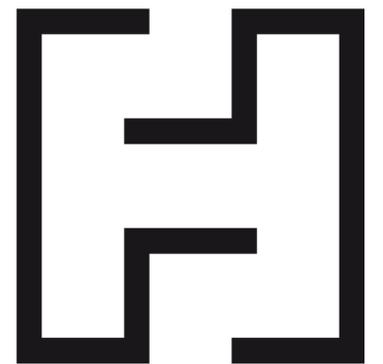


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**LITTLE, BROWN AND COMPANY BOOKS  
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# KNIGHT OWL AND EARLY BIRD

CHRISTOPHER DENISE

Ages 4 – 7

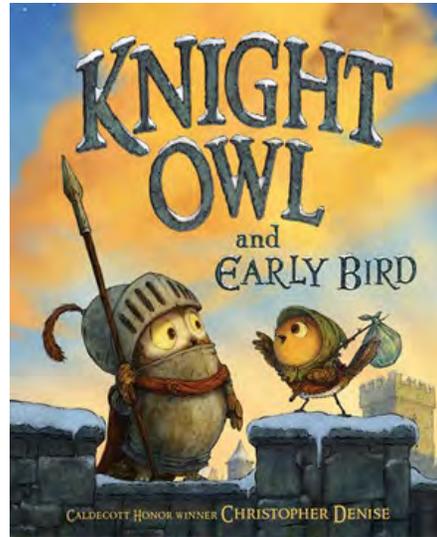
48 Pages

October 2024



Christy Ottaviano Books

**Knight Owl meets Early Bird in this companion to the *New York Times* bestselling and Caldecott Honor Award-winning classic.**

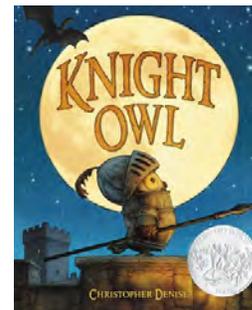


Early Bird wants to be brave and protect the castle, just like Knight Owl. But she falls asleep on the job and then keeps her hero up during the day with her enthusiastic chattiness, well-meaning questions, and cheerful owl impersonations. But there are strange happenings in the forest, and soon Knight Owl and Early Bird find themselves in the throes of danger. Will these two learn to work together to keep themselves and the kingdom safe?

Christopher Denise delivers another endearing medieval tale that shines with warmth and goodwill, and shows just how important teamwork is to saving the day.



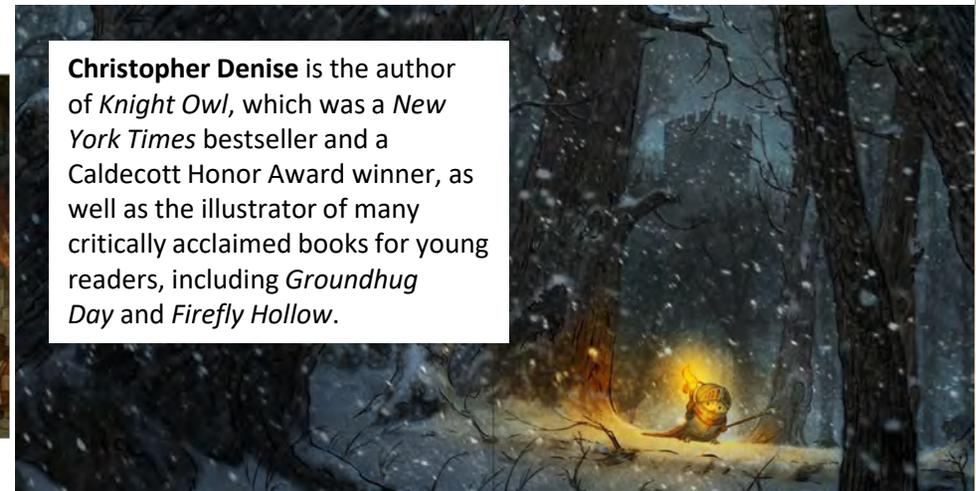
*Knight owl* sold in German (Fischer Kinder), French (Kaleidoscope), Portuguese (Editore Via Verita), Spanish (Norma Editorial), Spanish (Macmillan Educacion), Catalan (Norma Editorial), Italian (Adriano Salani Editore), Dutch (Uitgeverij Lemniscaat), Russian (AST), Japanese (Kagaku-Dojin), Korean (BIR), Thai (B2S), Slovenian (Grafenauer), Lithuanian (Lithuanian Writers' Union), Polish (Wydawnictwo), Greek (Metaihmio), Hebrew (Yediot Aharonot), Estonian (Hea Lugu), Romanian (Art Grup), Chinese-Complex (Taiwan Mac Educational), Chinese-Simplified (Shenzhen), Serbian (Laguna), Bulgarian (Miranda)



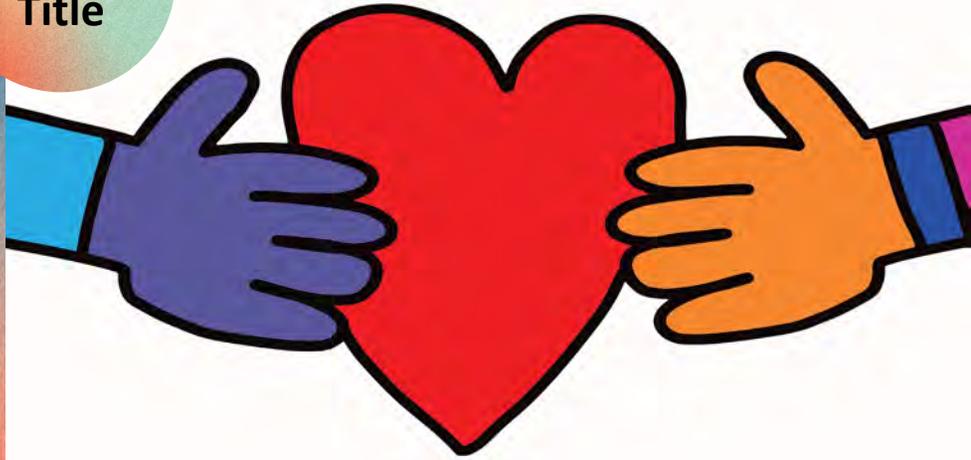
Visit Christopher online!



**Christopher Denise** is the author of *Knight Owl*, which was a *New York Times* bestseller and a Caldecott Honor Award winner, as well as the illustrator of many critically acclaimed books for young readers, including *Groundhug Day* and *Firefly Hollow*.



Lead  
Title



Todd Parr has inspired and empowered millions of children around the world with his bold images and positive messages. He is the bestselling author of more than sixty books, including *The Goodbye Book*, *The Family Book*, *The I Love You Book*, and *It's Okay to be Different*. He lives in California.

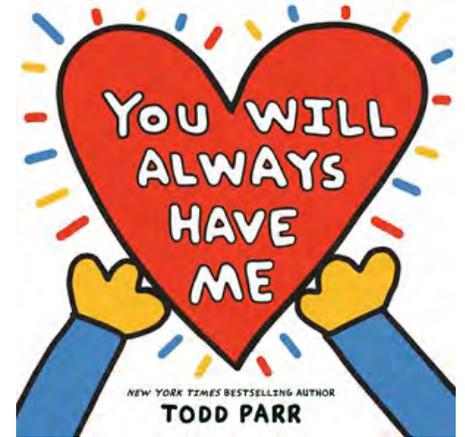
## YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE ME

TODD PARR

*Ages 4 – 8*

*32 Pages*

*September 2024*



This celebration of unconditional love and support from *New York Times* bestselling author Todd Parr is the perfect gift for graduations, Valentine's Day, and Mother's or Father's Day.



In this sweet picture book, Todd Parr celebrates the care and support we all need to thrive with his signature mix of humor and heart. *You Will Always Have Me* reminds readers that someone is always there for you—be it a parent or other family member, a friend, or even a pet. When you're sad or mad, when you feel like you're not good enough, *and* when you're excited and proud of who you are...you will always be loved!

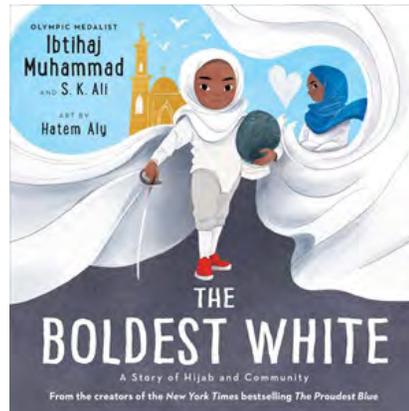


Todd Parr's books have been translated in Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese, Chinese-Simplified, Chinese-Complex, Welsh, Finnish, Polish, Icelandic, Croatian, Tamil, Hebrew, and more!

# THE BOLDEST WHITE

**IBTIHAJ MUHAMMAD,  
S. K. ALI, & HATEM ALY**

**Ages 4 – 8**  
**40 Pages**  
**September 2024**



**In this call to bravery from Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad, Faizah learns to overcome her fears and stand in front of the crowd in the final picture book of *The Proudest Blue* trilogy.**

Faizah loves being part of the crowd at her mosque, and she loves being part of the crowd at her fencing lessons. When all eyes are on her, though, Faizah freezes up. Mama says bravery will come with time, but there's a fencing tournament coming up—does Faizah have what it takes to be bold?

Community, courage, and leadership shine through every page of this empowering picture book from the bestselling, award-winning team behind *The Proudest Blue* and *The Kindest Red*.



Previous books in the series sold in the UK (Andersen Press) Arabic (Moon Publishing), Korean (Prooni Books), Turkish (Ketebe Kitap), Dutch (Rose Stories), Japanese (BL Shuppan), and German (Atfaluna)

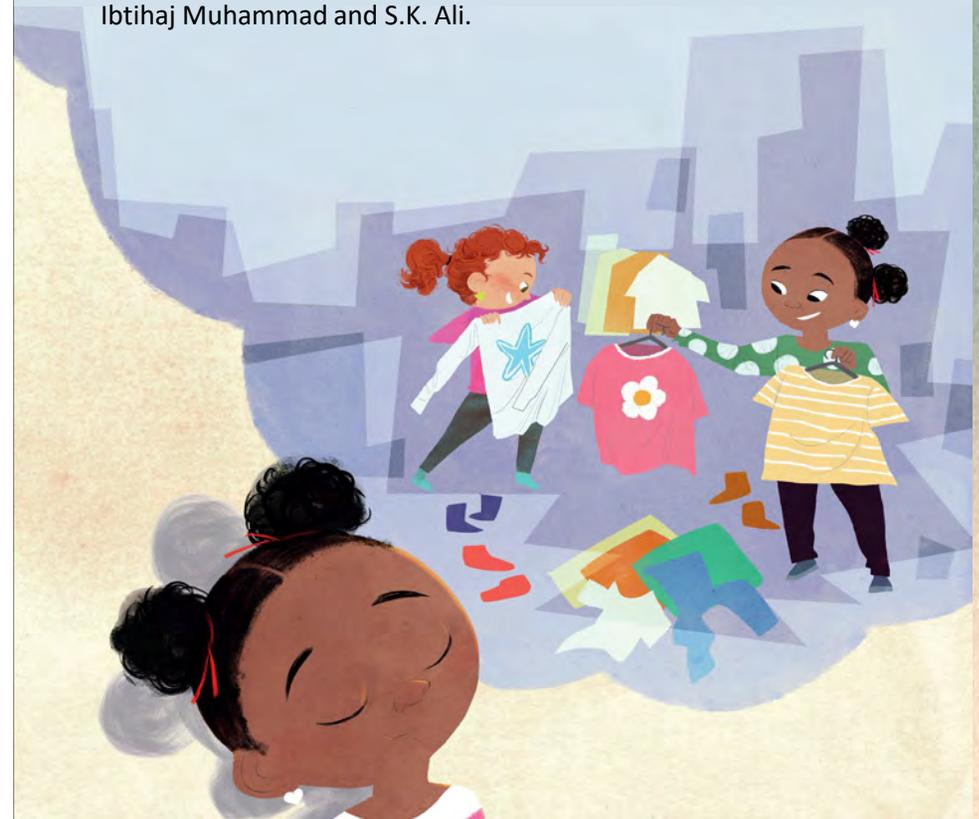
**Ibtihaj Muhammad** is the author of *The Proudest Blue*, *The Kindest Red*, and the memoir *Proud*. She is a fencer and the first Muslim American woman in hijab to compete for the U.S. in the Olympic Games. She is also the first female Muslim American to medal at the Olympic Games. An activist, speaker, and entrepreneur, Ibtihaj has inspired the first hijabi Barbie in her likeness.

