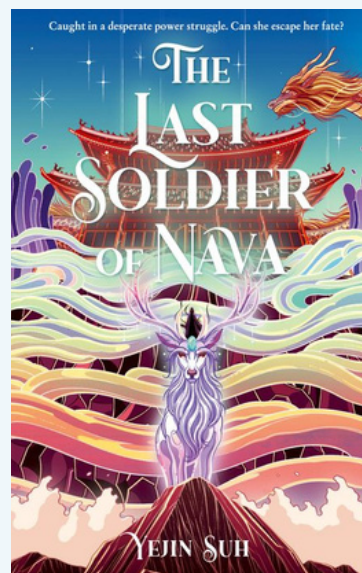
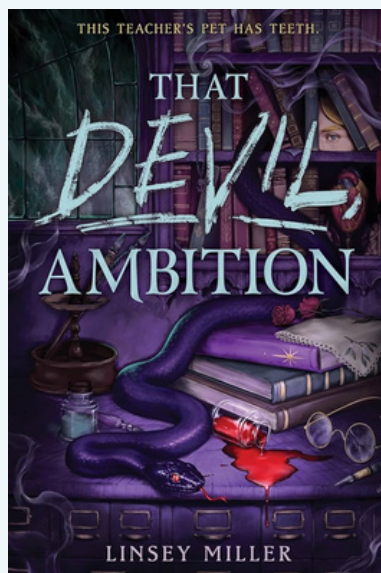
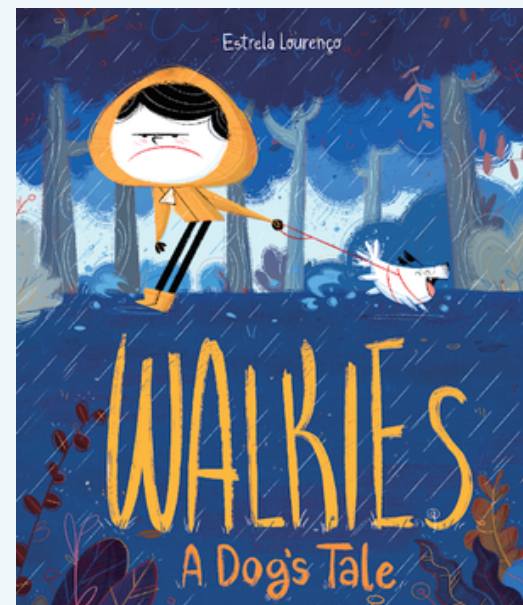
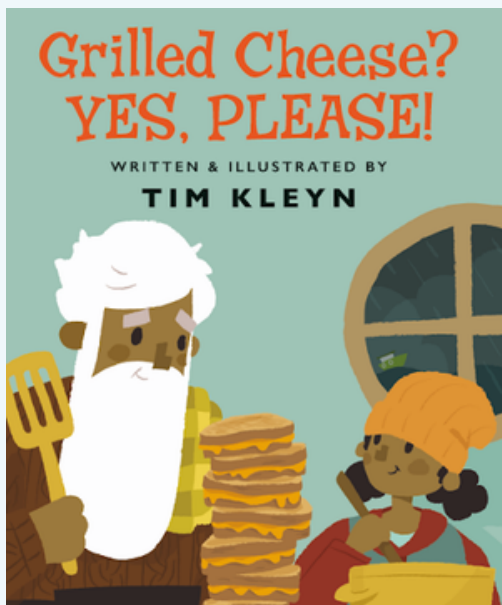


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**Information about our backlist and adult books available upon request.**

## Updates and Highlights

### New Titles:

- Four new YA titles! *The Duke Steals Hearts and Other Body Parts* by Elias Cold; *The Last Soldier of Nava* by Yejin Suh; *A Taste of Torment and Sea of Treason* by Stacy Trombley
- Three new Middle Grade titles! *An Encantadora's Guide to Montros and Magic* by Sarah J. Mendonca, and *The Third Eye and Warned* by Mahtab Narsimhan
- A new picture book from Estrela Lourenco - *Time for Bed*

### New Rights Sales:

- Lynn Painter's *The Wish Switch* had sales in Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, and Turkey.
- Estrela Lourenco's *Walkies* sold to Pegasus in Turkey.
- Kailei Pew's *Kid-Ventors* sold to Znanje in Croatia.

