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Information about our backlist and adult books available upon request.

Updates and Highlights

New Titles:

- We have two new middle grade titles:
 - Translation rights just reverted from S&S for Margaret Finnegan's NEW KIDS AND UNDERDOGS
 - We also have translation rights to MIST BOUND by Daryl Kho, which was previously published by Penguin in SE Asia
 - Kailei Pew's KID-VENTORS is a fun new nonfiction about all the great inventions made by kids!
- We have lots of new YA this time around!
 - SAINTS OF STORM AND SORROW by Gabriella Buba
 - THIS RAVENOUS FATE by Hayley Dennings
 - RISE OF THE MELODY and SEE ME by *New York Times* bestselling author Wendy Higgins
 - DASHED by Amanda Quain
 - DON'T BE A DRAG by Skye Quinlan

PICTURE BOOKS

ÁNH'S NEW WORD

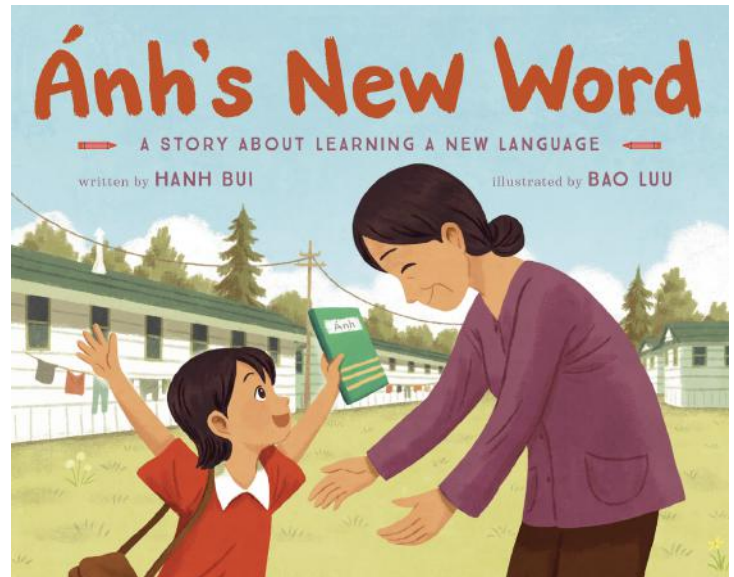
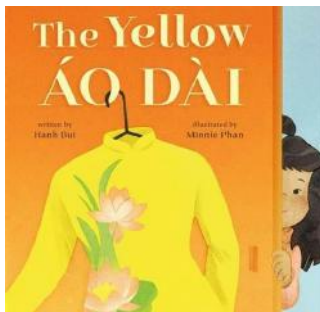
By Hanh Bui, illustrated by Bao Luu*

A child living in a Vietnamese refugee camp learns their first word in English with a little help from their teacher and grandmother in this heart-warming picture book based on the author's childhood.

Many things are different for Ánh now that they've left Vietnam with their family. The weather is colder and they live in a communal barracks at a refugee camp while they wait for their new life in America to start. Ánh finds comfort in their warm-hearted teacher, Miss Mary Ellen, but has trouble with the foreign sounds of learning to speak English in class.

All Ánh wants is to be able to say "thank you" out loud to Miss Mary Ellen, but will the words ever stop getting stuck between their head and their voice? With a little inspiration from their grandmother—as well as the chance discovery of an adorable animal—Ánh will try to gather the courage to finally say their first word in a new language.

Also available:



**Macmillan/Feiweil & Friends
May 2024**

All translation rights available

Final Manuscript Available

Agent: Naomi Davis

***Illustrator is represented by Christine Hong at Astound US. All inquiries about art should go to them.**

Praise:

“A touching account of courage and kindness” — *Kirkus*

About the Author:

Hanh Bui's commitment to celebrating her heritage includes giving presentations in school visits about her refugee experience to children studying immigration as part of their school curriculum. She serves as co-chair of the Equity and Inclusion Team for the Mid-Atlantic region of SCBWI, and has been featured in Highlights For Children magazine, Next Avenue and Forbes.

Bao Luu was born in Vietnam and currently lives in the United States. As an artist, he focuses on color and texture in his illustrations.

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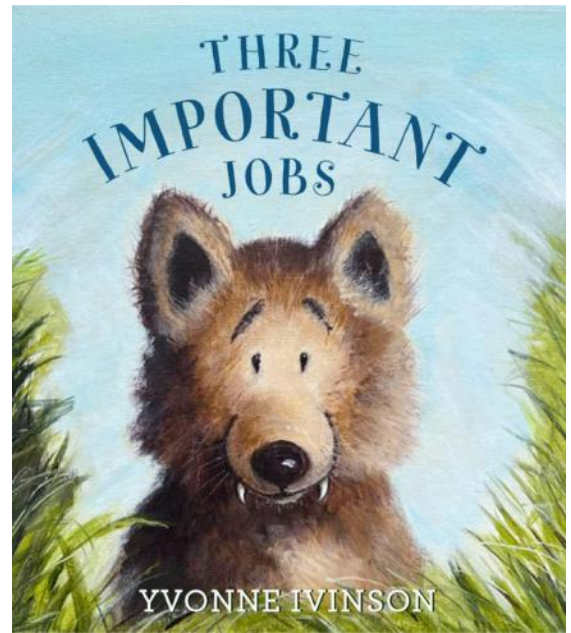
THREE IMPORTANT JOBS

By Yvonne Ivinson

Wolf Cub has three very important jobs: she must find Little Mouse, Floppy Rabbit, and a sack of prickly brushes and bring them back to Big Wolf's den. Wolf Cub carries each in her mouth (even though it tickles) and delivers all three to Big Wolf as promised. Good job, Wolf Cub!

But what happens when Big Wolf, with her big sharp teeth, invites everyone into her den with the promise that no one will feel a thing?

Also available: FOX AND THE BOX and THE MISSING PAIRS

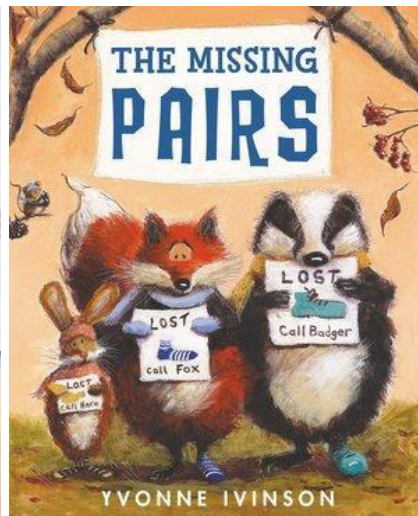
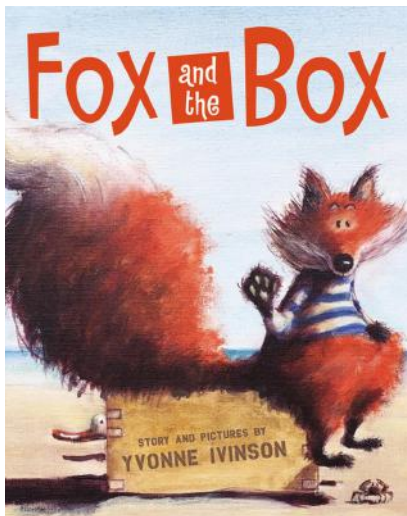


HarperCollins/Greenwillow
November 2023

All translation rights available

Book available

Agent: Tracy Marchini



Praise:

“In a community of animal friends, personal items are going missing. . . Realistic acrylic paintings in deep hues with textured brushstrokes to elicit the furry/fluffy coats and whiskers of the animals provide clues throughout. . . The easily read text, conveyed mostly in dialogue and playfully incorporating the occasional rhyme, brings the mystery to a close . . . An intriguing whodunit couched in a simple story of friendship and indulgence.”—*Kirkus Reviews* on *The Missing Pairs*

“The art’s autumnal cast is winning: the leaves float slowly off the trees, the cast wears bright woolly scarves, and from the looks of the icy blue sky and waving grasses, the forecast is windy with a nip in the air. It practically demands a reading with a side of hot chocolate.”—*Publishers Weekly* on *The Missing Pairs*

“The accessible text interspersing rhyme and playful formatting makes for a lively read-aloud and, together with the artwork, offers a cheery picture-book mystery that will delight many kids.”—*Booklist* on *The Missing Pairs*

About the Author:

Yvonne Ivinson is the author-illustrator of three books for children. She lives in the countryside near London, England, and tries very hard not to misplace her socks, mittens, or boots.

