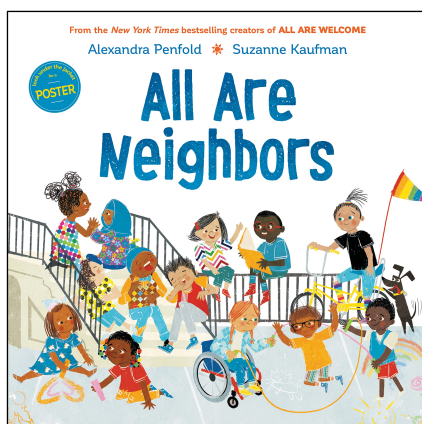




New, Recent & Titles of Interest

**Bologna Book Fair
March 2023**

Upstart Crow Literary
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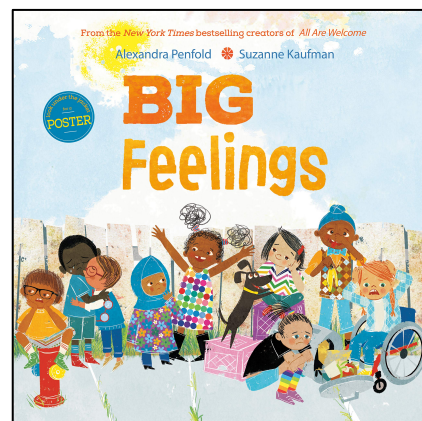


August 2022

Picture book

Knopf/Penguin Random House (US)

Hardcover ISBN 978-0593429983

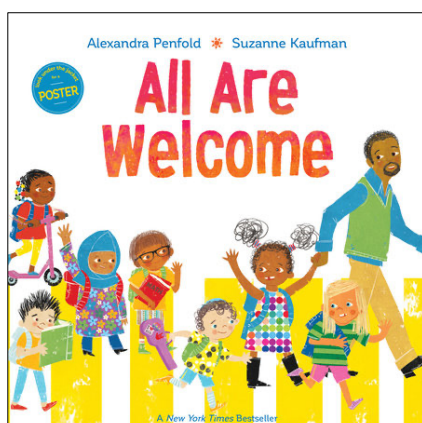


March 2021

Picture book

Knopf/Penguin Random House (US)

Hardcover ISBN 978-0525579748



July 2018

Picture book

Bloomsbury UK

Hardcover ISBN 978-0525579649

The exuberant New York Times–bestselling franchise continues the celebration of being true to who we are

ALL ARE NEIGHBORS

Alexandra Penfold (*represented by Writers House*)

illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman (*represented by Upstart Crow*)

*We start our days in different ways.,
Some go to work and others stay.,
We're here for each other, come what may.
We all are neighbors here.*

Carrying on the bestselling series, this lyrical picture book celebrates the kindness, inclusivity, and diversity that we sometimes take for granted in the communities around us. With vivid illustrations and a gently reassuring text, the story is perfect for young readers from all backgrounds.

About *All Are Welcome*, the first entry in the series:

**Thirty-eight weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list!
More than a million copies sold!**

★ “Penfold and Kaufman have outdone themselves in delivering a vital message in today's political climate.”—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

“A lively, timely picture book.”—*Booklist*

“A great read-aloud selection to start the year and revisit time and again.”—*School Library Journal*

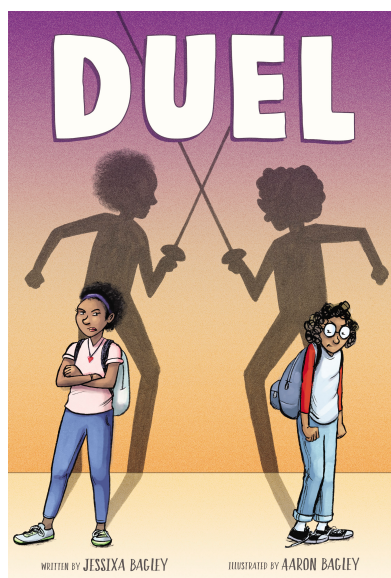
**And now branching
out into a new
Easy Reader Series!**



Alexandra Penfold is the author of a half-dozen pictures books. She lives in Brooklyn, New York, with her family. www.alexpenfoldbooks.com

Suzanne Kaufman has created art for many books, including several she's written—most recently, *A Friend for Ghost*. She lives in Seattle.