# PICTURE BOOKS

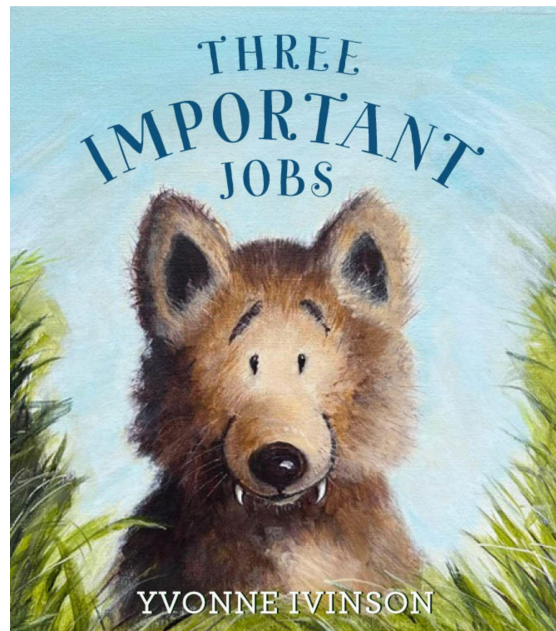
# THREE IMPORTANT JOBS

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

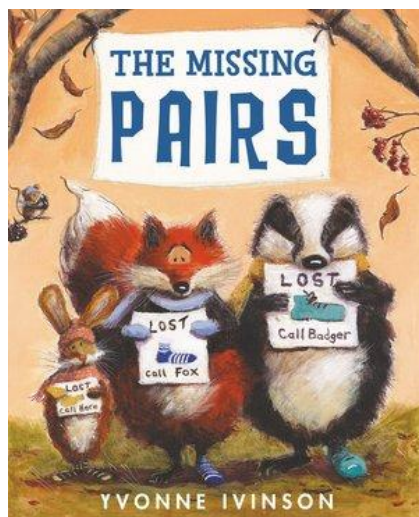
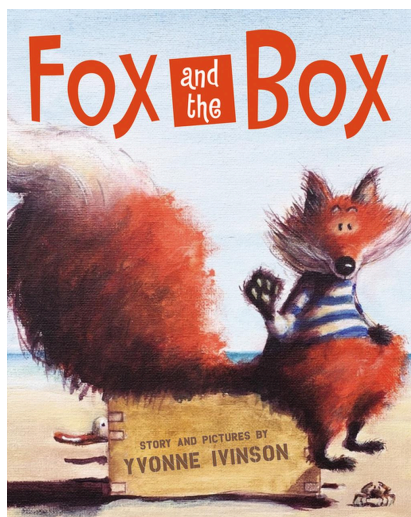


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Book available

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!

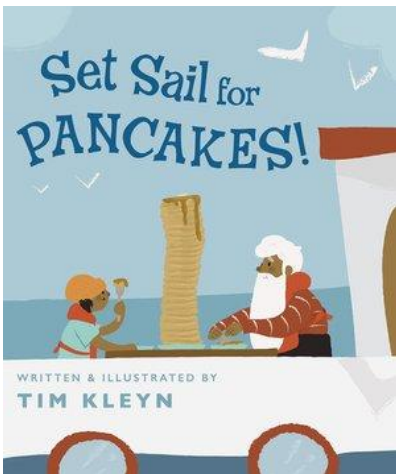
By Tim Kleyn

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!



## Praise:

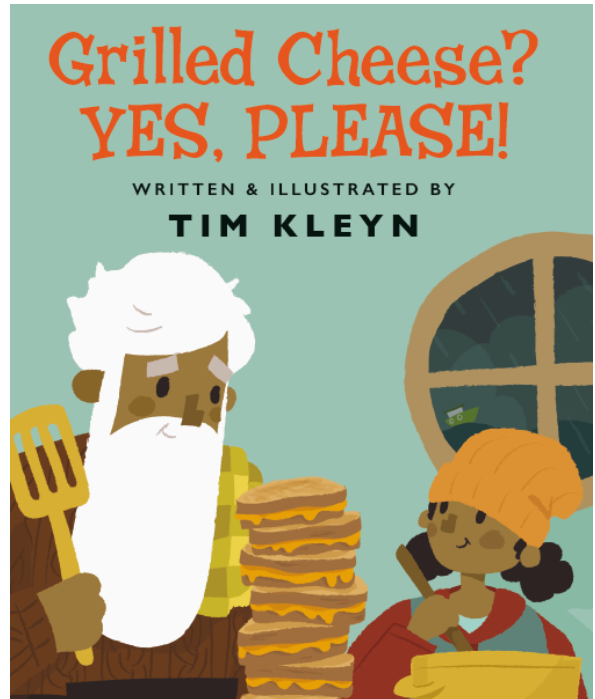
“If readers aren’t hungry for pancakes now, they will be at the end of this book!” —*Kirkus Reviews* on *Set Sail for Pancakes!*

“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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**Second of 2 books featuring Margot and Grandpa!**

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

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**Agent: Tracy Marchini**

# 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 splock 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:

"This soggy and exuberant romp would pair beautifully with another atmospheric, near-wordless canine adventure: Doug Salati's sweltering and joyous Caldecott winner *Hot Dog* (2022). A wet and wonderful tale of pet ownership." —*Booklist*

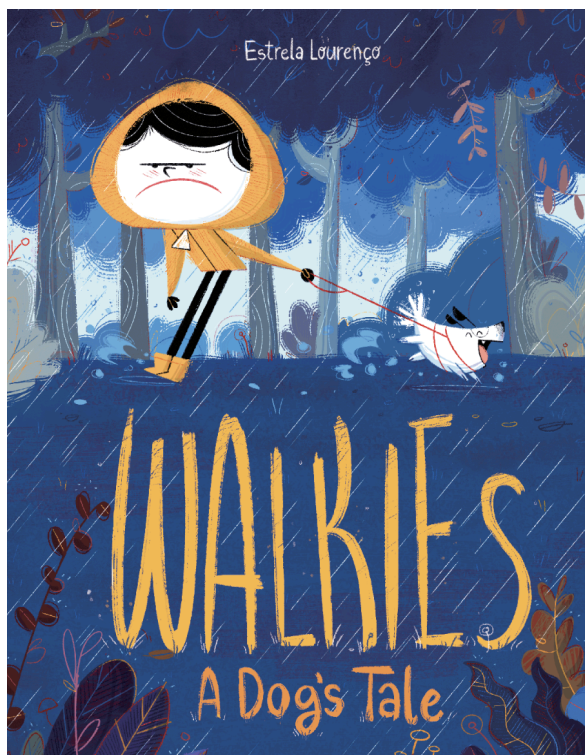
"Hand this to children when the rain comes in and the screens come out." —*BCCB*

"This wordless picture book captures the good, the bad, and the damp of owning a dog." —*Foreword*

## About the Author:

**Estrela Lourenço** is the author and/or illustrator of countless books for children, including *Counting to Bananas*, *Merry Christmas Dear Mars*, her author-illustrator debut *Walkies*, and many more. She worked in the animation industry for 14 years. Estrela is originally from Portugal, and now lives in Ireland with her family.