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GRILLED CHEESE? YES, PLEASE!

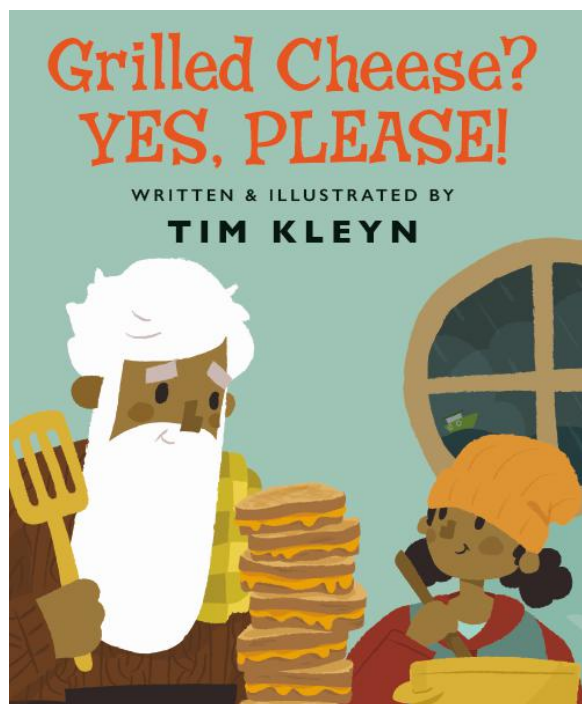
By Tim Kleyn

A stormy and windy night is the perfect time for grilled cheese and tomato soup. But Margot is worried about Mama—she left in her little boat hours ago and the storm outside is raging!

As Grandpa and Margot welcome other busy seafarers into their home to shelter from the storm, her hope—and sandwich supplies—dwindle. When will Margot be able to make Mama that grilled cheese?

From the creator of *Set Sail for Pancakes!*, *Grilled Cheese? Yes, Please!* provides a gentle and beautiful reminder about the magic of community, and helping others and—most importantly—the universal healing power of a perfectly made grilled cheese.

Also Available: SET SAIL FOR PANCAKES!



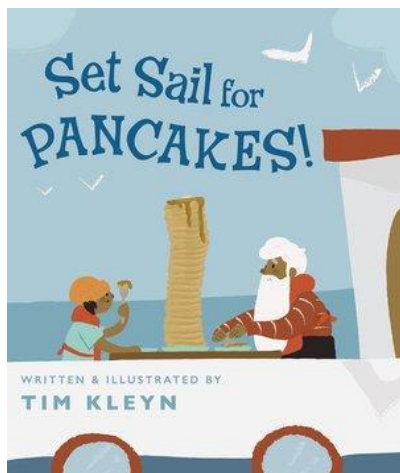
Second of 2 books featuring Margot and Grandpa!

**Penguin Random House/Viking BFYR
May 2024**

All translation rights available

PDF available

Agent: Tracy Marchini



Praise:

“If readers aren’t hungry for pancakes now, they will be at the end of this book!” —*Kirkus Reviews* on *Set Sail for Pancakes!*

“Kleyn’s text and digital illustrations make for a gentle, silly romp that showcases the love between grandfather and granddaughter.” — *Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books* on *Set Sail for Pancakes!*

About the Author:

Tim Kleyn grew up in West Michigan. He earned his BFA in Illustration from Kendall College of Art & Design and works as a graphic designer.

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Walkies: A Dog's Tale

By Estrela Lourenço

On a gloomy, dripping, rain-boots-required kind of day, Kid is ready to stay inside, warm and dry, and play video games. But to Dog, Kid's arrival home means only one thing: it's time for WALKIES!

Outside, rain means puddles to splash in, mud to sploek in! Tiny ears perked up, tail a-wagging with joy, Dog bounds through the park, Kid in tow. Playful action sequences, bold facial expressions, and vivid illustrations all drive this wordless tale, transforming a dreary afternoon into a boisterous adventure.

While at first doubtful about the experience, Kid's attitude brightens, buoyed by Dog's playful antics and the surprises and wonder to be found outdoors. Before long, thanks to Dog's positive energy, Kid doesn't think it's such a bad day after all. In fact, it might just be the *best*!

Filled with adorable, exuberant scenes any dog owner knows well, this playful romp is sure to brighten the day of many a young reader, pet owner and non-pet owner alike.

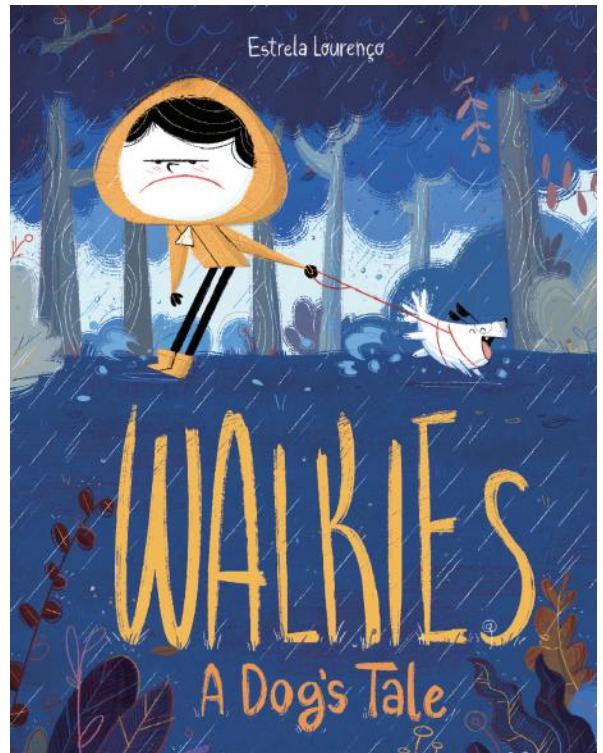
Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Estrela Lourenço is a Portuguese professional children's book author and illustrator, and also a storyboard artist for animation. She's been living in Ireland since 2009, where she met her partner and formed a little family with their daughter and their dog, Chewie, who adores going for very long walks.

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**Page Street Kids
May 2024**

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Final PDF available

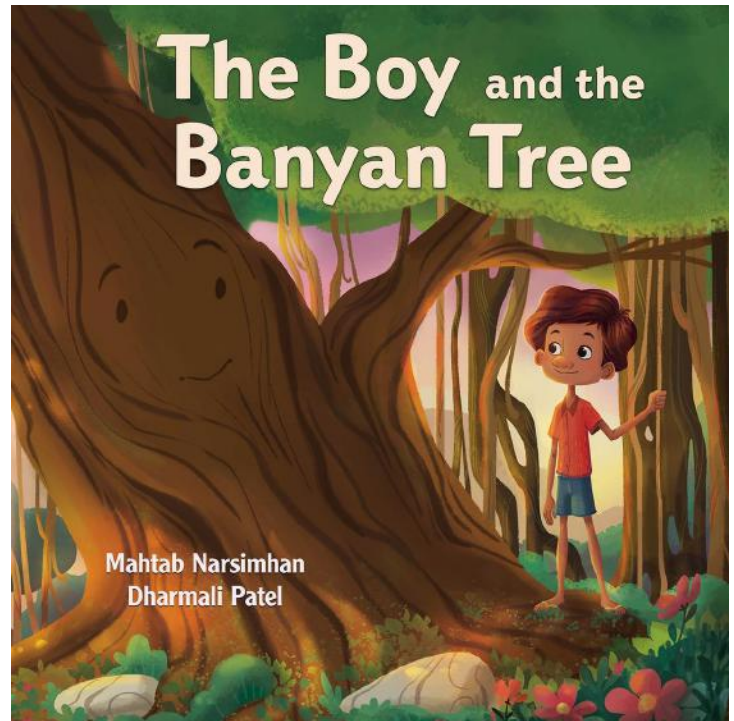
Agent: James McGowan

THE BOY AND THE BANYAN TREE

By Mahtab Narsimhan,
illustrated by Dharmali Patel*

THE BOY AND THE BANYAN brings a new perspective to the classic story of *The Giving Tree*. A gentle story of growth and learning, this story will make parents feel nostalgic as children enjoy the sage-like guidance of a beautiful, old tree.

