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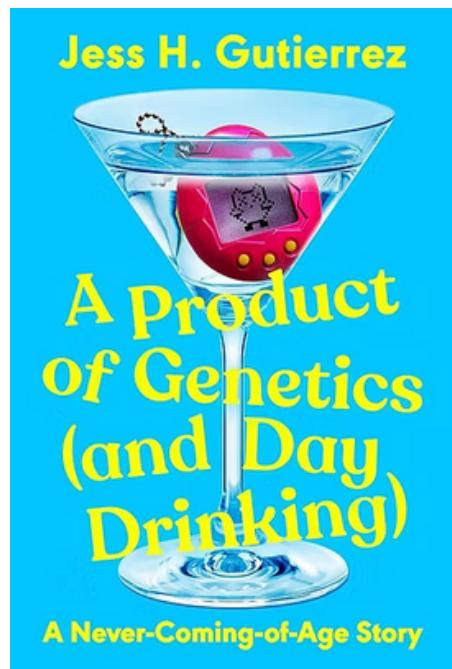
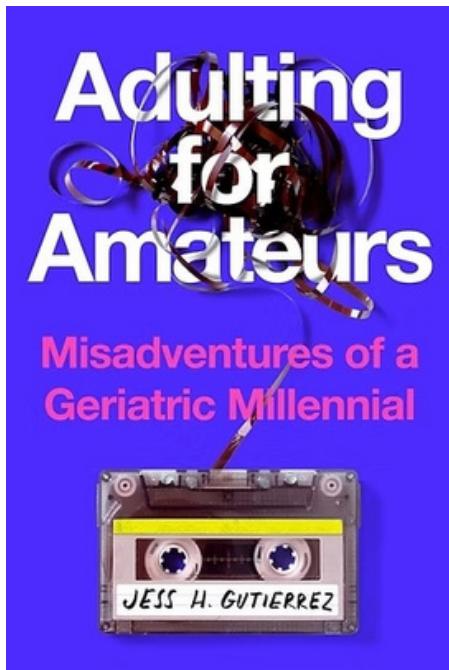
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Adult Nonfiction



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Jess H. Gutierrez

Adulting for Amateurs *Misadventures of a Geriatric* *Millennial*

From the author of *A Product of Genetics (and Day Drinking)* comes a rowdy and hilarious new collection of essays on life as an elder millennial, filled with life lessons on everything from marriage to parenting to rolling with the punches when Gen Z mocks your TikTok dances.

In *Adulting for Amateurs*, Jess H. Gutierrez marvels at how—we can't avoid the fact anymore—her cohort, the millennials, are approaching middle age. While 1998 seems like just yesterday, we are now grown-ups who feel like we're still growing up. And at forty-two, Jess has quite a trove of stories to tell.

Jess is leaning into her geriatric millennial years and reflects on how growing up does not necessarily bestow one with maturity. When the dinner covers were lifted to reveal vertically posed sausages, hundreds of the fanciest wedding guests, including the mayor, were treated to a demure and refined Jess's explosive guffaws. While Jess's brothers now have wholesome families and responsible jobs, she can't stop one-upping them, even if it gets her brother nearly fired by a potty-brained prank right before he scrubs into surgery. When Jess and her wife booked their first grown-up vacation, they discovered too late that their Hawaiian trip was to a Mormon resort and therefore completely alcohol free. So Jess and her wife bravely put on their big-girl panties—and slunk off in a makeshift escape from this cheerful teetotaler paradise.

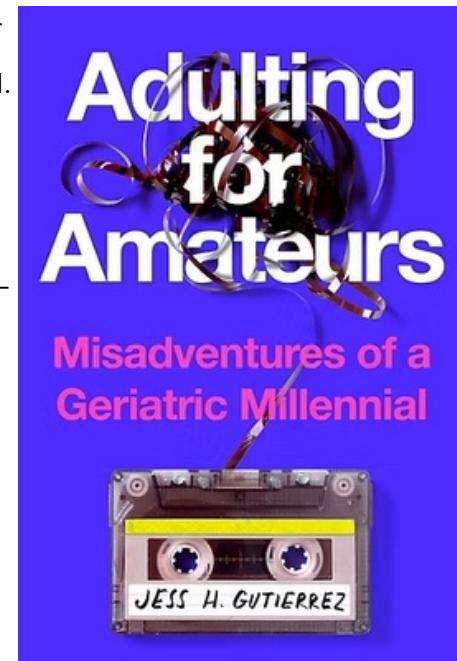
Turns out, even as a responsible homeowner with a mortgage, three kids, and a yard of chickens, Jess might not have matured much beyond her twenties. She's still the woman who in an earlier era survived queer-dating fails and aughts-era pop culture moments—ultimately discovering that an illegal rave cannot heal a broken heart and that vampire-romance franchises are terrible dating manuals for a budding trailer park lesbian.

Altogether these are the makings of delightful material for this bawdy—sometimes poignant and, dare we say, occasionally wise—new read.

Praise for *A Product of Genetics (and Day Drinking)*

“Jess Gutierrez has a one-of-a-kind talent for showing how hilarious and absurd life can be—and, lucky reader, she is ready to share her escapades with the rest of us. I couldn’t put this book down.” —W. Kamau Bell, comedian and author of *The Awkward Thoughts of W. Kamau Bell*

“[A]n entertaining and endearing journey.”
—Kirkus



Jess H. Gutierrez is the author of *A Product of Genetics (and Day Drinking)* and a humor columnist for Paxton Media Group newspapers. She was an award-winning reporter for the *Northwest Arkansas Times* and the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, and has written for *Out* magazine and *Electric Literature*. She lives with her wife, a fire captain, and three small kids who have already surpassed Jess in both intellect and cunning. They live in Arkansas.

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Jess H. Gutierrez

A Product of Genetics (and Day Drinking)

A Never-Coming-of-Age Story

A frank, raucous, and bawdy collection of essays about coming of age through the oddest jobs, misadventures in queer love, and endearing parenting fails.

This is a perfect book for a very imperfect generation. Millennials were the kids who wore slap bracelets and jeans so low rise they could see one another's colons, and they are now adults wondering, Is everyone else as messed up as I am?

In her book, Jess shares relatable tales of a woman who feels like a dumpster fire even with a seemingly ideal set up with a fire-captain wife, three kids, and a mortgage. Highlights include roller-derby catastrophes, a disastrous first night on the job at a lesbian bar, narrow escapes from wild animals, and fond memories of sending printed thirst-trap photos via mail to the lover in Australia she met on the early Internet. Readers will soon cheerfully discover that Jess's voice is infectious, her stories are off-the-wall, and her references are deeply and delightfully millennial..