Visit Ibtihaj online!



**S. K. Ali** is the award-winning author of *Saints and Misfits* and *Love from A to Z*, co-author of *The Proudest Blue* and *The Kindest Red*, and the coeditor of *Once Upon a Eid*.

**Hatem Aly** is an Egyptian-born illustrator whose work has been featured on TV and in publications worldwide. Among other books, he illustrated Newbery Honor winner, *The Inquisitor's Tale* by Adam Gidwitz and *The Proudest Blue* and *The Kindest Red* by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali.



# THE HELPING SWEATER

RACHEL MAS DAVIDSON

*Ages 4 – 8*

*40 Pages*

*November 2024*



It's finally cold enough for Maya to wear her favorite sweater! But when her cat pulls a thread loose, her beloved sweater quickly begins to unravel. Maya is heartbroken, but she doesn't have time to fix it before school. She realizes that maybe her sweater can help other people, and that's when the magic begins! Maya uses her sweater to help her community throughout the day. And of course, what goes around, comes around and when Maya needs help, someone comes to her rescue.



***The Helping Sweater* is an accessible, uplifting picture book with an engaging heroine and an empathetic message.**

**Rachel Más Davidson** is a Cuban-American illustrator who has a range of wonderfully colorful and commercial art. She has taught art for kids for twelve years as both a public school educator and private art instructor. She lives with her husband and sometime co-author in Austin, Texas.

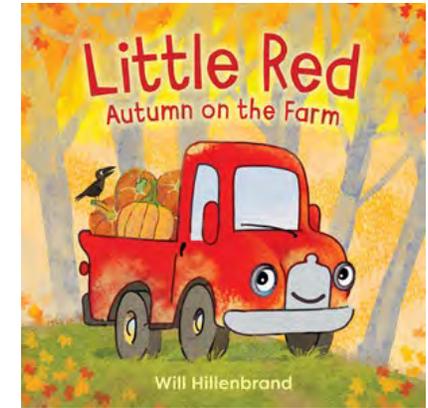
# LITTLE RED, AUTUMN ON THE FARM

WILL HILLENBRAND

*Ages 3 – 7*

*40 Pages*

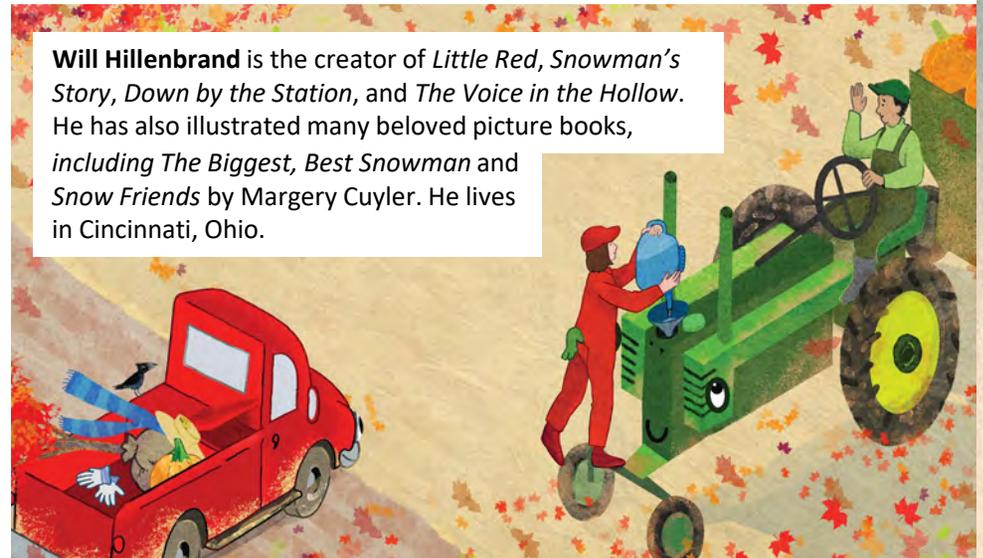
*September 2024*



**Little Red—a heroic pickup truck who can fix anything—is determined to help his many truck friends attend the harvest festival in this autumn-themed follow up to *Little Red*, perfect for fans of *The Leaf Thief* and *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves*.**

The Shady Acre community is getting ready for the harvest festival, and there's lots to do to prepare for it. All the trucks have important jobs—but there are many in need of repair. No worries—just call on Little Red to help, and in the nick of time too!

**Will Hillenbrand** is the creator of *Little Red*, *Snowman's Story*, *Down by the Station*, and *The Voice in the Hollow*. He has also illustrated many beloved picture books, including *The Biggest, Best Snowman* and *Snow Friends* by Margery Cuyler. He lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.



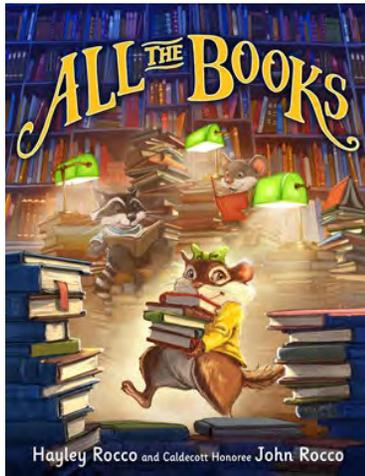
# ALL THE BOOKS

HAYLEY ROCCO & JOHN ROCCO

Ages 4 – 8  
48 Pages  
October 2024

By book-lover Hayley Rocco and award-winning illustrator John Rocco, this adorable book is a charming love letter to reading, sharing, libraries and librarians everywhere.

Piper Waterstone loves her books—so much so, that she cannot, will not, share them with anyone. That's why she takes them with her *everywhere* she goes. Like through the woods, into town, and even up a *very* steep hill! But when a disaster destroys her precious books, a friendly librarian presents Piper with a magical card that will give her *all* the books she could ever dream of... just as long as she shares them with all her book-loving neighbors.



John's previous books sold in Spanish (Great Minds), Chinese-Simplified (Beijing Yuanliu Classic Culture), and Chinese-Complex (Global Kids Books)

Hayley Rocco is the author of *How to Send a Hug*, her first collaboration with her husband, John Rocco. Before dedicating herself to writing for children, Hayley worked as a publicist at several major publishers.



Learn more about Hayley!



Visit John online!

John Rocco is a bestselling and Caldecott honored author and illustrator of many acclaimed books for kids, including *Blackout* and *How We Got To The Moon*.

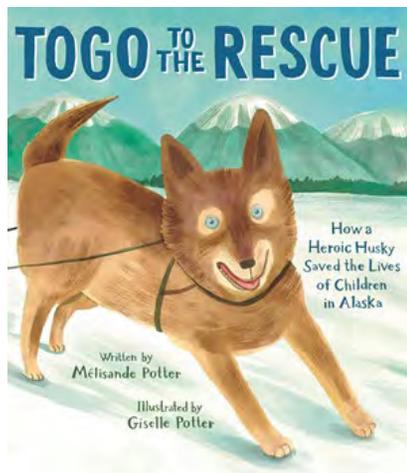
Caldecott Honored Illustrator



# TOGO TO THE RESCUE

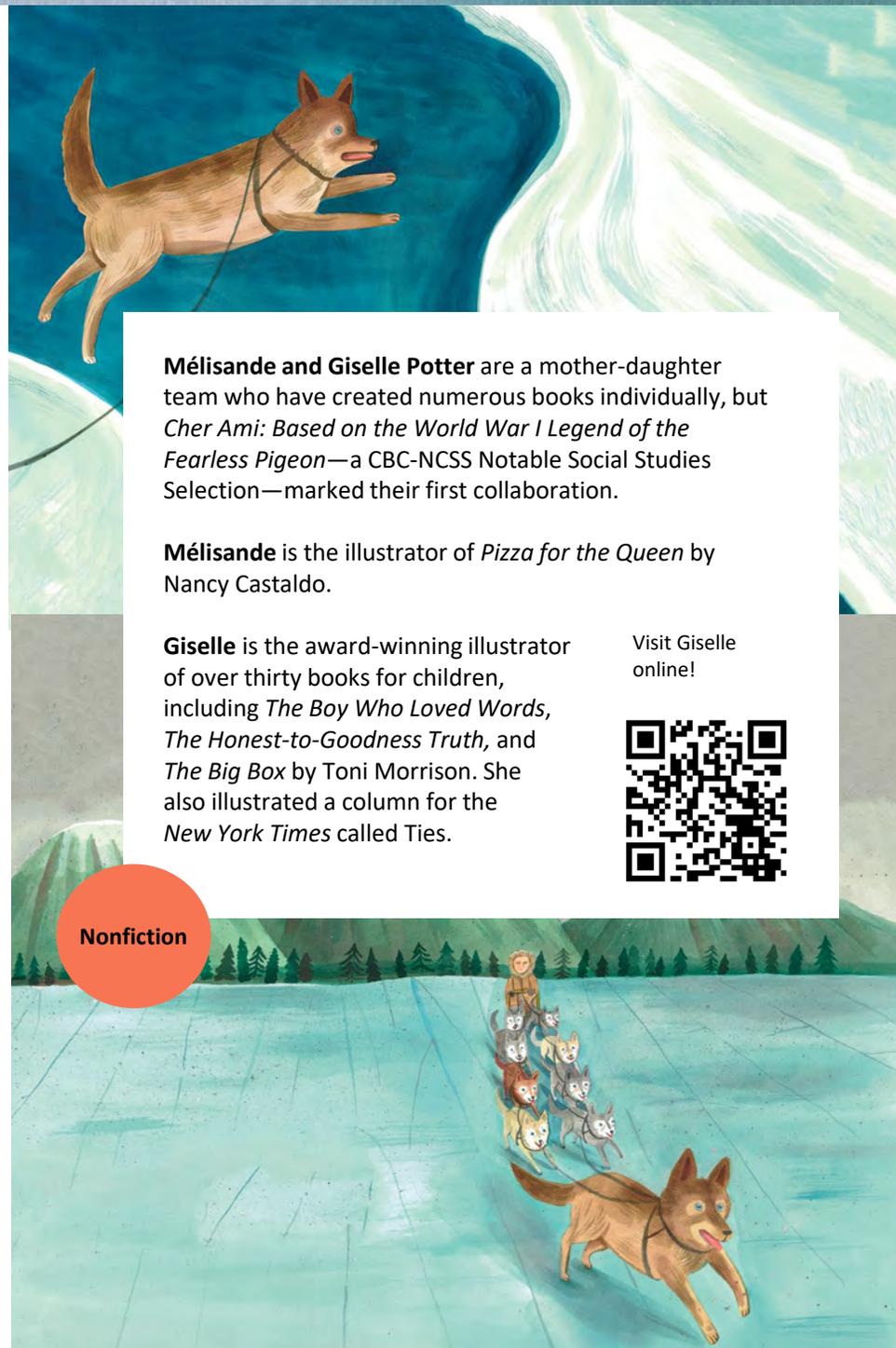
MÉLISANDE POTTER  
& GISELLE POTTER

Ages 4 – 8  
40 Pages  
October 2024



In January 1925, the community of Nome, Alaska, was overcome by an outbreak of diphtheria, a deadly disease that affected mostly children. If that weren't enough, a blinding snowstorm prevented all travel to and from the rural town. Who would deliver the serum cure? Nome's only hope rested on sled dogs. An expedition was quickly organized: The dogs would travel in teams in a relay covering 674 miles to deliver the serum. One of those teams, led by musher Leonhard Seppala, had Togo at the helm. It was Togo leading the pack that traveled the longest and most dangerous part of the expedition.

This incredible true story celebrates courage and determination in the face of unimaginable circumstances and cements Togo's legacy in history as a legendary dog hero. Includes rich back matter on this time period in American History featuring information on Alaska, the Diphtheria outbreak, anti-serum toxin, and dog sledding as a means of transportation in times of need.



**Mélisande and Giselle Potter** are a mother-daughter team who have created numerous books individually, but *Cher Ami: Based on the World War I Legend of the Fearless Pigeon*—a CBC-NCSS Notable Social Studies Selection—marked their first collaboration.