In a small village in India, a little boy loves a very old Banyan tree, and asks her to give him the things he desires. But the Banyan tree knows that skills are better gifts than granting wishes, and encourages the boy to learn how to do things for himself



Scholastic Canada/North Winds Press
October 2023

World English and French translation sold

All other translation rights available

Final manuscript Available

Praise:

Coming soon!

Agent: Naomi Davis

*Illustrator is represented by Lisa Pomerantz
at Illustration Online LLC. All inquiries about
art should go to her.

About the Author:

Mahtab Narsimhan is an award-winning author with numerous acclaimed books in the fantasy, horror, mystery, and contemporary genres. Many of her books have landed on prestigious award lists, and her debut novel, *The Third Eye*, won the Silver Birch Fiction Award. She is inspired by the desire to make sense of the world through stories and is deeply committed to representing diversity in her books.

Dharmali Patel is a Toronto based artist. Her work spans a multitude of genres and media, from animation to her recent work in children's illustration.

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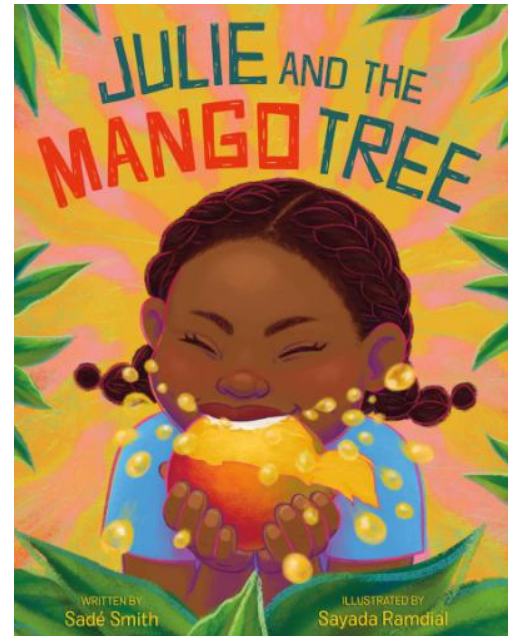
JULIE & THE MANGO TREE

By Sade Smith, illustrated
by Sayada Ramdial*

Coupled with Sayada Ramdial's bright and colorful artwork, Julie and the Mango Tree by Sadé Smith will have readers of all ages giggling—and craving a mango of their own!

Julie loves all kinds of fruit, but mangoes are her absolute favorite. One sticky summer afternoon, Julie goes to the big mango tree in her yard to ask for a snack.

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



Macmillan/Feiweil & Friends
August 2023

All translation rights available

Book Available

Agent: Naomi Davis

***Illustrator is represented by Alex Gehringer
at The Bright Agency. All inquiries about art
should go to Alex.**

Praise:

"Smith's story is sweet and infused with joy. Filled with energy and movement, Ramdial's expressive, vibrant images pop with color, especially in an illustration of Julie biting into a mango dripping with juice. It's impossible to read this tale and not end up wanting a delicious mango treat—readers will be pleased at the inclusion of recipes for mango smoothies, salad, and juice. A mouthwatering reminder that everything is tastier when it's shared." —*Kirkus*

About the Author:

Sadé Smith is a Canadian children's book author of Jamaican descent. Her books often involve food and recipes with colorful illustrations to capture the vibrancy and beauty of the Caribbean islands. She writes books of representation for young readers.

Sayada Ramdial is a freelance illustrator from Trinidad & Tobago, now residing in the Pacific Northwest USA. Clients include Feiweil & Friends, Collins, Penguin Readers, Storey Publishing.

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MIDDLE GRADE

KWAME CRASHES THE UNDERWORLD

By Craig Kofi Farmer

TRISTAN STRONG meets Guillermo del Toro's **THE BOOK OF LIFE** in Craig Kofi Farmer's stunning middle grade fantasy about a boy hurled into the Ghanaian underworld to help his late grandmother save humanity.

Twelve-year-old Kwame Powell refuses to acknowledge any feelings about his grandmother's passing. And he certainly doesn't want to accompany his parents to her celebration of life ceremony in Ghana, where he knows he'll have to face his feelings about her death head-on.

But when an aboatia – a mischievous monkey from Akan mythology – steals Kwame's grandmother's dashiki, his last physical reminder of her, Kwame decides to take matters into his own hands. He chases the little thief across town, to the edge of the pier, and...into a magical whirlpool that leads straight to Asamando, the Ghanaian underworld.

With his best friend Autumn, and the crafty aboatia he names Woo, Kwame finds himself embroiled with angry nature gods intent on destroying humanity. And, matters only get more complicated when he runs into none other than his grandmother herself...except in the underworld, she's still a kid. And very much alive.

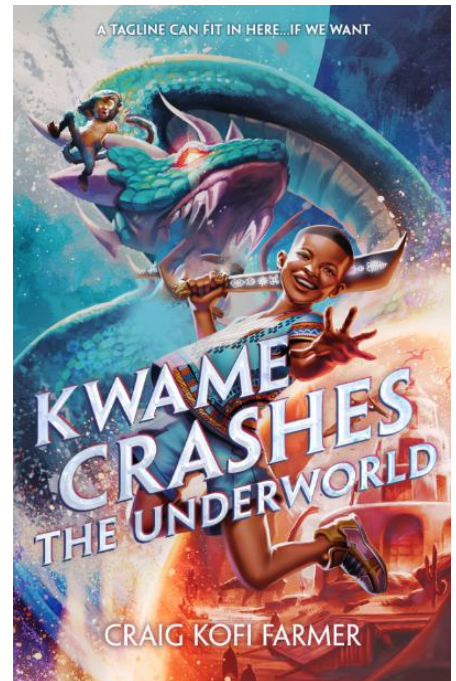
Adventurous and memorable, Craig Kofi Farmer's middle grade fantasy is an immersive and powerful debut that tackles themes of identity, intergenerational connectedness, and how to say goodbye with heart, humor, and an epic dose of magic.

Praise:

"An epic of even more epic proportions, *Kwame Crashes the Underworld* is a rollicking and electrifying adventure of one boy's journey to accept himself, his family, and his cultural heritage. Readers will cry and laugh with and love Kwame Powell, the boy who wears his dashiki with pride and uses it to bring the underworld and its meddling gods to its knees. A new Black boy hero has been unleashed!"—Jamar J. Perry, author of *Cameron Battle* and *the Hidden Kingdoms*

About the Author:

Craig Kofi Farmer is a Maryland native, born and raised in Prince George's County. Writing-wise, Craig loves to create bold, imaginative stories that take pre-established tropes and interrogate them. In his civilian identity, Craig works in higher education and student affairs to help facilitate a sense of belonging for students that hold traditionally marginalized identities. While his base of operations is in southern California, Craig holds two bachelor's degrees from Towson University in Baltimore County, and his master's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.



Book 1 of 2

**Macmillan/Roaring Brook
Press
September 2024**

**All translation rights
available**

Final MS Available

Agent: Emily Forney

NEW KIDS AND UNDERDOGS

By Margaret Finnegan

A Junior Library Guild Selection!

USA Today Bestselling Author of *We Could Be Heroes!*

Robyn Kellen has been the new kid six times. She's practically an expert on the subject and has developed foolproof rules to help her get by: Blend in, don't go looking for trouble, and move on. Unfortunately, Robyn's mom has a rule, too: Robyn must do an after-school activity.

When Robyn discovers a dog agility class, she thinks she's found the perfect thing—but then her dogs, Sundae and Fudge, are rejected from the class. Sundae won't do anything without Fudge, and Fudge is deaf and blind, and the instructor refuses to change the rules to fit their needs. Luckily, the instructor's grandson, Nestor—a legend at Robyn's new school—offers Robyn a deal: If she helps him with math, he'll train Sundae and Fudge. Problem is, Robyn isn't so great at math herself, so she's forced to recruit the class outcast, Alejandra, to help.

