has an Industrial Engineering degree from Georgia Tech and an MBA from Georgia State. When he's not writing, he can be found gaming, eating ice cream, or both. Blood Debts is his first novel.
Infinity Alchemist is a spellbinding novel about a quest that leads three young alchemists toward unexpected love and unimaginable power.

With their signature prowess” (FIYAH) and “unbridled creativity” (New York Times Book Review), acclaimed author Kacen Callender turns their formidable skill to young adult fantasy for the first time.

For Ash Woods, practicing alchemy is a crime.

Only an elite few are legally permitted to study the science of magic - so when Ash is rejected by the Lancaster Mage’s College, he takes a job as the school's groundkeeper instead, forced to learn alchemy in secret.

When he's discovered by the condescending and brilliant apprentice Ramsay Thorne, Ash is sure he's about to be arrested - but instead of calling the reds, Ramsay surprises Ash by making him an offer: Ramsay will keep Ash's secret if he helps her find the legendary Book of Source, a sacred text that gives its reader extraordinary power.

As Ash and Ramsay work together and their feelings for each other grow, Ash discovers their mission is more dangerous than he imagined, pitting them against influential and powerful alchemists - Ash's estranged father included. Ash's journey takes him through the cities and wilds across New Anglia, forcing him to discover his own definition of true power and how far he and other alchemists will (…)

Author Bio

KACEN CALLENDER is the bestselling and award-winning author of multiple novels for children, teens, and adults, including the Stonewall Honor Book Felix Ever After and the National Book Award for Young People’s Literature winner King and the Dragonflies. Their adult fantasy, Queen of the Conquered, was a World Fantasy Award 2020 winner for Best Novel, named one of the 100 Best Fantasy Novels of All Time by Time Magazine and one of the 50 Best Fantasy Novels of All Time by Esquire.
Into the Light
by Mark Oshiro

When you’re like me, you have to lie.
It’s been one year since Manny was cast out of his family and driven into the wilderness of the American Southwest. Since then, Manny lives by self-taught rules that keep him moving - and keep him alive. Now, he’s taking a chance on a traveling situation with the Varela family, whose attractive but surly son, Carlos, seems to promise a new future.

I can’t let anyone down.
Eli abides by the rules of his family, living in a secluded community that raised him to believe his obedience will be rewarded. But an unsettling question slowly eats away at Eli’s once unwavering faith in Reconciliation: Why can’t he remember his past?

What am I supposed to do?
But the reported discovery of an unidentified body found in the hills of Idyllwild, California, will draw both of these young men into facing their biggest fears and confronting their own identity - and who they are allowed to be.

Find the truth.
For fans of Courtney Summers and Tiffany D. Jackson, Into the Light is a ripped-from-the-headlines story with Oshiro’s signature mix of raw emotions and visceral prose - but with a startling twist you’ll have to read to believe.

Oshiro persuasively cultivates suspense... this breathtaking indictment of corrupted religion’s consequences presents a standout, deeply felt portrait of a teenager’s longing for connection.”
- Publishers Weekly, starred review

"An edge-of-your-seat mystery with (...)"

Author Bio

MARK OSHIRO is the #1 New York Times bestselling, award-winning Latinx queer author of Anger Is a Gift, Each of Us a Desert, and Into the Light, as well as their middle grade books The Insiders, You Only Live Once, David Bravo, and Star Wars Hunters: Battle for the Arena. They are the coauthor (with Rick Riordan) of The Sun and the Star: A Nico Di Angelo Adventure. When not writing, they are trying to pet every dog in the world.
Promises Stronger Than Darkness
by Charlie Jane Anders

Promises Stronger Than Darkness marks the final installment of the international bestselling author Charlie Jane Anders's absolutely heart-pumping YA series, Unstoppable.

They're the galaxy's most wanted - and our only hope.

When Elza became a space princess, she thought she'd be spending her time at the palace, wearing gorgeous couture and soaking up everything there is to know - but instead, she's on the run, with everyone hunting for her and her friends.

Rachael followed her best friend Tina on the adventure of a lifetime - but now Tina's gone, and Rachael's the only one keeping her friends together, as they go on a desperate quest to save everyone from an ancient curse.

Rachael, Elza and their friends have found one clue, one shining mysterious chance to stop the end of the world. And that takes them back to the second-to-last place they'd want to be: enlisting the aid of Captain Thaoh Argentian, the woman who stole Tina's body (and who now seems to be relishing a second chance at teenage chaos and drama, instead of living up to her legacy of an intrepid heroic commander).