**Mélisande** is the illustrator of *Pizza for the Queen* by Nancy Castaldo.

**Giselle** is the award-winning illustrator of over thirty books for children, including *The Boy Who Loved Words*, *The Honest-to-Goodness Truth*, and *The Big Box* by Toni Morrison. She also illustrated a column for the *New York Times* called *Ties*.

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Nonfiction

# WINTER MAGIC

ROBERT BURLEIGH &  
WENDELL MINOR

Ages 4 – 8  
32 Pages  
October 2024



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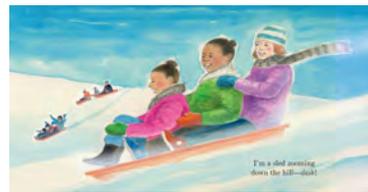
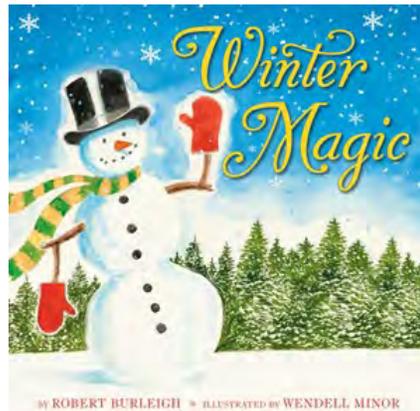
Discover the magic of winter in this heartwarming read-aloud full of cozy charm and beautiful artwork. This seasonal celebration captures a beloved time of year—from making snow angels and gingerbread houses to sledding and ice-skating, to lighting the menorah and decorating with holiday wreaths and trees. Winter is special for all to experience and enjoy!

**Robert Burleigh** has written many award-winning children's books, including *The Great Zombie Pumpkin Parade!*; *Abraham Lincoln Comes Home*; *If You Spent a Day with Thoreau at Walden Pond*; *Edward Hopper Paints His World*; *Tiny Bird*; and *Hi, I'm Norman*—all of which were illustrated by Wendell Minor.



Learn more about Wendell!

**Wendell Minor** is an award-winning children's book illustrator, including many collaborations with Robert Burleigh, as well as the *New York Times* bestselling *Reaching for the Moon* by Buzz Aldrin.



# A MOUSE FAMILY CHRISTMAS

DEBORAH UNDERWOOD  
& LEAH HONG

Ages 4 – 8  
40 Pages  
October 2024



It's Christmas Eve, and Hugo the mouse and his family are busy decorating their attic home for the most magical night of the year. But this season, the downstairs is quiet—without an ounce of cheer. Can Hugo hatch a plan to bring some of the joy from upstairs to the lonely man downstairs, who's spending this holiday without his loved ones?

This little mouse family with big, brave hearts will inspire young readers to spread kindness not just during the Christmas season, but all year round.



**Deborah Underwood** is the author of numerous books for children, including *Outside In*, *Interstellar Cinderella*, *XO*, and *New York Times* bestsellers *The Quiet Book*, *The Loud Book*, and *Here Comes the Easter Cat*.



Visit Deborah's website!

Visit Leah online!



**Leah Hong** is the creator of *Happy Dreams*, *Little Bunny* and illustrator of *When You Have to Wait* by Melanie Conklin. She graduated from Emily Carr University of Art + Design with a degree in painting and drawing.



## DANCE FAST

AR CRIBBINS

*Ages 4 – 8*

*40 Pages*

*October 2024*

Bizzy is making the regalia she'll need for her first dance, and she wants it to be perfect. But it's tricky work, even with grown-up help, and her high expectations soon come crashing down in a flurry of torn fabric, loose beads, and tears. Fortunately, Grandma's got just the right advice to help Bizzy see past the flaws, finish her work, and remember what's really important: the dancing!

*Dance Fast* is inspired by the author's own experience making regalia and struggling with perfectionism; it will be relatable to any kid who has dealt with the frustration of having a project go not-quite-right.



**AR Cribbins (she/they)** is a member of the Society for Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI) as well as Tapestry of Voices, a local SCBWI initiative dedicated to celebrating and centering diversity in children's publishing. They have published fiction in literary anthologies, including VoiceCatcher and Queer Fish. AR resides in Albany, California.

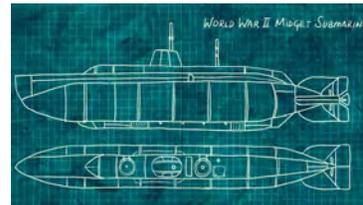
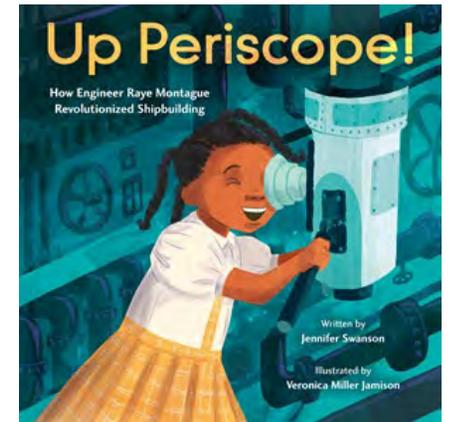
## UP PERISCOPE!

JENNIFER SWANSON &  
VERONICA MILLER JAMISON

*Ages 4 – 8*

*40 Pages*

*November 2024*



**The inspiring story of Raye Montague, a hidden figure who created the first comprehensive computer program to design ships for the US Navy.**

Raye's groundbreaking program revolutionized how seacraft were built, setting her on a path to become a pioneering figure in naval engineering and the navy's first female program manager of ships. This story encourages kids to chase their dreams, even in the face of obstacles.

Learn more about Jennifer!



**Jennifer Swanson** is an award-winning children's author of more than forty-five books. She is also the creator and co-host of the award-winning podcast *Solve It for Kids*.

**Veronica Miller Jamison** is the illustrator of the award-winning book, *A Computer Called Katherine* by Suzanne Slade. Veronica worked in broadcast news before embarking on a career in illustration.

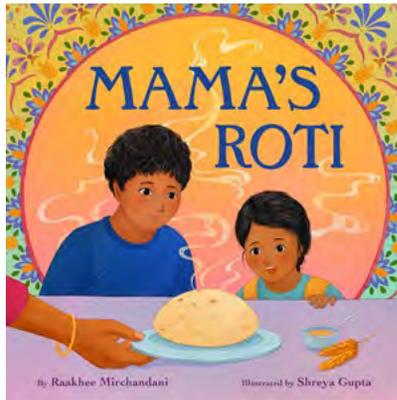


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# MAMA'S ROTI

RAAKHEE MIRCHANDANI  
& SHREYA GUPTA

Ages 4 – 8  
40 Pages  
October 2024



A powerful story about the life-giving force of roti—an Indian flatbread—inspired by the 2020 farmers' protests in India.

A roti isn't just a roti. It's a day in the hot sun tending to wheat fields. It's grains of truth about where we come from. It's hundreds of hands over thousands of years, kneading together our story. Told through alternating perspectives of families in America and India, this intergenerational story proves that something as small as a grain of wheat can create a powerful sense of community.



**Raakhee Mirchandani** is an award-winning writer and editor. She is the author of *My Diwali Light*, *Hair Twins*, *Super Satya Saves the Day*, and *She Persisted: Kalpana Chawla*. She lives in Hoboken, New Jersey, with her husband and daughter.



Visit Raakhee online!

See more of Shreya's work!



**Shreya Gupta** is the illustrator of *She Sang for India* by Suma Subramaniam. She is originally from India, but her passion for illustration brought her to the U.S., where she studied at the School of Visual Arts. Her work has been featured as a "Google Doodle" logo, in the *New York Times*, *Asia Society* magazine and in various major publications. She lives in New York, NY.

# MIDDLE GRADE

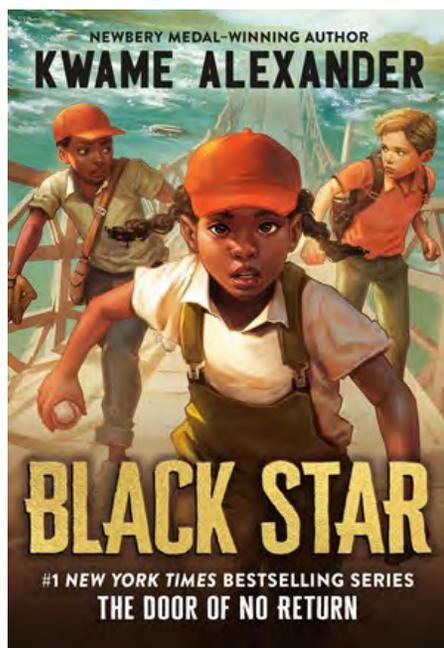


# BLACK STAR

KWAME ALEXANDER

**Ages 10 & up**  
**400 Pages**  
**September 2024**

Spending 18 weeks on the NYT Bestseller list, named Amazon's #1 best of the year in Children's Books, a #1 Indie Next Choice, with 8 starred reviews & 4 State Award nominations, *The Door of No Return* is a critical and commercial hit!



12-year old Charley Cuffey is many things: granddaughter, best friend, and probably the best pitcher in all of Lee's Mill. Set on becoming the first professional female pitcher, Charley doesn't need reminding that she has lofty dreams for a Black girl in the South. Family stories about courageous ancestors and epic journeys make it impossible not to dream big, but her parents say she isn't old enough to know about certain things, like what happened to Booker Preston and why she can't play on the baseball field on the other side of town. When Charley challenges a neighborhood bully to a game at the church picnic, she knows she can win. But when the picnic spills over onto their ball field, she makes a fateful decision.

A child cannot protect herself if she does not know her history, and Charley's choice brings consequences she never could have imagined.

In this thrilling second book of *The Door of No Return* trilogy, Kwame Alexander weaves a spellbinding story of struggle, determination, and the unflappable faith of family.

*You can't protect her from knowing.  
The truth is all we have.*

Caldecott &  
Newbery  
Medal  
Winner

**Kwame Alexander** is a poet, educator, publisher, and *New York Times* bestselling author of more than 35 books, including the Caldecott Medal and Newbery Honor-winning picture book *The Undeclared*, illustrated by Kadir Nelson, the Newbery medal-winning novel, *The Crossover*, *Becoming Muhammad Ali*, co-authored with James Patterson, *Booked*, which was longlisted for the National Book Award, *Rebound*, *Solo* and *Swing*. A regular contributor to NPR's *Morning Edition*, Kwame is also the recipient of numerous other awards, including the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award, the Coretta Scott King Author Honor, three NAACP Image Award Nominations, and the 2017 Inaugural Pat Conroy Legacy Award.



Visit Kwame's website!



*An American Story* sold in UK English (Andersen Press) and Korean (Prooni Books), *The Door of No Return* sold in UK English (Andersen Press) and French (Editions Albin Michel)

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Title

## Lead Title

On Halloween, it is always wise to expect the unexpected, but no amount of planning could have prepared Eve for this particular Halloween night. As she once again flees the orphanage—her pursuers nipping at her heels—she’s saved by someone who she never believed was real...the fabled Pumpkin King. And when he offers to take her in as his daughter, not even the ever-logical Eve can make sense of it. Throwing caution aside, she accepts and is whisked away to be the Pumpkin Princess Halloween Valley—home to witches and vampires, ghosts and goblins, skeletons and werewolves, and all that go bump in the night.

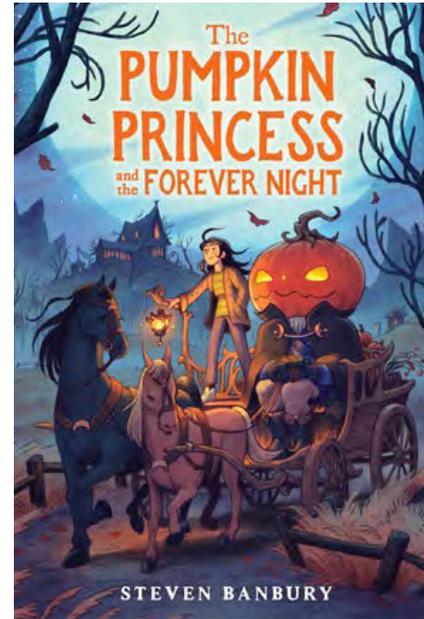


Surrounded by those who wish her gone, Eve manages to make her first-ever friends and feels she might finally have the family she always wanted. But just when she believes she’s found her place, the consequences of being a living soul in the land of the undead start

to reveal themselves, unearthing a sinister scheme that threatens to take everything from her, unless Eve can stop it.