Suddenly, Robyn finds herself surrounded by people who do anything but blend in—and sticking to her rules becomes harder than ever. But as Robyn learns how to adapt the rules of agility for Sundae and Fudge, she will find that some rules are worth breaking altogether.

Praise:

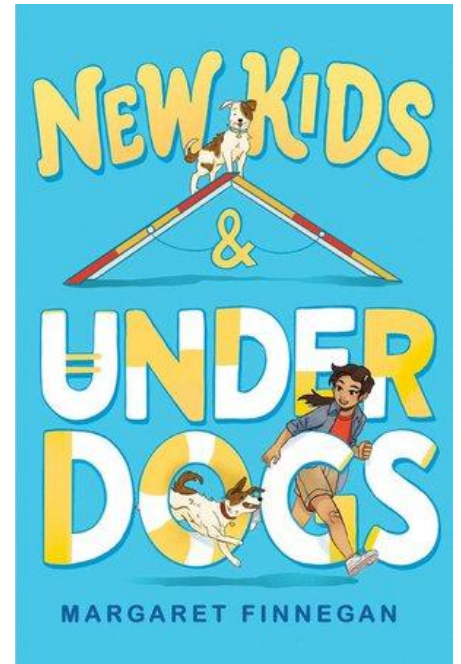
"In this well-paced work that relatably unpacks core aspects of middle school life, Robyn realizes as her rules backfire that as much as she wants others to know her whole story, she needs to be open to learning theirs as well . . . A thoughtful story about learning to look beneath the surface and be a better friend." — *Kirkus Reviews*

"With plenty of support, Robyn learns in her own time how her rules might be limiting her, making final realizations both hard-won and satisfying in this assured, dynamic-aware novel from Finnegan." — *Publishers Weekly*

About the Author:

Margaret Finnegan is the author of Junior Library Guild Selections *SUNNY PARKER IS HERE TO STAY* (2024), *NEW KIDS AND UNDERDOGS* (2022), *SUSIE B. WON'T BACK DOWN* (2021) and *WE COULD BE HEROES*, a 2020 Bank Street Best Book of the Year. Her other work has appeared in *FamilyFun*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Salon*, and other publications. She lives in South Pasadena, California, where she enjoys spending time with her family, walking her dog, and baking really good chocolate cakes.

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**Simon & Schuster/
Atheneum Books for Young
Readers
October 2022**

**All translation rights
available**

Book available

Agent: Tracy Marchini

MIST BOUND

By Daryl Kho

Hedwig Anuar Book Award Winner

Singapore Book Awards Winner

Alexis' grandfather's memories have just been shattered, and it's kinda sort of her fault. The only cure lies in a concoction called Memory Glue, whose various enchanted ingredients lie in the parallel world of Mist, the fairyland realm where the legendary creatures from her Grandpa's storytime tales are alive and in the flesh.

To make matters worse, Alexis only has one week to gather the ingredients before the break of Spring, otherwise Grandpa's memories will be lost for good. Teaming up with two unlikely companions: the grouchy *kenit* (forest imp) who had cast the fateful memory-zapping spell and her own Grandma that seems to be hiding a secret, Alexis must overcome the hidden mysteries within the Mist if she has any chance of gluing Grandpa's memories back together.



**Penguin, SEA
August 2021**

Praise:

“An absolutely enchanting tale filled with heart and hope...a celebration of Asian mythology, love and family.” —Joyce Chua, award-winning author of *Land of Sand and Song*

Territories/Subrights Sold
South-East Asia, North-East Asia,
South Asia (excluding India)

Translation rights available
All other translation rights
available

**UK/Commonwealth rights
available**

Book Available

Agent: Jenissa Graham

About the Author:

Daryl Kho is a broadcast media veteran who made a living selling other people's stories, and who's also started creating his own. Malaysia-born and Singapore based, he is the author of a sci-fi short story "The Wake-Up Call" published by HarperCollins Children's India, as well as the award-winning family fantasy bestseller *Mist-Bound: How to Glue Back Grandpa* published by Penguin Random House Southeast Asia.

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THE LAST RHEE WITCH

By Jenna Lee-Yun

Since her mother died when she was five years old, it's always just been Ronnie Miller and her dad. Two Korean Americans who, thanks to Ronnie's dad's adoption by white parents, have never felt all that Korean. But Ronnie is okay with that—as long as she has her dad and her best friend Jack, Ronnie is 99% certain she can get through anything.

But as much as she wants everything to stay the same, the world—and her dad—has other plans. Now, Ronnie and Jack are headed away to sleepaway camp for the first time ever. Camp Foster promises all of the outdoorsy activities that Ronnie has so far managed to avoid: ropes courses, scavenger hunts, kayaking on the lake. Ugh. But she can do this. As long as she has Jack.

As it turns out, an old manor in the woods is the kind of place that's crawling with secrets. Secrets like a mysterious gwishin haunting the grounds, a blood-red scarf wrapped too tightly around her ghostly neck. And a witch-hunting dokkaebi intent on finding and silencing the last Rhee witch. And the strange habit all the counselors have of rhyming when they speak . . . just like Ronnie has begun to do lately.

For a girl who wants everything to stay the same, nothing is scarier than all the changes Camp Foster brings. New friends. New foes. Souls with unfinished business. And, possibly worst of all, revelations that disprove everything Ronnie knew to be true.

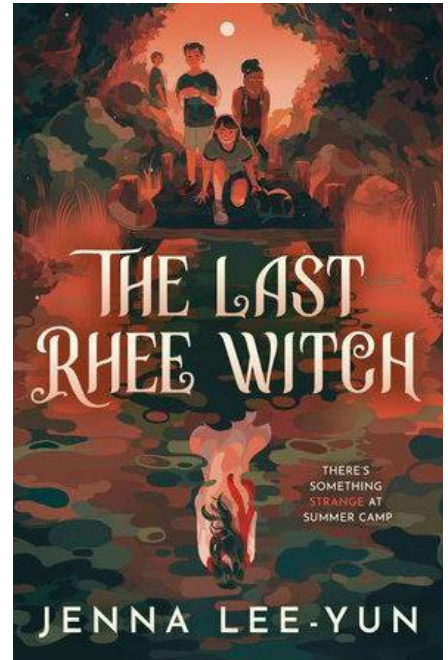
Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Jenna Lee-Yun lives in the Pacific Northwest where she writes middle grade stories filled with magic, horror, whimsy, and for young Korean kids to see themselves in.

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Book 1 of 2

**Disney Hyperion
May 2024**

**All translation rights
available**

**UK/Commonwealth rights
available**

Final MS Available

Agent: Emily Forney

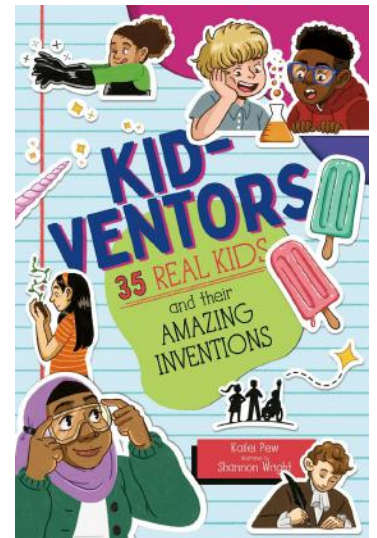
KID-VENTORS

By Kailei Pew

What do swim fins, Popsicles®, 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.



**Feiwei & Friends
April 2024**

**All translation rights
available**

**Final manuscript
available**

Agent: Emily Forney

Praise:

"Accessible and inspirational, *Kid-Ventors* is an absolute delight of a book, sure to spark young readers' curiosity and entrepreneurial spirit." —Kate Messner, author of the *History Smashers* series

Awarded the Junior Library Guild's Gold Standard selection.

About the Author:

Kailei Pew is the author of the picture books *Monster Above the Bed* and the Junior Library Guild gold standard *I See Color*. She writes both fiction and nonfiction books that help kids see they can do anything they set their minds to

www.kaileipewbooks.com

YOUNG ADULT

SAINTS OF STORM AND SORROW

By Gabriella Buba

One of Fantasy Hive's Most Anticipated SFF books for 2024!

