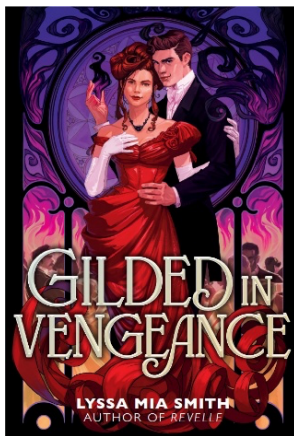


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# YOUNG ADULT

Jamie D'Amato

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## 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)

2025  
North American  
Manuscript available

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

Eva Des Lauriers

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## CONTEMPORARY

# I'M GONNA GET YOU BACK

\*A Junior Library Guild Selection

### SYNOPSIS

Small-town scandals, explosive secrets, and friendship fallouts threaten to tear Clara and Reid apart—all over again. . .

Reid Rousseau has always been a winner. Now, he's a former state champion runner with an injury no one can know about and a college scholarship on the line. When he's invited as the guest of honor for Legacy Weekend, a competitive tradition that welcomes high school alumni back to their small mountain town, Reid would rather run away than face his crumbling future—and the girl who broke his heart.

Clara Suarez's legacy can't be failure. A year out of high school and aimless, she has one last shot at getting into her dream film school: creating a Legacy Weekend video interviewing her former classmates—including Reid, her ex—about their explosive senior year and the scandal that capped it off. But any time people return to the mountain, drama follows. . . especially when an anonymous social media account starts airing everyone's dirty laundry.

Reid isn't the only one hiding something, and Clara isn't the only one with regrets. Their spark is still strong enough to set off a wildfire, but their secrets might just tear them apart for good.

### PRAISE

"Expertly paced...mysterious, compelling, and imbued with deep emotion." —*Kirkus*

"A steamy romance...a satisfying tale about finding your purpose." —*Booklist*

"A second-chance love story that glows with real passion and warmth. I loved this book with all my heart."

—**Becky Albertalli**, *New York Times*-bestselling author of *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*

### THE AUTHOR

Eva Des Lauriers became a diehard romantic when she married her best friend, the boy she sat next to in eleventh grade calculus. She now holds both an MSW and BA in Psychology. As a clinical social worker, she had the privilege of working with the vibrant and complicated teens for whom she now writes. She lives in Northern California with her husband, their two children, and her collection of kissing books. Visit her at [evadeslauriers.com](http://evadeslauriers.com).



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(Macmillan)  
May 19, 2026  
North American

German to DTV Junior; UK  
to Bonnier

Jenny Han

## CONTEMPORARY

# THE SUMMER I TURNED PRETTY TRILOGY

- \*Movie adaptation forthcoming from Amazon
- \**New York Times* bestselling series
- \*Now an Original Series on Amazon (Season 3 drew 25 million viewers in its first 7 days and reached #1 in over 120 countries)
- \*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 (2010)**

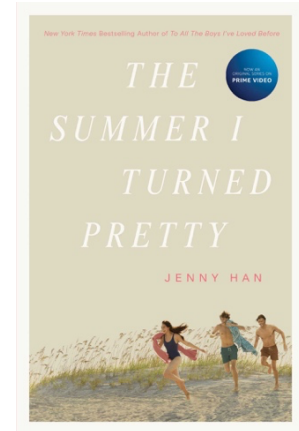
**Book #3 in the series – WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE SUMMER (2012)**

### 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** 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; **Lithuanian** to Alma Littera; **Norwegian** to Gursli Berg; **Polish** to Kobiectwo; **Portuguese** to Topseller; **Romanian** to Trei; **Russian** to AST; **Serbian** to Urban Reads; **Slovak** to Albatros; **Slovene** to Učila; **Spanish** to Planeta; **Swedish** to Lavender Lit; **Turkish** to Pegasus; **Ukrainian** to Ranok; **UK** to PRH UK

Jenny Han

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GRAPHIC NOVEL

THE SUMMER I TURNED  
PRETTY  
TRILOGY

- \*Adapted from the *New York Times* bestselling series
- \*Now an Original Series on Amazon (Season 3 drew 25 million viewers in its first 7 days and reached #1 in over 120 countries)
- \*Movie adaptation forthcoming from Amazon
- \*Illustrated by Sara Farber
- \*Sold in the US in a major, seven-figure, three-book deal

SYNOPSIS

A graphic novel adaptation of the beloved *New York Times* bestselling series.

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 (2028)**

**Book #3 in the series – WE’LL ALWAYS HAVE SUMMER (2029)**

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.



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Jenny Han

## GRAPHIC NOVEL

# TO ALL THE BOYS I'VE LOVED BEFORE TRILOGY

- \*Adapted from the *New York Times* bestselling series
- \*Now a major motion picture on Netflix and the inspiration for the spin-off series *XO, Kitty*
- \*Illustrated by Akimaro and Li Lu

### SYNOPSIS

In this sparkling graphic novel adaptation of the first book in the beloved series, Lara Jean's love life gets complicated.