From debut author Steven Banbury comes a cozy, magical adventure that's sure to delight anyone who loves the tricks of Halloween as much as the treats of fall.

Spooky yet heartwarming—perfect for fans of *Nevermoor* and the hit series *Wednesday*!



## THE PUMPKIN PRINCESS AND THE FOREVER NIGHT

STEVEN BANBURY

*Ages 10 & up*

*336 Pages*

*September 2024*

Steven Banbury grew up surrounded by farmland before eventually moving to a part of California with notably fewer cows. Somewhere along the way he married his legend of a wife, adopted an annoyingly cute dog, and developed a penchant for writing he hasn't seemed to shake. *The Pumpkin Princess and the Forever Night* is his debut novel.



# TALE OF THE FLYING FOREST

R. M. ROMERO

Ages 10 & up  
336 Pages  
October 2024



A spellbinding and lyrical Jewish Narnia for a new age, perfect for fans of *The Beatrice Prophecy* and classic fairy tales, with lavish illustrations that bring the magic to life.

After her mother passes away and her father retreats into his grief, 11-year-old Anne Applebaum is afraid the only happy endings she'll ever have are in *The World to Come*, a collection of fairy tales about the flying forest of Bei Ilai. In its, children outsmart demons, girls train as knights, and songs come to life. But even these stories can't stop Anne from feeling alone. So when a raven tells her that she has a long-lost twin brother named Rainer, she sets out to find him. Anne soon learns that Bei Ilai is a real place—and she must step through the door into this magical realm to seek her brother.

But the dangers in the flying forest are just as real as its beauty. To overcome the challenges and monsters she faces, Anne must lean into the magic contained within her and her Jewish faith—especially when she discovers Rainer is locked away by a being more frightening than any dragon.

Because the most terrifying villain of all is one who used to be a hero.



**R.M. Romero** (she/they) is a critically acclaimed Jewish Latina and international bestselling author of fairy tales for children and adults. She is the author of *The Dollmaker of Kraków* and *The Ghosts of Rose Hill*, both Sydney Taylor Notable Books; *A Warning About Swans*; and the forthcoming *Death's Country*. R.M. Romero lives in Miami Beach with her cat Henry VIII.



Visit R.M. online!



# MONSTER MOVIE!

CHUCK WENDIG

*Ages 10 & up*

*384 Pages*

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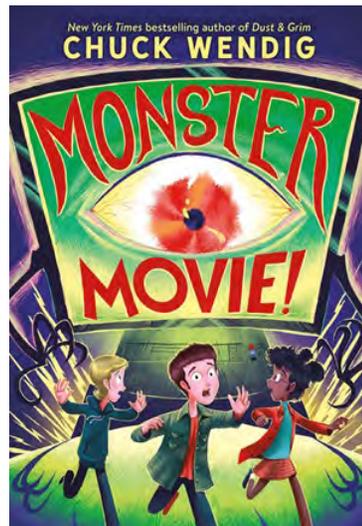
In this modern, spooky novel by *New York Times* bestselling author Chuck Wendig, a boy must face his many fears to save his friends from a cursed videotape.

Ethan Pitowski is afraid of *everything*. Luckily, his best friends don't mind, and when their entire class gets invited to watch a long-buried horror movie at the most popular boy in school's house, Ethan's friends encourage him to join in the fun. But when the "scariest movie ever made" reveals itself to be not just a movie about a monster, but a movie that *is* a monster, only a terrified Ethan escapes its clutches. Now he must find a way to stop the monster and save his friends (and also, um, get their heads back).

With his signature balance of kid-friendly horror and humor, Chuck Wendig crafts a spookily heartfelt novel about anxiety, friendship, and finding your unique voice and inner strength.

**Chuck Wendig** is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling middle grade horror novel *Dust & Grim*. He is also the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *LA Times* bestselling author of numerous novels for adults and young adults. He lives in Pennsylvania with his family.

*Dust & Grim*  
sold in French  
(Albin Michel)  
and Italian  
(Feltrinelli)



# FATAL FORECAST

MICHAEL J TOUGIAS

*Ages 10 & up*

*400 Pages*

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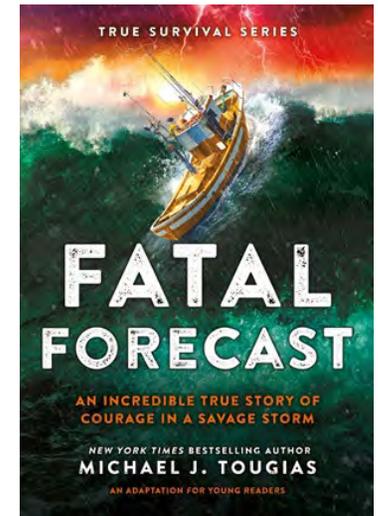
Christy Ottaviano Books

As harrowing as *The Perfect Storm*—but with a miraculous ending—*Fatal Forecast* is one of the greatest survival stories ever told.

On November 21, 1980, two small boats set out from Cape Cod for Georges Bank, a fishing ground one hundred miles out to sea. The National Weather Service had forecast typical fall weather, and the young crews had no reason to expect that this trip would be out of the ordinary. Little did they know the only weather buoy in the area was malfunctioning. As the boats headed out, a colossal storm was brewing, a furious maelstrom that would batter the boats with sixty-foot waves and hurricane-force winds.

Gripping and heart-pounding, this adaptation for young readers is an unforgettable story about the collision of two spectacular forces: the brutality of nature and the human will to survive.

**Michael J. Tougias** is the author of *Abandon Ship!* and many other award-winning true rescue stories, including the *New York Times* bestseller *The Finest Hours*, as well as the young reader's adaptation of *In Harm's Way* by Doug Stanton. A frequent lecturer who also enjoys visiting schools to talk about his books and show slides from the stories, Tougias splits his time between Massachusetts and Florida.



Learn more  
about Michael!

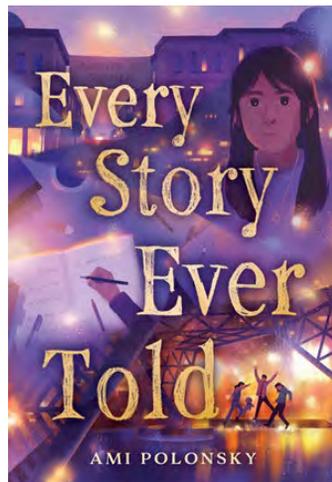


# EVERY STORY EVER TOLD

AMI POLONSKY

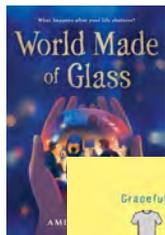
*Ages 10 & up*  
**384 Pages**  
**October 2024**

For fans of **Dusti Bowling & Jasmine Warga!**



Stevie’s sheltered suburban life is shattered by a mass shooting at a festival in her town. In the aftermath, her brain feels broken. She can’t bear to visit her mom, recovering in the hospital, or be pent up in her grandparents’ Manhattan apartment. To escape, Stevie starts adventuring around the City with her best friend and a new therapy dog. The trio starts chasing stories—about a neighbor’s life after the Holocaust, Stevie’s grandfathers who died of AIDS, and even her own mom’s activist upbringing. These stories may not bring Stevie back to “normal,” but can they help her find a new version of herself?

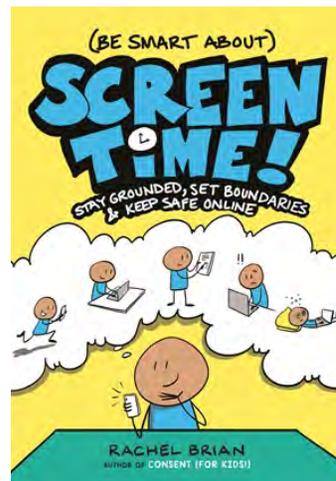
Written with compassion and caring, *Every Story Ever Told* places readers at the center of their own story and within a larger human tapestry, as one girl tries to make sense of the unthinkable.



Author’s books previously sold in Italian (Edizioni Piemme), Spanish (Planeta Mexicana), Japanese (Gakken), & Vietnamese (Kim Dong)

**Ami Polonsky** is a middle school teacher, mother, and author, among other things.

Visit Ami online!



# SCREEN TIME

RACHEL BRIAN

*Ages 6 - 10*  
**64 Pages**  
**November 2024**

The on-screen world is exciting! There are games, memes and friends from afar! But it also requires caution—trolls bots, and bullies lurk around every comment section. Luckily there are rules for the road that make navigating this space safe.

In this book, kids learn how to use devices responsibly, practice moderation with social media, set boundaries in online interactions, be good online allies, balance online time with real-world activities, ask for help when they need it, and more!

With kid-friendly cartoon panels, empathetic language, and clear definitions, Rachel Brian provides research-based guidance for kids as they join the digital world.



**Rachel Brian** is the author of *Consent (for Kids!)* and *The Worry (Less) Book*. She is best known for her work on "Tea Consent," a video that has been translated into over 20 languages and has over 150 million views worldwide. A long-time artist, Rachel is a former researcher and an educator.

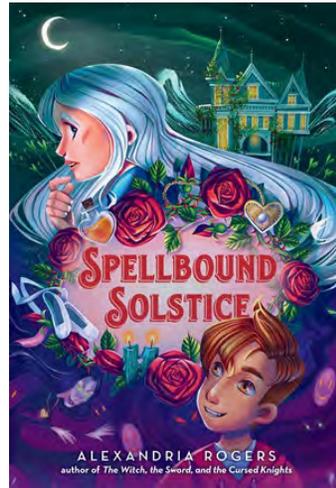
*Consent (for Kids!)* sold in UK English (Hachette UK), Greek (Gordon Hellas), Japanese (Shueisha), Polish (Wydawnictwo), Korean (Book21), Chinese-Simplified (Bejing Ruyixinxin), Chinese-Complex (Sun Ya), Italian (De Agostini), Spanish (Oceano), Portuguese (PRH Grupo Editorial), & Hebrew (Kinneret Zmora-Bitan Dvir)

# SPELLBOUND SOLSTICE

ALEXANDRIA ROGERS

*Ages 8 - 12*  
*368 Pages*  
*October 2024*

*Ella Enchanted meets The Parent Trap* in this spellbinding wintery tale!



Every winter solstice, when people lock eyes in the Ambrose Ensorcelled Cottage, they fall in love. This year, Alice has secretly invited her dad in hopes that her parents will get back together. But when her parents lock eyes, nothing happens: turns out, the women in her family are cursed *never* fall in love.

Ronan will do anything to get his enchantress mom to settle on a forever home. Luckily, he's found her a perfect job at a perfect place: the Ensorcelled Cottage. The only snag? His mom would rather run from their mysterious past.

When Ronan learns about Alice's family curse, he figures he can kill two birds with one broken curse, since helping Alice will surely earn his mom points with the owner of the Cottage. But when their meddling puts the entire town at risk, Alice and Ronan discover that happily ever after doesn't look the same for every family. And sometimes, to get what you want, you'll have to give.

**Alexandria Rogers** is the author of *The Witch, the Sword, and the Cursed Knights* and *The Beast, the Queen, and the Lost Knight*. She lives in Edinburgh with her husband, daughter, and dog.

Learn more about Alexandria!



# INSTAFAMOUS

ERIKA J. KENDRICK

*Ages 8 - 12*  
*336 Pages*  
*October 2024*

This funny and fabulous novel about a middle school diva's hunt for the spotlight speaks to the importance of friendship & family in the midst of fame.



Lyric Whitney Houston Darby has always wanted to be famous, just like her singing sensation mom. So when the hottest music competition TV show announces auditions in her town, Lyric knows this is her chance. There are just a few problems: First, the show requires industry experience. This means Lyric has to audition for her school's production of *The Wiz*...as if middle school musicals aren't totally beneath her. Second, she needs to mega-boost her platform on Instagram. *Fast*. This show is an influencers-only event!

Luckily, Lyric's got her besties at her side. They've always been her number one, ride-or-die fans and friends for life. But when they face their own struggles just as Lyric gets everything she's ever dreamed of, will she be there to lift them up or will she learn the real cost of being instafamous?



**Erika J. Kendrick** is a national speaker, mental health advocate, and former NBA cheerleader. She is a Stanford University graduate with an MBA in marketing and international business from the University of Illinois. She is the author of *Squad Goals* and *Cookie Monsters*.