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# PEEK & BOO: TIME FOR BED

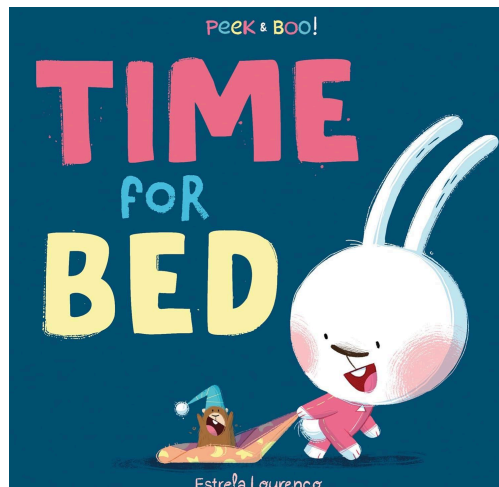
By Estrela Lourenço

Help Peek find her best friend Boo as she gets ready for bedtime in this brand-new adorable peek-a-boo adventure!

It's almost bedtime, but baby bunny Peek can't find her best friend Boo anywhere in the house. Is he hiding in the bath? Is he eating a snack? Can you help Peek find Boo in time for bed? Little ones will love exploring the house with Peek and searching for her guinea pig best friend on every page as Boo gets up to all sorts of hijinks before he makes a special appearance at the end!

## Why Readers Will Love *Peek & Boo*:

- Features two adorable best friends baby animals
- Cozy settings to explore and exciting adventures to go on
- Bright, colorful art and fun simple text keep little ones engaged again and again!
- Introduces new routines and early-language vocabulary
- Makes a wonderful baby shower, birthday or Valentine's Day gift; holiday stocking stuffer or Easter basket stuffer



First of 4 in the Peek & Boo series!

Sourcebooks  
September 2025

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Final PDF available

Agent: James McGowan



## Praise:

Coming soon!

## About the Author:

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# MIDDLE GRADE

# KWAME CRASHES THE UNDERWORLD

## By Craig Kofi Farmer

*Winner of the John Steptoe New Talent Author Award*

*A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year*

*A Chicago Public Library Best Book of the Year*

*An Evanston Public Library Great Book for Kids*

**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 . . . readers will cry and laugh with and love!"—Jamar J. Perry, author of *Cameron Battle and the Hidden Kingdoms*

"Kwame Powell is a much needed hero to the canon of children's books"--Dhonielle Clayton, NYT bestselling author of *The Marvellers*

### 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.



**Roaring Brook Press**  
**/Macmillan**  
**Fall 2024**

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**Book 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:

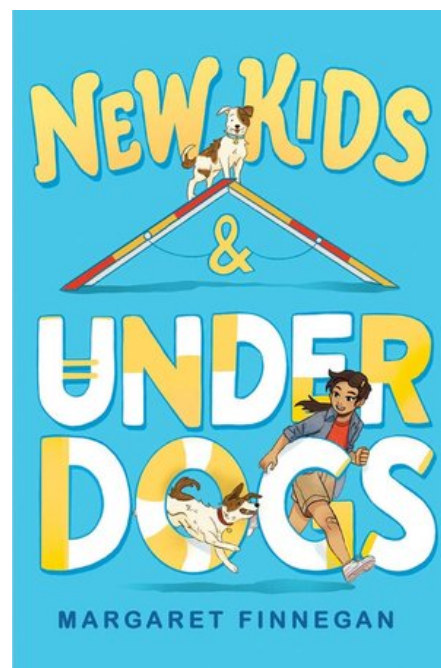
"In this well-paced work that relatably unpacks core aspects of middle school life, Robyn realizes as her rules backfire that as much as she wants others to know her whole story, she needs to be open to learning theirs as well . . . A thoughtful story about learning to look beneath the surface and be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

# THE LAST RHEE WITCH

By Jenna Lee-Yun

For fans of *The Last Fallen Star*, *Witchlings*, and *Ghost Squad*, a heartfelt middle grade debut where Korean folklore is all too real and summer camp includes a gwishin haunting.

*You couldn't hold onto everything and everyone. You had to choose. And Ronnie only had two hands.*

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:

"[A] deftly crafted, page-turning narrative . . . Rich in Korean mythology and suspense; will keep readers guessing."  
—Kirkus Reviews

"A tale of friendship, family, and finding faith in the one percent. I couldn't put the book down, and was rhyming spells long after the last page was turned."—Graci Kim, New York Times best-selling author of the *Gifted Clans*

"[A] perfect mix of the thrill of a ghost story told around a crackling fire and sweet s'mores full of heart. I instantly devoured this perfect eerie tale!"—Julie Abe, author of the *Eva Evergreen* series

## About the Author:

**Jenna Lee-Yun** is a Clinical Psychologist, an active member of SCBWI, and resides in the beautiful Pacific Northwest with her husband, son, daughter, and dog where she reads and writes middle-grade and young adult SFF books.

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**Disney Hyperion**  
**March 2024**

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**Book Available**

**Agent: Emily Forney**

# AN ENCANTADORA'S GUIDE TO MONSTROS AND MAGIC

By Sarah J. Mendonca

*Encanto* meets *Oceans 8* in this middle-grade fantasy-adventure, set in a Portuguese-inspired world, following a tween girl who joins a notorious band of thieves to steal a priceless jewel and discovers corruption that must be stopped.

