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YOUNG ADULT

Jamie D'Amato

SUPERNATURAL / ROMCOM

THE GOOD VAMPIRE'S GUIDE TO BLOOD AND BOYFRIENDS

SYNOPSIS

A queer paranormal rom-com where a college freshman must navigate suddenly becoming a vampire, the underground society he's now part of, and the cute boy who discovers his secret.

Nineteen-year-old Brennan Brooks's life is turned upside down when he gets turned into a vampire. And then his bloodthirsty existence gets even more complicated when Cole, a cute librarian, stumbles upon his secret.

Navigating college is hard enough, but add in vampire puberty, an eclectic clan of self-proclaimed "good" vampires, and a growing crush on Cole, and Brennan's not sure he knows what's wrong and right anymore.

With swirling rumors of a missing student and a rise in strange "animal attacks" near campus, it's up to Brennan to uncover the secrets of a sorority-like vampire clan and figure out how to balance vampirism and humanity—or risk losing the first real friends he's ever had.

PRAISE

"With fun, relatable characters, this is an excellent addition to the diverse resurgence of teen vampire fiction." —**Booklist**, starred review

"Full of adorable moments and relatable uncertainty." —**Kirkus**

"I couldn't slurp this book up fast enough! *The Good Vampire's Guide To Blood & Boyfriends* has the perfect combination of biting wit, heart-fluttering romance, and blood-thirsty heroes you can't help but root for." —**Jason June**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Out of the Blue*

"Including all the tropes that readers love about vampires and a few new twists." —**F.T. Lukens**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Spell Bound* and *So This Is Ever After*

THE AUTHOR

Jamie D'Amato is a writer and creative designer based in Louisville, Kentucky. As a writer, she loves telling stories that celebrate queer joy. *The Good Vampire's Guide to Blood and Boyfriends* is her debut novel. Jamie has a BA in Interaction Design and Communications from Northeastern University.



Wednesday Books
(Macmillan)
August 26, 2025
North American
Manuscript available

Brazil to **Alta Books**;
Spanish to **Molino (PRH Spain)**; UK to **Penguin Michael Joseph**

ROMANCE

KISS NOW, LIE LATER

RIVAL LOVE #1

***TROPES:** Forbidden Love / High School Romance / Small Town / School Rivalry / Brother's Rival / Enemies to Lovers

SYNOPSIS

Game meets game in this modern-day *Romeo and Juliet* forbidden romance.

Maeve Stephens is sports royalty in the small town of Glenmont. Her father is the high school football coach, and her twin brother Liam is the team's quarterback. Maeve's life is turned upside down when she meets **Weston Cole** at a party – he's the prodigious quarterback for the rival school in Alleghany, and a threat to her family football's legacy.

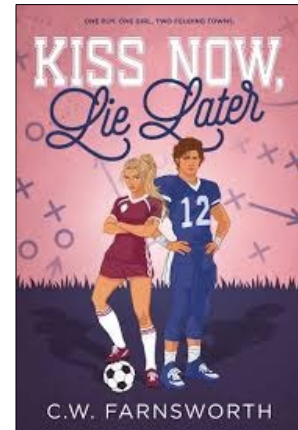
They should hate each other but... a few forbidden kisses, and their secret romance blooms into a *Romeo and Juliet* love story.

Book #2 in the series – FOR NOW, NOT FOREVER (Aug. 2025)

For other books by C.W. Farnsworth: authorcwfarnsworth.com

THE AUTHOR

C.W. Farnsworth is the author of numerous romance novels featuring strong female leads and happy endings. Charlotte lives in Rhode Island and when she isn't writing spends her free time reading, at the beach, or snuggling with her Australian Shepherd.



Entangled Teen
March 4, 2025
World English
Manuscript available

Jenny Han

CONTEMPORARY

THE SUMMER I TURNED PRETTY

TRILOGY

- **New York Times* bestselling series
- *Now an Original Series on Prime Video
- * ALA Best Books for Young Adults

SYNOPSIS

Some summers are just destined to be pretty.

Belly measures her life in summers. Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August. Winters are simply a time to count the weeks until the next summer, a place away from the beach house, away from Susannah, and most importantly, away from Jeremiah and Conrad. They are the boys that Belly has known since her very first summer—they have been her brother figures, her crushes, and everything in between. But one summer, one wonderful and terrible summer, the more everything changes, the more it all ends up just the way it should have been all along.

Book #2 in the series – IT'S NOT SUMMER WITHOUT YOU

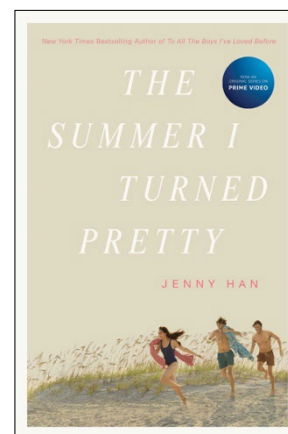
Book #3 in the series – WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE SUMMER

PRAISE

"This well-written coming-of-age story introduces 15-year-old Isabel, aka Belly, for whom summer has always been the most important time of year. Han realistically balances Belly's naïveté with her awareness of the changes the years have brought. Han's novel offers plenty of summertime drama." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

THE AUTHOR

Jenny Han is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* series and *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series. She is the creator and co-showrunner of *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series on Prime Video. She's an executive producer on the films *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, *To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You*, and *To All the Boys: Always and Forever*, all on Netflix. She's also the creator and co-showrunner of *XO Kitty*, a *To All the Boys* spinoff series. Her books have been published in more than thirty languages.



Simon & Schuster BFYR
2009, North American

Arabic to **Aser Al-Kotob**; Brazil to **Intrinseca**; Catalan to **Edicions 62**; Croatian to **Koncept**; Czech + Slovak to **Albatros**; Danish to **Carlsen**; Dutch to **Moon**; Finnish to **WSOY**; French to **Albin Michel**; German to **Hanser**; Greek to **Patakis**; Hebrew to **Agam**; Hungarian to **Konyvmolykepzo**; Italian to **Piemme**; Korean to **Book21**; Polish to **Kobiece**; Portuguese to **Topseller**; Romanian to **Trei**; Russian to **AST**; Serbian to **Urban Reads**; Slovene to **Učila**; Spanish to **Planeta**; Swedish to **Lavender Lit**; Turkish to **Pegasus**; Ukrainian to **Ranok**; UK to **PRH UK**

Kate Alice Marshall

THRILLER

WE WON'T ALL SURVIVE

SYNOPSIS

A nail-biting novel that's part survival story, part murder mystery, and all thriller.

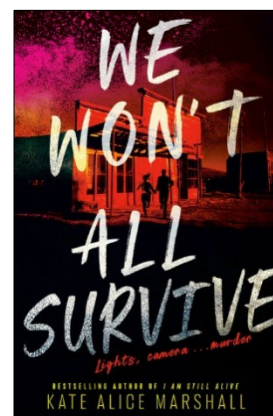
Two years ago, Mercy Gray survived a mall shooting. After saving numerous lives, she was hailed as a hero—but the only life she'd cared about saving was her sister's. She got to keep a few souvenirs: the fragment of the bullet still lodged in her back, a mountain of medical debt, and guilt for not believing her sister, Jamie, before it was too late. Jamie's "nice" classmate was not so nice, in the end.

So when reality tycoon Damien Dare recruits Mercy to compete on his survivalist TV show, she can't turn down the possibility of winning the whopping cash prize that could send Jamie to college.

But when she and the other contestants arrive in off-grid Landry's Gap for the shoot, something's off. The set is empty. The gates close without warning. And then one of them turns up dead. What started as a friendly competition quickly becomes a hunt for a murderer in their midst. Mercy has to figure out whom she can truly trust—before she's next.

THE AUTHOR

Kate Alice Marshall lives in the Pacific Northwest with a chaotic menagerie of pets and family members, and ventures out in the summer to kayak and camp along Puget Sound. She is the author of the young adult novels *I Am Still Alive*, *Rules for Vanishing*, *Our Last Echoes* and *These Fleeting Shadows*, as well as the middle grade trilogy *Thirteens* and *Extra-Normal*. Her debut adult novel, *What Lies in the Woods*, published in 2023.



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Manuscript available**

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to George Publishing s.r.o;
Ukrainian to Vivat**

CONTEMPORARY

EXQUISITE THINGS

SYNOPSIS

Spanning one hundred and thirty years of love and longing, a tale of two immortal beloveds searching for their perfect place and time.

Shahriar believes he was born in the wrong time. All he's ever wanted is to love and be loved, but 1895 London doesn't offer him the freedom to be his true self, and Oscar Wilde's trial for gross indecency has only reaffirmed that. But one night—and one writer—will grant Shahriar what he's always wished for: the opportunity to live in a time and place where he can love freely. Rechristened as **Shams** and then as **Bram**, he finds what feels like eternal happiness. But can anything truly be eternal?

Oliver doesn't feel that 1920s Boston gives him a lot of options to be his full self. He knows he could only ever love another boy, but that would break his beloved mother's heart. Oliver finds freedom and acceptance in the secret queer community at Harvard that his cousin introduces him to. When he meets a mysterious boy with eyes as warm as a flame, his life is irrevocably changed, forever.

PRAISE

"Nazemian once again expertly navigates multiple timelines, interweaving moments of the various time periods and sharing the love and challenges of two enchanted boys who can never age. This clever approach to the potential of immortality is equal parts heartwarming and heartbreaking." —**Booklist**, starred review

"A sumptuous, expansive, sexy and gorgeously written time hopping romance that proves that no matter the era, people are people and love is love." —**Gayle Forman**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *If I Stay* and *After Life*

THE AUTHOR

Abdi Nazemian is the author, among others, of *Only This Beautiful Moment*, a Stonewall YA Award Winner, and *Like a Love Story*, a Stonewall Honor Book. His novel *The Walk-In Closet* won the Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Debut Fiction. He lives in Los Angeles.



Harper
(HarperCollins)
September 23, 2025
North American
Manuscript available

French to Editions Milan

Lyssa Mia Smith

ROMANTASY

GILDED IN VENGEANCE

SYNOPSIS

Revenge meets the Gilded Age in this YA standalone romantasy, set among the magical elite of late-1800s New York society.

*Two girls attended a magical ball, but one was never seen again.
Until she came back, a mysterious boy by her side.*

Two years after being framed for magical fraud by the Society of the Charmed, home to New York's wealthiest (and magical!) citizens, eighteen-year-old **Emmy** Vallillo wastes away in prison. Until her cell door bursts open, revealing **Jack** Fontaine—once the Society's favorite son, now a fellow prisoner. He offers Emmy a deal: he'll help her escape, if she agrees to help destroy those who wronged him.

Using Emmy's magic to transform their appearances, they soon become the Society's new darlings. Now their enemies want to dine with them. Attend lavish balls with them. Marry them. But ruining lives requires Emmy to trust Jack with hers, despite his dark secrets—and the infuriating attraction between them.