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FOR YOUNG READERS

# GRAPHIC NOVELS

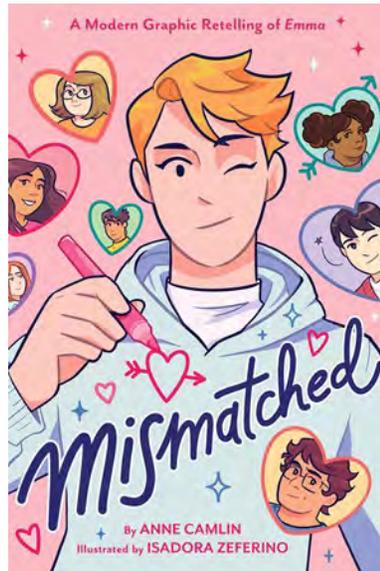


# MISMATCHED

ANNE CAMLIN &  
ISADORA ZEFERINO

**Ages 14 & up**  
**264 Pages**  
**September 2024**

For fans of *Heartstopper* & *The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich!*



**Anne Camlin** is a writer of fiction and graphic novels. Originally from Long Island, they currently live in Connecticut.

**Isadora Zeferino** is a freelance illustrator and comic artist. She's been featured on TASCHEN's *The Illustrator: 100 Best from Around the World*, and has designed many Brazilian covers, including *Howl's Moving Castle*; *Matilda*; *The Princess Diaries*; and *Red, White & Royal Blue*.



A teen social media star learns he can't control everything in this delicious modern-day adaptation of Jane Austen's *Emma*.

Evan Horowitz is obsessed with three things in life: makeup, social media, and matchmaking! When he's not making waves as an influencer or ruling over his school's Genders & Sexualities Alliance, he loves poking his nose into his friends' relationships, as he's *confident* he knows what's best for them.

And why shouldn't he be? Ever since he predicted the pairing of not one but TWO couples close to him, he's sure he has the magic touch. So when shy transfer student Natalia shuffles into GSA one day, Evan can't help but get his hands messy! Who better than him to give her a push in the right direction? With so many matches to choose from, it's not long before Evan sets his plan in motion—very much against the better judgment of his level-headed best friend, Davi.

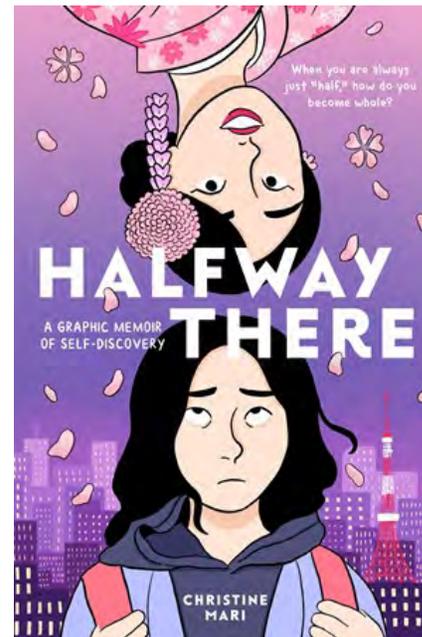
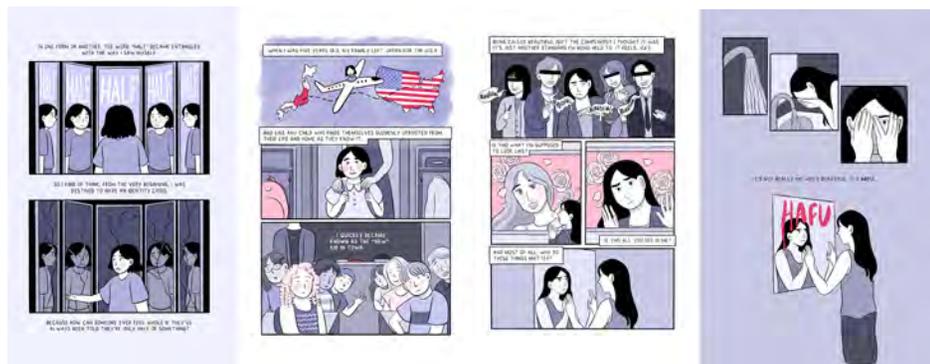
But he takes things too far, creating a web of drama. Can Evan learn to put the people closest to him before his misguided ambition? Or will he lose them, and his own chance at romance, too?

Rights have sold in UK English (Andersen Press), Polish (Sonia Draga), & Portuguese (Editora Schwarcz)



## Lead Title

**Christine Mari** is a comic artist based in Los Angeles. When she was fifteen, she wrote her first book, *Diary of a Tokyo Teen*, an illustrated travelogue detailing one summer in Japan. Her artistic journey continued in her online comics, which deal with topics ranging from her multiracial identity to navigating adulthood. This is her first graphic novel. Christine invites you to visit her at [christinemari.com](http://christinemari.com) or follow her Instagram @christinemaricomics.



## HALFWAY THERE

**CHRISTINE MARI**

**Ages 13 & up**

**304 Pages**

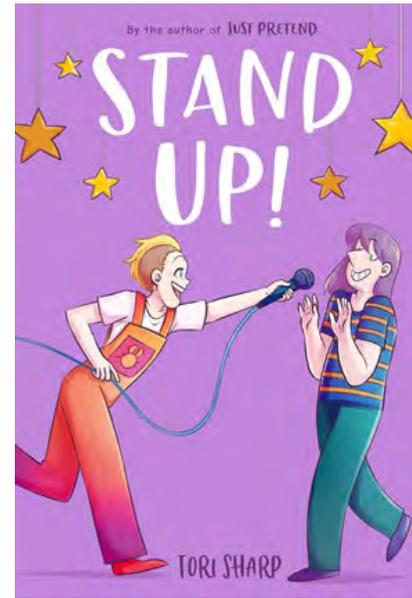
**October 2024**

**A poignant graphic memoir from rising star Christine Mari, following her college year abroad in Japan, as she struggles to reconcile both sides of her identity.**

Christine has always felt she is just half. As a biracial Japanese American who was born in Tokyo but raised in the US, she knows all too well what it's like to be a part of two different worlds.

Now on the brink of adulthood, Christine decides it's time to return to Tokyo. She sets forth on a year abroad, believing that this is where she truly belongs after years of feeling like an outsider. Except...Tokyo isn't the answer she thought it would be. Instead of fitting in, Christine finds herself a fish out of water, as being half of two cultures isolates her in ways she'd never imagined. All she can do is try to stay afloat for the rest of the year—still figuring out who she is, what she wants, and whether she'll ever truly be more than halfway there.





# STAND UP!

**TORI SHARP**

**Ages 8 - 12**

**336 Pages**

**October 2024**

**Two hilarious best friends create their very own podcast in this feel-good middle grade graphic novel about making the spotlight your own.**

Best friends Clay and Kyle can't help but inject fun into everything. Whether they're goofing off backstage during a performance or making rib-tickling jokes at an open mic, these two are always ready to make people laugh! Now Clay's hoping to shift her improv skills to the stage in her middle school's production of *Gals and Dolls*, which means spending even more time with her crush, Dania. But Clay's boisterous humor doesn't sit well with the director, who has ZERO tolerance for fun.

Clay, however, *refuses* to be boring! She and Kyle are eager to bring their comedic talents into the spotlight, but school musicals are too serious, open mics are too long...

And that's when it hits them—they should start a podcast! But with rehearsals to attend, new episodes to record, and time running out for Clay to ask a certain someone to the eighth-grade dance, will Clay and Kyle be able to do it all?



**Tori Sharp** is a Seattle-based author-illustrator and a swing and blues dancer with a BFA in sequential art from SCAD. Her first book, *Just Pretend*, is an energetic, affecting graphic memoir about using imagination to navigate the fallout from her parents' divorce. It's full of magic, fairies, witches, and lost and found friendships. You can find her online at [torisharp.com](http://torisharp.com).

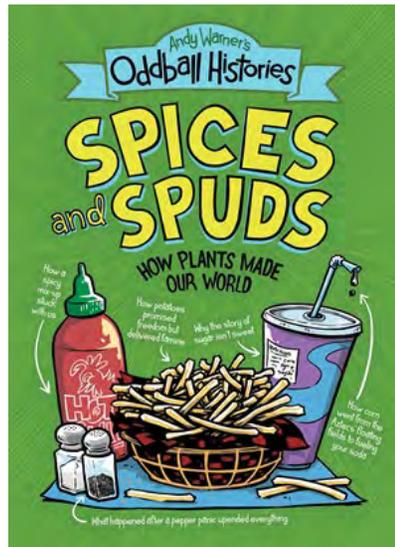
# ANDY WARNER'S ODDBALL HISTORIES: SPICES AND SPUDS

ANDY WARNER

Ages 8 – 12

248 Pages

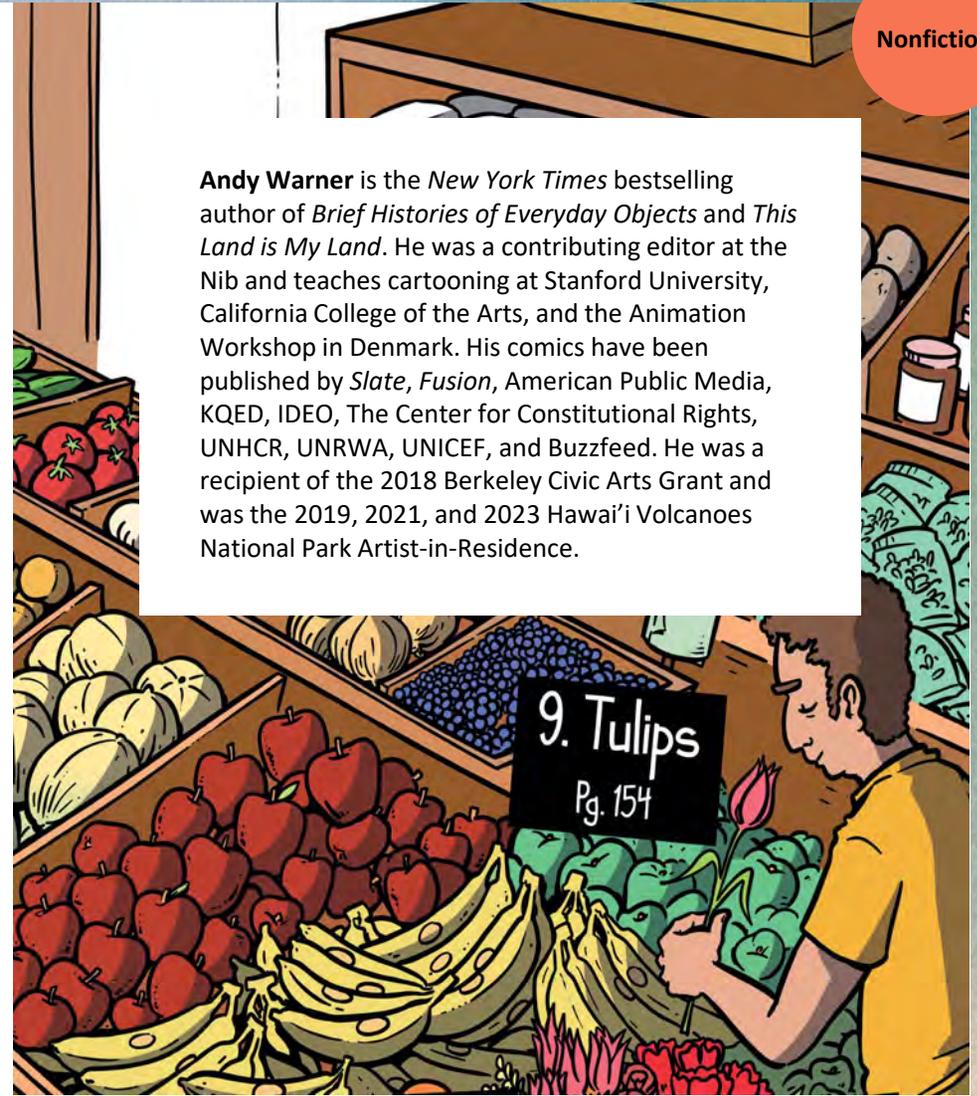
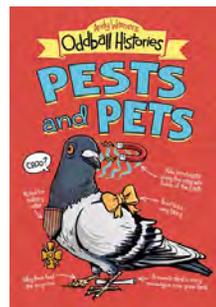
November 2024



Andy Warner returns with another highly entertaining, informative graphic novel that explores humans' ever-changing connection with plants through time—from corn and tulips to rice and wood.