Rosa Coelho has spent her whole life hunting monstros, wandering the city streets with her best friend Tiago, and dreaming of a better life for herself and her grandmother. And in a society that favors the rich and educated, every piece of knowledge comes with a hefty price, even the most basic books Rosa's family needs to trap monstrous.

So when the powerful Ministério dos Monstros threatens her family's struggling Encantadora shop, Rosa only has two weeks to scrape together the money for their debts. It seems like an impossible task...until Rosa tricks her way onto an infamous thief crew as their magical safecracker.

Thrust into the world of high class luxury and betrayal, Rosa is pulled into a scheme with the highest possible stakes: stealing from the Ministry itself. She must learn to trust her magical abilities and her crew—for if the heist goes wrong, everything she loves is forfeit.

## Praise:

"An endlessly imaginative and enchanting debut, AN ENCANTADORA'S GUIDE TO MONSTROS AND MAGIC is sure to snare readers with its fierce friendships, daring, and edge-of-your-seat secrets."--Tracy Badua, author of *Freddie Versus the Family Curse*

"With vivid monstros, brilliant young thieves, and layers of secrets that fit like a puzzle box, *An Encantadora's Guide to Monstros and Magic* is a heist story to treasure. I couldn't stop reading this sparkling adventure!"  
—Diane Magras, author of the Mad Wolf's Daughter books and *Secret of the Shadow Beasts*

## About the Author:

**Sarah J. Mendonca** (she/her) is a Portuguese-American author who writes dark and magical stories that help kids feel seen.

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# THE THIRD EYE

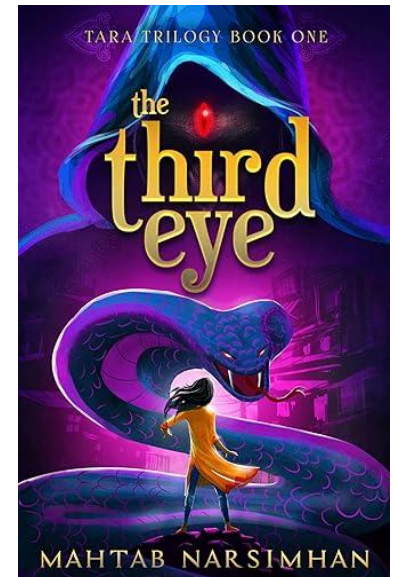
By Mahtab Narsimhan

**Winner of the Silver Birch Fiction Award!**

Get ready for a heart-pumping adventure as Tara fights to escape the malevolent gaze of the Third Eye! For Tara and her brother Suraj, the past year has been a never-ending nightmare filled with cruelty, deception, and horror. But when a mysterious healer with a strange power suddenly appears in their village, all are entranced by his magic - all except Tara, who sees right through his evil facade.

With nothing but her own courage and cunning, Tara sets out on a mission to find her missing family members and save her village from certain doom. Alone and lost in the treacherous forest, she must call upon the powerful gods Ganesh and Yama for help, or risk falling victim to Zarku's terrifying third eye like so many others before her.

Will Tara succeed in her mission and emerge victorious against the forces of evil? Or will she succumb to the malevolent gaze of the Third Eye and become yet another victim in Zarku's deadly game



**First of 3 in the TARA TRILOGY series!**

**Independently Published  
August 2022**

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**Book Available**

**Agent: Naomi Davis**



## Praise:

“In her first novel, author Mahtab Narsimhan combines elements of classic fairy tales, such as Hansel and Gretel, with Indian mythology for a highly original and entertaining fantasy adventure readers will enjoy the lushly described Indian setting as well as the cultural references to Hindu gods and celebrations, making this a solid middle grade read suitable for literature circles or book club discussions.” -Rachel Steen

“An excellent introduction to Hindi culture.” -Dryden Observer

“Mahtab Narsimhan has done a really good job giving mythology an engrossing modern plot. Read it for a quick adventurous read.” -*The Guardian*

## 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.

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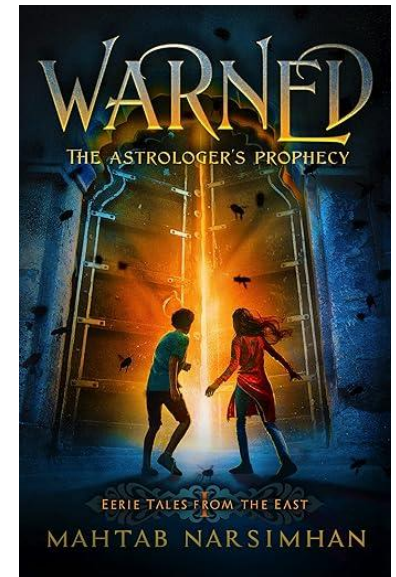
## By Mahtab Narsimhan

A remote village. A sinister servant. A death warning.

12-year-old city boy Avi is forced to stay at a crumbling mansion in rural India while his parents are away on a medical mission. No Wi-Fi. No cell signal. No company besides a grandfather he barely knows and his sinister servant. The only glimmer of excitement is when an astrologer at the local fair predicts Avi is about to die a horrible death.

Of course, that's just superstitious nonsense. But when the astrologer's dire predictions start to come true one by one, Avi fears his time may be running out. He's too young to die! Can he trust mysterious town outcast, Lalita, to help solve the mystery of the ominous prophecies before his own untimely death?

Eerie Tales from the East brings you scary stories from around the world. Ordinary characters must rise to extraordinary challenges or risk losing the ones they love in these chilling, fast-paced novels with heart for 8-12+ year old fans of *Coraline*, *Goosebumps*, and *Small Spaces*.