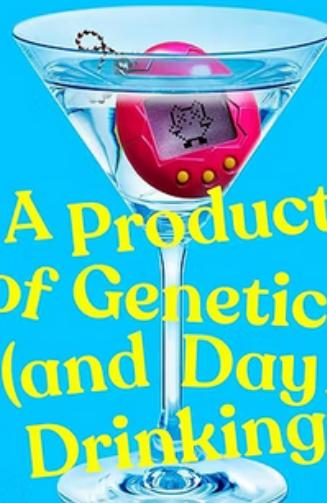
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“Gutierrez speaks to me.” —Sona Movsesian, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The World’s Worst Assistant*

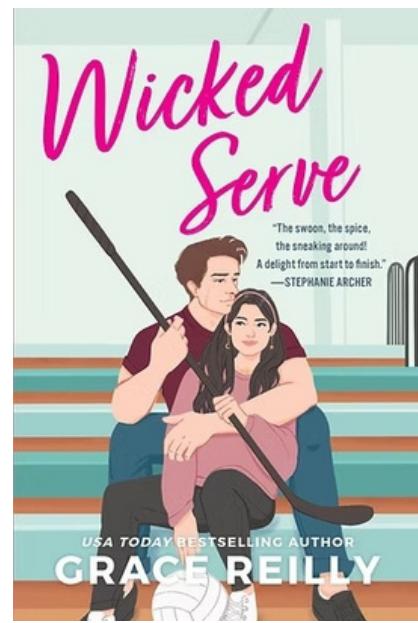
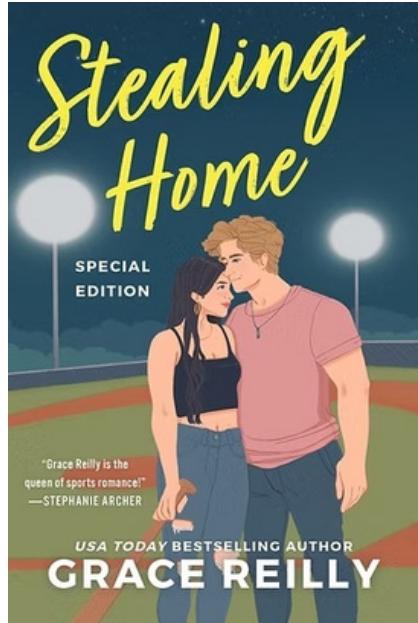
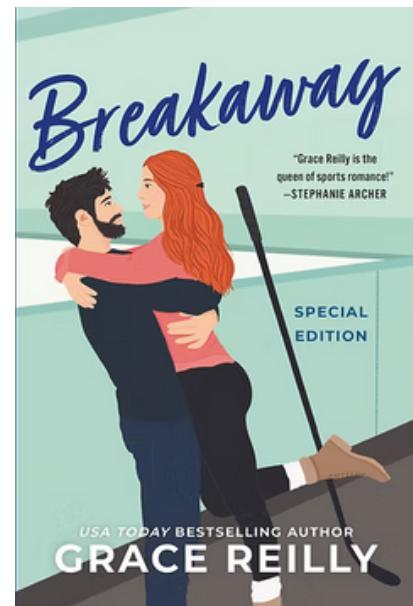
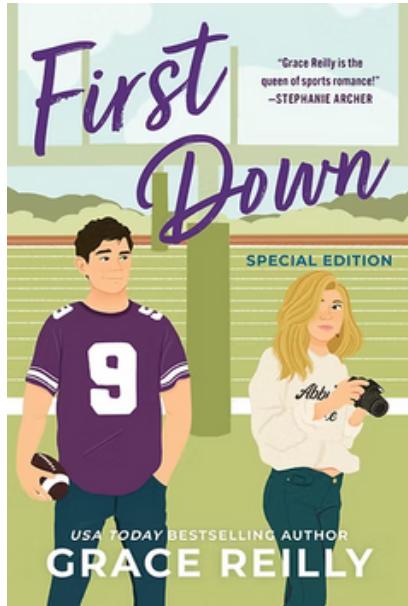
“A once-in-a-millennium millennial must-read. Gutierrez’s quirky and cracking wit leapt off the page and chased me around the room. I’m buying two copies, one for each eye.” —Karen Duffy, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Model Patient* and *Wise Up*

“[A]n entertaining and endearing journey.” —*Kirkus*

Jess H. Gutierrez



Romance



Agent Claire Draper

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Maya Kern

Spitfire

An epic (epically steamy) romantasy filled to the brim with chaotic queer energy, distressingly-hot and distressingly-dangerous women, dragons, and a true love triangle (M/F/NB).

A broody prince Caed, his chaotic, widely-beloved, shapeshifting bonded dragon Feon, and the hopeless-romantic princess Allene, all get tangled up in emotions and politics as their kingdoms merge and the trio have to face their long held feelings for each other. Caed wants to know if Feon truly loves him, but can't trust Feon's feelings beyond the magical binding. Feon loves Caed but time and again, Caed bars them from making their own decisions. And Allene can't figure out how to make these two stubborn assholes get over themselves for long enough to admit that they love each other--and for them to hear that she loves them both. Assassination attempts, sexy tea parties, overly fancy ball gowns, and stabbing a future love interest with a fork abound in the first book in this romantasy series.

Spitfire is a heavy hitter that speeds by like the most deliciously addictive romance with political intrigue and fantastical world building. For fans of *Neon Gods* by Katee Robert, *That Time I Got Drunk and Saved a Demon* by Kimberly Lemming, *Morning Glory Milking Farm* by C.M. Nascosta, and *Kushiel's Dart* by Jacqueline Carey.

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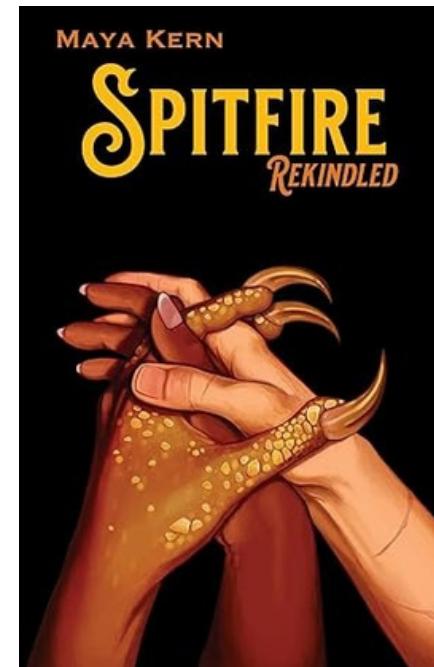
polyamory, bonded pair, monster fucking, M/F/NB, NB/F, multiple-POV, gloomy/sunshine/grumpy

“A compelling blend of political drama, romance and fantasy.” —**Amazon review**

“Overflowing with masterly written spicy scenes. Cannot wait for the sequel.”

—**Amazon review**

Maya Kern is a fat, queer author and artist best known for her high fantasy romance novel *Spitfire*, her homegrown skirt empire, and her self-published comics, which include the webcomic *Monster Pop!* as well as several short form fairytale comics. Maya is a staunch lover of messy, heartfelt romances that are as heart-wrenching as they are spicy. She is a huge advocate for fat liberation and body positivity, which factor prominently into her writing, art, and clothing design.