Did you know that humans used to live in trees during the Stone Age? Or that the U.S. cotton economy was devastated by a particular species of beetle? How about that wars were fought over tea, or whole cities were once made entirely from wood? Or that diapers, trash bags, and even batteries contain a small amount of corn?

Whether you notice them or not, plants play a vital role in our lives. And just as long as humans have been around, plants have been growing right alongside us! Through wars, famine, and prosperity, whole empires have risen and fallen because of these seemingly inconsequential organisms. It may sound ridiculous, but it's true—every aspect of our lives has something to do with plants!



Andy Warner is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Brief Histories of Everyday Objects* and *This Land is My Land*. He was a contributing editor at the *Nib* and teaches cartooning at Stanford University, California College of the Arts, and the Animation Workshop in Denmark. His comics have been published by *Slate*, *Fusion*, American Public Media, KQED, IDEO, The Center for Constitutional Rights, UNHCR, UNRWA, UNICEF, and BuzzFeed. He was a recipient of the 2018 Berkeley Civic Arts Grant and was the 2019, 2021, and 2023 Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Artist-in-Residence.



# YOUNG ADULT



## ROYAL HEIRS ACADEMY

LINDSEY DUGA

*Ages 14 & up*  
*272 Pages*  
*January 2025*

**Four students. Three royals. Four claims to one throne.**

Plagued with a long history of civil war and succession battles, the country of Ashland has been without an heir for half a century. King Leander made his grandchildren *disappear* with the hopes of uniting the country under one royal—one who can truly lead. The best way to name his heir? The hallowed halls of Almus Terra Academy.

**Titus** has always known he'd one day sit on the throne of Ashland. Now he just has to prove he has what it takes. **Alaric** had the run of the streets. His goodwill clothes are a far cry from royalty, but he knows how to rule—with his fist. **Emmeline**, wealthy, dazzling, and lonely, only wants to please her parents. If that means becoming queen, she'll destroy anyone in her way. **Sadie** is the only one not truly royal. But she's been adopted by the King for a chance to bring new blood to the Crown. And she's going to take it. They all have their acceptance letter to Almus Terra Academy, the infamous school that breeds the next generation of world leaders and thinkers. One way or another, the four of them will be tested. But only one can seize the crown.

**Lindsey Duga** is the author of several young adult novels and middle grade ghost stories. She lives in Louisiana, with her family and her dog, Delphi.

# IMMORTAL DARK

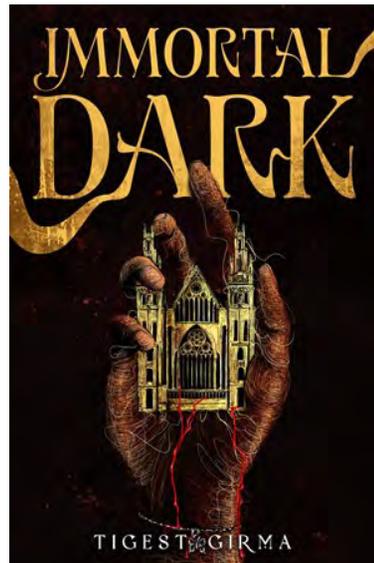
TIGEST GIRMA

*Ages 14 & up*

*432 Pages*

*September 2024*

*The Cruel Prince meets Ninth House in this dangerously romantic dark academia debut*



Hidden in our world, a society of vampires originating in Africa, are bound to twelve human Houses. To ensure peace and inherit their House legacy, human children of these elite families must study at an elite secret university.

Lost Heiress, Kidan Adane grew up far from Uxlay University. When her twin sister, June, disappears, Kidan is convinced a vampire stole her—her own House vampire to be exact, the alluring yet dangerous Susenyos Sagad. To find June, Kidan must study at Uxlay and live with Susenyos. It doesn't matter that his violence speaks to her own and tempts Kidan to surrender to a life of darkness. She will find her sister and kill him at all costs.

When a murder mirroring June's disappearance shakes Uxlay, Kidan sinks further into the ruthless underworld of vampires, risking her very soul. While fighting not to lose herself, she discovers a centuries-old threat. And June could be at the center of it. To save her sister, Kidan must bring Uxlay to its knees, and either break underneath the horrors of her own actions or embrace the dark entanglements of love and the blood it requires.

Lead  
Title

IT BEGAN LONG  
BEFORE MY TIME, BUT  
SOMETHING HAS ALWAYS  
HUNTED OUR FAMILY.

**Tigest Girma** is an Ethiopian writer based in Melbourne, Australia. Passionate about exploring East African characters and myths, her work weaves Black stories with the dark and fantastical. *Immortal Dark* is her debut novel.



Visit Tigest  
online!

**Rights have sold in UK English (Hachette UK) French (Hachette Livre), ANZ English (Hachette Australia), Spanish (PRH Grupo Editorial), Brazilian (Galera Record), Portuguese (PRH Grupo Editorial), Arabic (Dar Salma), & Ukrainian (Laboratory LLC)**

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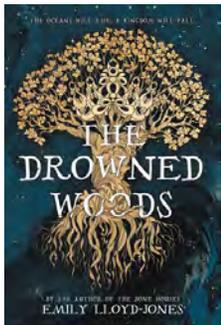
“Phenomenal, packed with adventure, magic, and folklore.”—**Kat Ellis**, author of *Harrow Lake*

“As vivid and richly woven as the Welsh myths from which it draws inspiration.”—**Lyndall Clipstone**, author of *Unholy Terrors*

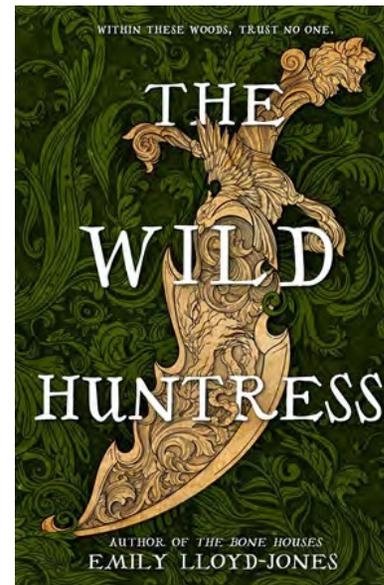
“My favorite fantasy novel of the last year....I could not put it down.”—**Dawn Kurtagich**, author of *The Dead House*

**Emily Lloyd Jones** grew up on a vineyard in rural Oregon, where she played in evergreen forests. She has a BA in English from Western Oregon University and a MA in publishing from Rosemont College. She currently resides in Northern California. Her young adult novels include *Illusive*, *Deceptive*, *The Hearts We Sold*, *The Bone Houses*, and *The Drowned Woods*.

Learn more about Emily!



**The Drowned Woods sold in UK English (Hodder & Stoughton), Spanish (Ediciones Urano), Czech (Vydavatelstvi), & Russian (Alpina)**



## THE WILD HUNTRESS

EMILY LLOYD-JONES

**Ages 12 & up**

**368 Pages**

**October 2024**

**For fans of Holly Black & Erin A. Craig!**

**Dive into a lush, standalone fantasy, set in the same world as *The Drowned Woods* and *The Bone Houses*.**

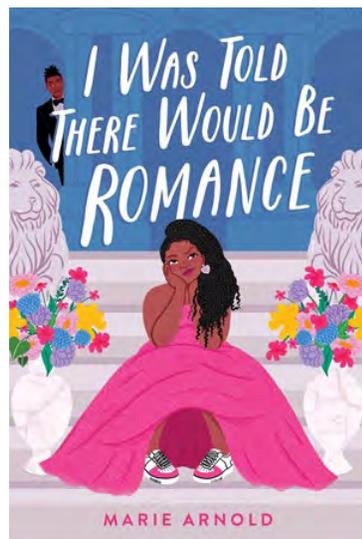
Every five years, two kingdoms take part in a Wild Hunt. Joining is a bloody risk and even the most qualified hunters can suffer the deadliest fates. Still, hundreds gamble their lives to participate—all vying for the Hunt’s life-changing prize: a magical wish granted by the Otherking.

Branwen possesses a gift no other human has: the ability to see and slay monsters. She’s desperate to cure her mother’s sickness, and the Wild Hunt is her only option. Gwydion is the least impressive of his magically-talented family, but with his ability to control plants and his sleight of hand, he’ll do whatever it takes to keep his cruel older brother from becoming a tyrant. Pryderi is prince-born and monster-raised. Deep down, the royal crown doesn’t interest him—all he wants is to know is where he belongs. If they band together against the monstrous creatures within the woods, they have a chance to win. But, then again, nothing is guaranteed when all is fair in love and the Hunt.

# I WAS TOLD THERE WOULD BE ROMANCE

MARIE ARNOLD

*Ages 12 & up*  
*224 Pages*  
*October 2024*



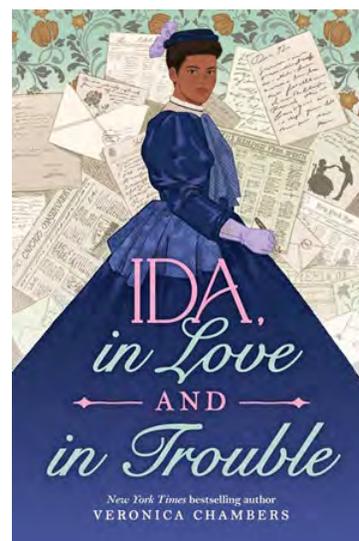
Fifteen-year-old Fancy Augustine is a Haitian-American girl with simple desires: she'd like to trade in her floppy, oversized

boobs for pretty, perky ones. She would like a boyfriend. And like every other year, she's desperate for an invite to Imani Park's birthday party. When Fancy learns her BFF has been invited and discovers that she has also has a secret boyfriend, Fancy is completely devastated.

When a rumor is spread around school that Fancy can perform voodoo, she is highly irritated because, of course she can't do voodoo (even though she's Haitian thank you very much). But when her crush Rahim asks if she can use her voodoo to help him get a loved one to return, she tells him she will, if he acts as her fake boyfriend so she can nab an invite to Imani's party.

Thus ensues a rom-comedy of errors and bad decisions as Fancy tries to climb up the social ladder and get the boy!

**Marie Arnold** was born in Haiti and came to America at the age of seven. She grew up in Brooklyn, New York alongside her extended family. As Lola StVil, she is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling indie author of the YA fantasy series GUARDIANS. She currently has 3 projects under development at Disney Junior and Disney Plus, one of which is an animated show based on her middle grade novel *The Year I Flew Away*.



# IDA, IN LOVE AND IN TROUBLE

VERONICA CHAMBERS

*Ages 14 & up*  
*400 Pages*  
*September 2024*

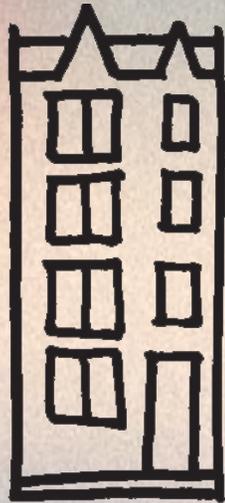
Perfect for fans of *Bridgerton* and *The Davenports!*

Before she became a warrior, Ida B. Wells was an incomparable flirt with a quick wit and a dream of becoming a renowned writer. The first child of newly freed parents who thrived in a community that pulsed with hope and possibility after the Civil War, Ida had a big heart, big ambitions, and even bigger questions: How to be a good big sister when her beloved parents perish in a yellow fever epidemic? How to launch her career as a teacher? And – always top of mind for Ida – how to find a love that will let her be the woman she dreams of becoming?

Ahead of her time, Ida B. Wells pioneered the field of investigative journalism. Her name became synonymous with courage and an unflinching demand for racial and gender equality. Veronica Chambers unspools her full and colorful life as Ida comes of age in the rapidly changing South, filled with lavish society dances and parties, swoon-worthy gentleman callers, and a world ripe for the taking.

**Veronica Chambers** is an author and currently a writer/editor for The New York Times. Born in Panama and raised in Brooklyn, her work often reflects her Afro-Latina heritage. She's written the acclaimed memoir, *Mama's Girl*, the NYT bestselling *Finish the Fight, Call and Response*, *Shirley Chisholm Is a Verb* and *The Go-Between*.