With only a ragtag band of misfits, crewmates, earthlings, friends, lovers (and one annoying frenemy), the Unstoppable Crew are up against the universe - and they soon find that in order (...)

Author Bio
Charlie Jane Anders is the author of Victories Greater Than Death, the first book in the young-adult Unstoppable trilogy, along with the short story collection Even Greater Mistakes. Her other books include The City in the Middle of the Night and All the Birds in the Sky. Her fiction and journalism have appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Slate, McSweeney’s, Mother Jones, the Boston Review, Tor.com, Tin House, Conjunctions, Wired Magazine, and other places. Her TED Talk, Go Ahead, Dream About the Future” got 700,000 views in its first week. With Annalee Newitz, she co-hosts the podcast Our Opinions Are Correct.
After breaking up at the end of Hitting the Crossbar, Macy and Sam are taking some time to figure out if they have a future together.

Macy is concerned that Sam can't trust her—or recognize that she can have male friends, especially Dante, and not be romantically interested in them. Then there's Sam's friend, Alexis. Macy can see that Alexis is obsessed with Sam and wants Macy out of the picture. Sam swears he'd never choose her, but for Macy his refusal to believe what she's telling him is the final straw. Macy knows that she still loves Sam, but she can't handle his constant jealousy any longer even as he ignores what his friend is trying to do to her.

However, when Sam is forced to go back to the UK to visit his grandfather, Macy reluctantly agrees to fulfill a promise she'd made earlier and go with him. Can being in a new country, away from their problems, help the two figure out where they stand? Or will it only confirm their decision to stay apart.

Author Bio
Nicole Nwosu grew up in Toronto, Canada, and first started posting her stories on Wattpad in 2014. Her most popular story The Bad Boy and the Tomboy has accumulated over a hundred million reads on the platform and won a 2015 Cover-to-Cover® Watty Award. When she's not writing, Nicole spends her time catching up on binge-worthy TV shows while balancing her studies at Western University.
Belong With Me
by Jessica Cunsolo

When Siena Amato moved to King City, all she wanted to do was take care of her sister, maybe reconnect with her long-absent father, and keep her head down and her grades up. She never expected to become the prime suspect in a classmate's disappearance—at least in the eyes of the girl's police officer father—or to fall for Jason Parker.

Jason is everything Siena doesn't need right now. Yes, he's handsome, very handsome. And he's kind and thoughtful, but he's also got a reputation for trouble. Being around him isn't a good idea if she's going to avoid drama.

However, Siena can't ignore the attraction between them, and Jason actually believes she's innocent. As their friend's disappearance remains a mystery, the pair are even more determined to discover the truth and clear Siena's name. But as they dig deeper, they may be risking everything including their hearts.

Author Bio

Jessica Cunsolo's young adult series, With Me, has amassed over 215 million reads on Wattpad since she posted her first story, She's With Me, on the platform in 2015. The novel has won a 2016 Watty Award, been published in multiple languages, and is in development with Wattpad WEBTOON Studios. Jessica lives just outside of Toronto, where she enjoys the outdoors and transforming her real-life awkward situations into plotlines for her viral stories. You can find her on Instagram @jesscunsolo.
The battle for Belle Morte is over, but five dangerous vampires have escaped the mansion and are still at large in the city. Realizing that this could result in more casualties, reclusive Belle Morte vampire Ludovic volunteers to track them down and bring them back to Belle Morte. Knowing that Ludovic has little understanding of the modern world, human Belle Morte donor Roux insists on going with him.

As they work together, they begin to develop feelings for each other, and they begin a physical relationship, though neither of them know what will happen when they have to return to Belle Morte.

Author Bio

Bella Higgin fell in love with vampire fiction after reading an illustrated copy of Dracula as a kid, so it was inevitable that her debut novel would be about vampires. She is the author of the Belle Morte series and her works on Wattpad have amassed more than twelve millions reads. Bella currently lives and writes full-time in a small English town not far from the sea. One day she hopes to have enough money to build a TARDIS in her garden.
Revelations
by Bella Higgin

Truth comes at a cost.

Ever since Renie Mayfield survived the merciless attack on Belle Morte that killed donors and vampires alike, she is forever changed. Now a vampire, the agonizing transformation of her body and mind is rivaled only by uncovering the horrific truth about her sister, June, who has escaped the mansion in her rabid form, adding even more chaos to Renie's reality.