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Turkey: Nemesis

Ukraine: Family Leisure Club

Grace Reilly

Beyond the Play series

USA Today Bestsellers

In a series of connected standalone novels, four sporty siblings discover that love for the game and love for their hearts are different—and sometimes rewarding one means risking the other.

Wicked Serve

He's my brother's biggest hockey rival...but he's bringing the heat for me.

Nikolai

Hockey is my life, and I need to make this last season count. But when I'm forced to transfer to rival school McKee University for my senior year, I risk pissing off the captain, who happens to be the older brother of Isabelle Callahan: the gorgeous beam of sunshine I messed around with in secret this summer. Rekindling our fling could risk her brother icing me off the team—not to mention the fact that my scarred past makes having a real relationship impossible—and yet the moment I see Isabelle again, all my wild, burning feelings come rushing back.

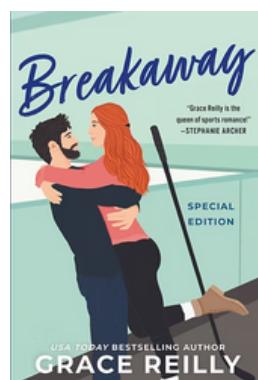
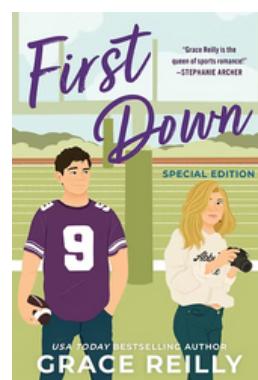
Izzy

I have two goals for sophomore year: win back my old volleyball position, and forget I ever knew devilishly handsome hockey defenseman Nikolai Abney-Volkov. As the youngest and only daughter in a family full of athletes, failure isn't an option. But when Nik crashes back into my life, I can't stay away from his broody charm. I'm determined to guard my heart this time, but between the furtive hookups and the heartfelt conversations, the lines between friends-with-benefits and more begin to blur. As we fall deeper into a place we can't come back from unscathed, we'll have to make a choice: fight for a future together, or watch it go up in flames.

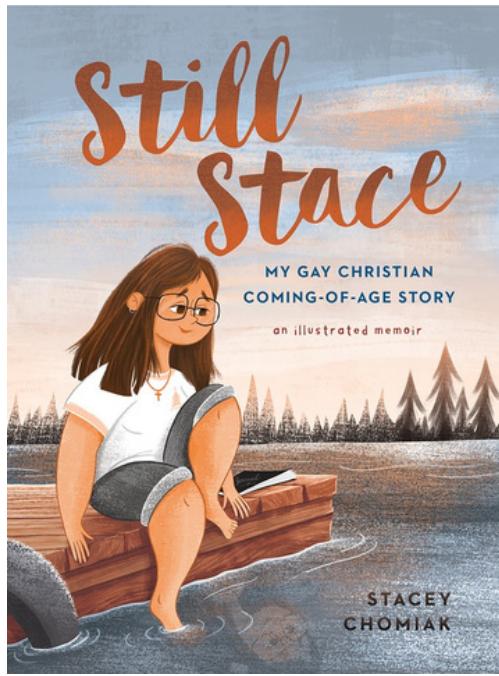
“Wicked Serve is a sweet and spicy read that brings all the swoon. I love a good grumpy/sunshine romance, and the chemistry between Nikolai and Izzy was sizzling. I was so sad to see it end!” — **Lana Ferguson, USA Today bestselling author**

“Grace Reilly delivers with a sexy, smart, swoon-worthy sports romance. Perfect for readers looking for a red hot read.” — **B.K. Borison, author of Lovelight Farms**

Grace Reilly writes swoony, spicy contemporary romance with heart—and usually a healthy dose of sports. Under the name Trisha Kelly, she's published middle grade novel Hallowstone (Arena/ Germany) in 2021 and her upcoming YA romcom graphic novel The Not-So Secret Life of Winnie Franklin (Chronicle) is due to publish in 2027.



Young Adult Nonfiction



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Stacey Chomiak

Still Stace

My Gay Christian Coming-of-Age Story | An Illustrated Memoir

Is it possible to be gay and Christian?

Stacey loves being a Christian. Her best friends are also her church friends. Her favorite place on earth is Bible camp every summer. And she talks to God like they are old friends.

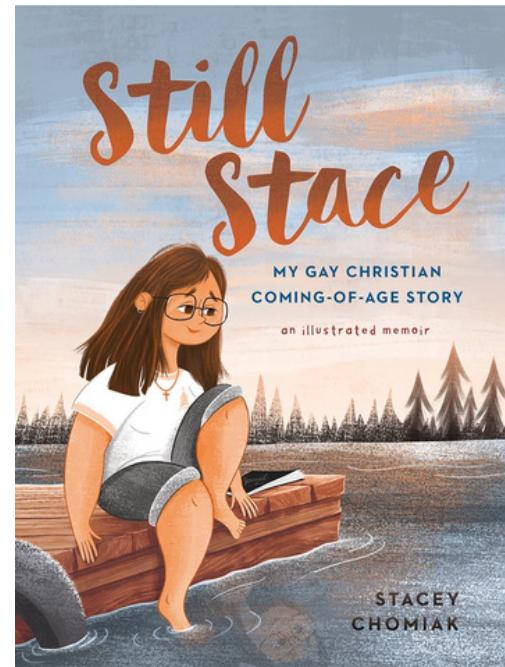
But one summer, she meets a girl who turns everything upside down. Is this feeling she has for her more than just friendship? Could it be a crush? Filled with dread, Stacey embarks on a journey to discover what it means to be gay, whether it is possible to change, and how to reconcile her identity with her faith. Will it even be possible?

In this young-adult illustrated memoir, Stacey Chomiak tells the true story of her teenage and young-adult years: of heartbreak, family conflict, trying to become ex-gay, wrestling with her faith, and finding love. Uncovering happiness and joy while surrounded by the loneliness of a world that actively excludes her seems insurmountable. Until she learns to love her full self. Then the possibility of being both gay *and* Christian seems not just possible, but the best answer of all.

"Insightful and inspiring." —*Kirkus*

"Sweet, and heartfelt, I was cheering Stace on her journey to find acceptance from herself, her community, and her God on every page." —Robin Ha, creator of *Almost American Girl*

Stacey Chomiak (she/her) is an artist, author and LGBTQ+ speaker. She designs art for the animation industry, but her passion is illustrating and writing kids books that represent the queer community. Her illustrated memoir *Still Stace* (Beaming Books, 2021). Stacey also illustrated *Who You Will Be* (Penguin Kids, 2024). Stacey loves to dance with her two kids, and paint anything that inspires her.