When another betrayal brings their enemies to their doorstep, Emmy must choose: finish exacting revenge, or give up the money, the magic, and her safety for the most treacherous thing of all—love.

PRAISE

"An exciting, emotional, twist-filled page-turner."

—**Kirkus**, starred review

"Gripping, decadent, and complex. The deceptions and betrayals keep coming, and you won't be able to look away until the pyrotechnic end."

— **Allison Saft**, #1 *NYT* bestselling author of *Wings of Starlight*

"Prose that absolutely sparkles."—**Susan Dennard**, *NYT* Bestselling author of the *Luminaries series*

THE AUTHOR

Lyssa Mia Smith is an author of romantic fantasies and a fan of all things magical. Her debut novel, *Revelle*, published in 2023 (Polish to **Muza**; Spanish to **Trini Vergara Ediciones**; Turkish to **Beyaz Belina Publishing**; Russian to **Alpina**).



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(HarperCollins)
November 4, 2025
World English
Manuscript available

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CONTEMPORARY

LET THEM STARE

SYNOPSIS

A bighearted story about friendship, love—and discovering the secrets and beauty of your own hometown.

Sully is ready to get out of Hearst, Pennsylvania. With a fashion internship secured, the gender-nonconforming eighteen-year-old is trading in their stifling small town for the big city. Sully even sells their beloved car, to Bread—er, Brad—the most boring (and maybe only other) gay kid in town.

When Sully's internship goes up in smoke, they're trapped in Hearst with no cash—and no car. Desperate, they go to the thrift store, their personal sanctuary. There, they discover a vintage bag—like “put this baby in an airtight case at the MET” vintage. If Sully can authenticate it, the resale value would be enough for a new life in the city.

But when they begin to investigate, Sully finds themselves haunted. Literally. With the ghost of Rufus, a drag performer from the fifties with no memory of how he died standing—no, floating—in their bedroom, Sully's summer has a new purpose: 1) help this ghostly honey unlock his past and move on and 2) make bank—after all, the Real Real doesn't take poltergeist purses.

With Rufus in tow, and Brad—who's looking pretty scrumptious these days—playing chauffeur, Sully delves into the history of the town they're so desperate to escape. Only to discover that there might be more to Hearst than they ever knew.

PRAISE

“Quirky, passionate, rebellious.” —**Kirkus**, starred review

“A big-hearted, genre-defying ode to queer pride.”
—**School Library Journal**, starred review

THE AUTHORS

Jonathan Van Ness is an Emmy-winning television personality, 3x *New York Times* bestselling author, podcaster, comedian, celebrity hairstylist, and founder of JVN Hair.

Julie Murphy is the author of the middle grade novels *Dear Sweet Pea* and *Camp Sylvania* as well as the YA novels *Ramona Blue*, *Side Effects May Vary*, the *Faith* series, and *Dumplin'* (now a Netflix original film).



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Manuscript available

MIDDLE GRADE

Michelle Cuevas

IMAGINATIVE / MAGICAL

THE DREAMATICS

* US independent bookstores instant bestseller

** Film rights optioned by Warner Bros

SYNOPSIS

A fantastical theatre and its troupe perform a young girl's dreams, until nightmares take over. Will one devoted stagehand be able to bring joy back into the spotlight?

Have you ever awakened from a dream and thought, what was THAT?! Well, that dream was performed by a dream theatre, and this is the story of one such place: The Lunarian Grand.

The theatre's troupe call themselves the Dreamatics, and each night when a girl named Luna goes to sleep, they produce her spectacular dreams: dreams of memories, family, and her beloved dog, Murph.

But when something devastating happens in Luna's waking life, the theatre falls under new management in the form of the Bad Dreams. Now it's up to a loyal stagehand named Dormir and the Dreamatics to put things right and restore balance in their world and in Luna's.

PRAISE

"This witty, magical, and touching tale will inspire giggles of delight. A dreamy, imaginative, and vibrant story full of heart and wordplay."
— **Kirkus**, starred review

"Irresistibly rendered worldbuilding and delightfully limned, seldom-described characters." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"Endlessly inventive and incredibly compassionate, the exquisite descriptions make ephemeral emotions and experiences feel tangible."
— **Booklist**, starred review

THE AUTHOR

Michelle Cuevas graduated from Williams College and holds an MFA in creative writing from the University of Virginia. She is the author of several children's books, including *Confessions of an Imaginary Friend* and *The Care and Feeding of a Per Black Hole*. She lives in Berkshire County in Massachusetts.



Rocky Pond Books (PRH)
September 12, 2023
World English
Manuscript available

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Romanian to Art

Kallie George

THE AUTHOR

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FAMILY FOREVER

HEARTWOOD HOTEL #5

CHAPTER BOOK

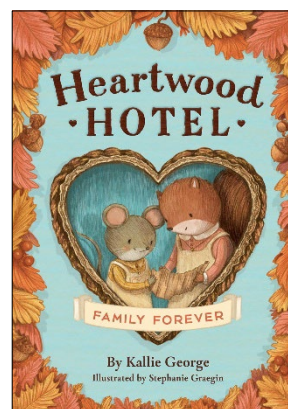
*Film rights to the series optioned by Doberman Pictures
Little, Brown Young Readers/Sept. 2025/World English/MS available

German to HarperCollins Germany

SYNOPSIS

Everything is humming at the Heartwood Hotel one year after the forest fire. Yet Mona the mouse feels like something is missing. Something besides the Golden Acorn—a legendary treasure buried and forgotten long ago. When a stranger turns up at the Heartwood with a map, suddenly the whole forest is taking part in a big treasure hunt and the hotel's regular activities are turned upside down.

But Mona has an idea to get things back to normal: throw a surprise birthday party for Mr. Heartwood! As the Heartwood attracts treasure hunters and as Mona's best friend Tilly seems to be pulling away, Mona feels like her plans are slipping through her paws! Who will find the legendary treasure? And what if danger finds the hotel first?



BRAVE BEGINNINGS

HEARTWOOD HOTEL #6

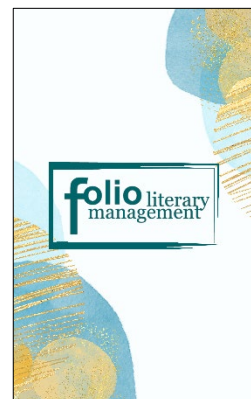
CHAPTER BOOK

Little, Brown Young Readers / Sept. 2026/World English/MS NOT available

SYNOPSIS

Mona the mouse is on a grand new adventure, to help run the Heartwood Maple, a new branch of the Heartwood Hotel.

Then something strange starts to happen: Cleaning supplies are missing and there's a strange creaking at night. Is something haunting the new hotel?



Kallie George

THE AUTHOR

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CRIMSON TWILL: WITCH IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CRIMSON TWILL #3

CHAPTER BOOK

*Illustrated by Birgitta Sif (represented by Writers House)
Candlewick (PRH)/Sept. 2024/ World English/MS available

SYNOPSIS

Crimson Twill is off to New Wart City to take wand lessons with her best friends—their class includes the famous Miserabella Portentia! When Crimson tries to do things the way Miserabella does, everything turns out miserable, but when one of Miserabella's spells gets out of control, it might be time for Crimson to do things her way.



CRIMSON TWILL: WITCH IN THE COUNTRY

CRIMSON TWILL #2

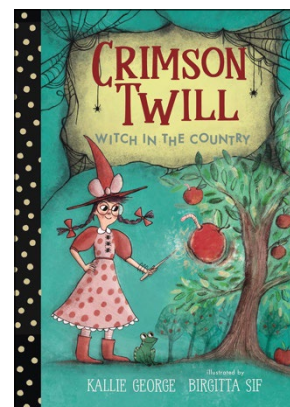
CHAPTER BOOK

*Illustrated by Birgitta Sif (represented by Writers House)
Candlewick (PRH)/August 2024/ World English/MS available

German to HarperCollins Germany

SYNOPSIS

Crimson Twill's new friends from New Wart City, Mauve and Wesley, are coming for a visit! But as soon as they arrive at Crimson's house in Cackle County, things start to go wrong. Can Crimson get to the bottom of this bad-luck mystery?



PRAISE

"Will leave readers cackling with delight." — **Kirkus Reviews**

Kallie George

THE AUTHOR

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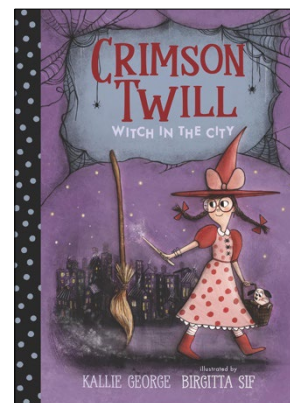
CRIMSON TWILL: WITCH IN THE CITY

CRIMSON TWILL #1

CHAPTER BOOK

*Illustrated by Birgitta Sif (represented by Writers House)
Candlewick (PRH)/July 2022/ World English/MS available

German to HarperCollins Germany



SYNOPSIS

Crimson Twill is a little witch, but you might not know it. She lives in the country and loves polka dots and puppies instead of pointy shoes and black dresses. She even wears a big bow on her hat—which is crimson, just like her name. Tonight, for the very first time, Crimson is riding on her mother’s broom all the way to New Wart City to go shopping at Broomingdale’s!

PRAISE

“The narration’s great humor throughout doesn’t undermine the earnest, wholesome sincerity of Crimson as she navigates the world on her own bighearted terms.”— **Kirkus Reviews**

“This sweet and charming book is full of fun, witchy details, as well as whimsical illustrations.”— **Booklist**

Kate Alice Marshall

SUPERNATURAL / SUSPENSE

EXTRA NORMAL

SYNOPSIS

It's hard to fight the supernatural when you're naturally "un-super." Charlie Greer is nothing special—at least not compared to her adopted siblings. Her younger sister is a ghost. Her brother Mateo is a werewolf. Gideon is the product of seriously sketchy experiments that gave him telekinetic powers. Even her parents work for the Division of Extranormal Investigations tracking down all things supernatural, alien, and otherwise unusual.

Charlie's mom says her superpower is maturity—which doesn't really count. But what Charlie lacks in powers she makes up for by keeping the household running. Now, with her parents off on their first vacation in years, it's up to her to take care of her siblings and make sure nothing disrupts the trip.

But then the new neighbors arrive. The Weavers are a nice, normal couple. Too nice and too normal. And for some reason, they don't seem to want Charlie to see inside their house. She's certain they're hiding something. Charlie has to uncover what's going on with the Weavers and stop their plans—without letting Mom and Dad find out anything is wrong.

PRAISE

"While saving her family from monsters, a very normal girl discovers what makes her special.... Simply a great read."