As the vampire responsible for Renie's change, and now her distress, Edmond Dantes remains in his own desperate place. He's confined in the secret cells of Belle Morte, awaiting the arrival of the council and the subsequent punishment for his actions. Edmond questions if what he did was right and deeply regrets what has become of his home.

Desperate to free Edmond, find June, and bring justice to whoever is behind the recent violence, Renie is out for blood in more ways than one. The smell of corruption is embedded in the walls of Belle More, but behind the walls are even more secrets that may lead to the truth and to justice.

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But things are different now. After a lengthy 820-year hibernation, Rai awakens to discover a world he no longer recognizes—a world now flush with a shadowy organization called the Union.

Impatiently waiting for his eventual return, the Union is now ready to seize Rai’s unique powers to promote their malicious agenda. After hundreds of years, the ultimate showdown between the Nobles and the Union has finally arrived.

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Fable
A Novel
by Adrienne Young

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES

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Filled with all of the action, emotion, and lyrical writing that brought readers to Sky in the Deep, New York Times bestselling author Adrienne Young returns with Fable, the first book in this new captivating duology.

Welcome to a world made dangerous by the sea and by those who wish to profit from it. Where a young girl must find her place and her family while trying to survive in a world built for men.

As the daughter of the most powerful trader in the Narrows, the sea is the only home seventeen-year-old Fable has ever known. It’s been four years since the night she watched her mother drown during an unforgiving storm. The next day her father abandoned her on a legendary island filled with thieves and little food. To survive she must keep to herself, learn to trust no one and rely on the unique skills her mother taught her. The only thing that keeps her going is the goal of getting off the island, finding her father and demanding he rightful place (…)

Author Bio

Adrienne Young is a foodie with a deep love of history and travel and a shameless addiction to coffee. When she’s not writing, you can find her on her yoga mat, sipping wine over long dinners or disappearing into her favorite art museums. She lives with her documentary filmmaker husband and their four little wildlings in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. She is the author of the New York Times bestselling Sky in the Deep duology and the World of the Narrows series.
Sweet Vengeance
by Tracy Wolff

When mysterious warlock Remy Boudreaux enters a deadly academy for rogue paranormals, secrets are everywhere and nothing is as it seems in the thrilling new spin-off series to Tracy Wolff’s instant #1 New York Times bestselling Crave series.

Remy may have finally escaped the Aethereum with the help of some unlikely allies in Grace Foster and Hudson Vega, but that doesn’t mean he’s free. Sure, Grace returned his powers to him and he’s never felt more invincible. But when he finds himself at an academy for rogue paranormals in Texas, bumping elbows with the worst of what goes bump in the night is just the beginning.

Author Bio

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Tracy Wolff wrote her first short story - something with a rainbow and a prince - in second grade. By ten, she’d read everything in the young adult and classics sections of her local bookstore. A one-time English professor with more than fifty novels to her name, she now devotes most of her time to writing and dreaming up heroes. She also writes under the name Tracy Deebs and lives in Austin, Texas, with her family. Visit her online at tracywolffbooks.com.
Everyday STEM Technology - Machines
by Jenny Jacoby

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

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

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

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

Author Bio

Jenny Jacoby writes and edits books and magazines for children. From writing science activity books to inspiring profiles, puzzles and quizzes, she is passionate about making information fun. She lives in London.

Robbie Cathro is an Illustrator & Storyteller living in Bristol, UK, where he creates fun and lively work from his desk in The Island Studios. He loves bright colours, limited palettes, atmospheric textures and layered characters. All of which are inspired from the animation he loves, the folk tales that he reads as well as the small stories you find in the corner of your day-to-day. He is the illustrator of Everyday STEM Science - Geology and Everyday STEM Technology - Machines and has worked with Airbnb, The Sunday Times, The Natural History Museum, Aquila Magazine and Anorak Magazine, where he has produced children's activity spreads, editorial imagery and illustrated narratives. He loves nothing more than getting a brief through that covers a subject from all the way across the world - whether that's the animals and inhabitants of Yosemite Park, Chinese Inventors, Victorian Ghosts or girls being rescued from towers by giant owls.
The First Women of Medicine
by Roseanne Montillo, illustrated by Jordan Andrew Carter

This middle-grade nonfiction exploration of acclaimed but rarely mentioned diverse female pioneers will both empower and inspire young readers to take an interest in medical science.