What if all the crushes you ever had found out how you felt about them...all at once? Sixteen-year-old Lara Jean Covey 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 – P.S. I STILL LOVE YOU (2027)**

**Book #3 – ALWAYS AND FOREVER LARA JEAN (2028)**

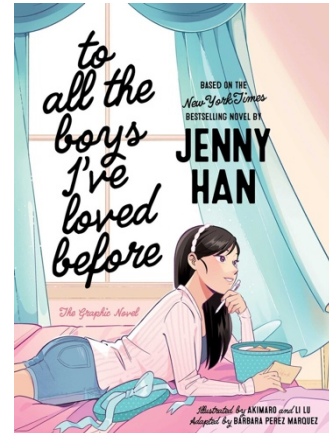
### PRAISE

"The popular romantic comedy gets a pitch-perfect graphic novel treatment." —*School Library Journal*

"A heartwarming, swoonworthy adaptation that's certain to delight new and returning fans alike." —*Kirkus*

### 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.



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Manuscript available

French to Jungle; German to Hanser; Italian to Piemme;  
Polish to Kobieca; UK to Scholastic UK

Kate Alice Marshall

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## THRILLER

# WE WON'T ALL SURVIVE

### SYNOPSIS

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

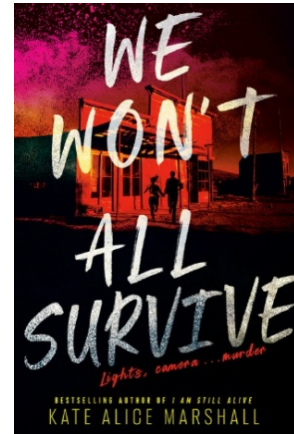
Two years ago, Mercy Gray survived a mall shooting. After saving numerous lives, she was hailed as a hero—but the only life she'd cared about saving was her sister's. She got to keep a few souvenirs: the fragment of the bullet still lodged in her back, a mountain of medical debt, and guilt for not believing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



**Viking Books for Young Readers (PRH)**

**2025**

**North American**

**ANZ to Affirm Press; Czech to George Publishing s.r.o; Ukrainian to Vivat**

Kelis Rowe

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## CONTEMPORARY

# OKAY GIRL

### SYNOPSIS

From the author of *Finding Jupiter* comes a powerful new novel about love, self-esteem, and mental health.

Sixteen-year-old Skye is an expert at pretending to be okay. Haunted by her uncle's attempted suicide, she has survived by putting on a fake smile—for her parents, her therapist, her friends, and her seemingly perfect boyfriend, Malik. Once she's crowned Southern Belle at prom, Skye hopes she can leave the past behind her.

But then a viral video at prom exposes her boyfriend's betrayal in front of everyone. Humiliated, Skye cuts off her trademark long hair and tries to reinvent herself amid rumors, gossip, and a mysterious online saboteur.

Besides the writings of Sylvia Plath, her one unexpected constant is Ace, the quiet new boy with a past of his own, who truly sees her. As their connection deepens, Skye must decide whether she's finally ready to stop pretending and confront what she's been hiding from.

*Okay Girl* is a powerful and moving novel that sensitively explores one Black teen's journey toward love and healing after trauma.

### PRAISE

"For all the girls who've claimed they were okay when they really weren't. Rowe writes with precision and resonance about grief, dissociation, and loneliness. She embraces the interiority of girls' lives with radical respect."—**Cynthia Leitich Smith**, winner of the Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature

### THE AUTHOR

Kelis Rowe is a stay-at-home mom and former homeschooler who writes sweeping, classic teen romance novels from the points of view of brooding Black girls who are stronger than they know and the sensitive Black boys who just want to love them. Her debut novel *Finding Jupiter* (**Brazil** to Globo Livros) is a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection, September 2023 Pick for The Assembly on Literature for Adolescents' ALAN Review, a Bank Street Best Children's Book of 2023, a Michigan State Book List selection and the 2023-2024 winner of the Keystone to Reading Pennsylvania State Book Award in the High School category. Kelis writes out of her home near Austin, TX.



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January 1, 2027  
North American  
Manuscript available

UK to Walker Books

Lyssa Mia Smith

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## 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)

2025

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## CONTEMPORARY

# THE ENDING YOU DESERVE

### SYNOPSIS

*Do Revenge* meets *Where Sleeping Girls Lie* in this dark-academia-stripped-bare novel about a student who uncovers a predator operating in plain sight at her new prestigious private arts high school.

Ava Quirk thought getting into Faraday, the fine arts private school of her dreams, could be a fresh start. Instead, her grades have tanked and her scholarship hangs by a thread.

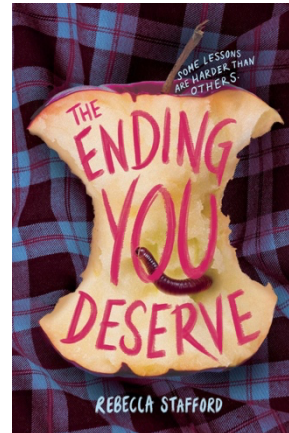
Near failing out, Ava is presented with a deal. Her student advisor, local legend Peter Barden, agrees to pass her if she befriends Love Solt, a brilliant but guarded classmate. Barden says Love is troubled and could use some guidance. In turn, Ava can soak up Love's academic prowess. If Ava does this—and gets him a copy of the top-secret novel Love's writing—he'll pass Ava. It's an odd ask, but Ava's desperate.

At first, friendship comes easy, trust is built, and she's right where she needs to be to deliver on Barden's ask. But as time goes by, she realizes she's falling for Love, and the idea of betraying her is killing Ava. Then she reads Love's novel...

If the devastating truth Love has penned gets out, many lives will be ruined. But if the secret stays hidden, many lives will be at risk. Ava faces an impossible choice: turn her back on what she's found, or close the book on a sinister villain who has gone unchecked for far too long.