Rights Information: PRH/Knopf (US), Bloomsbury (UK/ANZ), Scholastic (Canada), Alba (Spain), Catalan (Alba), Nova Frontiera (Brazil), Psychogios (Greece), Castoro (Italy), Suzuki (Japan), KIZM (Korea).



Fall 2023

Middle Grade fiction (8 and up)
Simon & Schuster Books FYR (WE)
HC 978-1534496552
PB 978-1534496545

Review materials: pdf of select
spreads; full interior tk

A rivalry between sisters culminates in a fencing duel in this funny and emotional debut graphic novel perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier

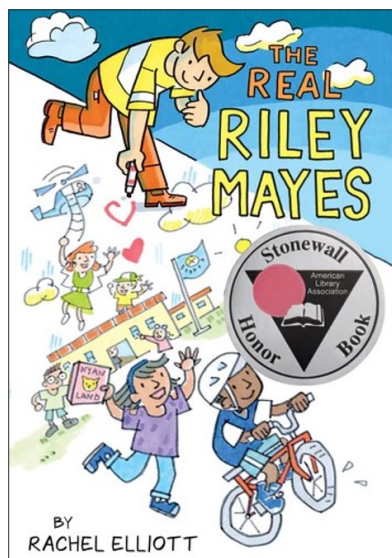
DUEL

Written by Jessixa Bagley, Illustrated by Aaron Bagley

Sixth grader Lucy is brand-new to middle school. Eighth grader GiGi is the undisputed queen bee. They've got only one thing in common: fencing. Oh, and they're sisters. They never got along super well, but since their dad died, they're always at each other's throats. When GiGi humiliates Lucy in the cafeteria, Lucy snaps and challenges GiGi to a high-stakes duel. As the clock ticks down to the girls' bout, the school divides into factions, complete with t-shirts declaring kids' allegiances. Both sisters are determined to triumph. But will winning the duel mean fracturing their family even further?

"I adore this book. Kids are going to love this story of sibling rivalry set in the fascinating world of competitive fencing. *En garde!*"—Victoria Jameson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Roller Girl*

Jessixa and Aaron Bagley are a married pair of artists who live in the Pacific Northwest. She is the award-winning writer-illustrator of many picture books, he is a well-published cartoonist, and together they are the creators of *Vincent Comes Home*. www.jessixa.com



Summer 2022

Middle Grade fiction (8 and up)
Balzer+Bray/Harper Collins (US)
HC 978-0-06-299575-9
PB 978-0-06-299574-2

Review materials: PDF, finished book

The Stonewall Award Honor Book about friendship, identity, and embracing all the parts of yourself that make you who you are

THE REAL RILEY MAYES

Rachel Elliott

Instructed to write letters to people they admire, Riley picks the one person who makes her happy: comedian Joy Powers. The assignment brings Riley new friends, but also trouble: mean girl Whitney spreads a rumor about Riley and her celebrity crush.

- **A New York Public Library Best Book of 2022**
- **Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection**
- **A Book Riot Best Comic 2022**
- **A Comics Journal Best Comic of 2022**

★ "An exploration of self-identity that is both LOL funny and touching.... [Riley] endears herself to readers with her budding self-awareness and undeniable moxie."—*The Horn Book* (starred review)

★ "[A] story of self-discovery that's messy and full of heart."—*Publishers Weekly*

Rachel Elliott lives in Lexington, KY. This is her debut. <https://rachelelliott.me>



March 2022

Middle Grade fiction (10 and up)
Dial Books for Young Readers/PRH
HC ISBN 978-1984816641