*First Women of Medicine* profiles fourteen fierce women who saved lives and changed the world. Florence Nightingale, Alice Augusta Ball, and Virginia Apgar are just some of the inspiring, legendary trailblazers featured in this fact-filled collection of biographies. From treating leprosy to combatting infant mortality, read along to learn more about women who were doctors, scientists, and pioneers in their field.

**Author Bio**

Roseanne Montillo is a bestselling nonfiction author with a passion for literature and history. Her books include *The Lady and her Monsters*, *Fire on the Track*, and *Atomic Women*. She received her MFA in creative writing from Emerson college and continued her legacy on campus as a well-respected professor before pivoting to focus on writing full time.
Discover It Yourself: Animals In Action
by Sally Morgan, illustrated by Diego Vaisberg

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

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

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With five starred reviews, Tomi Adeyemi’s West African-inspired fantasy Legacy of Orisha series debut, and instant #1 New York Times Bestseller, *Children of Blood and Bone* conjures a world of magic and danger, perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo and Sabaa Tahir.

They killed my mother.
They took our magic.
They tried to bury us.

Now we rise.

Zelie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zelie’s Reaper mother summoned forth souls.

But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zelie without a mother and her people without hope.

Now Zelie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zelie must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.

Danger lurks in Orisha, where snow leoponaires prowl and vengeful spirits wait in the waters. Yet the greatest danger may (…)

**Author Bio**

Location: San Diego, CA

Named one of TIME magazine’s 100 most influential people, Tomi Adeyemi is a Hugo and Nebula Award-winning Nigerian-American writer and storyteller based in Los Angeles, CA. After graduating from Harvard University with an honors degree in English literature, she studied West African mythology, religion, and culture in Salvador, Brazil. Her first novel, *Children of Blood and Bone*, debuted at #1 on The New York Times Bestseller list and is being developed into a movie by Disney’s Fox & Lucasfilm. Its highly anticipated sequel, *Children of Virtue and Vengeance*, also debuted at #1 on the New York Times Bestseller list. When she’s not working or playing with puppies, Tomi can be found teaching creative writing at thewritersroadmap.net. In 2020, she was named one of Forbes 30 Under 30 in Media, and her website has been named one of the 101 best websites for writers by Writer’s Digest.
Wild Tongues Can't Be Tamed
edited by Saraciea J. Fennell

Edited by The Bronx Is Reading founder Saraciea J. Fennell and featuring an all-star cast of Latinx contributors, *Wild Tongues Can't Be Tamed* is a ground-breaking anthology that will spark dialogue and inspire hope.

In *Wild Tongues Can't Be Tamed* bestselling and award-winning authors as well as up-and-coming voices interrogate the different myths and stereotypes about the Latinx diaspora. These fifteen original pieces delve into everything from ghost stories and superheroes, to memories in the kitchen and travels around the world, to addiction and grief, to identity and anti-Blackness, to finding love and speaking your truth. Full of both sorrow and joy, *Wild Tongues Can't Be Tamed* is an essential celebration of this rich and diverse community.

The bestselling and award-winning contributors include Elizabeth Acevedo, Cristina Arreola, Ingrid Rojas Contreras, Naima Coster, Natasha Diaz, Saraciea J. Fennell, Kahlil Haywood, Zakiya Jamal, Janel Martinez, Jasminne Mendez, Meg Medina, Mark Oshiro, Julian Randall, Lilliam Rivera, and Ibi Zoboi.


An Indie Next Pick
A Bank Street Best Book of the Year

A standout . . . an inspiring book for those who will see their own struggles with identity and belonging reflected within these pages. Above all, it is a book that will make many feel seen, heard and empowered.” - Reyna Grande, *San Francisco Chronicle*

"A beautifully edited collection of reflections on the Latinx diaspora. With writers like Naima Coster (…)

Author Bio

Saraciea J. Fennell is a Black Honduran American writer, founder of The Bronx Is Reading, and creator of Honduran Garifuna Writers. She is also a book publicist who has worked with many award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling authors. Fennell is board chair for Latinx in Publishing Inc.,
Into the Shallows
by Tanya Byrne

In this captivating young adult novel, two girls set out to unravel a mystery tied to the sea - and fall in love along the way.

On New Year's Day, three fishermen haul a teenage girl out of the ocean. By the time they bring her to land, it's clear that she doesn't know where or who she is. Her story goes viral. The media calls her Nicoletta, after the fishermen's boat. The rumors take a dark turn the next time the fishermen head out to sea - and fail to return. People say Nicoletta lured them to their deaths - their lives in exchange for hers.