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Tsultrim Dolma & Rebecca Wei Hsieh

Defying China

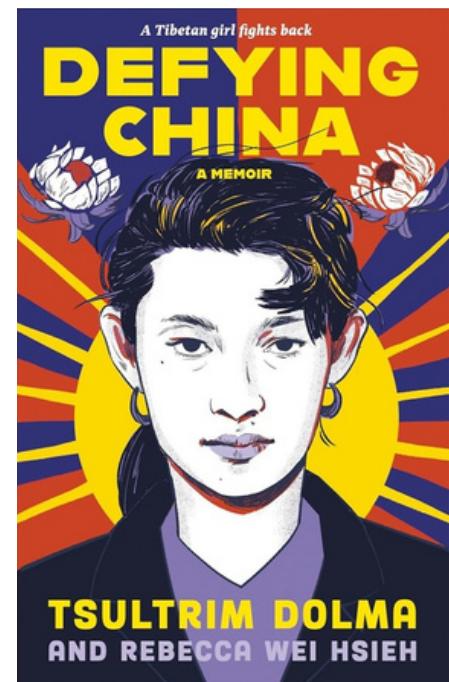
The incredible true story of a teen who became an activist for the Tibetan independence movement, for readers of *Red Scarf Girl* and *Farewell to Manzanar*.

Tsultrim Dolma, born in a tiny village in the stunning mountains of eastern Tibet, always knew there had to be more than the life expected of her: More than no education, because her family was poor. More than being married off at a young age, because she was a girl. More than barely getting by under oppressive Chinese occupation, because she was Tibetan. When she was sixteen, Tsultrim found more, joining protests for the Tibetan independence movement, the call for her beloved country's liberation from the People's Republic of China. Shortly after, she was arrested and sent to Gutsa Detention Center, notorious for its brutal torture of political prisoners like Tsultrim.

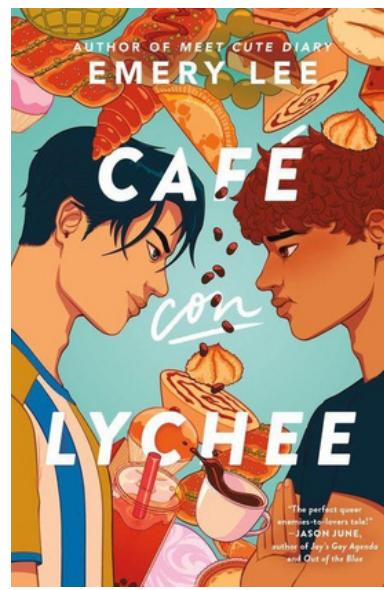
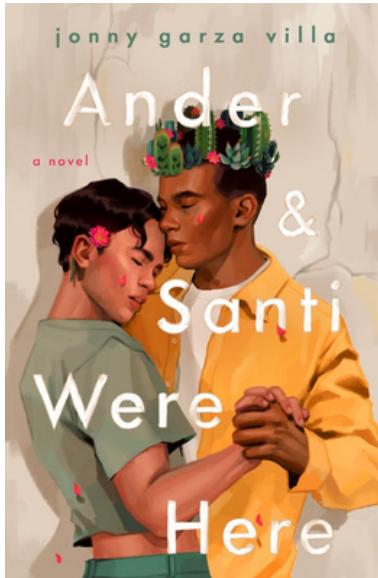
This young adult memoir follows Tsultrim's courageous coming of age through her time at Gutsa, being heavily surveilled by the government after her release, and, ultimately, her escape to the U.S. It also underscores the bravery it takes to speak up, and the power to be found in sharing one's story.

Tsultrim Dolma is a Tibetan American activist who first garnered attention for her testimony before Congress, and has since been profiled by multiple outlets (including *The Independent*, *USA Today*, and *The Washington Times*) in advocating for Tibetan liberation.

Rebecca Wei Hsieh is a Taiwanese American writer who has first-hand experience living under the pressures of the People's Republic of China; her work has been featured in outlets like *We Need Diverse Books*, *Observer*, and *Book Riot*.



Young Adult Fiction



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Jonny Garza Villa

Canto Contigo

Stonewall Award Winner

Publishing Triangle Award Winner - Jacqueline Woodson Award for LGBTQ+ Young Adult Literature

When a Mariachi star transfers schools, he expects to be handed his new group's lead vocalist spot—what he gets instead is a tenacious current lead with a very familiar, very kissable face.

In a twenty-four-hour span, Rafael Alvarez led North Amistad High School's Mariachi Alma de la Frontera to their eleventh consecutive first-place win in the Mariachi Extravaganza de Nacional; and met, made out with, and almost hooked up with one of the cutest guys he's ever met.

Now eight months later, Rafie's ready for one final win. What he didn't plan for is his family moving to San Antonio before his senior year, forcing him to leave behind his group while dealing with the loss of the most important person in his life—his beloved abuelo. Another hitch in his plan: The Selena Quintanilla-Perez Academy's Mariachi Todos Colores already has a lead vocalist, Rey Chavez—the boy Rafie made out with—who now stands between him winning and being the great Mariachi. Rafie's abuelo always believed him to be. Despite their newfound rivalry for center stage, Rafie can't squash his feelings for Rey. Now he must decide between the people he's known his entire life or the one just starting to get to know the real him.

Canto Contigo is a love letter to Mexican culture, family and legacy, the people who shape us, and allowing ourselves to forge our own path. At its heart, this is one of the most glorious rivals-to-lovers romance about finding the one who challenges you in the most extraordinary ways.

"A queer love letter to mariachi music and culture." —***Kirkus, Starred Review***

"[A]nother masterpiece about queer youth redefining traditional customs in Texas."

—***Booklist, Starred Review***

"Jonny Garza Villa has captured my heart yet again! Never have I rooted for two rivals more than with Rafie and Rey. This exploration of family, mariachi, and the difference between reputation versus expectation will stay with me for a long time."—**Jason June, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Out of the Blue***



Jonny Garza Villa (they/them) is an author of contemporary young adult literature with characters and settings inspired by their own Tejane, Chicane, and queer identities. Jonny hopes Latinx, and, more specifically, queer Mexican American young people will feel seen in their writing. When not writing, Jonny enjoys reading, playing Dungeons and Dragons, visiting taquerías, listening to Selena, and caring for their many cacti children. They live in San Antonio.

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Jonny Garza Villa

Ander & Santi Were Here

Stonewall Honor Book

Bookshop.org Best YA of 2023 selection

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* meets *The Sun is Also a Star in this YA contemporary love story from about a nonbinary Mexican American teen falling for the shy new waiter at their family's taqueria.

Finding home. Falling in love. Fighting to belong.

The Santos Vista neighborhood of San Antonio, Texas, is all Ander Martínez has ever known. The smell of pan dulce. The mixture of Spanish and English filling the streets. And, especially their job at their family's taquería. It's the place that has inspired Ander as a muralist, and, as they get ready to leave for art school, it's all of these things that give them hesitancy. That give them the thought, are they ready to leave it all behind?