### THE AUTHOR

Rebecca Stafford is a Pushcart Prize award-winning poet, writer, critic, and editor whose work has been published in the *New Yorker* and reviewed in the *New York Times*. Her debut novel, *Rabbit & Juliet*, was named a best book of the year by *Kirkus Reviews* and *School Library Journal*. [rebeccastaffordauthor.com](http://rebeccastaffordauthor.com)



**Quill Tree Books  
(HarperCollins)  
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Manuscript available**

# MIDDLE GRADE

Kallie George

## CHAPTER BOOK SERIES

# HEARTWOOD HOTEL

## BOOK #6: BRAVE BEGINNINGS

### SYNOPSIS

Courage, kindness, and adventure abound in this charming, illustrated chapter book series, perfect for fans of Beatrix Potter, Sophie Mouse, Winnie-the-Pooh, and Frog and Toad!

Mona the mouse is on a grand adventure to help run the Heartwood Maple, a new branch of the Heartwood Hotel. Mona and her good friend Tilly the squirrel are preparing to welcome their first guests amidst the coldest and windiest winter yet. The hearth is warm, the lobby is full, and Mona wants everything to go as perfectly as possible to earn the new branch a five-acorn review.

But now Mona is having memories of her parents, who were swept away in a storm long ago. And there's something else too: cleaning supplies start disappearing and strange sounds are being heard at night, sparking rumors of a ghost. Mona begins to worry. Is something haunting the new hotel?

### Heartwood Hotel #1 – A TRUE HOME (2017)

Brazil to Hoja em Casa; Canada to HarperCollins Canada; Complex Chinese to WordField; French to Casterman; German to HarperCollins Germany; Japanese to Doshinsha; Korean to Booknbean; Lithuanian to Alma Littera; Russian to AST; Slovak to Albatros; Vietnamese to Kim Dong

### Heartwood Hotel #2 – THE GREATEST GIFT (2017)

Brazil to Hoja em Casa; Canada to HarperCollins Canada; Complex Chinese to WordField; French to Casterman; German to HarperCollins Germany; Japanese to Doshinsha; Lithuanian to Alma Littera; Russian to AST; Slovak to Albatros; Vietnamese to Kim Dong

### Heartwood Hotel #3 – HOME AGAIN (2018)

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

### Heartwood Hotel #4 – BETTER TOGETHER (2018)

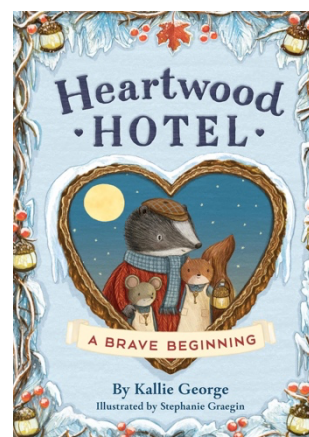
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### Heartwood Hotel #5 – FAMILY FOREVER (2025)

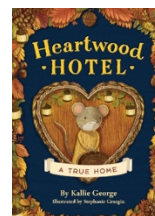
German to HarperCollins Germany

### 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.



Little, Brown Young  
Readers  
October 2026  
World English  
Manuscript available soon



## GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES

# NAT ENOUGH

## BOOK #7: NAT AGAIN

*\*New York Times bestselling series*

### SYNOPSIS

The most popular girl in school is throwing the biggest party of the year, and everyone is invited but Nat. \*Gasp!\* As Nat wonders why, she becomes tangled in her own "thought traps"—the false stories she's created in her mind. *Did she say something hurtful or do something wrong? Maybe she's just too uncool to be included?* Before jumping to conclusions, can Nat get out of her own head long enough to find the truth? Perfect for fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid!*

Nat Enough #1 – NAT ENOUGH (2020)

Nat Enough #2 – FORGET ME NAT (2020)

Nat Enough #3 – ABSOLUTELY NAT (2021)

Nat Enough #4 – NAT FOR NOTHING (2023)

Nat Enough #5 – ALL IS NAT LOST (2024)

Nat Enough #6 – NAT A CHANCE (2025)

ANZ to Scholastic Australia; French to Scholastic Canada; German to Loewe; Greek to Metaixmio; Hebrew to Yedioth; Italian to Piemme; Korean to Hanbit; Russian to Mann, Ivanov and Farber; Spanish and Catalan to Bruno; Turkish to Epsilon

### PRAISE (for Nat Enough #1)

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

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

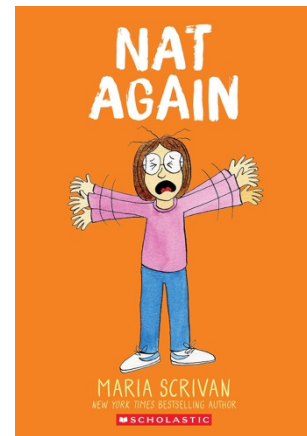
"What elevates Maria Scrivan's graphic novel is the refreshing honesty with which it approaches its subject matter." —*Financial Times*

"Gentle and timeless." —*Publishers Weekly*

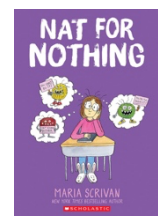
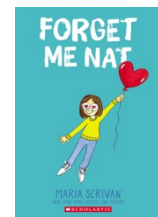
"This story of growing up is a perfect read for students new to middle school and those questioning where their talents lie." —*Booklist*

### THE AUTHOR

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



Scholastic  
September 15, 2026  
North American  
Manuscript available



## EARLY CHAPTER BOOK SERIES

# WHISKER & WING DETECTIVE AGENCY

## BOOK #1: THE CASE OF THE MISSING MOUSE-A-LISA

### SYNOPSIS

Meet Agatha Whisker, a detective extraordinaire whose agency has fallen on hard times. In fact, she and her trusty colleague, Cricket, are living in the office and can hardly pay the rent. There just aren't enough clients coming their way and Agatha is sure she will never escape the shadow of her famous great-great-aunt, Augustina Whisker. But when the Mouse-a-Lisa goes missing, Agatha and Cricket leap into action to solve the case.