**First of 3 in the EERIE TALES FROM THE EAST series**

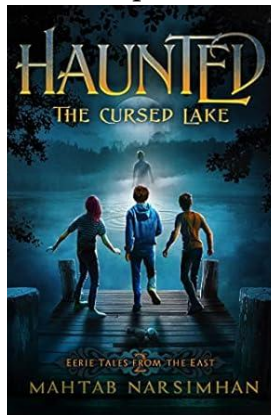
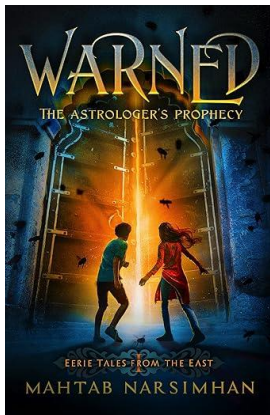
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**Agent: Naomi Davis**



## Praise:

"A fast-paced ghost adventure, *Haunted* is a great spooky read for all ages with a plot reminiscent of classic children's horror stories and emotional themes regarding friendship and family." - Liz Konkel, Readers' Favorite Reviews and Awards.

"A refreshing middle-grade adventure filled with mystery and superstition in a vibrant India." Rae Knightly, Bestselling author of *The Alien Skill Series*.

"A chill-inducingly fun ride, full of tension, mystery, folklore, and suspense all the way through to the end. Highly recommended!" Deborah Kerbel, Award-winning author of picture books, middle-grade and YA novels.

## About the Author:

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# THE WISH SWITCH

By Lynn Painter

**Magic and mayhem collide in beloved bestselling author Lynn Painter’s hilarious middle grade debut, perfect for fans of Sarah Mlynowski and Wendy Mass**

Emma Rockford knows it will take bonafide magic to make middle school everything she wants it to be. Luckily, before Emma’s beloved Nana died, she left detailed instructions on how to access an ancient, secret, magical wishing well. Emma follows each step and plans out every moment—but she didn’t expect the obnoxious new kid, Jackson, to toss in wishes of his own that literally knocked her wishes off course. When seventh grade starts, Emma discovers that her wishes are starting to come true, alright. But not for her...for *Jackson*.

Which, the two quickly discover, could have disastrous consequences for both of their families, [and explode Emma’s friendships/and cost Emma her best friends]. Can they set everything straight in time to prevent a full-blown catastrophe?

With the trademark wit and heart that have earned her legions of fans, Lynn Painter delivers a laugh-out-loud story of friendship, family, and wishing—with a delightful dash of magic.

## Praise:

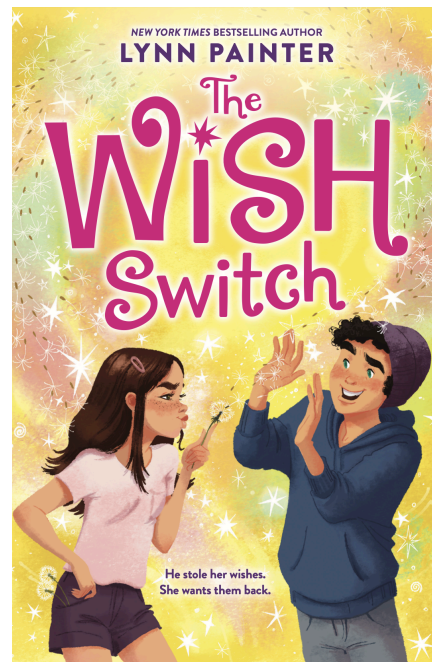
A [Barnes & Noble Exclusive edition](#) featuring an alternate jacket, stenciled sprayed edges, and bonus content!

Reviews coming soon!

## About the Author:

**Lynn Painter** is the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and internationally bestselling author of *Better Than The Movies*, *The Do Over*, and many more. She writes romantic comedies for both teens and adults, and this is her debut novel for middle graders.

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Spring 2025**

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Scholastic**

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Italy: Salani**

**Germany: PRH Junior**

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**French: Editions Larousse**

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**Agent: James McGowan**



# 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.



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## 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

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# YOUNG ADULT

# THE DUKE STEALS HEARTS AND OTHER BODY PARTS

By Elias Cold

A trans teen who steals and ransoms body parts with magic investigates a string of missing girls—falling in love with one of them from afar.

Wielding a magic that allows him to pop off limbs, con artist Phyllis steals body parts and his partner Lucent ransoms them. Everyone who knows about Phyllis’s magic is afraid of him—except for Lucent. But his partner’s love comes with one condition: Phyllis must keep stealing. But when a mark can’t afford ransom for his missing nose, Phyllis loses his resolve. The man claims his sister, Adeline, was taken, and without her money he can’t pay until she’s found.

Intrigued, Phyllis investigates Adeline’s disappearance, but she is not the only missing girl in their seedy city. To gain answers from the nobility, Phyllis masquerades as a duke—Lord Phillip of Rabbiton—and begins to fall in love with both stories of Adeline and the man he’s becoming to try and find her. Soon, he’s not sure he ever wants to return to Lucent and their life of crime together.

When he finally finds Adeline with another missing girl, it turns out they’re not dead—but undead.

To win Adeline’s heart and break from his toxic past, Phillip will have to scheme to keep his title and master his evolving magic.