And with that, the mystery becomes a legend.

Eighteen months later, Mara Malakar meets Nicoletta, or Nico, at a cafe. The two become fast friends, but as Mara realizes she wants more from their relationship, Nico remains oblivious, focused only on remembering. She may not want to, though. Could there be a reason she's locked everything behind a door? And once she's brave enough to open it, what will happen to her? To them?

Author Bio

Tanya Byrne is an award-winning author and freelance journalist who lives in Brighton. She has written several young adult novels, including her first book, Heart-Shaped Bruise, which earned her a nomination for New Writer of the Year at the National Book Awards.

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Basher History: National Parks
Where the Wild Things Are!
by Joe Yogerst, illustrated by Simon Basher

Which national park was America's first, and what hot-water features will you find there?
In which national park would you find rock formations called the Witch’s Finger and the Devil’s Armchair?
And what exactly is a saguaro, almost 2 million of which can be found in its namesake national park?

From the high peaks of the Rockies to the lows of Death Valley, from the Statue of Liberty in the East to the redwood forest of the West, and from the panoramic views of the Grand Canyon to getting up close and personal to wildlife in Yellowstone, Basher invites you to take a journey through some of the United States’ most spectacular national parks, recreation areas, and preserves - and take in a few national monuments while you're at it! Paddle a canoe through the Everglades, zip down gypsum dunes at White Sands, and count the brown bears at Katmai. There's no end to the natural wonders you'll see.

Perfect for home or school, Basher's highly original books make difficult concepts tangible, understandable, and even lovable. Chatty first-person text and stylish, contemporary character illustrations give a voice, personality, and story to each topic - a brilliant way to communicate science, history, and geography.

Author Bio
Simon Basher is an internationally recognized illustrator, whose books have sold more than three million copies around the world. His illustration style is described as graphic surrealism; a synergy of European graphic design and Japanese character creation.

Joe Yogerst is an award-winning and best-selling travel writer. Based in California, Joe has travelled the world. He has written several books on America’s national parks.
Artist and designer Simon Basher has fun playing in the world of contemporary character design. Inspired by a love of simple line work and a rich color palette, his characters fill the gap between edgy manga and the cuteness of Hello Kitty. He lives in England.
Three Summers
A Memoir of Sisterhood, Summer Crushes, and Growing Up on the Eve of the Bosnian Genocide
by Amra Sabic-El-Rayess and Laura L. Sullivan

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

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

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

**Author Bio**

Amra Sabic-El-Rayess grew up in Bihac, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Currently she is a professor at Columbia University, studying how and why societies fall apart and what role education can play in rebuilding decimated countries. She is also the author of the critically acclaimed young adult memoir *The Cat I Never Named*.

Laura L. Sullivan is the author of more than 50 books for children and adults, including the middle-grade fantasy *Under the Green Hill* and the young-adult historical romance *Love by the Morning Star*. She lives on the west coast of Florida.
Survival of the Fittest
by Rebecca Donnelly, illustrated by Misa Saburi

In this high-interest full-color graphic novel chapter book, discover all that animals can do in a science competition!

7 fierce animal competitors
2 shark judges
1 winner
Who will come out on top?

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

Filled with interesting information, awesome visuals, and funny dialogue, this new series by nonfiction maven Rebecca Donnelly is Shark Tank made literal. Swim along - and try not to get chomped by the Chomp! Buzzer.

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. She is the author of many best-loved books for children, including Cats Are a Liquid (nominated for the Mewbery Award), How Slippery Is a Banana Peel?, and Super Spaghetti. Her debut middle-grade novel, How to Stage a Catastrophe, was an Indies Introduce/Kids’ Indie Next pick. Rebecca lives in and writes from northern New York.

Misa Saburi was born in Sleepy Hollow, New York, and raised in Tokyo, Japan. She currently lives in Brooklyn where she illustrates children’s books, including Monster Trucks and Beamard’s Book, written by Deborah Underwood.

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Wrath of the Talon
by Sophie Kim

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

*Quote from Axie Oh, NYT bestselling author

Everyone thinks the Reaper of Sunpo - eighteen-year-old assassin Shin Lina - is dead. The only ones who know the truth are her cherished little sister and Haneul Rui, the icily gorgeous Dokkaebi Emperor, who she was sent to kill... and kissed instead.