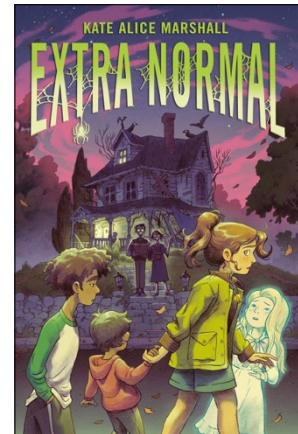
—**Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"[A] keenly plotted nail-biter, which boasts appropriately atmospheric prose and thrills and chills that draw on classic horror movie elements."

—**Publishers Weekly**

THE AUTHOR

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Publishing

Maria Scrivan

GRAPHIC NOVEL

NAT A CHANCE

NAT ENOUGH #6

**New York Times bestselling series*

SYNOPSIS

You don't know until you try...

Nat doesn't think she's an athlete, but after a series of painfully embarrassing moments, she's determined to build her confidence and signs up for a triathlon with her best friend, Zoe. As training begins, Nat realizes she's in way over her head, facing so many setbacks and challenges that she wonders why she ever signed up! Can Nat get out of her own way and complete the triathlon, or will she convince herself that she's not cut out for it and quit?

Book #1 in the series – NAT ENOUGH

Book #2 in the series – FORGET ME NAT

Book #3 in the series – ABSOLUTELY NAT

Book #4 in the series – NAT FOR NOTHING

Book #5 in the series – ALL IS NAT LOST

PRAISE

Praise for Nat Enough #1

Named one of "the year's best [graphic novel] books" by *The WaPo*

"Maria writes funny, Maria draws funny." — Jim Davis, creator of **Garfield**

"What elevates Maria Scrivan's graphic novel is the refreshing honesty with which it approaches its subject matter." — **Financial Times**

"Gentle and timeless." — **Publishers Weekly**

"[A] straightforward, heartfelt story." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"This story of growing up is a perfect read for students new to middle school and those questioning where their talents lie." — **Booklist**

THE AUTHOR

Maria Scrivan is a *New York Times* bestselling author and award-winning syndicated cartoonist.



Scholastic

March 4, 2025

North American

Manuscript available

French to **Scholastic**
Canada

PICTURE BOOKS

Julie Andrews & E. Walton Hamilton with Elly MacKay

Julie Andrews [AUTHOR] is a Golden Globe, Emmy, and Oscar winner. Her many roles include characters in *Mary Poppins*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Princess Diaries*, and recently, the voice of Lady Whistledown on *Bridgerton*.

Emma Walton Hamilton [AUTHOR] is an award-winning writer, producer, and arts educator. She has coauthored more than 30 children's books with her mother, Julie Andrews.

Elly MacKay [ILLUSTRATOR] is a paper artist and children's book creator. To create her unique illustrations, Elly sets up layers of painted paper in a miniature theater. She then lights the scene and photographs it.

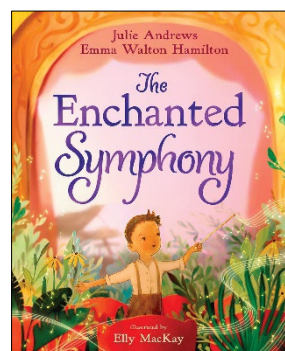
THE ENCHANTED SYMPHONY

Abrams BFYR/September 2023/North American

*Sold at auction

****International rights managed by WME**

Turkish to Koç University Press



An inspiring picture book about the power of art, nature, and community.

When a lively village is beset by a mysterious fog, the town turns dull and silent; melancholy neighbors stop visiting each other and even going outside. Until one day, when a boy's simple melody strikes a chord, reminding everyone of what matters most—even in the darkest of times.

From bestselling mother-daughter duo Julie Andrews and Emma Walton Hamilton comes a powerful, hopeful fairy tale celebrating life's simple pleasures that bring us together.

YA BACKLIST

Kendare Blake

THE AUTHOR

Kendare Blake is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Three Dark Crowns* series.

CHAMPION OF FATE

HEROMAKER #1

FANTASY

Quill Tree Books (HC)/2023/North American/MS available

Brazil to **Globo**; UK to **Rock the Boat** (Oneworld Publications)

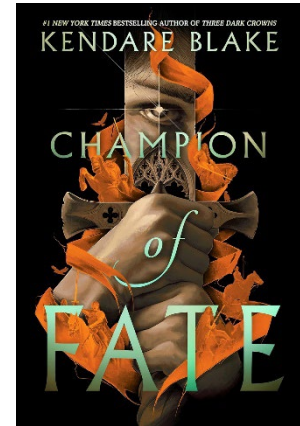
SYNOPSIS

Aristene are an order of mythical female warriors who guide heroes to victory. Raised by them, Reed is ready for her test: shepherding her first hero to glory on the battlefield. Succeed, and her place in the order is secured. Fail, and she'll be cast out. But Reed didn't count on Hestion, her assigned hero, being so intriguing. As she falls for him, Reed must make an impossible choice: her hero or her order.

PRAISE

"Enthralling. A fabulous series opener combining true thrills and deep relationships." — **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"Curiosity-stoking worldbuilding, paired with the characters' fully fleshed-out histories, keep the story's stakes high." — **Publishers Weekly**



WARRIOR OF LEGEND

HEROMAKER #2

FANTASY

Quill Tree Books (HC)/ Fall 2024/North American/ MS available

Brazil to **Globo**; UK to **Rock the Boat** (Oneworld Publications)

SYNOPSIS

Reed is officially a member of the Aristene, but she can't stop thinking about Hestion. Her next mission is a princess looking for a glorious marriage—nothing could be less dangerous! But Hestion is one of the suitors, and while Reed is occupied trying to win him back, an old danger is gaining strength. To battle the growing threat, the Aristene must band together. Will Reed be able to survive this war with her chosen family and her heart intact?



Asha Ashanti Bromfield

THE AUTHOR

Asha Ashanti Bromfield is an actress, singer, producer and writer of Afro-Jamaican descent. She is known for starring in CW's *Riverdale*, and Netflix's *Locke and Key*. Her name means Life, and she is a lover of it.

SONGS OF IRIE

HISTORICAL

Wednesday Books (Macmillan)/2023/North American/MS available

SYNOPSIS

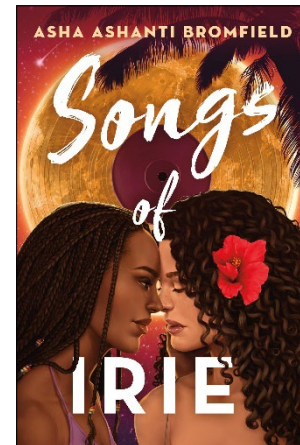
It's 1976 and Jamaica is on fire. Irie and Jilly come from very different backgrounds: Irie is from the heart of Kingston, where fighting in the streets is common. Jilly lives in a mansion on the hills. But the two bond through a shared love of Reggae music. As tensions build in the streets, so do tensions between the two girls, and a budding romance between them complicates things further. Can their bond survive?

PRAISE

"A richly intimate novel of rebellion, romance, and reggae."

— **Kirkus Reviews**

"A devastating and nuanced look at two teens' battle for freedom, hope, independence, and love" — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review



HURRICANE SUMMER

CONTEMPORARY

Wednesday Books (Macmillan)/2021/North American/MS available

*Film rights optioned by Neshama Entertainment

UK to Faber & Faber

SYNOPSIS

Tilla has spent her life trying to make her father love her. But every six months, he leaves and returns to Jamaica. This summer, she'll be traveling with him to the island for the first time. Tilla will learn about the dark secrets that lie beyond the veil of paradise—all in the midst of an impending hurricane.

PRAISE

"This is a must." —**Booklist** (starred review)



Kit Frick

THRILLER

I KILLED ZOE SPANOS

SYNOPSIS

A gripping thriller following two teens whose lives become inextricably linked when one confesses to murder and the other becomes determined to uncover the real truth no matter the cost.

When Anna Cicconi arrives to the small Hamptons village of Herron Mills for a summer nanny gig, she has high hopes for a fresh start. What she finds instead is a community on edge after the disappearance of Zoe Spanos, a local girl who has been missing since New Year's Eve. Anna bears an eerie resemblance to Zoe, and her mere presence in town stirs up still-raw feelings about the unsolved case. As Anna delves deeper into the mystery, stepping further and further into Zoe's life, she becomes increasingly convinced that she and Zoe are connected—and that she knows what happened to her.

Two months later, Zoe's body is found in a nearby lake, and Anna is charged with manslaughter. But Anna's confession is riddled with holes, and Martina Green, teen host of the Missing Zoe podcast, isn't satisfied. Did Anna really kill Zoe? And if not, can Martina's podcast uncover the truth?

PRAISE

"A shivery delight." — **People**

"An atmospheric and creepy page-turner." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"Strong heroines and an intriguing flip of whodunnit tropes will keep readers engaged to the surprising resolution." — **School Library Journal**

"A gripping...and tightly wound exploration of the price of secrets."
— **Booklist**

THE AUTHOR

Kit Frick is a MacDowell Fellow and International Thriller Writers Award finalist from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The author of *Before We Were Sorry* (originally published as *See All the Stars*), *All Eyes on Us*, *I Killed Zoe Spanos*, *Very Bad People*, and *The Reunion*. Kit loves a good mystery but has only ever killed her characters. Honest.



Margaret K. McElderry
Books (S&S)

June 30, 2020

World English

Manuscript available

French to Bayard; Italian to
Giunti; Polish to
HarperCollins Poland;
Russian to Arkadia;

Jenny Han

CONTEMPORARY

TO ALL THE BOYS I'VE LOVED BEFORE TRILOGY

**New York Times* bestselling series

*Now a major motion picture on Netflix and the inspiration for the spin-off series *XO, Kitty*

* A Time Best YA Book of All Time (2021)

SYNOPSIS

What if all the crushes you ever had found out how you felt about them...all at once?

Sixteen-year-old Lara Jean Song keeps her love letters in a hatbox her mother gave her. They aren't love letters that anyone else wrote for her; these are ones she's written. One for every boy she's ever loved—five in all. When she writes, she pours out her heart and soul and says all the things she would never say in real life, because her letters are for her eyes only. Until the day her secret letters are mailed, and suddenly, Lara Jean's love life goes from imaginary to out of control.

Book #2 in the series – P.S. I STILL LOVE YOU

Book #3 in the series – ALWAYS AND FOREVER LARA JEAN

PRAISE

"A lovely, lighthearted romance"— *School Library Journal*

THE AUTHOR

Jenny Han is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* series and *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series. She is the creator and co-showrunner of *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series on Prime Video. She's an executive producer on the films *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, *To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You*, and *To All the Boys: Always and Forever*, all on Netflix. She's also the creator and co-showrunner of *XO Kitty*, a *To All the Boys* spinoff series. Her books have been published in more than thirty languages.