## Praise:

"Delightfully gruesome. Part murder mystery, part Regency romp, Elias Cold's queer horror-tinged tale kept me hooked to the very last page. I loved it." —Alicia Jasinska, author of *This Fatal Kiss*

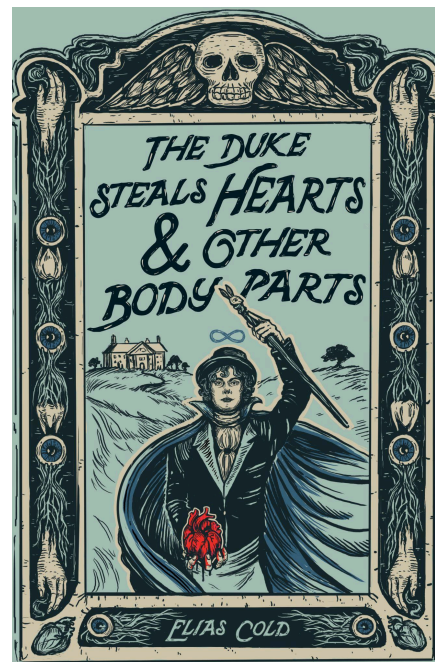
"I found myself tearing through the book to uncover every twist Cold delivers in their distinctive, delightful voice. The Duke stole my heart right out of my chest, and he'll steal yours too." —S. Hati, author of *And the Sky Bled*

"Delightfully original. This is a world readers will want to lose themselves in over and over again." —David Ferraro, author of *A Vile Season* and *The Alchemy of Moonlight*

## About the Author:

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# THIS RAVENOUS FATE

By Hayley Dennings

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES AND INDIE BESTSELLER

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.

## Praise:

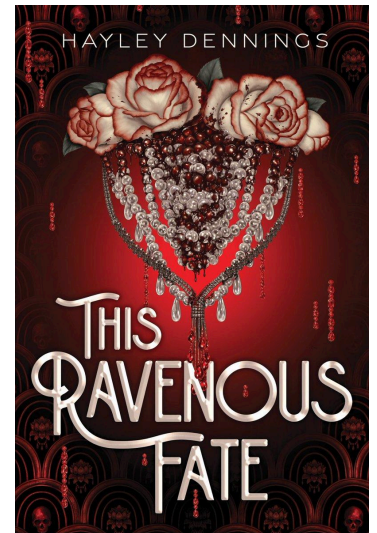
"Deliciously Dark and beautifully vicious. *This Ravenous Fate* is the vampire romance I've been waiting for."  
-#1 NYT bestselling author of *A Study in Drowning* Ava Reid

"Sweetly vicious" -international bestselling author Gabi Burton

## About the Author:

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# BUILD A GIRLFRIEND

By Elba Luz

A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

A teen deep-dives into her dating history to uncover her mistakes, become the perfect girlfriend, and get revenge on the wrong guy so she can ride into the sunset with the right one in this debut rom-com.

To the surprise of no one, Amelia Hernandez is once again single. It's her family curse at work; whether it's by heartbreak, scandal, or even accidental death, every romantic relationship that a Hernandez woman has will meet its demise eventually. And that may be fine with Amelia's sisters, mom, and aunts, but definitely not with Amelia.

So, convinced that she is the problem, Amelia decides to embark on an "Ex Retrospective:" tracking down her exes, finding out where she went wrong, and using that information to finally become un-break-up-able for whenever her next relationship comes along. Because Amelia is determined to be free of the family curse...and her family.

However, when Amelia is unwillingly reunited with Leon, the ex to end all exes, she can't resist having a little revenge on the side, too. After all, what better way to test out her new persona of perfect girlfriend traits than on the boy who broke her heart?

But old loves die hard, and as Amelia's feelings grow more complicated, she suspects that she may be in for more than she bargained for.

## Praise:

"Finally! The authentic teenage voice I've been waiting for. Elba Luz gets the awkward intricacies of young romance and family drama, allowing Amelia's hilarious voice to shine with nonstop heart and wit. A must-read debut for fans of YA!" --author of *The Borrow a Boyfriend Club*, Page Powers

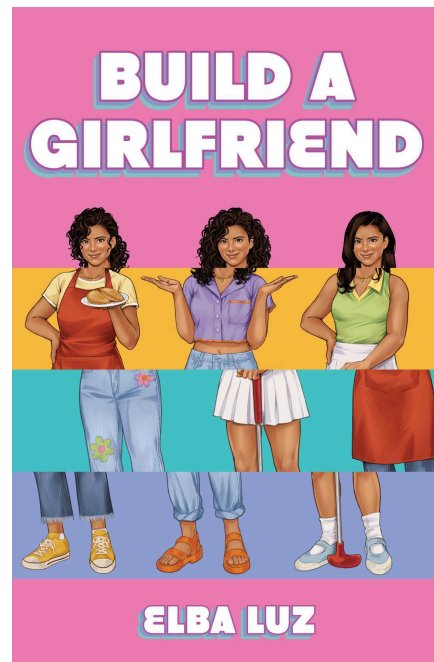
"Build A Girlfriend is a kaleidoscope of charm, romance, and vibrant familial relationships. It is as laugh-out-loud funny as it is heart-warming. Despite it being written by the most annoying person alive."--Bestselling author of *Phantasma* Kaylie Smith

"Luz debuts her first YA romantic comedy, filled with plenty of hilarious moments and family drama. Readers will also get a kick out of the uplifting relationship advice from the aunts and sisters in the Romance Boot Camp journal. A powerful mantra for graduates that having a "family should be a gift, not an obligation."--*Booklist*

## About the Author:

**Elba Luz** is a Latinx author and lover of stories, whether they be in the form of anime, manga, video games, and of course, books.