Maria Lunurin has been living a double life for as long as she can remember. To the world, she is Sister Maria, dutiful nun and devoted servant of Aynila's Codicián colonizers. But behind closed doors, she is a stormcaller, chosen daughter of the Aynilan goddess Anitun Tabu. In hiding not only from the Codiciáns and their witch hunts, but also from the vengeful eye of her slighted goddess, Lunurin does what she can to protect her fellow Aynilans and the small family she has created in the her lover Catalina, and Cat's younger sister Inez.

Lunurin is determined to keep her head down - until one day she makes a devastating discovery, which threatens to tear her family apart. In desperation, she turns for help to Alon Dakila, heir to Aynila's most powerful family and a gods-blessed healer who has been ardently in love with Lunurin for years. But this choice sets in motion a chain of events beyond her control, awakening Anitun Tabu's rage and putting everyone Lunurin loves in terrible danger. Torn between the call of Alon's magic and Catalina's jealousy, her duty to her family and to her people, Lunurin can no longer keep Anitun Tabu's fury at bay.

***T/W*: Implied Sexual Assault**



**Book 1 of 2
Titan Publishing**

June 2024

**All translation rights
available**

Final Manuscript Available

Agent: Ramona Pina

Praise:

"Gabrielle Buba writes the way the ocean moves: rhythmic and rolling, with dark currents and a powerful grace. SAINTS OF STORM AND SORROW elegantly weaves the rich tapestry of Filipino folklore into a poignant, harrowing tale of magic and rebellion and sacrifice. Every page is drenched in the pain and hope that characterized our centuries-long struggle. This is fantasy at its finest, but it's also a story about us, and about how my love for you is one with our love for the motherland."

— Thea Guanzon, *USA Today* and *New York Times* bestselling author of *THE HURRICANE WARS*

About the Author:

Gabriella Buba is a writer and chemical engineer -proud of her Filipino-American identity -who likes to keep explosive pyrophoric materials safely contained in pressure vessels or between the covers of her books. She writes for bold, bi, brown women who deserve to see their stories centered.

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ANOTHER FIRST CHANCE

By Robbie Couch

***They Both Die at the End* meets *You've Reached Sam*, in this heart-stopping speculative young adult novel from New York Times bestselling author Robbie Couch that explores all the different ways love can live on after tragedy.**

It's been a year since eighteen-year-old River Lang's best friend died in a car accident. And every day since, he's had to pass by the depressing billboard that appeared as a result: a texting and driving PSA that reduces Dylan to a cautionary tale and River to the best friend of the dead kid at school. Dylan was so much more than a statistic, though, and River hates that everyone in town seems to have forgotten.

When he's caught improving (a.k.a. vandalizing) Dylan's billboard, River is blackmailed into joining the Affinity Trials—a research study that's observing teens who are “struggling socially.” But as soon as he arrives, River's social struggles only worsen as he's thrown together with the last person he wants to spend an entire week with: his ex-best friend and Dylan's former girlfriend, Mavis, who's the only one who knows the truth about the night Dylan died.

During the Trials, River befriends a charming quarterback named Nash, and it doesn't take long for romantic feelings to start bubbling to the surface. But so do bizarre developments within the Trials that make him wonder what researchers are actually studying while monitoring his every move. And when suspicions lead him to a bombshell discovery, River will have to decide just how far he's willing to go for another chance at first love.

Praise:

"Gripping, unique, and heartfelt, *Another First Chance* is a gorgeous exploration of friendship and grief. Both the love story and mystery made my heart race; Robbie Couch is a master of emotion."—Jen St. Jude, author of *If Tomorrow Doesn't Come*

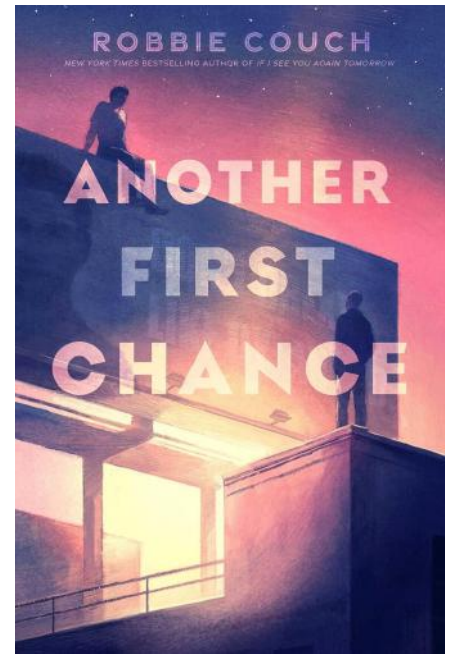
"Equal parts suspenseful and sincere, Robbie Couch had me on the edge of my seat one minute and clutching my heart the next! A completely captivating exploration of grief and the lengths we'll go to so we can move on." — Jason June, New York Times bestselling author

"*Another First Chance* is a compelling and heartfelt tale of friendship, grief, and love in all its forms. The cleverly crafted plot is full of twists and turns that will keep the reader guessing until the final, revelatory page. A truly unique story about the ineffable mark people leave on us when they're gone." — Tobias Madden, author of *Anything But Fine*

About the Author:

Robbie Couch writes young-adult fiction. *If I See You Again Tomorrow*, his New York Times bestselling third novel, has received starred reviews from *Publisher's Weekly*, *Booklist*, and the *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*. Robbie's debut, *The Sky Blues*, was a Barnes & Noble Young-Adult Book of the Year finalist and Junior Library Guild selection. Robbie is originally from small-town Michigan and lives in Los Angeles.

www.robbiecouch.com



**Simon & Schuster Books for
Young Readers
May 2024**

**All Translation rights
available**

ARC Available

Agent: Moe Ferrara

THIS RAVENOUS FATE

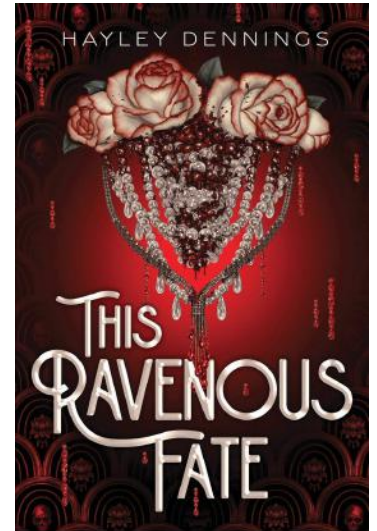
By Hayley Dennings

The first book in a decadent fantasy duology set in Jazz Age Harlem, where at night the dance halls come to life—and death waits in the dark.

It's 1926 and reapers, the once-human vampires with a terrifying affliction, are on the rise in New York. But the Saint family's thriving reaper-hunting enterprise holds reign over the city, giving them more power than even the organized criminals who run the nightclubs. Eighteen year-old Elise Saint, home after five years in Paris, is the reluctant heir to the empire. Only one thing weighs heavier on Elise's mind than her family obligations: the knowledge that the Harlem reapers want her dead.

Layla Quinn is a young reaper haunted by her past. Though reapers have existed in America for three centuries, created by New World atrocities and cruel experiments, Layla became one just five years ago. The night she was turned, she lost her parents, the protection of the Saints, and her humanity, and she'll never forget how Elise Saint betrayed her.

But some reapers are inexplicably turning part human again, leaving a wake of mysterious and brutal killings. When Layla is framed for one of these attacks, the Saint patriarch offers her a deal she can't refuse: to work with Elise to investigate how these murders might be linked to shocking rumors of a reaper cure. Once close friends, now bitter enemies, Elise and Layla explore the city's underworld, confronting their intense feelings for one another and uncovering the sinister truths about a growing threat to reapers and humans alike.



Book 1 of 2

**Sourcebooks Fire
September 2024**

**UK/Commonwealth:
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available**

Agent: Emily Forney

Praise:

“Deliciously Dark and beautifully vicious. *This Ravenous Fate* is the vampire romance I’ve been waiting for.”
—Ava Reid, #1 NYT bestselling author of *A Study in Drowning*

About the Author:

Hayley Dennings is a queer, Black woman from the Bay Area, and a recent French and English graduate from Loyola Marymount University. She has a YouTube channel, Pages of Hayley, where she discusses books and writing with over 45,000 subscribers and an account on TikTok with over 65,000 followers.