**Simon & Schuster BFYR
2014, North American**

Arabic to **Aser Al-Kotob**; Brazil to **Intrinseca**; Bulgarian to **Ibis**; Croatian to **Fokus**; Czech + Slovak to **Albatros**; Danish to **Carlsen**; Dutch to **Moon**; Finnish to **WSOY**; French to **Panini**; German to **Hanser**; Greek to **Patakis**; Hebrew to **Agam**; Hungarian to **Konyvmolykepzo**; Indonesian to **Haru**; Italian to **Piemme**; Korean to **Hans Media**; Latvian to **Zvaigzne ABC**; Norwegian to **Gyldendal Norsk**; Polish to **Kobiece**; Portuguese to **Topseller**; Romanian to **Trei**; Russian to **AST**; Serbian to **Urban Reads**; Slovene to **Učila**; Spanish to **Planeta**; Swedish to **Lavender Lit**; Thai to **Earnest**; Turkish to **Pegasus**; Ukrainian to **Ranok**; UK to **Scholastic UK**; Vietnamese to **Kim Dong**

CONTEMPORARY

BURN FOR BURN

TRILOGY

**New York Times* bestselling authors

SYNOPSIS

Payback is paradise.

Postcard-perfect Jar Island is home to charming tourist shops, pristine beaches, amazing oceanfront homes—and three girls secretly plotting revenge.

KAT is sick and tired of being bullied by her former best friend.

LILLIA has always looked out for her little sister, so when she discovers that one of her guy friends has been secretly hooking up with her, she's going to put a stop to it.

MARY is perpetually haunted by a traumatic event from years past, and the boy who's responsible has yet to get what's coming to him.

None of the girls can act on their revenge fantasies alone without being suspected. But together...anything is possible.

With an unlikely alliance in place, there will be no more "I wish I'd said..." or "If I could go back and do things differently..." These girls will show Jar Island that revenge is a dish best enjoyed together.

Book #2 in the series – FIRE WITH FIRE

Book #3 in the series – ASHES TO ASHES

THE AUTHOR

Jenny Han is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* series and *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series. She is the creator and co-showrunner of *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series on Prime Video. She's an executive producer on the films *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, *To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You*, and *To All the Boys: Always and Forever*, all on Netflix. She's also the creator and co-showrunner of *XO Kitty*, a *To All the Boys* spinoff series. Her books have been published in more than thirty languages.

Siobhan Vivian is a screenwriter and *New York Times* best-selling novelist based in Los Angeles.



Simon & Schuster BFYR

August 2013

North American

Manuscript available

Brazil to **Intrinseca**; French to **Panini**; German to **Hanser**; Italian to **Piemme**; Polish to **Kobiece**; Portuguese to **Topseller**; Spanish to **Crossbooks**; UK to **S&S UK**; Ukrainian to **Ranok**

Estelle Laure

THE AUTHOR

Estelle Laure is the author of several young adult novels, including *This Raging Light* and Disney's *City of Villains* trilogy. She has been an Indie Next pick and a BEA Buzz Book author.

REMEMBER ME

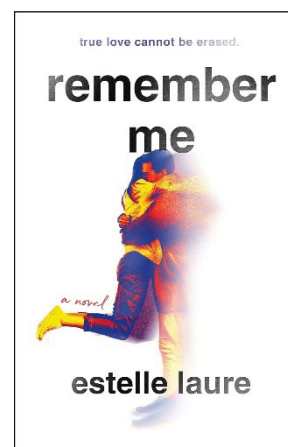
SCI-FI / MYSTERY

Wednesday Books /2022/North American/MS available

Czech to Albatros Czech

SYNOPSIS

Blue Owens wakes up one day with the feeling that something is wrong. Everyone's acting weird and she's found a note in her closet telling her to get on the Little Blue Bus at 7:45, which she does, meeting up with the exact person she was supposed to avoid: Adam Mendoza. Even though she has no idea who he is, something about him is so familiar. When she confronts him, the truth is revealed—Blue has paid to have her memories removed, and Adam is one of those memories.



PRAISE

"*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* for teens." — **Booklist**

MAYHEM

GOTHIC / SUPERNATURAL

Wednesday Books /2020/North American/MS available

SYNOPSIS

1987. Mayhem Brayburn has always known there was something off about her and her mother, Roxy. When May's stepfather finally goes too far, Roxy and Mayhem flee to Santa Maria, California. There Mayhem meets the kids who live with her aunt, and it opens the door to the magic that runs through the female lineage in her family, the very magic Mayhem is next in line to inherit and which will change her life for good.



PRAISE

"A compelling, unrelenting work of magical realism that will enthrall fans of nuanced feminist revenge fantasies." — **School Library Journal**

Rachael Lippincott

THE AUTHOR

Rachael Lippincott is the coauthor of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Five Feet Apart*. She currently resides in Pennsylvania with her wife and daughter

SHE GETS THE GIRL

CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/April 2022/World English/MS available

*Co-authored with Alyson Derrick

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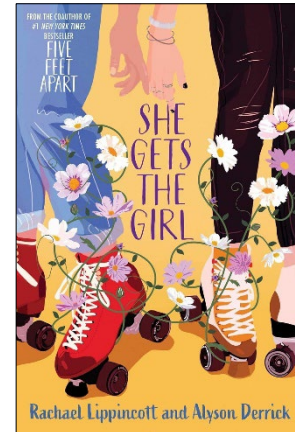
Brazil to **Alt**; Czech to **Euromedia**; French to **Michel Lafon**; German to **dtv**; Polish to **Media Rodzina**; Portuguese to **Presenca**; Spanish to **Nube de Tinta**; UK to **S&S UK**; Ukrainian to **Family Leisure Club**

SYNOPSIS

Alex and Molly couldn't be more different. But when Alex, fresh off a bad breakup, discovers Molly's hidden crush on another girl from campus, they realize they might have a common interest after all. Because maybe if Alex volunteers to help Molly learn how to get her dream girl to fall for her, she can prove to her ex that she's not a selfish flirt.

PRAISE

"Sweet, honest, and filled with personality." — **Kirkus Reviews**



THE LUCKY LIST

CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/2019/World English/MS available

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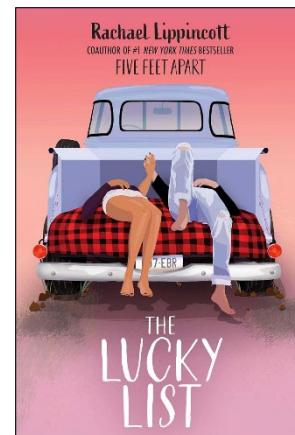
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SYNOPSIS

Emily's mom succumbed to cancer three years ago. So when Emily finds her mum's senior-year bucket list, she finds 12 ways to feel close to her again. But if she wants to check everything off, she'll need help – help in the form of *Blake*.

PRAISE

"A truly charming summer romp." — **Kirkus Reviews**



CONTEMPORARY

ONLY THIS BEAUTIFUL MOMENT

*2024 Stonewall YA Award Winner

SYNOPSIS

A sweeping story of three generations of boys in the same Iranian family.

2019. **Moud** is an out gay teen living in LA with his distant father, Saeed. When Moud gets the news that his grandfather in Iran is dying, he accompanies his dad to Tehran, where the revelation of family secrets will force Moud into a new understanding of his culture and himself.

1978. **Saeed** is an engineering student with a promising future ahead of him in Tehran. But when his parents discover his involvement in the country's burgeoning revolution, they send him to safety in America, a country Saeed despises.

1939. **Bobby**, the son of a calculating Hollywood stage mother, lands a coveted MGM studio contract. But the fairy-tale world of glamour he's thrust into has a dark side.

PRAISE

"Thought-provoking, poignant and defiant, assuredly interweaving three complex stories, it's an arresting celebration of activism, forbidden love and fragile but enduring family bonds." — **The Guardian**

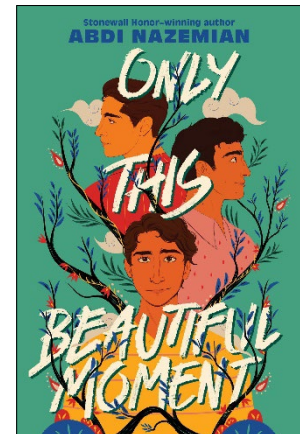
"Nazemian's elegant prose propels this historically resonant and culturally nuanced family drama. A stunning intergenerational coming-of-age story." — **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"A touching family drama." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"Beautiful poetry that will almost certainly change the lives of those who read it." — **BookPage**, starred review

THE AUTHOR

Abdi Nazemian is the author, among others, of *Like a Love Story*, a Stonewall Honor Book. His novel *The Walk-In Closet* won the Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Debut Fiction. He lives in Los Angeles.



Balzer + Bray
(HarperCollins)
May 9, 2023
North American
Manuscript available

ANZ to University of
Queensland Press (UQP);
Brazil to Harper Brasil;
French to Milan; German to
Arctis Verlag (Atrium
Verlag); UK to Stripes

Morgan Matson

CONTEMPORARY

THE BALLAD OF DARCY AND RUSSELL

SYNOPSIS

A sweeping romantic novel about love, fate...and that one night that can change everything.

Darcy believes in love at first sight. Even though it's never happened to her, she's spent her whole life waiting for that magical moment. But right now, her life is anything but perfect. In the aftermath of a music festival, she's stranded at a bus station until morning – the day before she leaves for college. Her phone is dead, she has no cash, nothing good can come of this night...but then she meets Russell.

Russell. Cute and nice, funny and kind. She knows this is the moment – and the guy – she's been waiting for. And they have until sunrise to walk, and talk, and connect.

Over the course of this one fateful night, Darcy and Russell's lives will change forever. They'll discover things they never imagined about each other – and about themselves.

But can you really know someone after only a handful of hours? And is it worth saying hello...when you know you're destined for a goodbye?

PRAISE

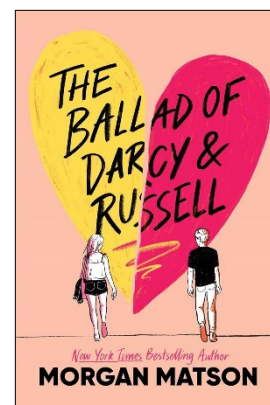
"As the serendipitous duo bond over their hopes and fears and personal challenges, it's impossible not to be invested in their growing connection." — **Publishers Weekly**

"A strongly plotted romantic comedy with plenty of well-structured, pitch-perfect drama to dig into." — **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"Fans of all-in-one-day stories, like Nicola Yoon's *The Sun Is Also a Star*, will eat it up." — **Booklist**

THE AUTHOR

Morgan Matson is the *New York Times* bestselling author of seven books for teens, including *Since You've Been Gone* and *Save the Date*, and the middle grade novel *Firefly Summer*. She lives in Los Angeles.



Simon & Schuster Books
for Young Readers
May 7, 2024
North American
Manuscript available

ANZ to Affirm Press; Polish
to Muza Publishing;
Russian to Alpina
Publishing Group

Morgan Matson

THE AUTHOR

Morgan Matson is the *New York Times* bestselling author of six books for teens, including *Since You've Been Gone* and *Save the Date*, and the middle grade novel *Firefly Summer*.

TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT

CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/May 2021/North American/MS available

UK to Simon & Schuster UK

SYNOPSIS

Kat and Stevie—best friends, theater kids, polar opposites—have snuck away from the suburbs to spend a night in New York City. They have it all planned out. They'll see a play, eat at the city's hottest restaurant, and have the best. Night. Ever. What could go wrong? Well. Kind of a lot.

PRAISE

"A jam-packed tale of a long night that brings two friends closer to each other and their true selves." — **Publishers Weekly**



SAVE THE DATE

CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/May 2018/North American/MS available

French to **Milan**; German to **CBJ**; Romanian audio to **StorySide AB**; Spanish to **Neo Plataforma**; UK to **Simon & Schuster UK**

SYNOPSIS

Charlie Grant's older sister is getting married this weekend at their family home, and Charlie can't wait—for the first time in years, all four of her older siblings will be under one roof. Charlie is desperate for one last perfect weekend, before the house is sold and everything changes. The only problem? The weekend is shaping up to be an absolute disaster.

PRAISE

"A sparkling summer story ideal for teens who are on that bittersweet cusp of change." — **Booklist**



Morgan Matson

THE AUTHOR

Morgan Matson is the *New York Times* bestselling author of six books for teens, including *Since You've Been Gone* and *Save the Date*, and the middle grade novel *Firefly Summer*.

THE UNEXPECTED EVERYTHING

CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/2016/North American/MS available

Bulgarian to **Orange Books**; French to **Milan**; German to **CBJ**; UK to **Simon & Schuster UK**

SYNOPSIS

When a political scandal costs Andie her summer pre-med internship, and lands both she and Dad back in the same house together for the first time in years, she suddenly finds herself doing things that aren't Andie at all—working as a dog walker, doing an epic scavenger hunt with her Dad... and falling in love.



SINCE YOU'VE BEEN GONE

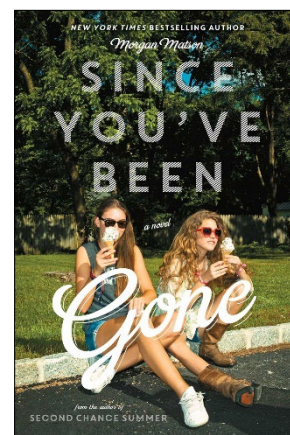
CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/May 2014/North American/MS available

Bulgarian to **Orange Books**; French to **Milan**; German to **CBJ**; Lithuanian to **Alma Littera**; Spanish to **Neo Plataforma**; UK to **Simon & Schuster UK**

SYNOPSIS

Before Sloane, Emily didn't go to parties, she barely talked to guys, and she didn't do anything crazy. Enter Sloane, social tornado and the best kind of best friend—someone who yanks you out of your shell. But right before what should have been an epic summer, Sloane just...disappears. No note. No calls. No texts. No Sloane. There's just a random to-do list with thirteen bizarre tasks that Emily would never try. But what if they can lead her to Sloane?



PRAISE

"A winning blend of touching moments, memorable characters and situational humor." — **Kirkus Reviews**

Laura Sebastian

FANTASY

CASTLES IN THEIR BONES

CASTLES IN THEIR BONES #1

**New York Times bestselling author of the Ash Princess series*

SYNOPSIS

A spellbinding story of three princesses and the destiny they were born for: seduction, conquest, and the crown.

Empress Margaraux has had plans for her daughters since the day they were born. Princesses Sophronia, Daphne, and Beatriz will be queens. And now, at age sixteen, they each must leave their homeland and marry their prince.

Beautiful, smart, and demure, the triplets appear to be the perfect brides—because Margaraux knows there is one common truth: everyone underestimates a girl. Which is a grave mistake. Sophronia, Daphne, and Beatriz are no innocents. They have been trained since birth in the arts of deception, seduction, and violence, with a singular goal—to bring down monarchies—and their marriages are merely the first stage of their mother's grand vision: to one day reign over the entire continent of Vesteria.

The princesses have spent their lives preparing, and now they are ready, each with her own secret skill, and each with a single wish, pulled from the stars. Only, the stars have their own plans—and their mother hasn't told them all of hers.

PRAISE

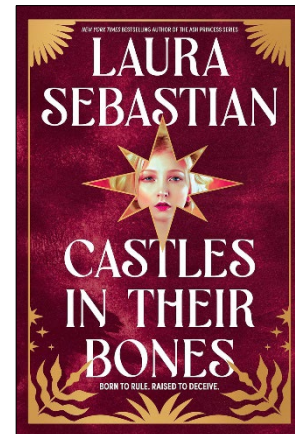
"This enchanting tale is filled with captivating court intrigue and espionage." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"In Sebastian's world of royalty, power, and magic, the duplicitous but no less championable princesses engage in surprise twists, romantic entanglements, and dicey predicaments." — **Publishers Weekly**

"A page-turner that blends magic, romance, and adventure." — **Booklist**

THE AUTHOR

Laura Sebastian grew up in South Florida and now lives in London. Laura is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling *Ash Princess* series.



Delacorte Press (PRH)

Feb 01, 2022

North American

Manuscript available

Brazil to **Sextante**; French to **Casterman**; German to **cbj**; Hebrew to **Yedioth**; Polish to **Zysk**; Russian to **Eksmo**; UK to **Hodder & Stoughton**

Laura Sebastian

THE AUTHOR

Laura Sebastian grew up in South Florida and now lives in London. Laura is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling *Ash Princess* series.

STARDUST IN THEIR VEINS

CASTLES IN THEIR BONES #2

FANTASY

Delacorte Press (PRH)/Feb. 2023/North American/MS available

Brazil to **Sextante**; French to **Casterman**; German to **cbj**; Hebrew to **Yedioth**; Polish to **Zysk**; Russian to **Eksmo**; UK to **Hodder & Stoughton**

SYNOPSIS

Sent to their new kingdoms, the princesses have found their own paths, changing the course of their mother's plans entirely. Sophronia chose love, and for that, she lost her life. Daphne and Beatriz are determined to avenge her, but they are just beginning to understand the true power coursing through their veins. And their mother will do anything to keep them under her thumb—even if it means killing them all.



POISON IN THEIR HEARTS

CASTLES IN THEIR BONES #3

FANTASY

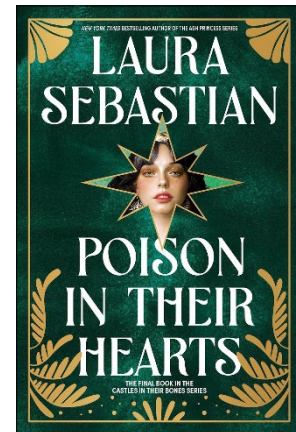
Delacorte Press (PRH)/June 2024/North American/MS available

Brazil to **Sextante**; French to **Casterman**; German to **cbj**; Hebrew to **Yedioth**; UK to **Hodder & Stoughton**

SYNOPSIS

They were raised to bring down kingdoms, but their true destiny has always been to die. Since Sophronia's murder, princesses Daphne and Beatriz have discovered the truth: they are pawns in their mother's game, which will end with her as empress of the entire continent of Vesteria. Only the princesses have their own plans.

Every move they make, the empress seems to be one step ahead of them. If there's to be any hope for the princesses, the girls will need to use every skill their mother taught them, trust in the magic in their veins, and defy fate itself. And if they can't, all is lost for the people of Vesteria.



Siobhan Vivian

THE AUTHOR

Siobhan Vivian is a screenwriter and *New York Times* best-selling novelist based in Los Angeles.

WE ARE THE WILDCATS

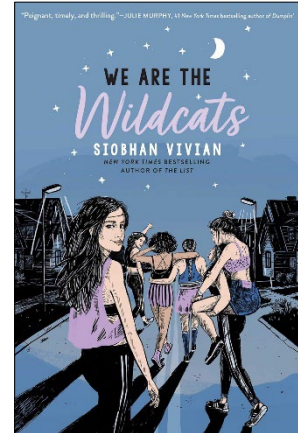
CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/March 2020/North American/MS available

French to **Nathan**; German to **Hanser**

SYNOPSIS

A toxic coach finds himself outplayed by the high school girls on his varsity field hockey team in this deeply suspenseful novel, which unspools over twenty-four hours through six diverse perspectives. A testament to the strength and resilience of modern teenage girls.



PRAISE

"A fresh, beautifully written look at high school sports that sparkles with strong female athletes." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"A taut, triumphant collective portrait of girls learning to measure their own worth." — **Booklist**

STAY SWEET

CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/April 2018/North American/MS available

French to **Michel Lafon**; German to **Hanser**; Spanish to **Planeta Mexico**

SYNOPSIS

Meade Creamery opened for business in 1945, and after the owner's unexpected death, Amelia is determined to keep this local institution going. When Grady Meade, the great-nephew to whom the owner left the Creamery, arrives to run the business, Amelia's at first thrilled. But Grady's got some changes in mind...



PRAISE

"A delectable mixture of ice cream and romance...While evoking the warmth of rural life and employee comradeship."

— **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

Siobhan Vivian

THE AUTHOR

Siobhan Vivian is a screenwriter and *New York Times* best-selling novelist based in Los Angeles.

THE LAST BOY AND GIRL IN THE WORLD

CONTEMPORARY

Simon & Schuster BFYR/April 2016/North American/MS available

Brazil to **Intrinseca**; Italian to **Newton Compton**

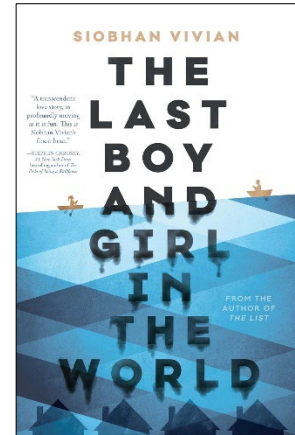
SYNOPSIS

What if your town was sliding underwater and everyone was ordered to pack up and leave? Keeley Hewitt and her friends decide to go out with a bang. And for Keeley, that means taking one last shot at the boy she's loved forever.

PRAISE

"Vivian allows readers to feel intimately connected to the depth of Keeley's regret." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"[A] richly layered portrayal of bad boys and girl pranksters" — **Kirkus**



THE LIST

CONTEMPORARY

Scholastic/ 2012/North American/MS available

French to **Nathan**; Italian to **Feltrinelli**; Spanish to **Alfaguara**

SYNOPSIS

It happens every year. A list is posted, and one girl from each grade is chosen as the prettiest, and another is chosen as the ugliest. This is the story of eight girls, freshman to senior, "pretty" and "ugly."