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# THAT DEVIL, AMBITION

By Linsey Miller

Perfect for fans of *A Study in Drowning*, *All of Us Villains*, and *The Atlas Six*, in this new adult crossover standalone dark academia fantasy from Lambda Literary Award finalist Linsey Miller.

*There is only one school worth graduating from, and it creates as many magicians as it does graves...*

First in his class and last in his noble line, Fabian Galloway's only hope of a good future is passing his elite school's honors class. It's only offered to the best thirteen students, and those students have a single assignment: kill their professor.

If they succeed, all of their student debt is forgiven.

However, if an assassination attempt fails or the professor is alive at the end of the year, the students' lives are forfeit.

And dealing with the professor, a devil summoned solely to kill or be killed, is no easy task.

Fabian isn't worried, though. He trusts his best friends—soft-hearted math genius Credence and absentminded but insightful Euphemia—to help. After all, that's why he befriended them.

As the months pass and their professor remains impossibly alive, the trio must use every asset they have to survive. Or else failure will be on their academic records, and their tombstones, forever.

## Praise:

"The claws are out in this compulsive read that's as wicked as it is smart." —Scott Reintgen, *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Door in the Dark*

"A richly imagined, wickedly sharp treatise on betrayal, love, and cunning—and more pointedly, who pays the price for all three." —Margaret Owen, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Merciful Crow* duology

"*That Devil, Ambition* was a heart-pounding read from start to poignant finish. Linsey Miller never misses." —Kamilah Cole, bestselling author of *So Let Them Burn*

"With intriguing characters and poetic prose, Miller's latest boasts a full curriculum of sordid, dreadful fun." —Tara Sim, author of *We Shall Be Monsters*

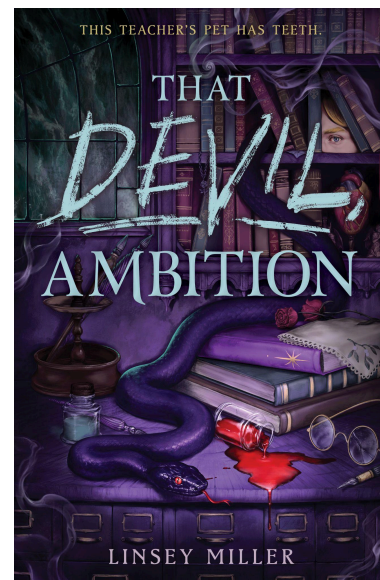
"*That Devil, Ambition* is required reading for all dark academia lovers...this is Linsey Miller at her best, brightest, and bloodiest." —Rosie Thor, author of *Tarnished are the Stars*

"Masterfully clever plotting and beautifully flawed characters. It's a must-read, stand-out entry in the dark academia genre—not just good, but stunningly good." —A.M. Strickland, author of *In the Ravenous Dark*

## About the Author:

**Linsey Miller** holds an MFA in fiction and is the author of Lambda-nominated dark fantasy *What We Devour*. Her other works include the *Mask of Shadows* duology, *Belle Révolte*, *The Game*, and the first three books in the Disney Princes series. She can be found in Texas writing about science and magic.

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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.

## 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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# A RUINOUS FATE

By *USA Today* bestseller Kaylie Smith

**Fate does not choose the weak. Fate chooses the ready.**

Illustros is a cursed realm ruled by the ruthless Gods of Fate, and no one understands the Fates' wrath more than Calliope Rosewood. Blessed with unspeakable powers that terrify even the most dangerous witches and fae, Calla hides her forbidden magic in shame and fear that one wrong touch could send her to her death. With only her two best friends in tow, Calla deserted her coven and has been on the run ever since.

Worse, Calla is concealing an even darker secret: fate has chosen her as the final prophesied Blood Warrior, the being destined to start the Fates' War, which will decimate her people and eradicate their magic.

After a betrayal from her infuriating ex Ezra leads her one step closer to fulfilling that age-old prophecy, Calla is desperate to do whatever it takes to reset her fate. So when a mysterious and charming witch offers to help Calla do just that, she immediately agrees to his plan. Only catch? That plan includes journeying into the deadly Neverending Forest with Ezra and said witch, who just so happens to be Ezra's tempting older brother. Torn between her past desires and alluring new possibilities, Calla brings along her best friends to fight what lies ahead.

As the group ventures into the enchanted woods together, they'll all soon learn that choosing your destiny comes with dire consequences . . . and the Fates are not to be tested. Calla believes the Fates have it out for her, while others believe they have chosen her for a reason. But in the end, Calla will have to fight to forge her own destiny and decide if the risk of choosing herself is worth the possibility of damning everyone else.

## Praise:

"A Ruinous Fate is filled with fantasy tropes you know and love, made all the richer with a diverse cast of magical beings. A story about the power of defying fate and fighting for the ones you love, this action-packed fantasy adventure and high stakes roll of the dice is like playing Dungeons Dragons with your best friends! I'm at the edge of my seat until book two!"—Aiden Thomas, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Cemetery Boys* and *Lost in the Never Woods*

"A spellbinding debut brimming with adventure, romance, and loveable characters you'll gladly follow into the shadows of their vivid world. The stakes couldn't be higher, and the twists are as unpredictable as a roll of the dice."—Alexandra Bracken, #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of *Lore*

## About the Author:

**Kaylie Smith** is a writer and lover of all things fantasy. She grew up in Louisiana where she frequently haunted bookstores and practiced her craft.

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# THE LAST SOLDIER OF NAVA

By Yejin Suh

**In this Korean mythology inspired sapphic fantasy, a young woman with shadow magic is awakened after a thousand years to heal her nation and her own troubled memory, even as she falls for the sister of a saint she killed in her past life.**

According to legend, the Soldier drowned entire kingdoms in darkness.