Now, with the potent Imugi venom surging in her veins, Lina's returned to right all wrongs. Already her body is changing, growing stronger, stealthier, and more agile, with serpentine scales she can call at will. She is living vengeance, seeking retribution for the massacre of the Talons. She'll become the sword who cuts down the rival Blackbloods gang, along with their ruthless crime-lord leader. And when she is through, she will take the kingdom as her own.

But there is a mysterious side to Lina's growing power, a dark voice inside her that whispers and guides her as she slips through the shadows of Sunpo's streets. One that warns her not to trust the Dokkaebi, especially Rui.

Because if her destiny isn't to love him... it must be to destroy him.

The Talons series is best enjoyed in order.
Reading Order:
Book #1 Last of the Talons
Book #2 Wrath of the Talon

Author Bio
Sophie Kim spends her days both studying at her university and writing her novels, which are strongly influenced by her firm belief that diversity and non-stereotypical representation in the world of literature are vastly important. Blessed (or cursed) with an impressively voracious appetite for all things bookish, Sophie can often be found wandering the aisles of a bookstore or curled up with a precariously balancing stack of books. sophiekimwrites.com
Last of the Talons
by Sophie Kim

Epic Reads Pick for The 30 Must-Read YA Books for the Rest of 2022
BookRiot Pick for 12 Amazing Asia-Inspired Fantasy Books

Last of the Talons is a stunning blend of dark romance and Korean mythology. Sophie Kim writes enemies to lovers with heart-pounding intensity, blurring the line between love and hate. Bloodthirsty, addictive, and searingly romantic." - Axie Oh, New York Times bestselling author of The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea

After the destruction of her entire Talon gang, eighteen-year-old Shin Lina - the Reaper of Sunpo - is forced to become a living, breathing weapon for the kingdom's most-feared crime lord. All that keeps her from turning on her ruthless master is the life of her beloved little sister hanging in the balance. But the order to steal a priceless tapestry from a Dokkaebi temple incites not only the wrath of a legendary immortal, but the beginning of an unwinnable game. . .

Suddenly Lina finds herself in the dreamlike realm of the Dokkaebi, her fate in the hands of its cruel and captivating emperor. But she can win her life - if she kills him first.

Now a terrible game of life and death has begun, and even Lina's swift, precise blade is no match for the magnetic Haneul Rui. Lina will (…)

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The Sixth Extinction (young readers adaptation)
An Unnatural History
by Elizabeth Kolbert

In this young readers adaptation of the New York Times -bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning The Sixth Extinction, Elizabeth Kolbert tells us why and how human beings have altered life on the planet in a way no species has before.

Over the last half-billion years, there have been five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life on earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists around the world are monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be the most devastating extinction event since the asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs. Adapting from her New York Times-bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning adult nonfiction, Elizabeth Kolbert explores how humans are altering life on Earth.

Author Bio

Elizabeth Kolbert is a staff writer at The New Yorker. She is the author of Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change and Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future. She lives in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

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The Big Feelings Coloring Book
A Fun and Soothing Social-Emotional Coloring Book for Toddlers and Preschoolers!
by Erin Falligant

The fun and colorful way to express emotions!

Sometimes feelings are red and angry and sometimes they're yellow and full of sunshine! Whatever a child's feelings may be, learning to name them is the first step in emotional regulation. This toddler-friendly coloring book makes it fun for kids to start to identify their feelings and find calm - all while letting their creativity soar. With large engaging shapes, objects, and animals perfect for big crayons and little hands, kids are set up for fun and success. There's even a special color key (color the frown face red for angry, color the sun yellow for "happy," color the tree green for "energetic") and "Color Your Feelings" pages throughout so kids can choose from a rainbow of shades to match their mood. Art therapy has never been cuter or simpler.

Designed to give toddlers' strong emotions a safe and creative outlet, The Big Feelings Coloring Book is mega fun for little ones with mega feelings! Encourage them to honor their feelings in the most artful way with this uniquely engaging social-emotional activity book that's perfectly suited for classroom and homeschool use and to keep kids busy and happy at home and on the go.

Sample Images: Big and kid-friendly while also conveying emotion:
- Puppy running toward reader joyfully
- Big juicy apple
- Sleepy child
- Child who dropped an ice cream cone
- Kid holding a prize
- Sunrise
- Big sailboat
- Giggling bunny
- Famed COLOR YOUR FEELINGS pages mixed in throughout

Author Bio

Erin Falligant has written more than 40 books for kids, including picture books, advice books, and educational workbooks. Erin has a master's degree in child psychology and writes from her home in Madison, Wisconsin.