Philip Stead and Matthew Cordell are an award-winning, *New-York-Times*-bestselling dream team, committed to creating beautiful books for children. This particular series is meant specifically for those just coming alive to the joys of reading alone, its mission being to strike the balance between excitement and innocence. As Erin Stead puts it, this series is for the child "who needs that first series to read with a flashlight—where the stakes might be high, but the actual threats are still a little low."

Mission accomplished.

### THE AUTHOR

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.

### THE ILLUSTRATOR

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.



Viking BFYR (PRH)  
Summer 2027  
North American  
Manuscript available  
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## Shanna Upchurch

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### DYSTOPIAN DUOLOGY

# A GARDEN LOST

## BOOK #1: A GARDEN LOST

### SYNOPSIS

Twelve-year-old Telly has never known a day without rain.

Telly lives high on Mot's Mountain, an island owned by a mysterious billionaire she's never seen. Surrounded by floodwaters that rise higher every day, Telly and her mom have devoted themselves to growing beautiful vegetables and healing herbs. Along with the other working families—farmers, carpenters, and metal workers—their sole hope is that these skills will win them a spot on Mot's massive boat: their last chance at safety before water swallows the world.

But when the time comes, it's Telly who earns a place—without her mom.

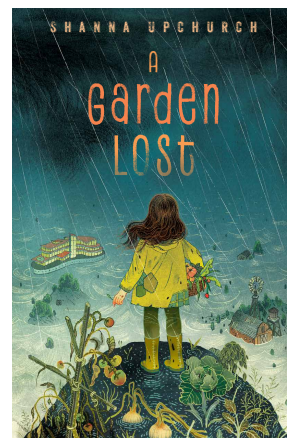
Whisked onto an enormous, creaking vessel despite her protests, Telly is met with strange rules, locked doors, and other kids who, like her, have been told they're humanity's final hope. But the longer she's aboard, the more Telly senses something is very wrong. The upper decks are off-limits. Food is disappearing. And the Prophet who claims to speak for "Mother Earth" is more controlling by the day.

As storms rage and the seas climb impossibly high, Telly must uncover the ship's secrets and decide what kind of future is worth fighting for . . . before it's too late.

### A Garden Lost #2 (Spring 2028)

### THE AUTHOR

Shanna Upchurch is the author of the upcoming picture book *The Honeybee Highway*, illustrated by Dagmar Smith. She lives outside of Dallas on a small-but-mighty homestead with a bunch of goats, horses, chickens, and children. She believes that life is better when you've got dirt under your fingernails and is forever planting seeds, composting, rescuing struggling plants, and letting her garden grow a little bit wild. Shanna's love of growing things, and of finding hope where it seems unlikely, blooms at the heart of *A Garden Lost*, her middle grade debut.



**Atheneum**  
**(Simon & Schuster)**  
**Spring 2027**  
**World English**  
**Manuscript available**  
**\*Cover not final**

# YA BACKLIST

## CONTEMPORARY

# I WISH YOU WOULD

### SYNOPSIS

*To All the Boys I've Loved Before* meets *You've Reached Sam*—with all the feels of a Taylor Swift song—in this love story where explosive secrets threaten to tear everyone apart.

It's Senior Sunrise, the epic overnight at the beach that kicks off senior year. But for Natalia and Ethan, it's the first time seeing each other after what happened at junior prom—when they almost crossed the line from best friends to something more and ruined everything. After ghosting each other all summer, Natalia is desperate to pretend she doesn't care and Ethan is desperate to fix his mistake.

When the senior class carries out their tradition of writing private letters to themselves—what they wish they would do this year if they were braver—Natalia pours her heart out. So does Ethan. So does everyone in their entire class. But in Natalia's panicked attempt to retrieve her heartfelt confession, the wind scatters seven of the notes across the beach. Now, Ethan and Natalia are forced to work together to find the lost letters before any secrets are revealed—especially their own.

Seven private confessions. Seven time bombs loose for anyone to find. And one last chance before the sun rises for these two to fall in love.

### PRAISE

"One of the best YA novels I've read in a long time."

—Rachel Lynn Solomon, author of *Today Tonight Tomorrow*

"I was absolutely swept away by this gorgeous story."

—Jenna Evans Welch, *New York Times*-bestselling author of *Love & Gelato* and *Spells for Lost Things*

"Des Lauriers' brilliant debut novel will set readers' hearts aflutter. Romantic, compelling, and optimistic, *I Wish You Would* isn't to be missed." —*Booklist*, starred review

### THE AUTHOR

Eva Des Lauriers became a diehard romantic when she married her best friend, the boy she sat next to in eleventh grade calculus. She now holds both an MSW and BA in Psychology. As a clinical social worker, she had the privilege of working with the vibrant and complicated teens for whom she now writes. She lives in Northern California with her husband, their two children, and her collection of kissing books. Visit her at [evadeslauriers.com](http://evadeslauriers.com).