PRAISE

"A well-differentiated cast of complex characters and a thoughtful focus on femininity." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"A riveting exploration of physical appearance and the status it confers." — **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review



MG BACKLIST

Michelle Cuevas

IMAGINATIVE / WHIMSICAL

CONFESSIONS OF AN IMAGINARY FRIEND

A MEMOIR BY JACQUES PAPIER

*Winner of the Andersen Award 2016 (Italy) in the Best Book category

9-12 years

*A TIME magazine Top 10 Children's Book of 2015

* Film rights to 20th Century Fox Animation

SYNOPSIS

The “autobiography” of an imaginary friend who doesn’t know he’s imaginary.

Jacques Papier has the sneaking suspicion that everyone except his sister Fleur hates him. Teachers ignore him when his hand is raised in class, he is never chosen for sports teams, and his parents often need to be reminded to set a place for him at the dinner table. But he is shocked when he finally learns the truth: He is Fleur’s imaginary friend! When he convinces Fleur to set him free, he begins a surprising and touching, and always funny quest to find himself—to figure out who Jacques Papier truly is, and where he belongs.

PRAISE

“Cuevas’s novel—brimming with metaphors, gorgeous imagery, and beautiful turns of phrase—considers the fate of devoted but invisible companions.”—**Publishers Weekly**, starred review

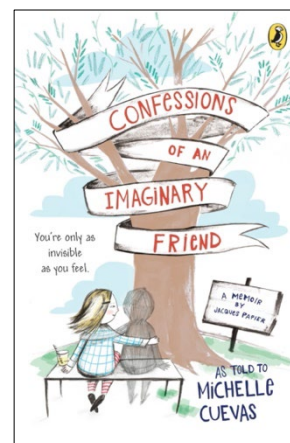
“Alternately amusing and philosophical, this quirky read will get kids thinking about love, loss, and life.”—**Booklist**

“A lovely and unique tale.”—**School Library Journal**

“A charming story that it feels like a future Pixar movie.”—**WSJ**

THE AUTHOR

Michelle Cuevas holds an MFA in creative writing from the University of Virginia. She is the author of several children’s books, including *The Care and Feeding of a Black Pet Hole* and *The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles*. She lives in Berkshire County in Massachusetts.



Rocky Pond Books (PRH)
2015

World English
Manuscript available

Brazil to **Record**; Italian to
De Agostini; Complex
Chinese to **Global Kids
Books**; French to **Nathan**;
German to **Fischer**;
Japanese to **Shogakukan**;
Romanian to **Art**; Simplified
Chinese to **New Buds**;
Vietnamese to **Tri Duc
Books**

Michelle Cuevas

IMAGINATIVE / WHIMSICAL

THE CARE AND FEEDING OF A BLACK PET HOLE

* Runner-up Premio Strega ragazze e ragazzi [Strega Award Children's books] 2019

SYNOPSIS

A girl's friendship with a lonely black hole leads her to face her own sadness. An astonishingly original and funny adventure with a great big heart.

When eleven-year-old Stella Rodriguez shows up at NASA to request that her recording be included in Carl Sagan's Golden Record, something unexpected happens. A black hole follows her home, and sets out to live in her house as a pet. The black hole swallows everything he touches, which is challenging to say the least—but also turns out to be a convenient way to get rid of those items that Stella doesn't want around. Soon the ugly sweaters her aunt has made for her all disappear within the black hole, as does the smelly class hamster she's taking care of, and most important, all the reminders of her dead father that are just too painful to have around.

It's not until Stella, her younger brother, Cosmo, the family puppy, and even the bathroom tub all get swallowed up by the black hole that Stella comes to realize she has been letting her own grief consume her. And that's not the only thing she realizes as she attempts to get back home.

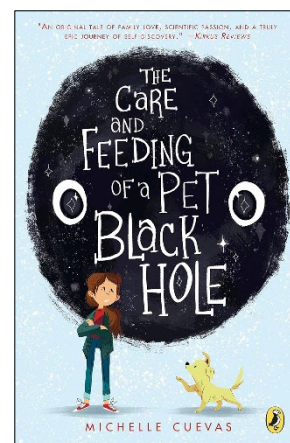
PRAISE

"An original tale of family love, scientific passion, and a truly epic journey of self-discovery." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"As much a journey of grief and healing as a literal adventure, Cuevas's story is both touching and funny." —**Booklist**

THE AUTHOR

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Rocky Pond Books (PRH)
2017

World English
Manuscript available

Brazil to **Record**; Italian to
De Agostini; French to
Nathan; German to
Fischer; Japanese to
Shogakukan; Polish to
Nasza Ksiegarnia;
Vietnamese to **Tri Duc
Books**

Kallie George

THE AUTHOR

Kallie George has written numerous books for early readers, including *The Magical Animal Adoption Agency* series and *The Wings of Olympus* series, as well as numerous picture books. Kallie currently lives in Vancouver.

HOME AGAIN

HEARTWOOD HOTEL #4

CHAPTER BOOK

*Film rights to the series optioned by Doberman Pictures
Little, Brown Young Readers /2018/World English/MS available

Canada to HarperCollins Canada; Complex Chinese to WordField; French to Casterman;
German to HarperCollins Germany; Japanese to Doshinsha; Vietnamese to Kim Dong

SYNOPSIS

It's summer at the Heartwood Hotel, and everyone is in a flurry getting ready for Ms. Prickles's wedding to Mr. Quillson! When lightning strikes part of Fernwood Forest, Mona does everything she can to protect the Heartwood from harm, but as the fire rages on, it's becoming dangerous to stay. Can Mona and her friends save their home before it's too late?



BETTER TOGETHER

HEARTWOOD HOTEL #3

CHAPTER BOOK

Little, Brown Young Readers /2018/World English/MS available

Canada to HarperCollins Canada; Complex Chinese to WordField; French to Casterman;
German to HarperCollins Germany; Japanese to Doshinsha; Vietnamese to Kim Dong

SYNOPSIS

Spring has come to Fernwood Forest, and the Heartwood Hotel is all a-bustle. When rumors buzz of a rival hotel, Gilles is determined to prove that the Heartwood is the very best the forest has ever seen. Newcomer Henry is all too happy to help out, making Mona start to feel unsure of her place. Does the Heartwood really need her as much as she thought? But soon there's more to worry about. Some decidedly uninvited guests have been drawn to the festivities. Can Mona find a way to bring everyone together in time to save them all from danger?



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THE GREATEST GIFT

HEARTWOOD HOTEL #2

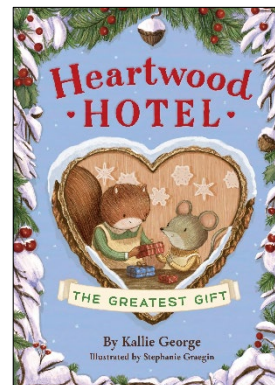
CHAPTER BOOK

Little, Brown Young Readers /2017/World English/MS available

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SYNOPSIS

Mona the mouse has finally found a place to call home, the cozy Heartwood Hotel, where she works as a maid. Most of the guests have settled in to hibernate, and the staff is looking forward to a relaxing winter. But disruptions abound, and as the snow stacks higher, Mona will have to gather friends both old and new to keep the peace.



A TRUE HOME

HEARTWOOD HOTEL #1

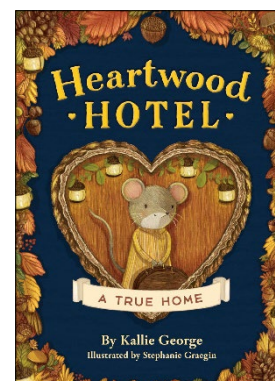
CHAPTER BOOK

Little, Brown Young Readers /2017/World English/MS available

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SYNOPSIS

When Mona the Mouse stumbles across the Heartwood Hotel in the middle of a storm, she desperately hopes they'll let her stay. As it turns out, Mona is precisely the maid they need at the grandest hotel in Fernwood Forest. But the Heartwood Hotel is not all acorn soufflés and soft moss-lined beds. Danger lurks, and as it approaches, Mona finds that this hotel might also be her true home.



PRAISE

"A warm, winning tale."— **Kirkus Reviews**

HISTORICAL / MAGICAL REALISM

FREEWATER

- *Winner of the John Newbery Medal
- *Winner of the Coretta Scott King Author Award
- * A *New York Times* Bestseller

SYNOPSIS

A novel about two enslaved children's escape from a plantation and the many ways they find freedom.

Under the cover of night, twelve-year-old Homer flees Southerland Plantation with his little sister Ada, unwillingly leaving their beloved mother behind. Homer knows there's no turning back, not with the overseer on their trail. Through tangled vines and over a sky bridge, the two find a secret community called Freewater, deep in the swamp.

In this society created by formerly enslaved people and some freeborn children, Homer finds new friends, almost forgetting where he came from. But when he learns of a threat that could destroy Freewater, he crafts a plan to find his mother and help his new home.

Deeply inspiring and loosely based on the history of maroon communities in the South.

PRAISE

"Detailed and well-researched historical fiction. The characters are varied, complex, and fully realized. An exceptional addition to the resistance stories of enslaved people." — **Kirkus**, starred review

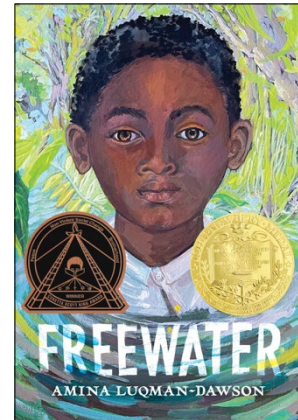
"This lyrical story of hope, strength, and ingenuity will be gobbled up by young history buffs and adventure lovers." — **Booklist**, starred review

"A vividly written, wholly accessible novel of enslavement and resistance." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"An engrossing, multi-perspective debut novel with an explosive and cathartic conclusion." — **Horn Book**, starred review

THE AUTHOR

Amina Luqman-Dawson is the Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Award-winning and bestselling author of *Freewater*. Her op-eds on race and popular culture have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and more. She, her husband, and her son reside in Arlington, VA.



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Citic; French to **Milan**;
Japanese to **Holp Shuppan
Publications**; Korean to
**Balgeunmirae Publishing
Co.**; Turkish to **Eksik Parca
Publishing**

Morgan Matson

CONTEMPORARY

THE FIREFLY SUMMER

SYNOPSIS

A young girl gets to know her mom's side of the family and hunts for hidden treasure over the course of one chaotic summer.

For as long as Ryanna Stuart can remember, her summers have been spent with her father and his new wife. But this summer she's received a letter from her grandparents—grandparents neither she nor her dad have spoken to since her mom's death—inviting her to stay with them at an old summer camp in the Poconos.

Ryanna accepts. She wants to learn about her mom. She wants to uncover the mystery of why her father hasn't spoken to her grandparents all these years. But what she finds are relatives...so many relatives! A motley, rambunctious crew of kids and eccentric, unconventional adults. People who have memories of her mom from when she was Ryanna's age, clues to her past like a treasure map. Ryanna even finds an actual, real-life treasure map!