Review materials: PDF, finished book

A hilarious tale of crushes, first dates, and what falling in love really means

IN HONOR OF BROKEN THINGS

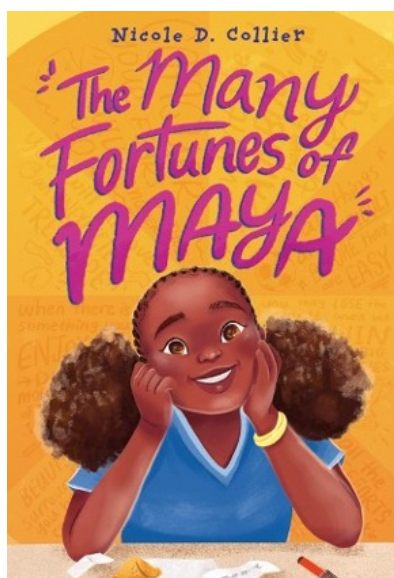
Paul Acampora

Eighth graders Oscar, Riley, and Noah become unlikely friends during Introduction to Clay class. Oscar, a football star, just lost his little sister to cancer. Riley's been dragged away from the big city to a new life in a tiny coal town that's smaller than Riley's old school. Noah's spent his whole life as a homeschooler and just started public school as a result of his parents' train wreck of a divorce. Through art, football, failure, faith, and trust, the friends help one another to piece things back together again. In true friendship, they also discover that some injuries may never heal, some things can never be unbroken—and that's okay too.

★ "Acampora approaches the characters' struggles with levity and intentional thoughtfulness, making for a tender tale."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

Paul Acampora is the author of the massively acclaimed *I Kill the Mockingbird*, as well as many other laugh-out-loud, heartfelt novels. www.paulacompora.com

Rights sold: Italy (EDT), US (PRH)



Winter 2023

Middle grade fiction (8 and up)
Harper Collins/Clarion
HC ISBN 978-035-843464-1

Review materials: PDF, finished book

A funny, lyrical novel about family, fate, and friendship

THE MANY FORTUNES OF MAYA

Nicole D. Collier

For answers and a dose of good luck, 12-year-old Maya J. Jenkins turns to her Wheel of Fortunes, a cardboard circle covered with the small slips of wisdom she's collected from fortune cookies. But can the fortunes answer the questions she's too scared to ask out loud? Like, where did Mama's smile go? When will Daddy move back home? And most of all, does she have enough courage to truly listen to the voice in her heart?

★ "Maya's journey as she learns to adjust to life's curveballs and listen to her inner truth will keep readers hooked from start to finish."—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

★ "Collier delivers another immersive novel [with an] emotionally tinged first-person voice."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

Nicole D. Collier, Ph.D. is a former elementary school teacher and the author of *Just Right Jillian*. www.nicoledcollier.com



August 2022

Middle Grade fiction (8 and up)

PRH/Viking (US)

HC ISBN 978-0593463680

Review materials: PDF, finished book

A heartwarming tale in the vein of Kate DiCamillo and Katherine Applegate

MIRACLE SEASON

Beth Hautala

Thirteen year-old Persephone Pearl Clark has never met a plant that wouldn't sprout for her. But ever since her brother's accident, things have been hard for Persephone's family. When she forges her brother's signature for a contest with a \$100,000 prize, her lies grow like weeds. With the help of a do-gooding graffiti artist, a peculiar old woman, and a possibly-magical cat, Persephone learns that while planting the seeds of truth is never easy, everything blooms when it's ready.

"Hautala traces grief's complications with refreshing bluntness and honesty."—*Publishers Weekly*

"A compassionate, thought-provoking take on family, friendship, grief, and renewal."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"A poignant, gentle title recommended for middle grade collections."—*School Library Journal*

Beth Hautala is the author of the 2019 Christopher Award winning *The Ostrich and Other Lost Things*, as well as *Waiting for Unicorns*. She lives in Minnesota.



Fall 2024

Middle grade fiction (10 and up)

Little, Brown BFYR (US)

Review materials: edited manuscript forthcoming

A hysterical debut series coming Fall 2024 from a comedy legend!