Henry Holt BFYR  
(Macmillan)

2024

North American

Brazil to Globo Livros;  
Czech to GRADA; Dutch to  
Uitgeverij de Fontein;  
French to Editions Auzou;  
German to DTV Junior;  
Hungarian to Maxim  
Könyvkiadó Kft; Italian to  
Rizzoli; Polish to Kobiece;  
Portuguese to Grupo LeYa;  
Romanian to Editura  
Litera; Serbian to Vulkan  
Izdavaštvo; Slovak to  
GRADA; Spanish to  
Ediciones SM; Ukrainian to  
KM Books; UK to Bonnier

\*\*International Rights  
previously sold by Rights  
People

Kit Frick

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## 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*

"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)

2020

World English

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** 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; **Slovak** to Albatros; **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

Jenny Han & Siobhan Vivian

## 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  
2013**

**North American**

**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

# REMEMBER ME

SCI-FI / MYSTERY

## 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*



Wednesday Books

2022

North American

Czech to Albatros Czech

# MAYHEM

GOTHIC / SUPERNATURAL

## 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*



Wednesday Books

2020

North American

## 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.

THRILLER

# THIEVES' GAMBIT

## BOOK #1: THIEVES' GAMBIT

- \*A 2025 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Pick
- \*A Read with Reganc Book Club Pick
- \*A Black Caucus ALA Best of the Best 2023 Pick

### SYNOPSIS

*The Inheritance Games* meets *Ocean's Eleven* in this cinematic heist thriller where a cutthroat competition brings together the world's best thieves and one thief is playing for the highest stakes of all: her mother's life.

At only seventeen years old, Ross Quest is already a master thief, especially adept at escape plans. Until her plan to run away from her legendary family of thieves takes an unexpected turn, leaving her mother's life hanging in the balance.

In a desperate bid, she enters the Thieves' Gambit, a series of dangerous, international heists where killing the competition isn't exactly off limits, but the grand prize is a wish for anything in the world—a wish that could save her mom. When she learns two of her competitors include her childhood nemesis and a handsome, smooth-talking guy who might also want to steal her heart, winning the Gambit becomes trickier than she imagined.

Ross tries her best to stick to the family creed: trust no one whose last name isn't Quest. But with the stakes this high, Ross will have to decide who to con and who to trust before time runs out. After all, only one of them can win.

### Thieves' Gambit #2 – HEIST ROYALE (2024)

### PRAISE

"This fast-paced heist thriller is incredibly assured with a blockbuster feel." —*The Guardian*

### THE AUTHOR

Kayvion Lewis is a young adult author of all things escapist and high-octane. Her THIEVES' GAMBIT duology has been published in over 25 languages, and is being adapted for film by Lionsgate. A former youth services librarian, Kayvion's been working with young readers and kidlit since she was sixteen.



### Nancy Paulsen Books (PRH) 2023, North American

**Arabic** to Arabic Scientific Publishers; **Brazil** to Intrinseca; **Bulgarian** to Bard; **Czech** to Euromedia; **Danish** to Flachs; **Dutch** to HarperCollins Netherlands; **Finnish** to Into Kustannus; **French** to Pocket Jeunesse + Lizzie (Audio); **German** to DTV Junior; **Greek** to Metaixmio; **Hebrew** to Kinneret-Zmora Bitan-Dvir; **Hungarian** to Alexandra; **Indonesian** to PT Gramedia Pustaka Utama; **Italian** to Rizzoli; **Japanese** to Kadokawa; **Korean** to BIR; **Lithuanian** to Alma Littera; **Polish** to Jaguar; **Portuguese** to Editorial Presenca; **Romanian** to Bookzone; **Serbian** to Vulkan Izdavaštvo; **Slovak** to Albatros; **Spanish** to PRH Molino; **Swedish** to Wahlstroms; **Turkish** to Ithaki; **Ukrainian** to Vivat; **UK** to S&S UK

**\*\*International Rights  
previously sold by Rights  
People**

Rachael Lippincott

# SHE GETS THE GIRL

CONTEMPORARY

\*Co-authored with Alyson Derrick

## 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*

**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

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Simon & Schuster BFYR

2022

World English

# THE LUCKY LIST

CONTEMPORARY

## SYNOPSIS

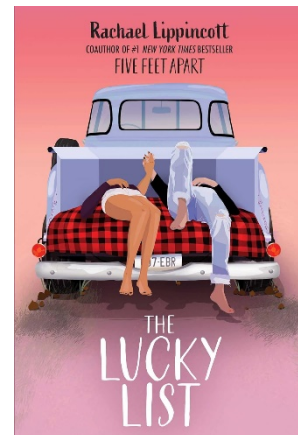
Emily's mom succumbed to cancer three years ago. So when Emily finds her mum's senior-year bucket list, she finds 12 ways to feel close to her again. But if she wants to check everything off, she'll need help – help in the form of *Blake*.

## PRAISE

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

**Brazil** to Globo; **Czech** to Euromedia; **Danish** to Politikens; **Dutch** to Volt; **French** to Michel Lafon; **German** to dtv; **Italian** to Mondadori; **Polish** to Media Rodzina; **Romanian** to Litera; **Slovak** to Ikar; **Spanish** to PRH; **Turkish** to Epsilon; **UK** to S&S UK

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Simon & Schuster BFYR

2019

World English

## 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

Morgan Matson

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# THE BALLAD OF DARCY AND RUSSELL

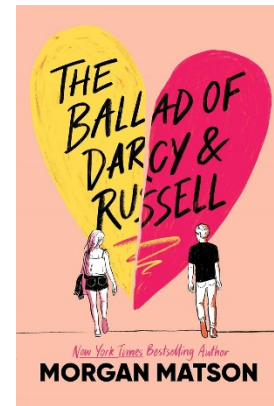
## CONTEMPORARY

### SYNOPSIS

Darcy believes in love at first sight. 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. 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. 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