# RUNNING PRESS KIDS



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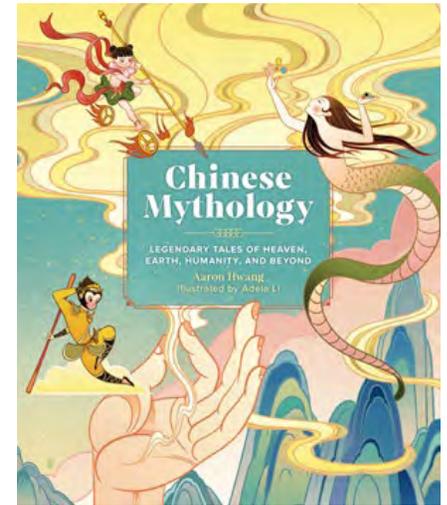
## CHINESE MYTHOLOGY

AARON HWANG

*Ages 7 & up*

*120 Pages*

*December 2024*



Step into the magical and rich world of Chinese mythology in this gorgeous, fully illustrated collection of myths.

The myths in *Chinese Mythology* date back to ancient China, where the Jade Emperor ruled from the Heavens alongside other deities, and when the world was filled with supernatural figures, including snake-women, animal tricksters, ghosts, demons, dragons, and more. Journey through the world's creation and the



rule of heaven to the powerful shaping of earth and the rise of humanity in these stunning, exciting, and mystical tales from China, illustrated in stunning, bright, magical pic



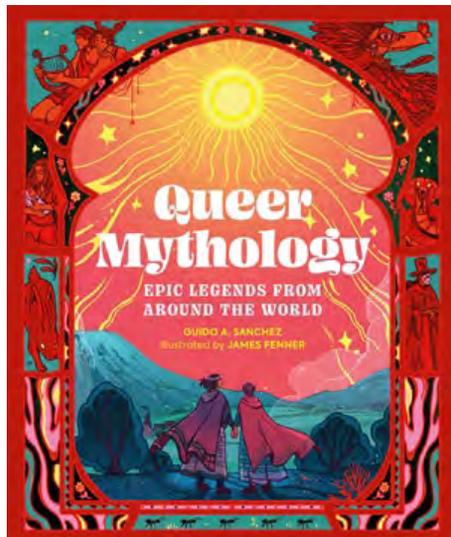
**Aaron Hwang** is a graduate of Yale and the Iowa Writers' Workshop. He teaches creative writing at the University of Iowa and is the author of *A Kid's Guide to the Chinese Zodiac*.

# QUEER MYTHOLOGY

**GUIDO A. SANCHEZ &  
JAMES FENNER**

*Ages 7 & up*  
*120 Pages*  
*October 2024*

**Spanning the globe & thousands of years, *Queer Mythology* highlights legends & tales of LGBTQIA+ gods, heroes, spirits and more.**



Myths and legends tell our stories. They connect us, show us who we are, and teach us our history. And LGBTQIA+ people have been a part of every community since the dawn of storytelling. From Tu'er Shen, the Chinese rabbit god who protected those yearning to come out in an unaccepting world, to Ghede Nibo, the Haitian spirit who performed drag in the realm of the dead, the twenty myths in this collection capture one irrefutable fact—even as labels, language, and definitions have changed, LGBTQIA+ people have always existed.

Some of these myths are not widely known, while other familiar stories have had their queerness erased over time. *Queer Mythology* offers fresh retellings, paired with beautiful illustrations, to give new life and celebrate the inspirational and resilient LGBTQIA+ community in some of humanity's earliest tales.



**Guido A. Sanchez** is a writer, teacher, comic aficionado, and podcaster based in New York. An education leader in a middle school, Guido designs curriculum, leads faculty development, and manages student programs. Guido began the weekly *Dear Watchers: A Comic Book Omniverse* podcast with his partner in 2021 to explore the intricacies, inspirations, and impact of multiverses in an omniverse of storytelling.

**James Fenner** is an illustrator, daydreamer & storyteller living in Oregon, but originally from the shores of Lake Huron in Michigan. James studied 2-D animation & illustration at the Art Institute of Portland where he learned how to create artwork inspired by dreams, emotions & dense forests.



# MY WHEEL OF THE YEAR

NIKKI VAN DE CAR & KIKI KITA

*Ages 4 – 8*  
*40 Pages*  
*September 2024*

**Celebrate the changing seasons and your connection with the natural world in this magical picture book!**

There are eight pagan festivals that make up the year, known in witchy culture as Sabbats. The book includes a detailed overview of the history of each holiday and corresponding rituals and crafts. For any family looking to celebrate the magic of the seasons, this book is a perfect introduction to the pagan calendar for the mini mystic.



**Nikki Van De Car** is the author of over a dozen books on crafting and magic, including *The Junior Witch's Handbook* and *The Junior Astrologer's Handbook*. This is her first picture book.

**Kiki Kita** is a Brooklyn-based illustrator who grew up in Japan and Texas. She studied illustration and art history at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Her work has been recognized by American Illustration and Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles.

# MY AFRO IS A RISING SUN

YARAM YAHU & DEANN WILEY

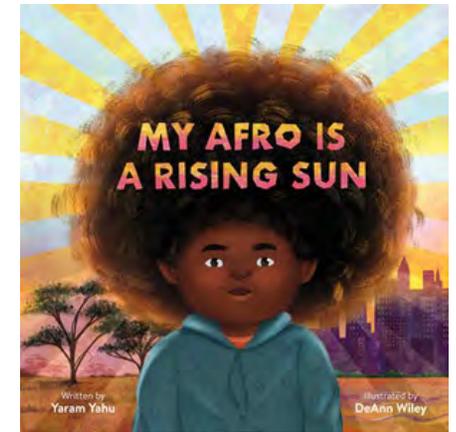
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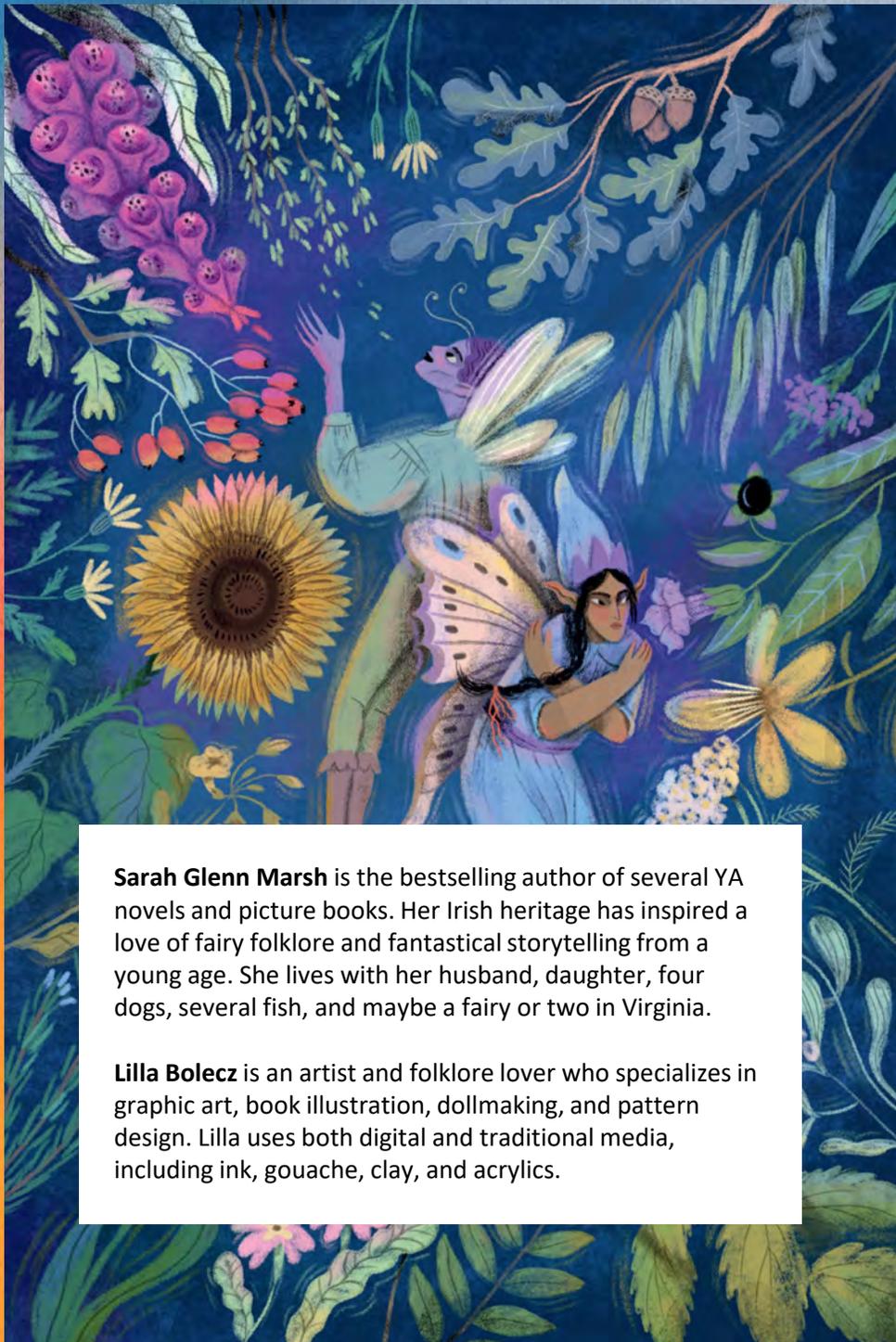
**Take pride in your Black hair and ancestry in this empowering and celebratory picture book.**

Black afros are more than just hairstyles. They are a symbol of Black joy. They remind us to embrace our identity, cherish our ancestry, and remember our heritage. *My Afro Is a Rising Sun* is an ode to Black culture and a reminder to children to see the beauty in other people, even those who don't look like them.

**Yaram Yahu** is a native Chicagoan. He received his BFA in Writing, Literature and Publishing from Emerson College. His most recent works include publications in *Solstice Literary Magazine*, *Finli*, *Timbooktu*, *Keystrokes*, and the national anthology *The Stories They Tell!* by The Young Voices Foundation. His features include *The Wednesday Journal*, *Austin Weekly*, *Oak Leaves*, *Trapeze*, and *The Berkeley Beacon*.

**DeAnn Wiley** is a self-taught painter from Detroit, Michigan. She is the illustrator of *Sarah Rising* by Ty Chapman, and a strong advocate for social justice, as she sits at the intersection of many identities: Black, woman, queer, and disabled. When she isn't painting or illustrating, she is working on her final year of grad school for Counseling Psychology.





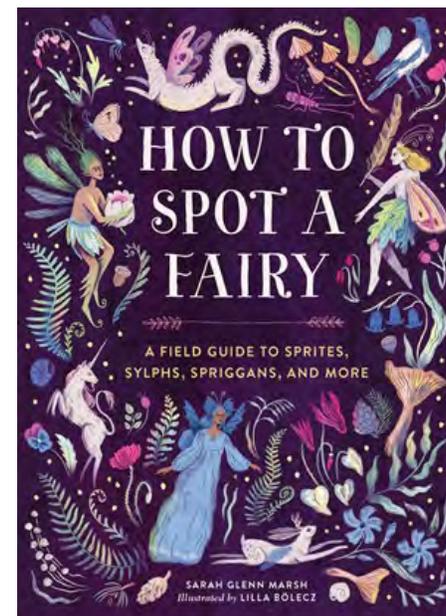
**Sarah Glenn Marsh** is the bestselling author of several YA novels and picture books. Her Irish heritage has inspired a love of fairy folklore and fantastical storytelling from a young age. She lives with her husband, daughter, four dogs, several fish, and maybe a fairy or two in Virginia.

**Lilla Bolecz** is an artist and folklore lover who specializes in graphic art, book illustration, dollmaking, and pattern design. Lilla uses both digital and traditional media, including ink, gouache, clay, and acrylics.

## HOW TO SPOT A FAIRY

SARAH GLENN MARSH & LILLA BOLE CZ

*Ages 8 - 12*  
*144 Pages*  
*October 2024*



**An enchanting illustrated field guide to finding fairies (and their familiars) in the wild!**

Spotting a fairy in the wild can be tricky, but this whimsical, illustrated guide is the perfect tool to help young readers on their quest to find fairies in their garden, the yard, the woods, and more!