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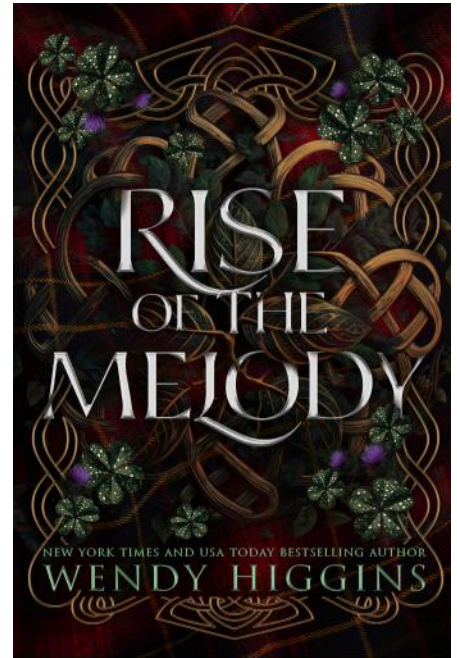
Rise of the Melody

By Wendy Higgins

From the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of the *Sweet Evil* series comes a modern fantasy romance of mystery with Celtic and Gaelic mythology.

Seventeen-year-old Colette “Letty” MacIntyre has everything going for her: a great life with her Aunt Lorna in Brooklyn, a promising singing career, and enough distractions to forget the tragic disappearance of her parents. She’s banking on a bright future in the city until strange things begin to happen. People are suddenly having peculiar reactions to her singing voice, and a giant wolfhound starts following her like a lost puppy. But the cherry on top is when the mayor of her long-forgotten birthplace, Benn Shehan, a mountainous island off the craggy northern coast of Maine, shows up on her doorstep with an impossible revelation: the Gaelic folklore she grew up hearing is real. Letty is the last land siren on Earth...and he needs her help.

An escaped kelpie—a monstrous water horse—is terrorizing Benn Shehan, and Letty’s voice is the only thing that can stop it. Despite the shock at learning her heritage, Letty returns to the island, which is filled with as much mystery as it is fog. She wants answers to her parents’ disappearance as well as a chance to prove herself. But in a race of mighty druids and formidable Scottish witches, Letty’s power is an anomaly, feared and reviled by the mystic community. Her lineage must be kept secret. It becomes even harder to fulfil these tasks when a new enemy threatens her—an alluring, powerful druid boy filled with darkness who would just as soon kill her as kiss her.



**Indie-Published
March 2024**

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available
Audio rights available**

Final manuscript available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez

Praise for other works:

“A standout in the realm of fairy-tale retellings.” — *ALA Booklist* on *The Great Hunt*

“Higgins weaves a powerful tale that includes magic, mystery, suspense, sacrifice, and love. Highly recommended.” — *School Library Journal* on *The Great Hunt*

“[T]he story is one of love, trust, and risk—all three of which must be found in order to make life work in all its messiness. Zae herself is likable, flawed, and strong, three qualities that bring a protagonist to life. Recommended . . .” — *New York Journal of Books* for *Kiss Collector*

“Well written and enticing... Paranormal romance fans will line up to read it...” — *Voice of Youth Advocates*, starred review for *Sweet Evil*

About the Author:

Wendy Higgins is the *USA Today* and *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Sweet Evil* series from HarperTeen. Wendy taught high school English before achieving her dream of becoming a full-time author. She now lives on the Eastern Shore of Virginia with her husband, daughter, and son.

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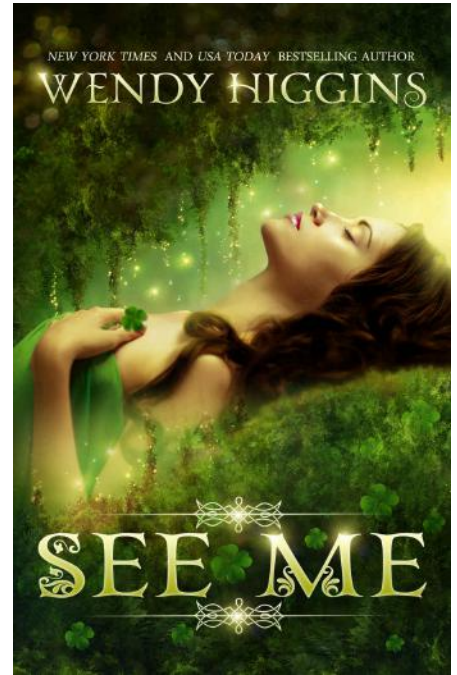
SEE ME

By Wendy Higgins

USA Today and New York Times bestselling author of the Sweet Evil trilogy brings you a coming-of-age modern folktale filled with Irish magic and romance.

While most seventeen-year-old American girls would refuse to let their parents marry them off to a stranger, Robyn Mason dreams of the mysterious McKale in Ireland, wondering how he'll look and imagining his Irish accent. Prearranged bindings are common for magical families like her own, however when she travels to the whimsical Emerald Isle she discovers there's more to her betrothal and McKale's clan than she'd been led to believe.

What starts as an obligatory pairing between Robyn and McKale morphs over time into something they both need. But one giant obstacle stands in the way of their budding romance: a seductive and deadly Fae princess accustomed to getting what she wants—and what she wants is McKale as her plaything. Love, desire, and jealousies collide as Robyn's family and McKale's clan must work together to outsmart the powerful Faeries and preserve the only hope left for their ancient bloodlines.



**Indie-Published
March 2014**

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Book available

Agent: Jessica Alvarez

Praise for other works:

“Higgins draws characters that are interesting and nuanced [and] refreshingly diverse...Readers will find themselves rooting for Zae as she grapples with realistic issues surrounding her family, her future, and the many men in her life.” — *Kirkus Reviews* for *Kiss Collector*

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GHOSTED: A Northanger Abbey Novel

By Amanda Quain

***Never Have I Ever* meets *The X-Files* in Amanda Quain's *Ghosted*, a gender-bent contemporary retelling of the Jane Austen classic, *Northanger Abbey*.**

Hattie Tilney isn't a believer. Yes, she's a senior at America's most (allegedly) haunted high school, Northanger Abbey. But ever since her paranormal-loving dad passed away, she's hung up her Ghostbusters suit, put away the EMF detectors and thermal cameras, and moved on. She has enough to worry about in the land of the living—like taking care of her younger brother, Liam, while their older sister spirals out and their mother, Northanger's formidable headmistress, buries herself in her work. If Hattie just works hard enough and keeps that overachiever mask on tight through graduation, maybe her mom will finally notice her.

But the mask starts slipping when Hattie's assigned to be an ambassador to Kit Morland, a golden retriever of a boy who's transferred to Northanger on—what else—a ghost-hunting scholarship. The two are partnered up for an investigative project on the school's paranormal activity, and Hattie quickly strikes a deal: Kit will present whatever ghostly evidence he can find to prove that campus is haunted, and Hattie will prove that it's not. But as they explore the abandoned tunnels and foggy graveyards of Northanger, Hattie starts to realize that Kit might be the kind of person that makes her want to believe in something—and someone—for the first time.

With her signature wit and slow burn romance, Amanda Quain turns another Austen classic on its head in this sparkling retelling that proves sometimes the ghosts are just a metaphor after all.

Praise:

"Quick-witted humor, banter, and a slow-burn romance evoke familiar Austenian relationship fare, making this cozy read a satisfyingly modern take on a classic." —*Publishers Weekly*

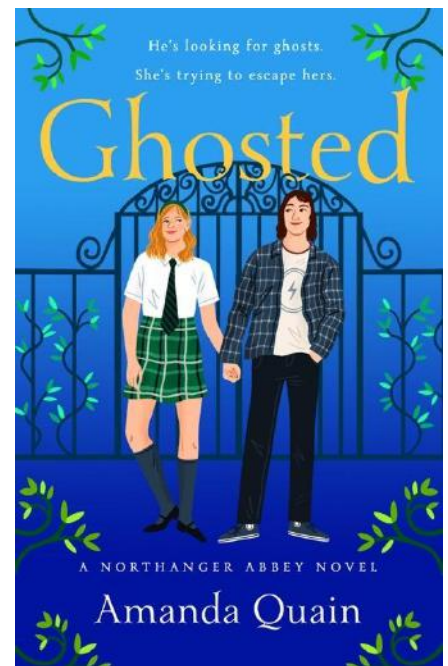
"Quain draws a realistic portrait of a young person struggling with loss, social pressures, and familial expectations...Fresh and compelling." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Teen fans of Austen will see the parallels and enjoy this modern twist on the story. Others unfamiliar with the original story will still enjoy the fun of a haunted-school romance." —*Booklist*

About the Author:

Amanda Quain is a writer, indie bookseller, and general life enthusiast. When she's not shouting about her favorite new books, she loves theatre, baking, rock climbing, marching band, and the overall pursuit of adventure. If forced to choose, Amanda's favorite Austen hero is Edward Ferrars, though she'll always have a soft spot for Mr. Bingley. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with her husband and her cat. **ACCOMPLISHED** is her first novel.