THE MILLICENT QUIBB SCHOOL OF ETIQUETTE FOR YOUNG LADIES OF MAD SCIENCE

Kate McKinnon

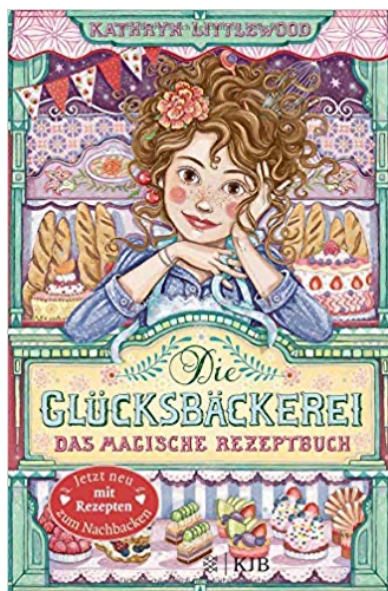
Set in the bizarre, odd, and slightly creepy town of Antiquarium, the Porch Sisters—Gertrude, Eugenia, and Dee-Dee—have never fit in with other girls their age.

When they fall under the tutelage of the mysterious and enigmatic Millicent Quibb, they have an opportunity to embrace their inner-weirdness and save the town from a dastardly group of mad scientists.

But at what cost?

From Emmy Award-winning actor and *Saturday Night Live* comedian Kate McKinnon comes a laugh-out-loud funny and deeply touching new series about family, friendship, dastardly worms, and being true to yourself.

NEW TITLE



[Cover of 2018 Gift Edition of Book 1]

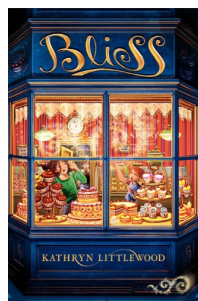
MIRROR MAGIC (BLISS 9)
November 2020
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 Fischer Verlag/Germany

A BLISSful finale for the capstone entry in the internationally bestselling series!

MIRROR MAGIC: A BLISS NOVEL (Book 9)

Kathryn Littlewood

Rosemary Bliss and her best friend Nevika thought they had completed their training to become Grand Master Bakers ... only there is one final apprenticeship, this time with a pair of powerful and magical twin sisters. As they attempt to pass the sisters' tests, Rose and Nevika also uncover a dastardly plot from the Conspiracy of Confectioners involving their old friend Lucy. In order to save her, Rose and Nevika must battle the Conspiracy—with the help of the entire Bliss family—one final time.



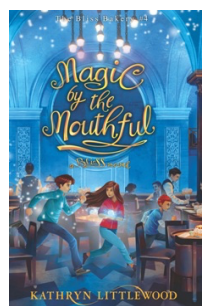
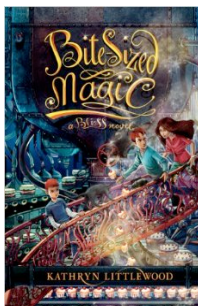
The first eight magical, madcap adventures of the Bliss family

BLISS (Book 1), A DASH OF MAGIC (Book 2), BITE-SIZED MAGIC (Book 3), MAGIC BY THE MOUTHFUL (Book 4), MAGIC IN THE MIX (Book 5), MAGIC BY THE MINUTE (Book 6), HOLIDAY MAGIC (Book 7), and THE MAGIC SCHOOL (Book 8) [Books 7 & 8 not shown]

★ "Hilarious... Readers will savor this... Fantastic fantastical fare."—*Kirkus (starred review)*

"Quite delicious and very funny"—*Wall Street Journal*

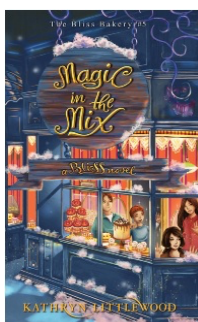
"[A] delicious and exciting book"—*The Washington Post*



BLISS
February 2012
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 Harper Collins/NA
 HC 978-0062084231
 PB 978-0-06-208424-8

A DASH OF MAGIC
February 2013
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 Harper Collins/NA
 HC 978-0062084293
 PB 978-0062084309

BITE-SIZED MAGIC
February 2014
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 Harper Collins/NA
 HC 978-0062084262
 PB 978-0062084279



MAGIC BY THE MOUTHFUL
March 2023
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 The Inkhouse/NA
 PB 978-1-7360875-0-3