Over the course of one unforgettable summer, Ryanna discovers a whole new side of herself and that, sometimes, the last place you expected to be is the place where you really belong.

PRAISE

"Matson's vibrant setting, peopled with an easygoing extended family that encourages free play, is irresistibly rendered, while Ryanna's quest to learn more about her mother, as well as her father's falling out with the family, imbues the carefully plotted central mystery with emotional resonance." — **Publishers Weekly**, starred review

"Like a great summer camp, this tale evokes the best of the past while setting the stage for something new." — **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"An endearing book for tweens." — **Booklist**, starred review

THE AUTHOR

Morgan Matson is the *New York Times* bestselling author of six books for teens, including *Since You've Been Gone* and *Save the Date*. She lives in Los Angeles but spends part of every summer in the Pocono Mountains.



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for Young Readers**
May 2, 2023
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Manuscript available**

Bulgarian to **Orange Books**

GRAPHIC NOVEL

NAT ENOUGH

NAT ENOUGH #1

**New York Times bestselling series*

SYNOPSIS

Nat's class trip is a bigger adventure than she imagined!

Natalie has never felt that she's enough—athletic enough, stylish enough, or talented enough. And on the first day of middle school, Natalie discovers that things are worse than she thought—now she's not even cool enough for her best friend, Lily! As Natalie tries to get her best friend back, she learns more about her true self and natural talents. If Natalie can focus on who she is rather than who she isn't, then she might realize she's more than enough, just the way she is.

Book #2 in the series – FORGET ME NAT

Book #3 in the series – ABSOLUTELY NAT

Book #4 in the series – NAT FOR NOTHING

Book #5 in the series – ALL IS NAT LOST

Book #6 in the series – NAT A CHANCE

PRAISE

Named one of "the year's best [graphic novel] books" by *The Washington Post*

"Maria writes funny, Maria draws funny, and Maria does it with a ton of heart." — Jim Davis, creator of **Garfield**

"What elevates Maria Scrivan's graphic novel is the refreshing honesty with which it approaches its subject matter." — **Financial Times**

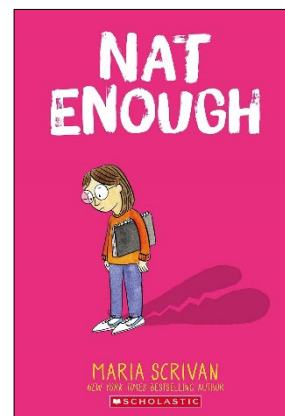
"Gentle and timeless." — **Publishers Weekly**

"[A] straightforward, heartfelt story." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"This story of growing up is a perfect read for students new to middle school and those questioning where their talents lie." — **Booklist**

THE AUTHOR

Maria Scrivan is a *New York Times* bestselling author and award-winning syndicated cartoonist.



Scholastic

April 7, 2020

North American

Manuscript available

ANZ to Scholastic

Australia; French to

Scholastic Canada;

German to Loewe; Greek to

Metaixmio; Hebrew to

Yedioth; Italian to

Piemme; Korean to

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Ivanov and Farber;

Spanish and Catalan to

Bruno; Turkish to Epsilon

PB BACKLIST

Lucy Ruth Cummins AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

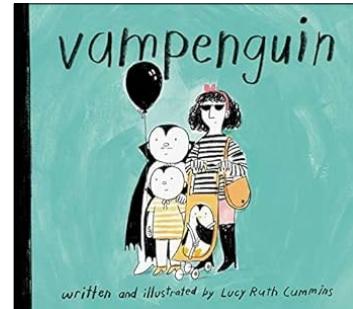
Lucy Ruth Cummins is a writer, illustrator and the executive art director of Simon & Schuster BFYR.

VAMPENGUIN

Atheneum BFYR /2021/World English
Italian to **Salani**

On a Saturday morning, baby Dracula visits the zoo with his family, where baby Penguin lives with hers. Baby Dracula slips into the Penguin House, while baby Penguin waddles into the stroller. A wryly humorous story of mistaken identity.

"Impeccable integration of text and illustrations makes for a book readers can really sink their teeth into."— **Kirkus**, starred review

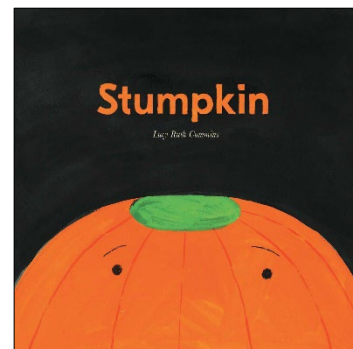


STUMPKIN

Atheneum BFYR /2018/World English
Complex Chinese to **Beijing Publishing House**

Stumpkin is the most handsome pumpkin on the block. He's perfect choice for a Halloween jack-o-lantern. There's just one problem—Stumpkin has a stump, not a stem. As Halloween night approaches, more and more of his fellow pumpkins leave, but poor Stumpkin remains. Will anyone give Stumpkin his chance to shine?

"A perfect holiday read-aloud."— **School Library Journal**

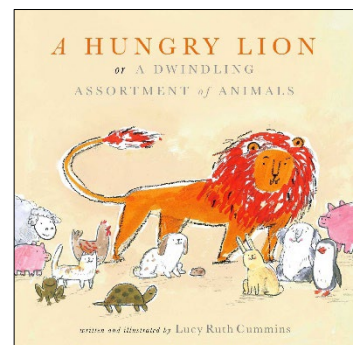


A HUNGRY LION, OR A DWINDLING ASSORTMENT OF ANIMALS

Atheneum BFYR /2016/World English
Dutch to **De Vries-Brouwers**; French to **Le Genévrier**; Simplified Chinese to **Beijing Yanliu Classic Culture**; Spanish & Catalan to **Corimbo**

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Lucy Ruth Cummins ILLUSTRATOR

Jean Reidy AUTHOR

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Jean Reidy is a three-time winner of the Colorado Book Award and was recognized on "Best of" lists by *School Library Journal*, *The New York Times*, *NPR*, and *Amazon*.

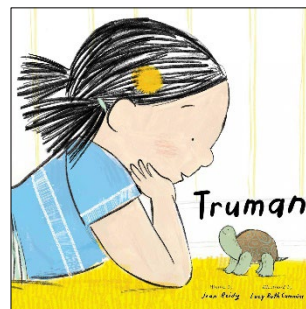
TRUMAN

Atheneum BFYR /2019/World English

***An NPR Favorite Book of 2019/A New York Times Best Children's book of 2019/A Kirkus Reviews Best Picture Book of 2019/A School Library Journal Best Picture Book of 2019**

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Truman the tortoise lives with his Sarah, high above the taxis and the trash trucks and the number eleven bus, which travels south. He never worries about the world below...until one day, when Sarah straps on a big backpack and does something Truman has never seen before. She boards the bus!

Truman waits for her to return.

He waits.

And waits.

And

waits

waits.

And when he can wait no longer, he knows what he must do.

Even if it seems...impossible!

"An enchanting tale of bravery, heroism, and undying devotion."

— **The New York Times Book Review**

"Peaceful and pensive like Truman himself, this book charms; there's just something uplifting and wonderful about the whole package."

—**Kirkus Reviews**, Starred review

Anika Denise AUTHOR

Lucy Ruth Cummins ILLUSTRATOR

Anika Aldamuy Denise is an award-winning author of fiction and nonfiction picture books, which have been featured in *The New York Times* and the *Smithsonian Magazine* among others.

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THE LOVE LETTER

HarperCollins/2019/World English

*2019 Indie Next List Pick

(Complex) Chinese to **Abula Press**; Italian to **Lapis**; Japanese to **BL Shuppan**; Korean to **Book Bank Publishing**; Portuguese to **Nuvem de Letras**; Romanian to **Pandora Publishing**

Hedgehog, Bunny, and Squirrel are best friends. One day, they each find a letter. But not just any letter...

A love letter.

My word!

My whiskers!

Aww, nuts!

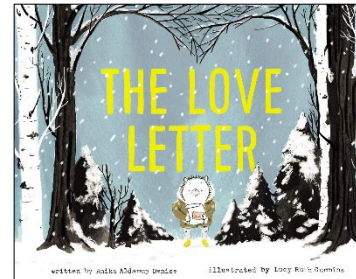
Someone loves them. But who? The answer may surprise you!

"Appealing illustrations combine with a timely message that one kind act can start a chain reaction of kindness. A sweet and far-from-cloying ode to love." — **Kirkus Reviews**

"Demonstrate[s] how seemingly immutable personalities can be transformed by the power of love." — **Publishers Weekly**

"An unconventional but effective look at how to recognize and express love." — **Booklist**

"Denise's sweet text pairs with Cummins's dreamy and cozy illustrations about the transformative power of love and feelings of affirmation. A tender addition for most collections."
— **School Library Journal**



Anika Denise AUTHOR

Christopher Denise ILLUSTRATOR

Anika Aldamuy Denise is an award-winning author of fiction and nonfiction picture books, which have been featured in *The New York Times* and the *Smithsonian Magazine* among others.

Christopher Denise is an award-winning children's book illustrator. *Knight Owl*, released in March 2022, marked his author-illustrator debut, and was awarded a Caldecott Honor by ALA.

BUNNY IN THE MIDDLE

Henry Holt BFYR/2019/North American

*2019 Indie Next List Pick

Hebrew to **Sefer Lakol**

When you're in the middle... you're not the oldest, and you're not the youngest. You are right in between. There's someone bigger who helps you and someone smaller who needs you. From the middle, you can see both sides.

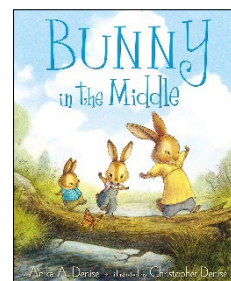
But being in the middle isn't always easy—sometimes it's hard to know what makes you special, or how to follow a path that's just your own.

This classic picture book highlights the remarkable empathy of middles and the joys of self-acceptance.

"This sweet picture book acknowledges the special place each sibling occupies in a family.. Kids will savor adorable details, such as children's artwork on a bedroom wall and winsome animal students lined up for school in a tree. Charming and comforting."

— **Kirkus Reviews**

"The author deftly describes precise situations that require compromise... Denise employs Photoshop, Procreate and pencil for scenes brimming with affection. This creative team parents three girls and here shares insights honoring the child who's sometimes overlooked."— **School Library Journal**



Philip C. Stead AUTHOR Erin Stead ILLUSTRATOR

Philip C. Stead is the author of the Caldecott Medal winning *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*, illustrated by his wife, Erin E. Stead. Philip, also an artist, has written and illustrated several of his own books.