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Agent: Moe Ferrara

DASHED: A Margaret Dashwood Novel

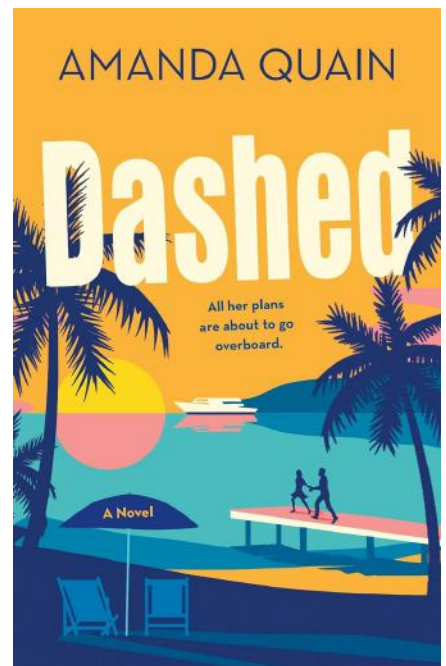
By Amanda Quain

*In this contemporary update of *Sense and Sensibility*, Margaret Dashwood is setting sail on an adventurous summer cruise—unless love sinks her first.*

Margaret Dashwood lives her life according to plan, and it involves absolutely zero heartbreak, thank you very much. Five years ago, love tore her family apart, and since then, she's kept her own heart as safe as possible. It hasn't been easy, especially since her sister Marianne—the world's biggest romantic—has conveniently forgotten that love burned her so badly she literally almost died. So when their oldest sister Elinor invites Margaret along for a Marianne-free summer cruise, she can't wait to soak up every scheduled moment with sensible Elinor before heading off to college.

But just before they set sail, a newly-single Marianne announces that she's crashing their vacation. Suddenly, Margaret's itineraries are thrown overboard, and the ship's cabin feels even tinier with her sister wailing about her breakup from the bottom bunk. The only solution? Find Marianne a dose of love to tide her over until they reach land.

With help from Elinor, her husband Edward, and Gabe—a distractingly handsome new friend on the crew—Margaret sets out to create a series of elaborate fake dates that will give Marianne the spontaneously curated summer romance of a lifetime. But between a chaotic sister, the growing storm of feelings between Margaret and Gabe, and an actual storm on the horizon, this summer is destined to go off course. Margaret will have to decide what's more important—following the plan, or following her heart.



**Macmillan / Wednesday
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July 2024**

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Edited Manuscript Available

Agent: Moe Ferrara

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

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DON'T BE A DRAG

By Skye Quinlan

Two rival drag kings competing for a crown might just win each other's hearts.

When eighteen-year-old Briar Vincent's mental health takes a turn for the worst, her parents send her to spend the summer in New York City with her older brother, Beau, also known as the drag queen Bow Regard.

Backstage at the gay bar where Beau performs, Briar just wants to be a fly on the wall, but she can't stand by when the cute but conceited drag king Spencer Read tries to put down another up-and-coming performer. To prove to him that even a brand-new performer could knock him off his pedestal, Briar signs up for the annual drag king competition.

There's just one flaw in her plan: Briar has never done drag before.



**Page Street Books
May 2024**

**All translation rights
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ARC Available

Agent: Moe Ferrara

Praise:

“Honest, hopeful, and full of sparkle, *Don't Be a Drag* shows that sometimes the best way to find your truest self is to let the sides of your personality shine that you've kept hidden from yourself and others.” —Jason June, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Out of the Blue*

“A realistic and raw portrayal of living with depression and anxiety. *Don't Be a Drag* introduces a fun, messy, memorable found family that I couldn't stop cheering for. Quinlan beautifully shows how we all have the power to face our demons, step into the spotlight, and slay!” —Jenna Miller, author of *Out of Character*

About the Author:

Skye Quinlan (they/them) was born in California during an earthquake and raised in the Midwest, where cornstalks outnumber people. When they're not writing, you can catch them at the nearest metaphysics or craft store, dressed up in cosplay at the nearest convention, or ruining antique furniture with epoxy resin and paint. Skye still lives in the Midwest with their wife, their two dogs, several lizards, a snake, and the occasional little human (their niece).

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Daniel, Deconstructed

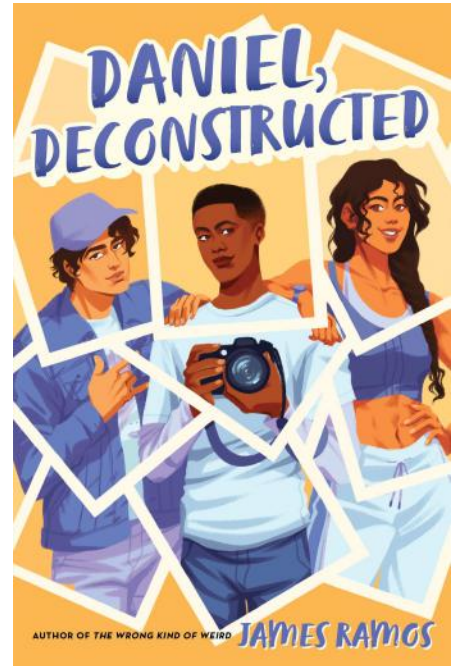
By James Ramos

A nerdy high schooler learns to embrace his main-character energy in this witty and heart-healing ode to movie tropes, meet-cutes, and LGBTQ+ love.

Photographer and film buff Daniel Sanchez learned a long time ago that the only way to get by in an allistic world is to mask his autism and follow the script. Which means he knows that boisterous, buff, and beautiful soccer superstars like his best friend, Mona Sinclair, shouldn't be wasting time hanging out with introverts who prefer being *behind* the camera.

So when Daniel meets a new classmate, Gabe Mendes, who is tall, mysterious, nonbinary, and—somehow—as cool as Mona, Daniel knows exactly how this is going to play out. Mona and Gabe will meet cute, win their nominations for Homecoming Court, and ride off into the sunset together. Daniel just needs to do a little behind-the-scenes directing.

But matchmaking means stepping into the mystifying and illogical world of love, dating, and relationships, where nothing is as it seems and no one knows their lines. And when Daniel finds *himself* playing a starring role in this romance, he'll question everything he thought he knew about himself and his place in the world.



HarperCollins/Inkyard
January 2024

All translation rights
available

Book Available

Agent: Emily Forney

Praise:

"Ramos' delightful novel oozes an energetic, all-encompassing love for geek culture... A charmingly nerdy and romantic coming-of-age story." —*Kirkus Reviews*, STARRED REVIEW

"Via an unapologetically geeky protagonist whose infectious enthusiasm for nerd culture leaps off the page, Ramos captures the sometimes all-consuming fear of trying to figure out who one truly is and the fear of letting go... A spirited read." —*Publishers Weekly*

"A hilariously relatable story about finding who you are and where you belong—and owning it." —Whitney Grandison, author of *A Love Hate Thing*

About the Author:

James Ramos (they/he) is a nonbinary, unapologetically dorky Minnesota native who now calls Arizona home. Weaned on a steady diet of sci-fi, comic books, and classic literature. James is passionate about stories that give voice to marginalized people, especially those within the LGBTQ+ community and people of color.