MAGIC IN THE MIX
March 2023
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 The Inkhouse/NA
 PB 978-1-7360875-2-7

MAGIC BY THE MINUTE
March 2023
 Middle-grade (10 and up)
 The Inkhouse/NA
 PB 978-1-7360875-4-1

Rights Information: Brazil (Moderna), China (Citic), Finland (Otava), France (Pocket Jeunesse), Germany (Fischer), Greece (Psychogios), Hungary (Konyvmolykepzo), Indonesia (Mizan), Italy (Mondadori), Netherlands (Van Holkema & Warendorf), Norway (Cappelen Damm), Poland (Egmont Polska), Portugal (Edições Gailivro), Spain (Ediciones B), Sweden (Alfabet), Taiwan (Omnibook), Turkey (Pegasus), UK (Harper), US+C (HarperCollins)



SOON TO BE A SERIES OF GRAPHIC NOVELS

The epic saga of Jack Blank— orphan savior of the Imagine Nation and the world beyond ... or the biggest threat the universe has ever faced.

THE ACCIDENTAL HERO Series

Matt Myklusch

All Jack Blank knows is his bleak, dreary life at St. Barnaby's Home for the Hopeless, Abandoned, Forgotten, and Lost, an orphanage that sinks more and more into the swampland of New Jersey with each passing year. His aptitude tests project him as spending a long, unhappy career as a toilet brush cleaner. His only chance at escape comes through the comic books donated years ago to the orphanage that he secretly reads in the dark corners of the library.

Everything changes one icy gray morning when Jack receives two visitors who alter his life forever. The first is a deadly robot straight out of one of his comic books that tries its best to blow him up. The second is an emissary from a secret country called the Imagine Nation, an astonishing place where all the fantastic and unbelievable things in our world originate—including Jack.

Filled to bursting with surprises, twists, and adventure, Jack's story is also packed with humor and heart.

Praise for the Jack Blank adventures

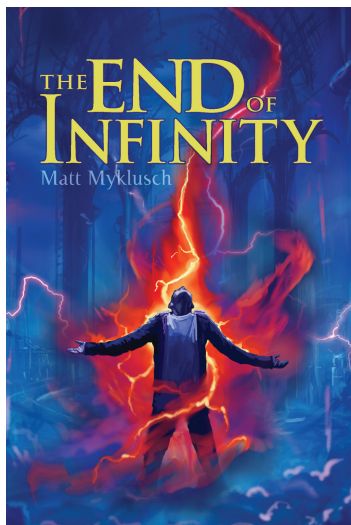
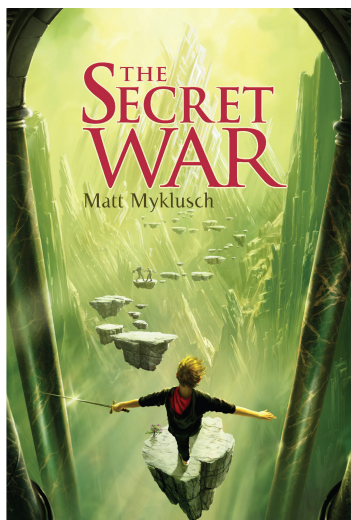
"Ambitious, no-holds-barred adventure." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Like Harry Potter and Luke Skywalker before him, Jack Blank is a mythic hero."
—*San Francisco Book Review*

"[Perfect for] fans of Eragon and Harry Potter." —*Library Media Connection*

"A rousing, satisfying conclusion; readers will be sad the ride is done." —*Booklist*

Matt Myklusch is the author of the *Order of the Majestic* (S&S/Aladdin) and *Seaborne* series (Lerner) and is the host of *The Other Side of the Story* podcast. www.mattmyklusch.com



Review materials: finished books, PDFs

THE ACCIDENTAL HERO (Bk 1)
August 2010
Middle-grade fiction (8 up)
Simon & Schuster/Aladdin (US)
HC 978-1416995616
PB 978-1416995623