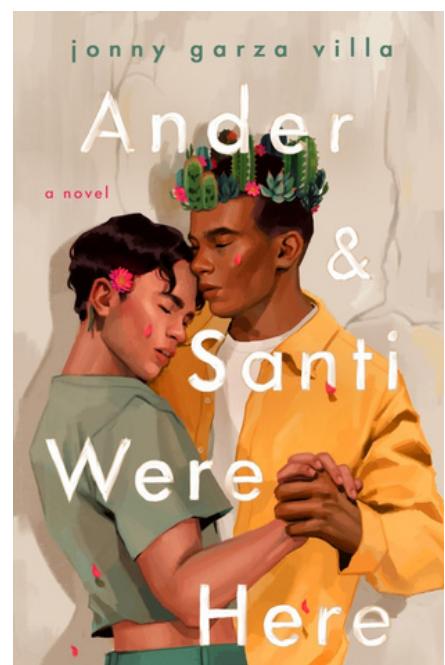
To keep Ander from becoming complacent during their gap year, their family "fires" them so they can transition from restaurant life to focusing on their murals and prepare for college. That is, until they meet Santiago López Alvarado, the hot new waiter. Falling for each other becomes as natural as breathing. Through Santi's eyes, Ander starts to understand who they are and want to be as an artist, and Ander becomes Santi's first steps toward making Santos Vista and the United States feel like home.

Until ICE agents come for Santi, and Ander realizes how fragile that sense of home is. How love can only hold on so long when the whole world is against them. And when, eventually, the world starts to win.

"One of the most daring romances of the year!" —***Cosmopolitan***

"This book is a living, breathing love letter, and I felt every beat of it. Jonny Garza Villa's fiercely vulnerable writing leaves a permanent mark." —**Becky Albertalli, bestselling author of *Simon vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda***

"[A] blistering tale of enduring love and communal care." —***Publishers Weekly***



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Emery Lee

Café con Lychee

From the author of *Meet Cute Diary* comes a delectable rom-com that's brimming with zest and a sprinkle of sweetness. A must-read for fans of Casey McQuiston and Julian Winters.

Theo Mori and Gabriel Moreno have always been at odds. Their parents own rival businesses—an Asian American café and a Puerto Rican bakery—and Gabi's lack of coordination has cost their soccer team too many games to count.

Stuck in the closet and scared to pursue his own dreams, Gabi sees his family's shop as his future. Stuck under the weight of his parents' expectations, Theo's best shot at leaving Vermont means first ensuring his parents' livelihood is secure.

So when a new fusion café threatens both shops, Theo and Gabi realize an unfortunate truth—they can only achieve their goals by working together to cook up an underground snack operation and win back their customers. But can they put aside their differences long enough to save their parents' shops, or will the new feelings between them boil over?

"The perfect enemies-to-lovers tale!"—**Jason June, author of *Out of the Blue***

"As sweet as the baked goods and boba that fill up its pages." —**Adiba Jaigirdar, author of *The Henna Wars* and *Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating***

"[A] touching and humorously told portrayal of intersections of culture, race, and sexuality, told through the lens of an inviting Romeo and Juliet-esque feud." —**Publishers Weekly**



Emery Lee is an award-winning queer romance author, cartoonist, and professional dog snuggler. You'll most likely find em watching anime, screaming to pop-punk music on a long road trip, or deep in some Wikipedia or TV Tropes rabbit hole.

Agent Claire Draper

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Emery Lee

Meet Cute Diary

ALA Rainbow Booklist Selection

A Junior Library Guild Selection

***Felix Ever After* meets *Becky Albertalli* in this swoon-worthy, heartfelt rom-com about how a transgender teen's first love challenges his ideas about perfect relationships.**

Noah Ramirez thinks he's an expert on romance. He has to be for his popular blog, the Meet Cute Diary, a collection of trans happily ever afters. There's just one problem—all the stories are fake. What started as the fantasies of a trans boy afraid to step out of the closet has grown into a beacon of hope for trans readers across the globe.

When a troll exposes the blog as fiction, Noah's world unravels. The only way to save the Diary is to convince everyone that the stories are true, but he doesn't have any proof. Then Drew walks into Noah's life, and the pieces fall into place: Drew is willing to fake-date Noah to save the Diary. But when Noah's feelings grow beyond their staged romance, he realizes that dating in real life isn't quite the same as finding love on the page.

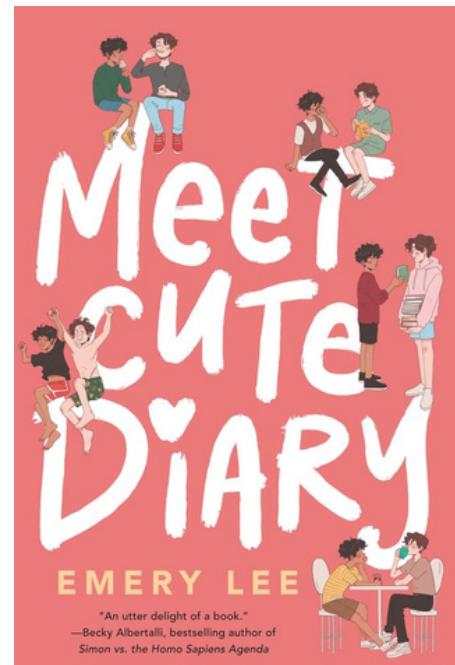
In this charming novel by Emery Lee, Noah will have to choose between following his own rules for love or discovering that the most romantic endings are the ones that go off script.

"How lucky are we that this sweet, subversive, utter delight of a book exists? Meet Cute Diary is here to flip tropes and flip hearts." —**Becky Albertalli, bestselling author of *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda***