Yet, the Soldier was only a girl, robbed of her will and raised as a weapon for her power-hungry father. When she awakens years later, freedom takes the form of a hidden life and a new name: Shadow.

As war brews and magical dead zones devour the natural world, Shadow is captured and pulled back into court life by her immortal father's new prodigy, Scarlet, a diabolical woman obsessed with her sister's murder. A murder Shadow herself committed in a past life.

Shadow's control over darkness holds the key to restoring the balance of their world, but a serpentine court hides greed, corruption, and her father's new plot to resurrect his fading magic.

If she's to survive and save her nation, Shadow will have to hide her past and rely on the woman who captured her—even as they unwind the legends that brought them together and face their growing attraction.

## Praise:

Coming soon!

## About the Author:

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# A TASTE OF TORMENT

By Stacey Trombley

“Candice, if only you knew how much power you have over me, you’d never feel weak again.”

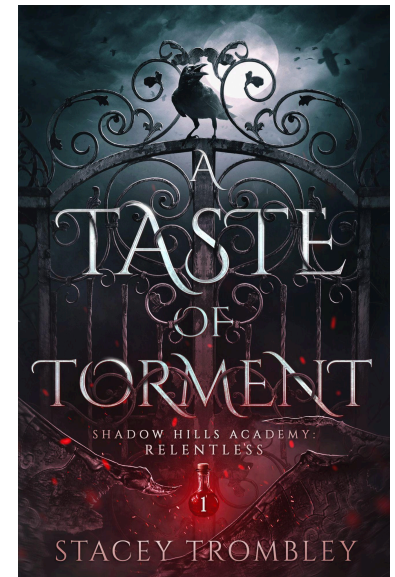
Everyone at Shadow Hills Academy desires the dark and powerful Jarron Blackthorn. But Candice the only one who has seen the terrifying beast beneath his magical façade.

After her sister is murdered, and the case mysteriously dropped, Candice knows where to begin her own investigation—Shadow Hills Academy, an elite school for supernaturals. With no magic, Candice tricks her way in to investigate her list of most likely culprits—powerful people like the demon prince Jarron.

But Jarron shocks Candice with a fierce determination for vengeance after learning of her sister’s death. He has an insane plan to help her get access to Elite Hall, where the most powerful students reside—by pretending to date her.

Hang on the arm of Jarron Blackthorn, the heir of the Under World, and everyone in school will be so desperate for her friendship they’ll spill their darkest secrets.

She just have to make sure Jarron never learns he’s her number one suspect.



**First of 3 in the SHADOW HILLS series!**

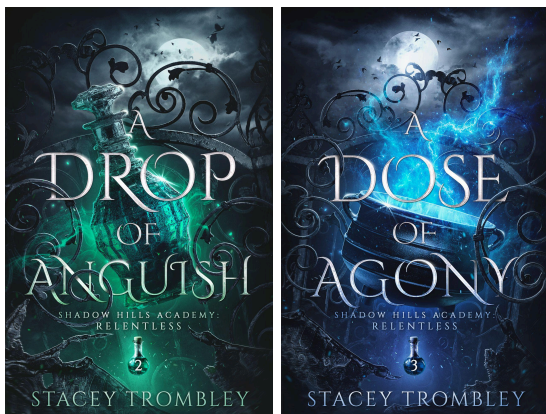
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# SEA OF TREASON

## By Stacey Trombley

**Whatever you do, don't fall in love.**

When Whitley winds up on the top of a pirate hit-list, she finds an unlikely savior. Bluff, a pirate who can transform his appearance to mimic anyone, sweeps her away from her high society life, mid waltz, and sneaks her onto his ship to avoid capture.

But Bluff has his own reasons to ensure her safety and he has no intention of letting Whitley in on his secrets. Pirates and sirens alike are after the subject of the prophecy, and it's only a matter of time until Whitley learns just how powerful she is. And just how much control she has over Bluff.

Resisting fate is never easy. Resisting Whitley will be near-impossible. But if he fails, it could mean his own enslavement by sirens, or worse—by the very girl he saved.



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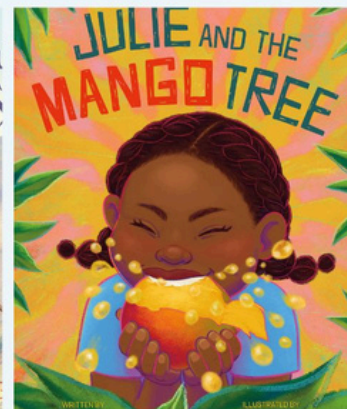
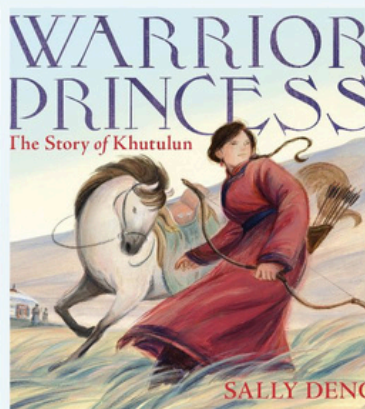
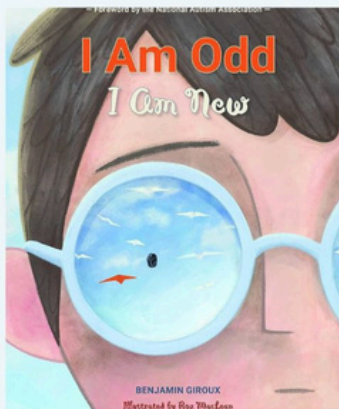
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