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LOVE LETTERS FOR JOY

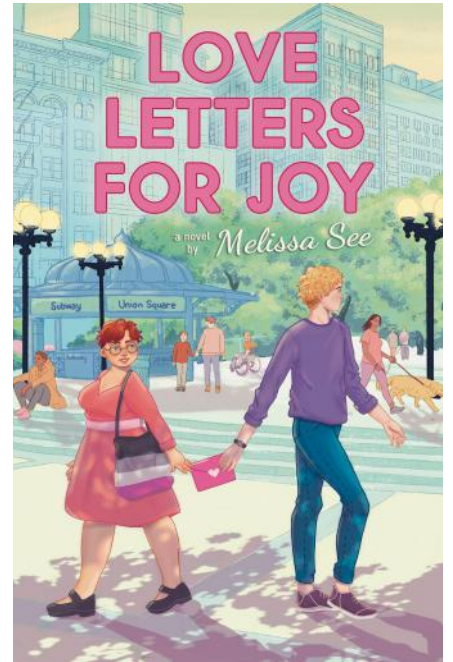
By Melissa See

A new romance story by the author of *You, Me, and Our Heartstrings*.

Less than a year away from graduation, seventeen-year-old Joy is too busy overachieving to be worried about relationships. She's determined to be Caldwell Prep's first disabled valedictorian. And she only has one person to beat, her academic rival Nathaniel.

But it's senior year and everyone seems to be obsessed with pairing up. One of her best friends may be developing feelings for her and the other uses Caldwell's anonymous love-letter writer to snag the girl of her dreams. Joy starts to wonder if she has missed out on a quintessential high school experience. She is asexual, but that's no reason she can't experience first love, right?

She writes to Caldwell Cupid to help her sort out these new feelings and, over time, finds herself falling for the mysterious voice behind the letters. But falling in love might mean risking what she wants most, especially when the letter-writer turns out to be the last person she would ever expect.



**Scholastic Press
June 2023**

**All translation rights
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Book Available

Agent: Emily Forney

Praise:

"*Love Letters for Joy* gives just that: joy! From start to finish, each page reminds you that every single one of us is deserving of love in all its forms." —Jason June, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Out of the Blue*

"A beautiful narrative that shows the power in embracing your identities and surrounding yourself with people who will see you—and love you—for who you are. Melissa See has created a delightful cast of characters that will leave your heart bursting with joy. I couldn't stop smiling!" —Brian D. Kennedy, author of *A Little Bit Country*

"Filled with humor, heart, and a healthy bit of drama, Melissa See creates contemporary stories that are every bit as much slice-of-life as they are true to life, and *Love Letters for Joy* is no exception." —Jonny Garza Villa, author of Pura Belpré Honor Book *Fifteen Hundred Miles from the Sun*

About the Author:

Melissa See is a disabled author of young adult contemporary romances living in New York.

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THIS PACT IS NOT OURS

By Zachary Sergi

The summer before college Luca Piccone returns to Copper Cove, the idyllic campsite he and his closest friends have visited every year since they were kids. To Luca, Copper Cove is like the setting of the fantasy movies he loves, a sanctuary, protected from the dangers of the outside world, where nothing goes wrong and everything stays the same.

But this year things are changing.

Desperate to make this summer the best one yet, Luca tries to ignore the freshly torn rifts within his tight friend group, the pangs of unrequited love, the anxiety attacks he thought he'd left back at school, and the shadows at the edge of the forest threatening to break free. Until he learns the terrible truth.

Every generation the children of four families are bound by a pact. A pact designed to keep the camp pristine and the monstrous force lurking beneath the campsite imprisoned. But in order to do this, an unthinkable price must be paid—a price that has soaked the previous generations in blood. Can Luca keep his friends, and his favorite place, from being ripped apart?

By the end of the summer, only one thing is for certain: Copper Cove will never be the same again.



**Tiny Ghost Press
October 2023**

**All translation rights
available**

Audio Rights Available

Book Available

Agent: Moe Ferrara

Praise:

“Pure bone-chilling, spine-tingling fun full of creep crawlies, *This Pact is Not Ours* is simply unputdownable! Zachary Sergi smartly takes the concept of a utopia and mines its murky underbelly to create a sinister summer camp romp that explores generational family trauma and what it means to carry the sins of your parents. This is a hauntingly rich story about the bonds and boundaries of friendship that is sure to give everyone the chills!” — Steven Salvatore, critically acclaimed author of *And They Lived...* and *No Perfect Places*

“Zachary Sergi knows how to create the perfect mix of goosebump chills, deep emotion, and page-turning anticipation! *This Pact is Not Ours* had me clutching my heart for the characters and looking over my shoulder for monsters!” — Jason June, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Out of the Blue*

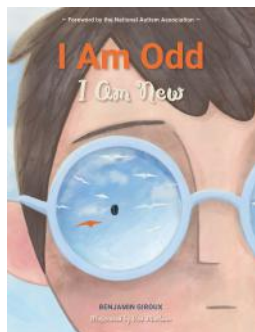
About the Author:

Zachary Sergi is the queer writer of nearly a dozen works of Interactive Fiction, including *Major Detours* and the *Heroes Rise* and *Versus* series. Zachary was raised in Manhattan, studied Creative Writing at Regis High School and the University of Pennsylvania, and now lives in Los Angeles with his husband, where he also writes for television. Catch his other releases from Running Press: *Major Decisions* (2021) and the forthcoming *So You Wanna Be a Pop Star?* (March 2023) featuring non-linear storytelling.

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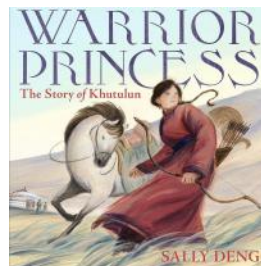
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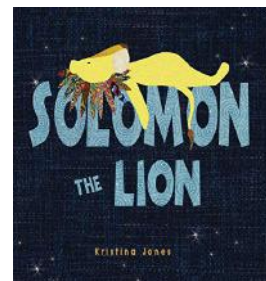
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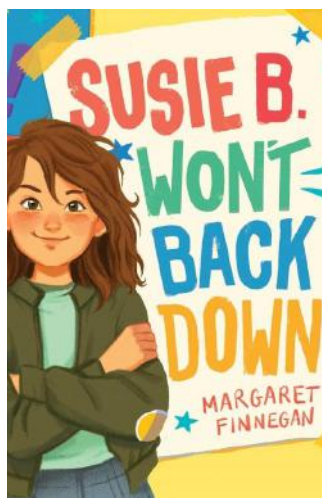


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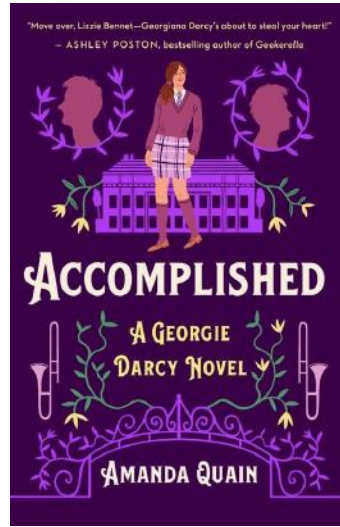


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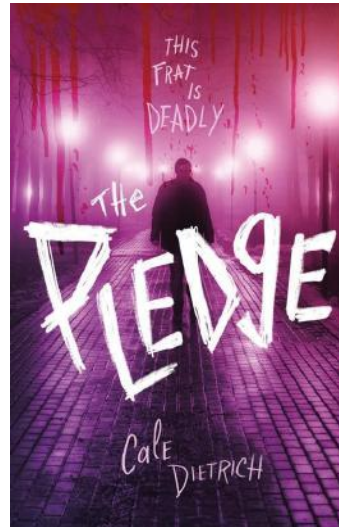
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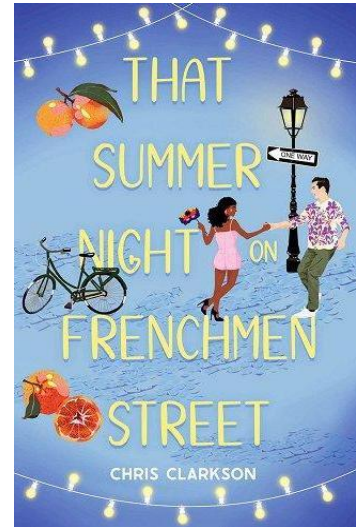
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