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



Simon & Schuster BFYR  
2024, North American

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

# TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT

## CONTEMPORARY

### 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*



Simon & Schuster BFYR  
2021, North American

UK to Simon & Schuster UK

### 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*.

Morgan Matson

## SAVE THE DATE

### CONTEMPORARY

#### 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*



Simon & Schuster BFYR  
2018, North American

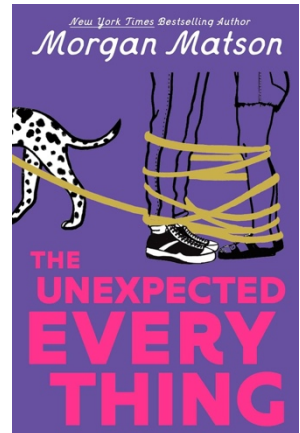
French to Milan; German to CBJ; Romanian audio to StorySide AB; Spanish to Neo Plataforma; UK to Simon & Schuster UK

## THE UNEXPECTED EVERYTHING

### CONTEMPORARY

#### 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.



Simon & Schuster BFYR  
2016, North American

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

#### 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*.

## SINCE YOU'VE BEEN GONE

### CONTEMPORARY

#### 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*



Simon & Schuster BFYR  
2014, North American

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

## SECOND CHANCE SUMMER

### CONTEMPORARY

#### SYNOPSIS

Taylor Edwards's family might not be the closest-knit—everyone is a little too busy and overscheduled—but for the most part, they get along just fine. Then, Taylor's dad gets devastating news, and her parents decide that the family will spend one last summer all together at their old lake house in the Pocono Mountains. Crammed into a place much smaller and more rustic than they are used to, they begin to get to know each other again. And Taylor discovers that the people she thought she had left behind haven't actually gone anywhere.

#### PRAISE

"Matson writes subtly about complex family dynamics, grief, and the impending loss of a parent in a way that is both beautiful and true..."  
— *Publishers Weekly*, 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*, and the middle grade novel *Firefly Summer*.



Simon & Schuster BFYR  
2012, North American

Abdi Nazemian

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## 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)  
2025  
North American

French to Editions Milan

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*, 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

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Balzer + Bray  
(HarperCollins)

2023

North American

ANZ to University of  
Queensland Press (UQP);

Brazil to Harper Brasil;

French to Milan; German

to Arctis Verlag (Atrium

Verlag); UK to Stripes

Laura Sebastian

## FANTASY SERIES

# CASTLES IN THEIR BONES

## BOOK #1: CASTLES IN THEIR BONES

\**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.

**Castles In Their Bones #2 – Stardust In Their Veins (2023)**

**Castles In Their Bones #3 – Poison In Their Hearts (2024)**

### PRAISE

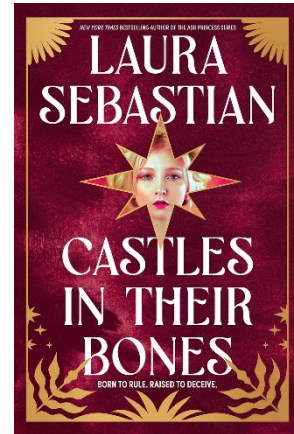
“This enchanting tale is filled with captivating court intrigue and espionage.” — *Kirkus*

“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)

2022

North American

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



Siobhan Vivian

# WE ARE THE WILDCATS

## CONTEMPORARY

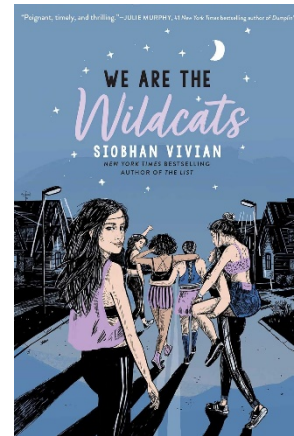
### SYNOPSIS

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*

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



Simon & Schuster BFYR  
2020, North American

French to Nathan; German  
to Hanser

# STAY SWEET

## CONTEMPORARY

### 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



Simon & Schuster BFYR  
2018, North American

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

### THE AUTHOR

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

Siobhan Vivian

# THE LAST BOY AND GIRL IN THE WORLD

## CONTEMPORARY

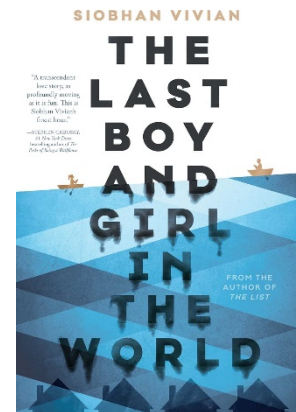
### SYNOPSIS

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*



Simon & Schuster BFYR  
2016, North American

Brazil to Intrinseca; Italian  
to Newton Compton

# THE LIST

## CONTEMPORARY

### 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*, starred review



Scholastic  
2012, North American

French to Nathan; Italian  
to Feltrinelli; Spanish to  
Alfaguara

### THE AUTHOR

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

# MG BACKLIST

Michelle Cuevas

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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)

2023

World English

Italian to De Agostini;

Romanian to Art

Michelle Cuevas

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

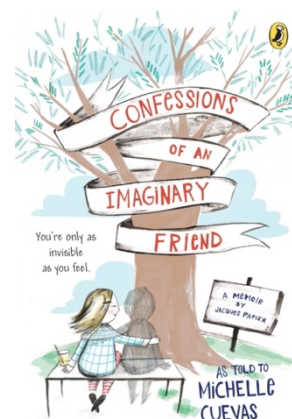
“Alternately amusing and philosophical, this quirky read will get kids thinking about love, loss, and life.” — *Booklist*

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

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

## 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

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

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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*

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

## 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*.



Rocky Pond Books (PRH)  
2017  
World English

**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

## CHAPTER BOOK SERIES

# CRIMSON TWILL

## BOOK #1: WITCH IN THE CITY

\*Illustrated by Birgitta Sif (represented by Writers House)

### SYNOPSIS

A little witch with a penchant for bright colors and bows has a surprising big-city shopping adventure in the first book of an illustrated series filled with offbeat charm.