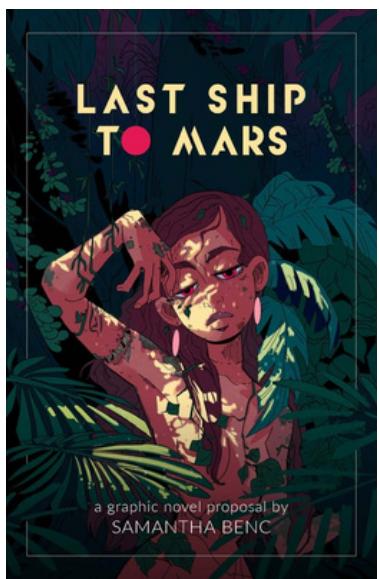
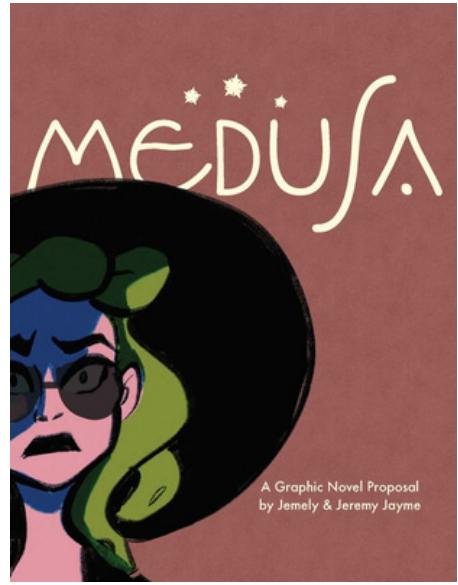
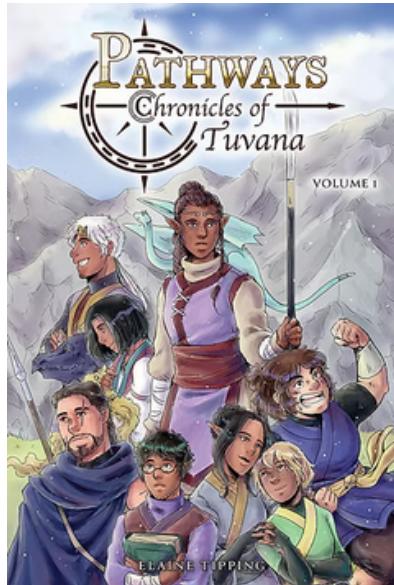
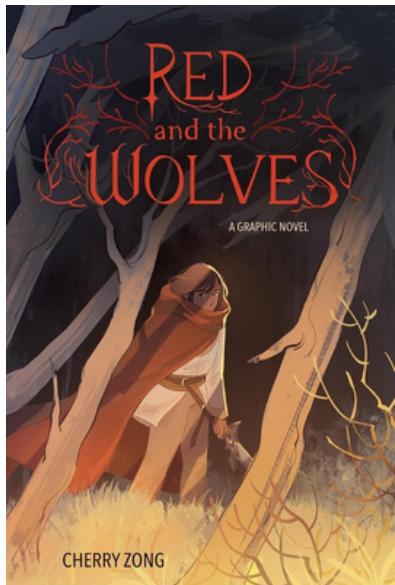
"Adorable, heartfelt, and affirming, this is a must-purchase." — ***School Library Journal, Starred***

"A heart-swelling debut."
— **Kirkus**

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Graphic Novels



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World, English: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, Macmillan

Samantha Benc

Last Ship to Mars

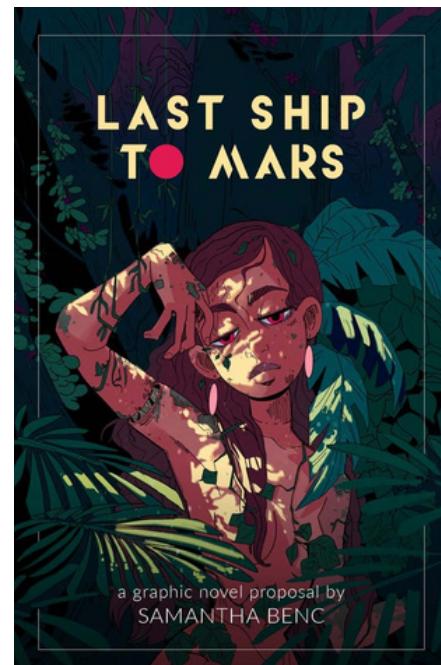
"Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind" meets "Wall-E" in this sapphic story, set on a deteriorating Earth, an aspiring scientist develops a relationship with a humanoid android—a connection that will forever alter the course of her life, forcing her to choose between abandoning her planet for a better life on Mars or working to rescue the only home she's ever known.

Mara is a young biology student taking a hiatus from coursework to care for her grandmother, make sense of her future, and study a small pond of extremely rare fish near her home. Zal is an 79-year old android, left to rot by that very same pond for the last 40 years. After Mara discovers, rescues, and reactivates her, Zal is faced with a world she no longer recognizes that presents challenges she never had to contemplate. Together, they must both find their places on Earth or leave everything behind for the promise of off-world prosperity.

Last Ship to Mars is a queer science-fiction romance about the people who stay behind from the big space adventure. It tells this story by blending environmentalism, class critique, and the real world implications of what it means to fall in love with a hot robot you find in the woods (and what the hot robot thinks about it too.)

This deeply human story is a love letter to caring about the earth, doing the work, and being passionate in the face of indifference.

Samantha Benc is a queer comic maker and illustrator living in Philadelphia. She grows plants in her apartment, raises shrimp in a tank and loves physical things. Her focus and passion is on making comics, something she's been doing since she was very young and all through college where she did hand stapled zines and small runs of comics. She graduated from Art Institute of Boston in 2013 with a degree in Sequential Art and Illustration.



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Ellie Franey

Monster Crush

A whirlwind adventure exploring love, gender, and big emotions, *Monster Crush* is the perfect read for anyone who's ever felt like an outsider.

Since her parents split up, Ruby Reid has been having a tough time at Crestwood High.

But everything changes the day Ella Mooney moves to town. Ella isn't like most teens: she's never been on a Ferris wheel, never had an ice cream cone, and sometimes she grows fangs and a tail!

It's not just Ruby who takes an interest in the new girl, and the pair find themselves on the run from a mysterious group that wants to capture Ella and her whole family!

Erin Ellie Franey (she/they) is a Detroit-based illustrator & author with a BFA in Illustration from the College for Creative Studies. Her work blends graphic, comic, and digital art; touching on various topics from mental health to female empowerment and LGBTQIA+ identity. When she's not making comics, she's playing video games, or pestering her three cats.



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Marlowe Lune

Anise & the Devil

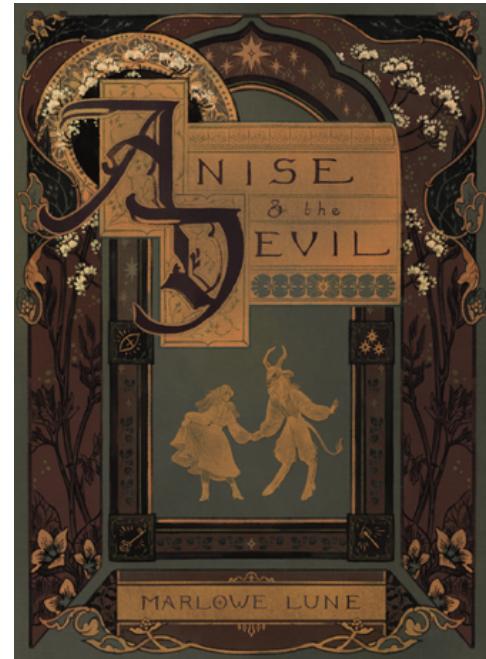
When Anise's innocent mother is executed for supposed witchcraft, Anise is awoken to the harsh realities of a folk heroine's story. It seems to her that all good maidens become beautiful dead mothers, and the only women wielding power in a puritanical world are the ones who have truly made deals with the Devil. With the tutelage of a monstrous but powerful witch and a pact with the Devil himself, Anise rejects the world that threatens her and embraces her role as a vicious young witch of the woods... but it comes with a price that was never a part of the bargain. In the dark of the woods Anise will lose her humanity entirely, or return to a society that loathes her, where she must assimilate or risk a fiery pyre. But is there another path to walk?