THE SECRET WAR (Bk 2)
August 2011
Middle-grade fiction (8 up)
Simon & Schuster/Aladdin (US)
HC 978-1416995647
PB 978-1416995654

THE END OF INFINITY (Bk 3)
August 2012
Middle-grade fiction (8 up)
Simon & Schuster/Aladdin (US)
HC 978-1416995678
PB 978-1416995685



September 2022

Middle Grade Fiction (8 and up)

PRH/Delacorte (NA)

HC ISBN 978-0593433249

Review materials: PDF, finished book

A twisty middle grade mystery with a dash of Stranger Things, a bit of Liar and Spy, and a shocking ending all its own

TREX

Christyne Morrell

Trex Wilson received an experimental brain implant that saved his life, but it came with an unusual side effect: he *shocks* everything he touches.

But maybe he can use his power for good: A prowler is sneaking around the neighborhood, and Trex sets out to catch the culprit. He reluctantly teams up with Mellie “the Mouse,” a reclusive classmate training to be a spy. As a grudging friendship develops, Trex and Mellie find themselves pitted against school bullies, their own parents, and an evil, brain-hacking corporation. Could the prowler be seeking out none other than Trex himself?

“This novel delivers on its engaging *Stranger Things*—meets-superheroes hook.”—*School Library Journal*

“Cascading crises that escalate from pranks into kidnappings, brutal attempted murders, last-tick rescues, and shocks both literal and [figurative] Definitely buzzworthy.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

Christyne Morrell is the author of *Kingdom of Secrets*. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with her family.



Summer 2023

YA fiction (14 and up)

PRH/Dial Books for Young Readers

HC ISBN 978-0-5936-1617-8

Review materials: PDF

In the vein Nina LaCour and Courtney Summers, a debut about power of finding your voice and sharing your story

EVER SINCE

Alena Bruzas

Virginia prides herself as a good friend above all, which is why, when she finds herself developing a relationship with one of her best friend's boyfriends, she is desperate to hide it. But some secrets cannot be kept: When Virginia discovers that her secret boyfriend's little sister is being groomed for abuse, it is clear only she can save the girl. If Virginia doesn't come forward, this girl will be a victim of the same person who abused Virginia.

Sold in a six-figure pre-empt, this breathtakingly well-written novel is a searing portrait of a teenage girl trying to break a chain of sexual abuse. Woven throughout are Virginia's retellings of myths and fairytales, which both capture the dilemmas of the story and cast light on the ways our culture has always sought to control women and their sexuality.

Alena Bruzas lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. This is her debut novel.

NEW TITLE



The worldwide bestsellers—soon to be a television series from Silver Reel Productions in the UK!

FALLEN

The spellbinding sequence of FALLEN novels, in which angels and demons battle over the fate of the earth—and one girl's heart—has just completed production of a ten-episode first season. Distribution details to follow.



The internationally bestselling series

FALLEN, TORMENT, PASSION, RAPTURE, FALLEN IN LOVE & UNFORGIVEN

FALLEN (Book 1)

December 2009

Hardcover 978-0385738934

Paperback 978-0385739139

TORMENT (Book 2)

September 2010

Hardcover 978-0385739146

Paperback 978-0385739153

PASSION (Book 3)

June 2011

Hardcover 978-0385739160

Paperback 978-0385739177

FALLEN IN LOVE (Book 3.5)

January 2012

Hardcover 978-0385742610

Paperback 978-0385742627

RAPTURE (Book 4)

June 2012

Random House/Delacorte (US)

Hardcover 978-0385739184

Paperback 978-0385739191

UNFORGIVEN (Book 5)

Fall 2015

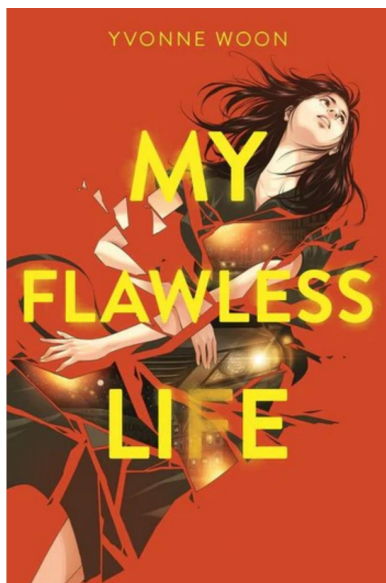
Teen fiction (12 and up)