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! The huge department store has everything a witch could itch for. For Crimson, each floor (hats! cats! brooms!) is a new adventure. But is Broomingdale’s ready for a witch as unique as Crimson? A rich and playful new world comes to life in the first book of this charming series.

### Crimson Twill #2 – Witch in the Country (2023)

German to HarperCollins Germany

### Crimson Twill #3 – Witch in the Spotlight (2024)

### PRAISE

“Will leave readers cackling with delight.” — *Kirkus* (Crimson Twill #2)

“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* (Crimson Twill #1)

“This sweet and charming book is full of fun, witchy details, as well as whimsical illustrations.” — *Booklist* (Crimson Twill #1)

### THE AUTHOR

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



Candlewick (PRH)

2022

World English

German to HarperCollins  
Germany



## 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

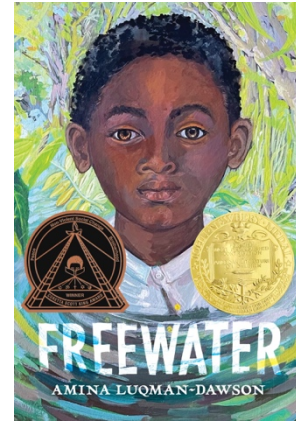
"This lyrical story of hope, strength, and ingenuity will be gobbled up by young history buffs and adventure lovers." — *Booklist*, starred review

"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.



Little, Brown Books for  
Young Readers  
February 1, 2022  
World English  
Manuscript available

Azerbaijani to Gadim Gala;  
French to Milan; Japanese  
to Holp Shuppan  
Publications; Korean to  
Balgeunmirae Publishing  
Co.; Simplified Chinese to  
Citic; Spanish (non-  
exclusive) to Curriculum  
Associates; Turkish to Eksik  
Parca Publishing

Morgan Matson

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## 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*, 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.



Simon & Schuster BFYR  
2023  
North American

Bulgarian to Orange Books

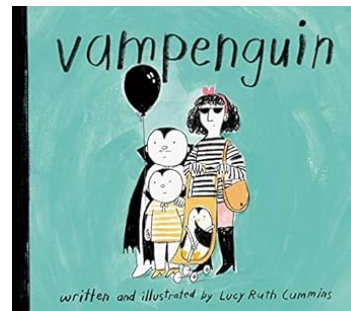
# PB BACKLIST

## VAMPENGUIN

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

**Italian** to Salani



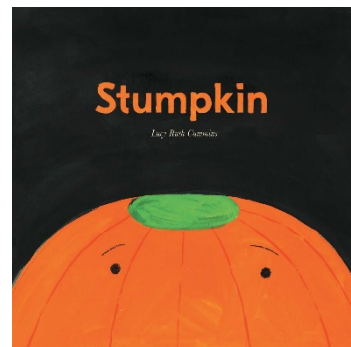
**Atheneum BFYR**  
2021, World English

## STUMPKIN

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*

**Complex Chinese** to Beijing Publishing House



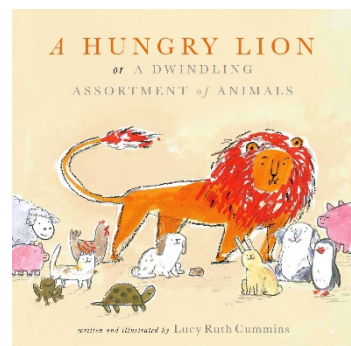
**Atheneum BFYR**  
2018, World English

## A HUNGRY LION, OR A DWINDLING ASSORTMENT OF ANIMALS

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

**Catalan** to Corimbo; **Dutch** to De Vries-Brouwers; **French** to Le Genévrier; **Simplified Chinese** to Beijing Yanliu Classic Culture; **Spanish** to Corimbo



**Atheneum BFYR**  
2016, World English

### THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

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

# TRUMAN

**\*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**

## DESCRIPTION

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!

## PRAISE

"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."

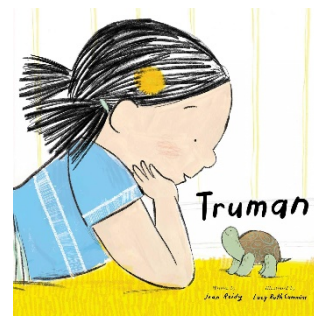
—*Kirkus*, Starred review

## THE AUTHOR

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*.

## THE ILLUSTRATOR

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



**Atheneum BFYR  
2019  
World English**

Castilian/Catalan to **Editorial entre Dos**; (Complex) Chinese to **Taosheng Publishing House**; Hebrew to **Knafayim Publishing House**; Italian to **Lapis**; Korean to **KISM Education Group**

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# THE LOVE LETTER

\*2019 Indie Next List Pick

## DESCRIPTION

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!

## PRAISE

"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*

"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*

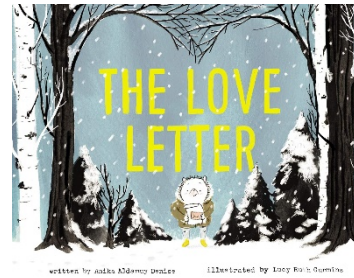
"Denise's sweet text pairs with Cummins's dreamy and cozy illustrations about the transformative power of love and feelings of affirmation. A tender addition for most collections."  
— *School Library Journal*

## THE AUTHOR

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.