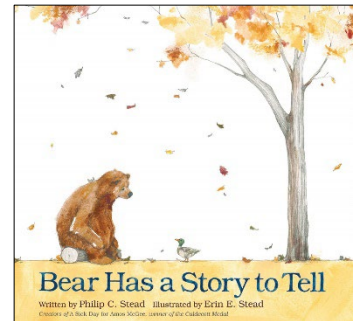
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BEAR HAS A STORY TO TELL

Roaring Book Press/2012/World English

* A Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of 2012

ANZ to **Allen & Unwin**; (Complex) Chinese to **Taosheng**; Dutch to **Aldo Manuzio**; French to **Kaleidoscope**; German to **Fischer**; Hebrew to **Kinneret**; Italian to **Babalibri**; Japanese to **Mitsumura**; Korean to **Open Books**; Portuguese to **Edicoes SM**; Russian to **Polyandria**; (Simplified) Chinese to **Macmillan Century**; Spanish to **Oceano Mexico**; Turkish to **Yapa Kredi**; UK to **Andersen Press**



It was almost winter and Bear was getting sleepy. But first, Bear had a story to tell... Bear found his friend Mouse, but Mouse was busy gathering seeds and didn't have time to listen to a story. Then Bear saw his friend Duck, but Duck was getting ready to fly south. What about his friend Toad? He was busy looking for a warm place to sleep. By the time Bear was through helping his friends get ready for winter, would anyone still be awake to hear his story?

"Delightful and instructive." —**The New York Times Book Review**

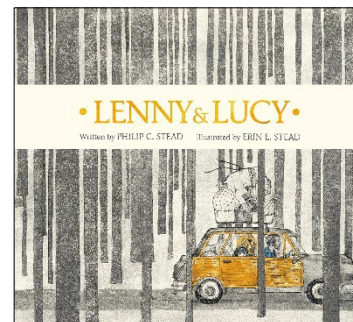
"...especially soulful." —**Publishers Weekly**, starred review

LENNY AND LUCY

Roaring Book Press/2015/World English

ANZ to **Allen & Unwin**; (Complex) Chinese to **Taosheng**; French to **Kaleidoscope**; Italian to **Babalibri**; (Simplified) Chinese to **Macmillan Century**; Spanish to **Oceano Mexico**

Peter, his father and their dog Lenny are moving to a new house beyond the dark unfriendly woods. Scared of the things hidden in the woods, Peter makes a tall pile of pillows: when he is done, he has Lenny, Guardian of the Bridge, to protect him and Harold. Lenny is a good guard but Peter worries that Lenny will get lonely, so he makes Lucy. Together, Lenny, Lucy, Peter, and Harold discover that this new place isn't so scary after all.



"Hypnotic artwork and storytelling." — **Kirkus**, starred review

Julie Fogliano AUTHOR Erin Stead ILLUSTRATOR

Julie Fogliano is a *New York Times* bestselling author of books for children. She is the recipient of the Ezra Jack Keats Award and a two-time Horn Book Award Honoree.

Erin Stead is the illustrator of several highly-acclaimed picture books, including the Caldecott Medal winning *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* and *The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine*.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE A WHALE

Roaring Book Press/2013/World English

* A Publisher's Weekly Best Children's Book of 2013

* A Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of 2013

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If you want to see a whale, you will need to know what not to look at.

Pink roses, pelicans, possible pirates...

If you want to see a whale, you have to keep your eyes on the sea, and wait...

and wait... and wait...

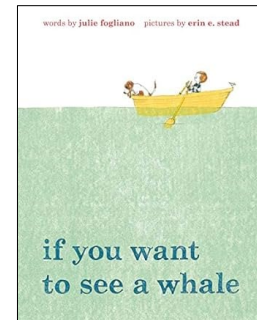
"The author-illustrator team responsible for the bestselling *And Then It's Spring* has again produced something truly unique."

—**The Washington Post**

"Fogliano's words are carved and measured. This is a writer who takes her time, and the leaps she makes with language surprise and thrill." —**The New York Times**

"A gorgeous love song to the imagination.. It's breathtaking... Fans will be waiting." —**Booklist**, starred review

"Readers will gape at the two enormous, whale-sized talents at work in this transfixing picture book." —**Kirkus Reviews**, starred review



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Matthew Cordell has authored and illustrated many books for children. His first wordless picture book, *Wolf in the Snow*, was awarded a 2017 Boston Globe-Horn Book honor award and the 2018 Caldecott Medal.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Roaring Book Press/2015/World English

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(Complex) Chinese to **Astar Media**; French to **Le Genévrier**; Korean to **Kookminbooks**; (Simplified) Chinese to **Macmillan Century**; Spanish to **Oceano Mexico**; Turkish to **Yapa Kredi**

Sadie is on her way to deliver an elephant to her Great-Aunt Josephine, who lives completely alone and can really use the company.

She tries everything from mailing the elephant to boarding a plane, a train, and an alligator to get to her aunt's home. Along the way she meets an array of interesting characters, including an odd postal worker and a gang of bandit monkeys, who all help her get where she is going.

"Colorful, expressive, detailed, and quirky." —**Booklist**

"... a read-aloud winner sure to deliver laughs to young readers."
—**School Library Journal**

"Animal lovers and stamp collectors, especially but not exclusively, will be enthralled." — **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"It isn't easy to sustain and control a story that unfolds with the speed and unpredictability that this one does, but Stead and Cordell-like Sadie herself-deliver the goods." — **Publishers Weekly**



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IDEAS ARE ALL AROUND

Roaring Book Press/2016/North American

(Simplified) Chinese to **Macmillan Century**; Spanish to **Oceano Mexico**

As an author and his dog, Wednesday, walk through their neighborhood, thoughts open up to other thoughts, and ideas are born and carried forward, often transforming into other ideas.

"Stead's bits and pieces of drawing and observation tell an important truth about the way artists begin to create."

— **Publishers Weekly**, starred review



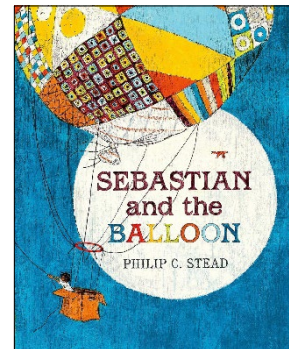
SEBASTIAN AND THE BALLOON

Roaring Book Press/2014/North American

(Complex) Chinese to **Astar Media**; (Simplified) Chinese to **Macmillan Century**; Turkish to **Yapa Kredi**

On a boring day, on a dull street, Sebastian sat high atop his roof—something he was never supposed to do. When he launched himself into the air in his balloon made of Grandma's afghans and patchwork quilts, his journey took on a life of its own and his boring day turned into the adventure of a lifetime.

"Full of whimsy, heart and delight." —**Kirkus**, starred review



HELLO, MY NAME IS RUBY

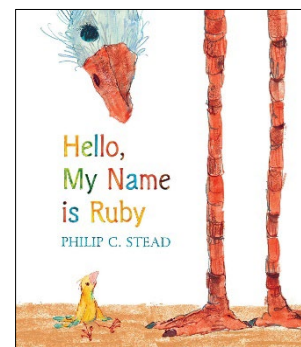
Roaring Book Press/2013/North American

(Complex) Chinese to **Astar Media**; (Simplified) Chinese to **Macmillan Century**

Join Ruby, a plucky little bird, as she ventures through life, making new friends, learning new skills and asking questions which may have some very surprising results.

"Ruby exemplifies the willingness to see the good in everyone, and Stead's artwork echoes her joyousness."

— **Publishers Weekly**, starred review



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JONATHAN AND THE BIG BLUE BOAT

Roaring Book Press/2011/World English
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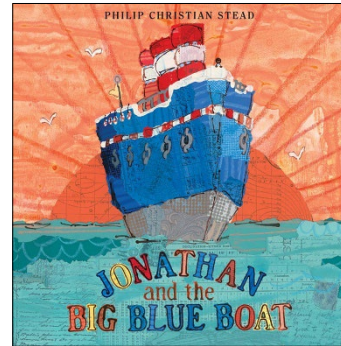
When Jonathan loses his best friend, a stuffed bear named Frederick, he sets sail on the Big Blue Boat to find him. Along the way he assembles a ragtag crew, including a mountain goat, a lonely circus elephant, and even a friendly whale. Adventure and intrigue (and pirates!) follow.

"Children will happily shift their focus from big to little, from large shapes to tiny numbers, from Jonathan's story to the pieces that make up its pictures."

— **Kirkus Reviews**, starred review

"A lovely, gentle adventure for younger readers."

— **Publishers Weekly**, starred review



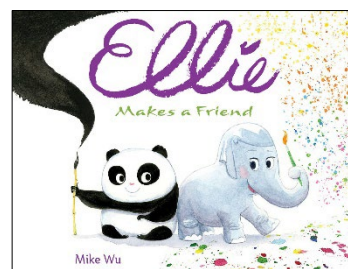
Mike Wu AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Mike Wu is an author and illustrator. When he's not making books, he works at Pixar Animation Studios, where he animated on the Oscar-winning *The Incredibles*, *Ratatouille*, *Up*, and *Toy Story 3* among other films.

ELLIE MAKES A FRIEND

Disney-Hyperion Books/2020/World English

A panda has joined the zoo, and just like Ellie, she's an artist! Ellie is thrilled to make a new friend, but with everyone so impressed by Ping's distinctive painting skills, Ellie starts to question her own talent. As she learns more about her new friend from China, though, Ellie finds that a fresh perspective can lead to new inspiration!



ELLIE IN CONCERT

Disney-Hyperion Books/2017/World English

(Complex) Chinese to Heliopolis; (Simplified) Chinese to Beijing Publishing House

Since Ellie saved her home with her wonderful paintings, the zoo is back in business and the animals are more energetic than ever. All except for Lucy the giraffe, who hasn't been able to sleep with all the noise. Determined to help her friend, Ellie tries to tone down the ruckus and organizes the animals into an orchestra. But is it possible to conduct the cacophony of the zoo into beautiful music?



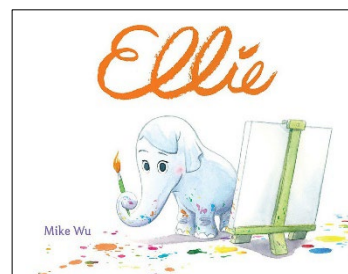
"Compassionate characters and glowing pictures."—**Kirkus**

ELLIE

Disney-Hyperion Books/2015/World English

(Complex) Chinese to Heliopolis; (Simplified) Chinese to Beijing Publishing House; Spanish to PRH

The zoo is closing! Ellie and her friends want to save their home, but Ellie's just a baby elephant, and she doesn't know what she can do to help. While the other animals are busy working, Ellie finds a brush and some paints, and gives the zoo a big splash of color! Will her bright new talent be enough to keep the zoo's gates open for good?



"[Wu's] visual storytelling, rendered in sweet, throwback-style watercolors, shows creativity and poise." — **Publishers Weekly**

"Watercolor illustrations that are reminiscent of classics like *Harry the Dirty Dog* and *Curious George*." — **Kirkus Reviews**