Adapted from the story of "Vasilissa the Fair," *Anise & the Devil* is a tale of the story cycles we are born into, the razor-thin line between self-protection and self-destruction, and how a girl becomes a hag.

A twisted fantasy perfect for the crossover audience of YA and Adult graphic novel readers who love something a little unsettling but ultimately enchanting, for readers of *Monstress*, *Lore Olympus*, and *Through the Woods*.

Marlowe Lune is a New England-based illustrator and a lover of fairy tales and folk stories. They make historical fantasy work which centers queer and trans perspectives and desires.

They've created book covers for clients including HarperCollins and Macmillan. When they aren't illustrating, they're sewing the historically inspired fantasy wardrobe of their dreams, antiquing for fancy knickknacks, reading queer historical fiction, or perhaps just binge watching *Black Sails* again.



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Jemely & Jeremy Jayme Medusa

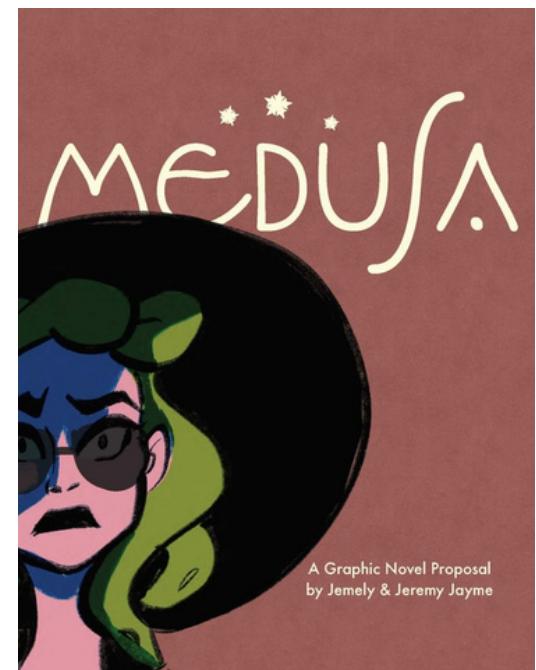
Like all souls entering the Underworld, Medusa's memories were washed away in the Falls of Forgetfulness. As a consequence of being a monster, her sight was taken away as well. In her thousands of years in service to the Underworld, she's developed a passion for hearing the stories of the souls that enter the Underworld, and now she wants to have one of her own.

When the hero who slayed her, Perseus, invites her to help him solve a past mystery, something deep inside her cannot refuse the call to partake in an adventure. But what will they discover along the way?

Jemely and Jeremy Jayme's *Medusa* is a graphic retelling of the age-old mythology illuminated with a love that can surpass even death, fortified with the rightness of seeking out the truth, and bound by the will to determine your own fate.

For fans of Keezy Young's *Taproot*, Madeline Miller's *Song of Achilles*, and Rachel Smythe's NYT Bestselling *Lore Olympus*, *Medusa* is a four-color graphic novel that will be loved by the many who crave old stories told anew and an everlasting love.

Jemely and Jeremy Jayme are twins of the fraternal variety, but that doesn't stop them from living identical lives. Shamelessly obsessed with movies since childhood, they produced and directed their own film right out of college, helping them realize their true passion was for the craft of storytelling in all its forms. As freelance artists they've been featured in pop culture galleries and have been guests at many comic conventions throughout the US and Canada. They are currently hiding out in Arizona, plotting their next (several) stories including their first graphic novel.



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Elaine Tipping

Pathways Volume 1

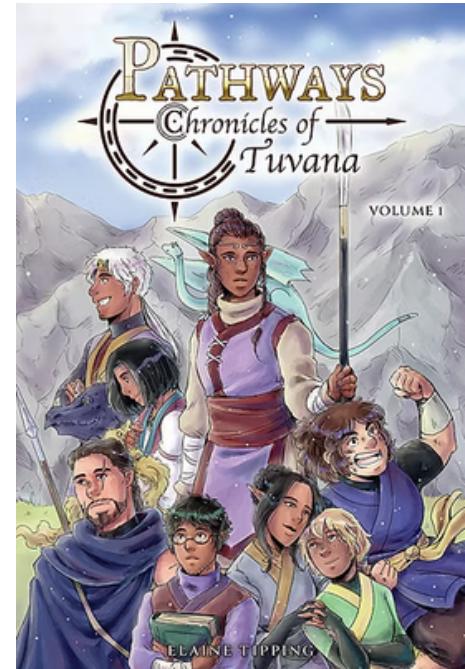
A cast of heroes from all walks of life leads the charge to stop an ancient empire bent on world domination in this queer young adult graphic novel!

An archaeological dig backed by all four countries of Tuvana is meant to shed light on the past while uniting the countries under a similar goal, despite their differences. However, the project takes a sudden dark turn after an unexpected discovery. Communications are lost, family members are missing, there are strange changes in the land and unexpected climate irregularities—all threatening to unravel the tenuous ties that have kept Tuvana at peace for so long.

A clever princess, a set of royal twins with two very different personalities, a patient guard looking after an inquisitive scholar, a powerful and mysterious loving couple, and a fun-having street brawler are all pulled slowly from their very different paths through life as they each stumble across parts of a puzzle that, once assembled, could change—or destroy—the future of their world forever.

One volume collecting the first nine chapters of the webcomic series, *Pathways: Chronicles of Tuvana*, featuring updated artwork!

Elaine Tipping is a queer comic creator based in the Aichi prefecture of Japan. They've created and completed a number of webcomics over the years, dabbled in self publishing, studied comics in Japan. They enjoy building fantastical worlds, blending genres, creating character-driven stories, and telling stories they would love to see more of in the world. When not drawing, Elaine is busy raising a kiddo and four adopted kitties with their wife, playing video games, doing TTRPGs with friends, practicing Naginata, reading manga, and probably not sleeping enough.



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Cherry Zong

Red and the Wolves

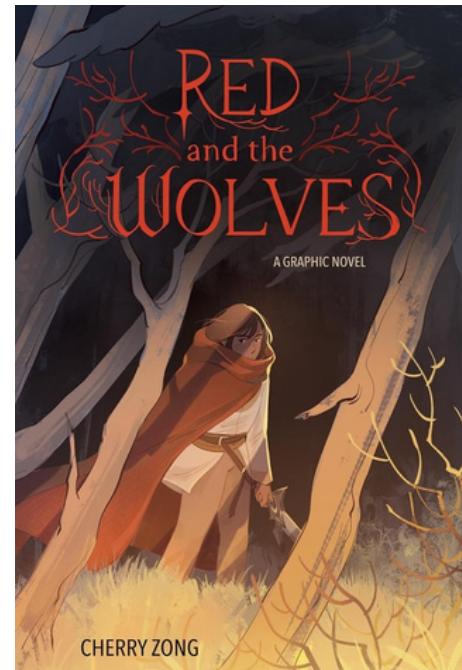
For lovers of *Through the Woods*, *Blackwater*, and *Squad*, comes a dark, sapphic retelling of a classic tale.