## THE ILLUSTRATOR

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



HarperCollins

2019

World English

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

## BUNNY IN THE MIDDLE

\*2019 Indie Next List Pick

### DESCRIPTION

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.

### PRAISE

"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*

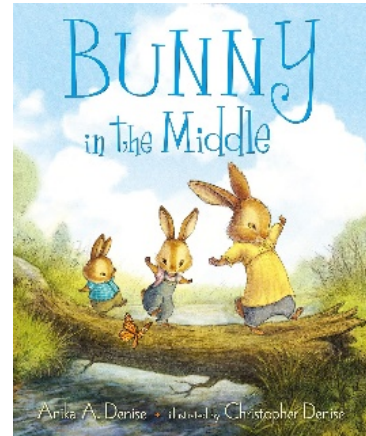
"The author deftly describes precise situations that require compromise... Denise employs Photoshop, Procreate and pencil for scenes brimming with affection. This creative team parents three girls and here shares insights honoring the child who's sometimes overlooked."— *School Library Journal*

### THE AUTHOR

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.

### THE ILLUSTRATOR

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.



Henry Holt BFYR  
2019  
North American

Hebrew to Sefer Lakol

## BEAR HAS A STORY TO TELL

\* A Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of 2012

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

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**

## LENNY AND LUCY

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

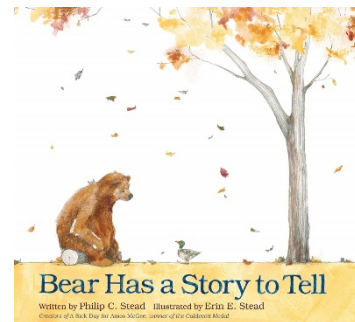
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### THE AUTHOR

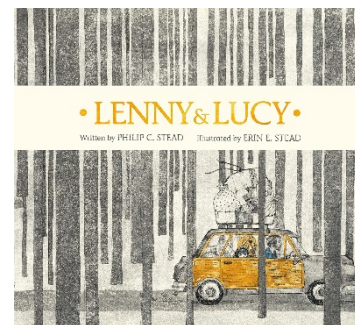
Philip C. Stead is the author of the Caldecott Medal winning *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*, illustrated by his wife, Erin E. Stead. Philip, also an artist, has written and illustrated several of his own books.

### THE ILLUSTRATOR

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*.



Roaring Book Press  
2012, World English



Roaring Book Press  
2015, World English

Julie Fogliano AUTHOR Erin Stead ILLUSTRATOR

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# IF YOU WANT TO SEE A WHALE

\* *A Publisher's Weekly Best Children's Book of 2013*  
\* *A Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of 2013*

## DESCRIPTION

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...

## PRAISE

"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*, starred review

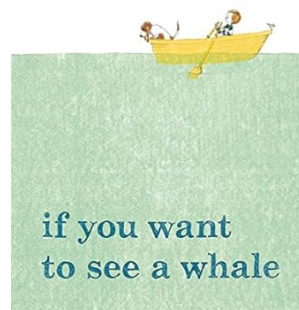
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## THE ILLUSTRATOR

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## SPECIAL DELIVERY

### DESCRIPTION

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.

### PRAISE

"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*, 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*

### THE AUTHOR

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### THE ILLUSTRATOR

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## IDEAS ARE ALL AROUND

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

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



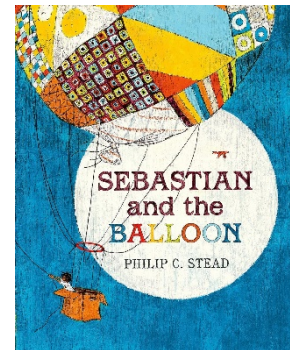
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2016, North American

## SEBASTIAN AND THE BALLOON

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

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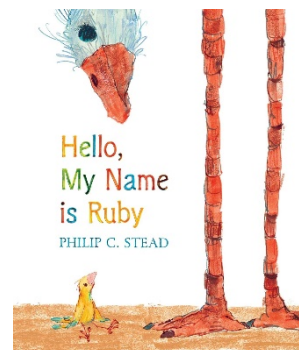
## HELLO, MY NAME IS RUBY

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

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



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# JONATHAN AND THE BIG BLUE BOAT

## DESCRIPTION

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.

## PRAISE

“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.”

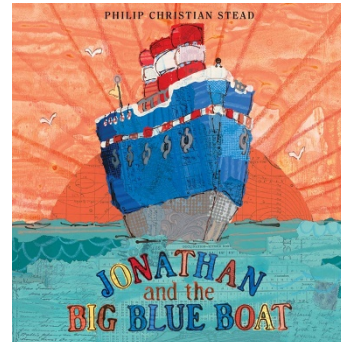
— *Kirkus*, starred review

“A lovely, gentle adventure for younger readers.”

— *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

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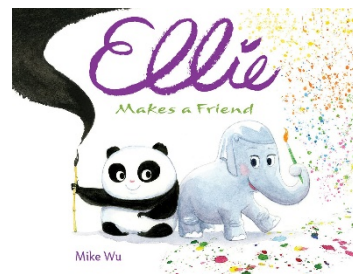
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## ELLIE MAKES A FRIEND

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!



Disney-Hyperion Books  
2020, World English

## ELLIE IN CONCERT

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?



Disney-Hyperion Books  
2017, World English

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

**Complex Chinese** to Heliopolis; **Simplified Chinese** to Beijing Publishing House

## ELLIE

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?

Ellie



Disney-Hyperion Books  
2015, World English

"[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*

**Complex Chinese** to Heliopolis; **Simplified Chinese** to Beijing Publishing House; **Spanish** to PRH

### THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

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