Explore the history & mythology of fairies and learn about how and where to find these magical beings. From boggarts and pixies to weeping women, water nymphs, moon maids, and more, this book organizes fairies by habitat and offers tips on how to seek out the mystical beings in our midst. Complete with interactive elements like quizzes, crafts, and recipes, there's endless fun to be had while on the search for fairy folk.

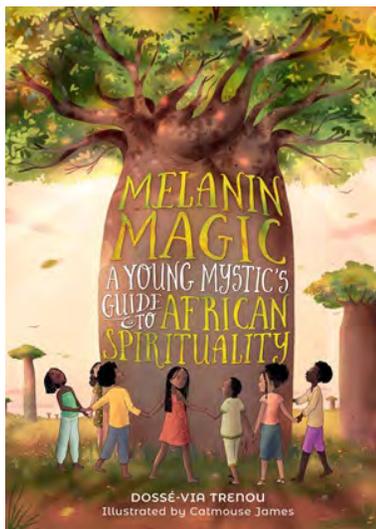


# MELANIN MAGIC

DOSSE-VIA TRENOU &  
CATMOUSE JAMES

*Ages 4 – 8*  
*32 Pages*  
*December 2024*

Welcome to Forest Magic School, where young mystics learn the basics of African spirituality through astrology, plant magic, breathwork, and the magic within melanin!



**Dossé-Via Trenou** is a West African astrologer. She has attracted hundreds of thousands of followers via her platform @ScorpioMystique and on the app, KnowTheZodiac. She is the author of *Signs & Skymates*, and this is her first book for young readers.

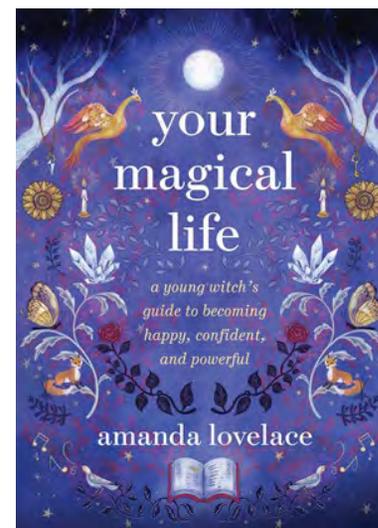
**Catmouse James** is a cartoonist and illustrator based in Madagascar with experience in graphic design. When she isn't working, she likes petting her dogs Pluton and Bowie, traveling, discovering hidden gems in animation, and reading.

# YOUR MAGICAL LIFE

AMANDA LOVELACE

*Ages 8 - 12*  
*160 Pages*  
*September 2024*

From the bestselling author of *the princess saves herself in this one* comes a simple guide to incorporating magic into your life.



As witchcraft grows ever more popular, there are countless introductions to magical practice to choose from—so many that you might not know where to begin. When you're just getting started, it's easy to be intimidated. *Your Magical Life* aims to change that, showing that magic doesn't have to be fancy, time-consuming, or one-size-fits-all. Drawing from years of practical experience, Amanda Lovelace has created an interactive beginner's guide that introduces the tenets of witchcraft so you can develop your *own* practice in whatever way works for you. This book offers simple explanations, inspiring poetry, words of encouragement, magical journaling prompts, and the tools needed to begin building a strong, long-lasting practice focused on self-love.

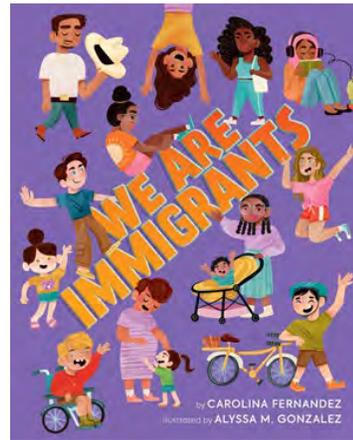
**Amanda Lovelace** (she/they) is the author of several bestselling poetry titles, including the “women are some kind of magic” series as well as the “you are your own fairy tale” trilogy. They are also the co-creator of the *believe in your own magic* oracle deck & the *cozy witch* tarot deck, & they are now the author of their very first witchcraft book, *make your own magic*. She resides in New Jersey with her poet-spouse & their three cats.



# WE ARE IMMIGRANTS

CAROLINA FERNANDEZ  
& ALYSSA M. GONZALEZ

Ages 4 – 8  
40 Pages  
September 2024



Celebrate what it means to be an immigrant and welcome diversity into your community in this uplifting, inclusive picture book.

Like all people, immigrants bring their own unique traits and special customs wherever they go. The colors, music, language, and cultural heritage of immigrants jumps off the pages in the vibrant artwork of this book, while the words remind us to embrace living with and near people who bring their own history and traditions to our communities. After all, it's important to remember: we all make up one human race!



**Carolina Fernandez** belongs to a big Colombian family, who she calls an "army of love." Born in Miami, Florida, she draws inspiration from the melting-pot city where she grew up. Being raised by immigrants shaped her identity and worldview, fostering in her a deep love for community.

**Alyssa M. Gonzalez** is a freelance illustrator based in Kansas City. She infuses her Cuban-Colombian heritage into her artwork. She is the illustrator of other proudly Latine kids' books such as *Tons of Palabras: Comida*.



# WHO IS SUPERBOY?

ROBB PEARLMAN &  
IVAN BARRERA

Ages 4 – 8  
40 Pages  
September 2024

A school project has Jon Kent, the son of Superman—the World's Greatest Super Hero—and Lois Lane—the world's most famous reporter—trying to figure out who he wants to be when he grows up. How will he ever live up to his parents' success? And will they be disappointed with him if he doesn't?

As Jon and his loyal canine companion, Krypto, travel everywhere from Metropolis to The Fortress of Solitude to outer space, they explore the qualities that make his parents so great and put them to the test when a situation arises that requires Jon to act alone. Jon's adventure of self-discovery helps him understand that just as there's only one Superman and one Lois Lane, there's only one Superboy.

**Robb Pearlman** is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Office: A Day at Dunder Mifflin Elementary*, *I Love Lucy: Let's Put on a Show!*, *Scooby-Doo: Velma and the Mystery of the River Ghost*, and *Bob Ross and Peapod the Squirrel*. He lives in New Jersey.

**Ivan Barrera** is a talented illustrator from Colombia. Ivan's unique ability to create striking textures and vibrant colors has earned him collaborations on illustration projects around the world. He aims to motivate and inspire others through his illustrations.





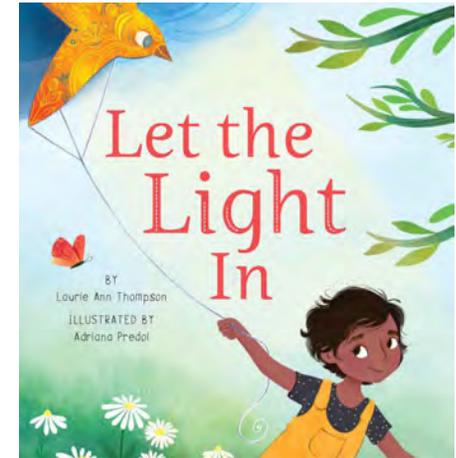
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## LET THE LIGHT IN

LAURIE ANN THOMPSON  
& ADRIANA PREDOI

*Ages 4 – 7*  
*32 Pages*  
*September 2024*



**Help little ones move from sadness to brighter days with this hopeful and encouraging look at a universal emotion.**

It's normal to feel sad, but for kids, sadness can often feel overwhelming and confusing. *Let the Light In* meets children in their moment of sadness and offers empathetic ideas on how to navigate it. Concrete and simple ideas include creative expression, going for a walk, paying attention to the world around them, and visiting a friend. Little ones will be left with the uplifting message that, whether it happens in big ways or small, all at once or over time, sadness will eventually fade, and better days will come.

**Laurie Ann Thompson** grew up in rural Wisconsin, where there are more cows than people. She is co-author of the *Two Truths and a Lie* series and author of several award-winning nonfiction books, including the teen how-to guide, *Be a Changemaker*, and *Emmanuel's Dream*, which won the Schneider Family Book Award and was named an ALA Notable Children's Book.

**Adriana Predoi** grew up in Romania, studying mural art in high school and earning her BA in Fine Art. After graduating, she worked as a freelance illustrator and has spent the last few years focusing on children's illustration. She gets inspiration from plants, nature, and best of all, books. Adriana currently lives in London.

# SNOW STEPS

KAREN LATCHANA KENNEY  
& IRINA AVGUSTINOVICH

*Ages 4 - 7*

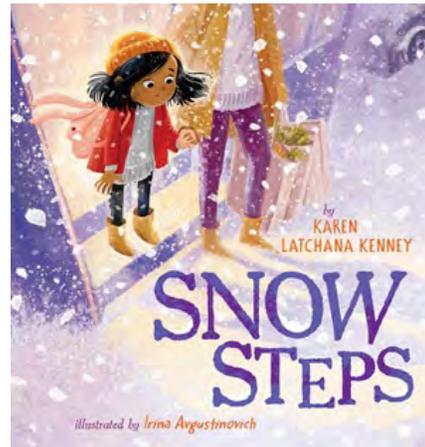
*32 Pages*

*November 2024*

**Celebrate the tenacity of the human spirit with this moving picture book about Lakshmi, a young girl who learns to brave a snowy winter after immigrating from tropical Guyana.**

Lakshmi has just moved. Her family is trying to adjust to a new country, but for Lakshmi, the hardest part is the cold, slushy, white stuff everywhere. Snow didn't exist in Guyana, but it's inescapable in Minnesota. When she meets a new friend on the bus, Lakshmi's fears melt away, revealing a bravery she didn't know she had.

Based on the author's own childhood experience of immigration, this inspiring picture book will be a comfort for children struggling with change and a great resource for parents and teachers looking to encourage empathy and integrate diverse perspectives into their homes and classrooms.



**Karen Latchana Kenney** is an Indian-Irish author and editor, born in Guyana, and raised in Minnesota. Kenney writes about immigrant and biracial experiences, scientific discoveries, momentous historical events, and civil rights struggles. Her books have been named a YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, a Book of Note from the TriState Review, and an Editor's Choice for School Library Connection. Karen lives in Minnesota, with her husband and son.

Visit Karen  
online!



**Irina Avgustinovich** has illustrated more than 50 books for children. Originally from Belarus, she emigrated to Portugal with her family when war against Ukraine broke out. She currently lives in Stugal, Portugal.



**John Sandford** studied drawing and painting at the American Academy of Art in Chicago and illustrated his first picture book in 1978. Since then, he has illustrated a variety of children's books from non-fiction to folktales, including *Does a Fiddler Crab Fiddle?*, *Moonstick: The Seasons of the Sioux*, and *Oak Leaf*, which he also wrote.

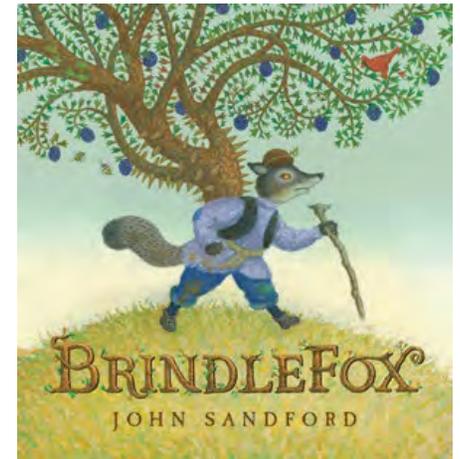
See more of  
John's work!



# BRINDLEFOX

JOHN SANDFORD

*Ages 4 – 7*  
*32 Pages*  
*August 2023*



Fall into a world reminiscent of a Brothers Grimm fairy tale with this gorgeously illustrated picture book about a reclusive fox, a mysterious tree, and the life-giving power of friendship.

BrindleFox refuses to be a friend, so he has no friends. He never lets anyone into his home, so he doesn't bother to clean it. Moss, weeds, and grasses fill his house. One day, he discovers a tree has sprouted from his back. Unphased, he continues on, until the day that a heron appears in his tree. Furious, Brindlefox tries to drive it away and finds himself stunned by something he doesn't understand—a selfless act of kindness from a fearless new friend.

Touching on themes of loneliness, self-care, and friendship in simple ways that children will intuitively understand, this story welcomes little ones into a world brimming with hidden wonders and memorable characters they will want to revisit time and time again.



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