Random House/Delacorte (US)

Hardcover ISBN tk



Rights Information: Brazil (Editora Record), Bulgaria (Intense/Locus Books), Catalan language (Grup Editorial 62, China (Citic), Croatia (Zansje), Czech Republic (Euromedia), Denmark (Tellerup), Estonia (Pegasus), Film/Television (Mayhem Pictures/Inferno), Finland (WSOY), France (Bayard), Germany (Bertelsmann), Greece (Psichogios Publications), Hungary (Könyvmoly), Indonesia (PT Gramedia Pustaka Utama), Israel (Hakibbutz Hameuhad), Italy (Rizzoli), Japan (Softbank), Korea (Random House Korea), Latvia (Zvaigzne ABC), Lithuania (Media Incognito), Macedonia (Prosvetno Delo), Netherlands/Dutch language (Van Goor), Poland (MAG), Portugal (Planeta), Romania (Editura Litera), Russia (Eksmo), Serbia (Evro-Giunti), Slovak Republic (IKAR), Slovenia (Zalozba Alicia), Spain (RH/Mondadori), Taiwan (Sun Color Culture), Thailand (Post), Turkey (Epsilon), UK Audio (RHUK), US Audio (Listening Library), UK (RHUK (Doubleday), Vietnam (Tan Viet)



February 2023

Young Adult Fiction (12 and up)

Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins (US)

HC ISBN 978-0-06-300869-4

Review materials: finished book, PDF

A thrilling new mystery for fans of Celeste Ng and Mary H.K. Choi

MY FLAWLESS LIFE

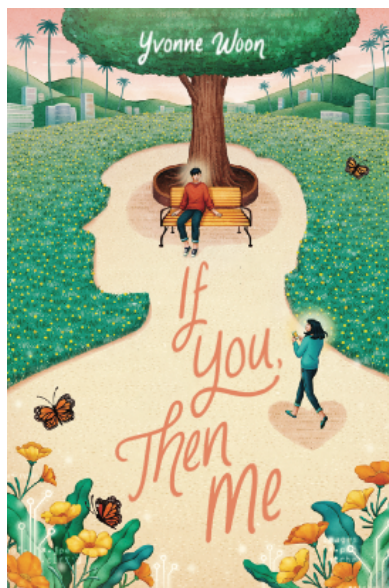
Yvonne Woon

Hana Yang Lerner can fix anything except her own life, which was destroyed when her father, a senator, was arrested for an accident that left one woman nearly dead. When she gets a job from an anonymous client called “Three” to follow her former best friend, this might be Hana’s way of reviving her past. But the dangerous thing about digging is that you never know what you’ll unearth...

★ “A meticulously plotted mystery ... a blistering commentary on privilege and wealth”—*PW* (starred review)

★ “This gripping mystery is deepened and complicated by explorations of Hana’s trauma ... the slow burn allows room for character development that elevates the novel. Thought-provoking high school drama”—*Kirkus* (starred review)

Yvonne Woon is the author of *If You, Then Me* and the *Dead Beautiful* series and has an MFA in fiction from Columbia University. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia.



Summer 2021

Young adult fiction (12 and up)

Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins (US)

HC ISBN 978-0-06-300864-9

PB ISBN 978-0-06-300865-6

Review materials: finished book, PDF

A smart cutting-edge Silicon Valley romance for fans of Jenny Han

IF YOU, THEN ME

Yvonne Woon

What would you ask your future self?