Red, a fiercely loyal hunter, has dedicated her life to protecting her witch Grand Mother. Monsters have been roaming the forest that they call home, bringing forth a mysterious illness that has devastated the land and chased every living soul away. Until Red stumbles upon an injured wolf-girl named Sil.

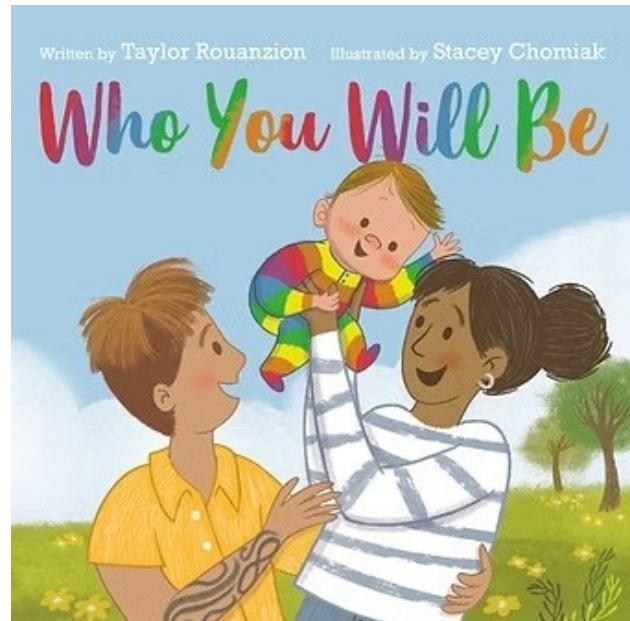
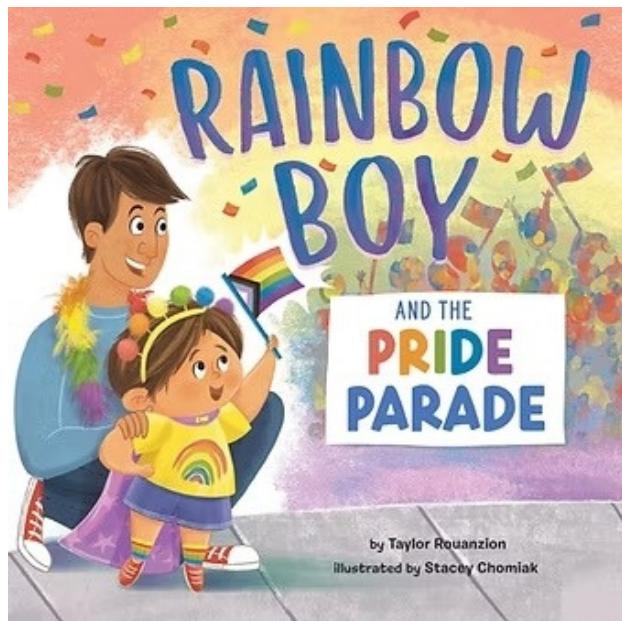
Red is cautiously optimistic to befriend someone new, but the more their relationship deepens, the more she begins to uncover the sinister truths behind everything she's ever known.

Red must make the difficult decision of who to defend, before catastrophe consumes them all. This graphic novel that's an apocalyptic fantasy meets queer love story turns the classic Little Red Riding Hood fairytale on its head.

Cherry Zong is a Chinese-Canadian illustrator. Sometimes she designs for animation, and sometimes she makes comics. Past work includes projects for Netflix and DreamWorks, among others. *Red and the Wolves* is her debut graphic novel.



Picture Books



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Taylor Rouanzion & Stacey Chomiak

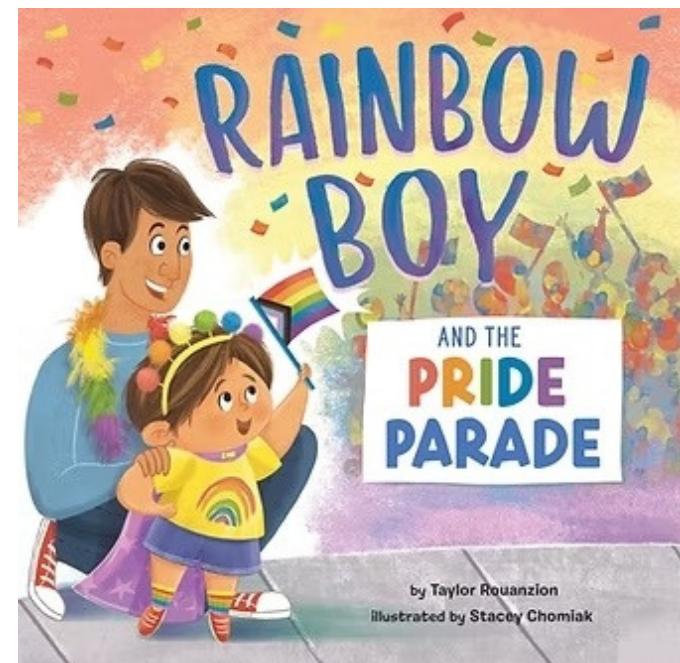
Rainbow Boy and the Pride Parade

"I am proud to be a Rainbow Boy!"

When a little boy says he doesn't like rainbows anymore because they make him "different," his parents take him to a place where everyone is a rainbow--a Pride parade! Everywhere he looks, he sees people proudly celebrating their unique identities and styles in a rainbow of color and joy. As he counts the various parade marchers as they go by, he regains confidence in his own rainbow identity. All around he sees pride in every color, shape, and kind--more than he could ever possibly count.

Taylor Rouanzion lives in Florida with her daughter and chihuahua, Luna. She has been a part of local support groups for trans/gender-nonconforming kids and their parents. Her own child is gender nonconforming and has inspired Taylor to write for her and others like her so they can be seen in children's literature. Taylor earned her master's degree in library and information science and works as an elementary school librarian for the best kids on the planet.

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Taylor Rouanzion & Stacey Chomiak Who You Will Be

A rhyming picture book about gender expression featuring parents as they dream about who their child will be. The perfect gift for new parents, baby showers, or any occasion!

*Before you were born, we all wanted to know
who you would be and how you would grow.
"Nursery in pink? Or nursery in blue?"
Everyone always asked about you.*

Journey through all the colors of the rainbow as new parents introduce their baby to the endless colorful possibilities of each day. *A rainbow of choices, colorful and bright. What feels best to you? Which colors are right?*

A joyous, rhyming picture book about a child's journey of gender expression and the unconditional love between parent and child, *Who You Will Be* invites readers to celebrate self-expression and find which colors feel right to them. Perfect for fans of *Pink Is for Boys* and *Julián Is a Mermaid*.

"Models easy, loving acceptance for kids, no matter their gender expression."
—*Kirkus*

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