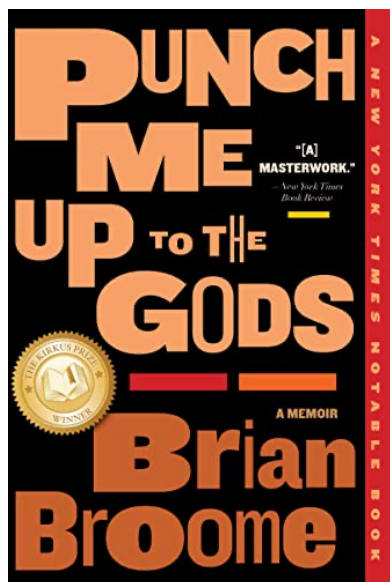
Xia is stuck in a lonely, boring loop. Her only escapes are Wiser, an artificial intelligence app she designed to answer questions like her future self, and a mysterious online crush she knows only as *ObjectPermanence*.

Flirting with Mast, a classmate at the Foundry, a Silicon Valley school for tech prodigies, leads to a date. But then Xia receives a shocking message from *ObjectPermanence*: He is at the Foundry, too. Xia is torn between Mast and *ObjectPermanence*. between two different future lives...

“This story has it all—secrets, schemes, plot twists, a mystery ... as well as a sweet romance that made my heart soar . . . Perfect for any reader who wants to see more women in tech!”—*The Nerd Daily*

“This page-turner offers a peek into the dark side of Silicon Valley.... A riveting cautionary tale.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“An electrifying page-turner”—*NYT bestselling author Maureen Johnson*



Spring 2021

Nonfiction (adult)

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

HC ISBN 978-0-358-43910-3

PB ISBN 978-0-358-69525-7

Materials available: PDF, finished books

Winner of the Kirkus Prize—the gut-punchingly funny debut

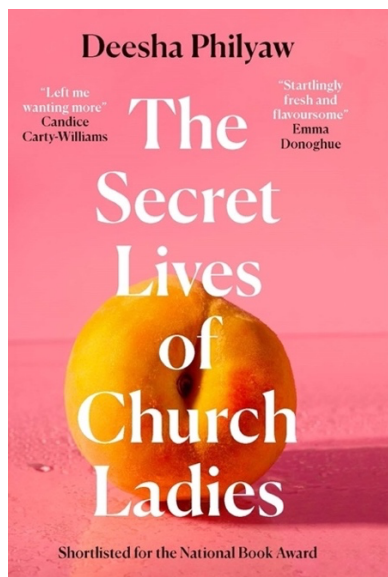
PUNCH ME UP TO THE GODS

Brian Broome

In prose that at once thrilling, devastating, and uproariously funny, *PUNCH ME UP TO THE GODS* explores both blackness and gayness by taking readers into the most intimate parts of Broome's life, from encountering entrenched racism during a grade school spelling bee to his first experience in a gay bathhouse, to trying to live up to a white gay man's sexual sports fantasy. The essays in *PUNCH ME UP TO THE GODS* are playful and poignant, awkward and wholly original. They brim with both swagger and sensitivity, adding a bright new voice to the increasing chorus of ongoing cultural conversation that is redefining what it means to be a Black, gay man in America.

Brian Broome is a K. Leroy Irvis Fellow and instructor in the Writing Program at the University of Pittsburgh. His work is regularly featured in the Washington Post, the Guardian, Medium, and elsewhere.

AWARD WINNER



Fall 2020

Fiction (adult)

UWVPress (US)

ISBN: 978-1-949199-73-4

Materials available: PDF, finished books

The Award-winning collection—soon to be a series on HBO Max!

THE SECRET LIVES OF CHURCH LADIES

Deesha Philyaw

In this widely heralded debut, Deesha Philyaw uses stories from four generations of women to explore the raw and secret places in which Black women and girls dare to follow their desires while also trying to be the “good girls” their family tell them they ought to be, and how they ultimately end up as free as they *deserve* to be.

WINNER: 2021 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction

WINNER: 2020 LA Times Book Prize Award for First Fiction

WINNER: 2020/2021 Story Prize for debut collection

FINALIST: 2020 National Book Award for Fiction

A Kirkus Best Book of 2020

Deesha Philyaw is a writer living in Mississippi whose work as appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and many other publications.

Rights sold: UWVPress (US), Pushkin (UK/ANZ), Czarne (Poland), Ars Vivendi (Germany), Phillipe Rey (France), Societa Editrice Milan (Italy), Booky (China), MPG (South Korea)

AWARD WINNER