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# Children's Department Rights Guide: 2026

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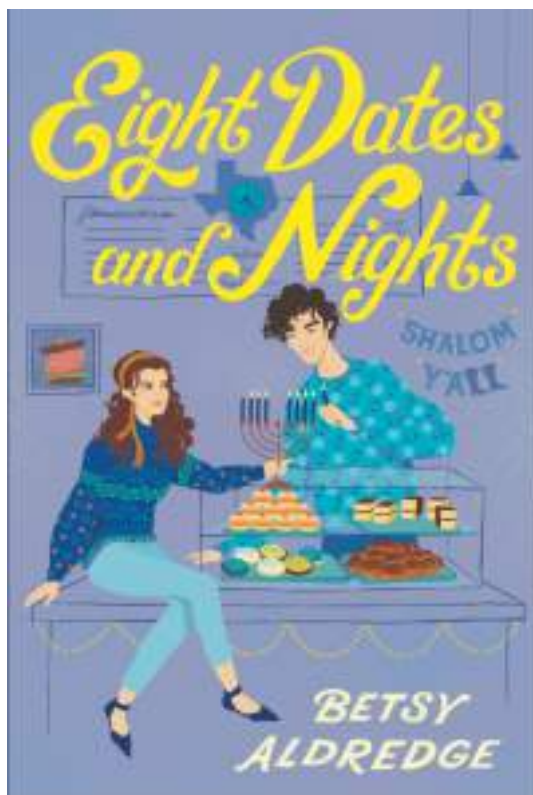
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# Eight Dates and Nights

By **Betsy Aldredge**

Random House/Underlined, Oct. 2023 – Young Adult Fiction



**Two teens with two very different ideas of how to spend Hanukkah learn to work together to save the last Jewish remnant in small town Texas in this cozy holiday romance!**

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New Yorker Hannah Levin is allergic to two things, horses and tinsel. Unfortunately, she's surrounded by both this Hanukkah when, thanks to a freak snow storm, she's stranded in the small town of Rosenblum, Texas, visiting her grandmother, who she hasn't seen in years due to family drama.

Super lonely, missing latkes and reliable wi-fi, she follows the scent of fried potatoes and wanders into an old deli where she meets the only other Jewish teen in town, Noah, who happens to be equal parts adorable and full of annoying, over the top Hanukkah spirit that he's determined to share with Hannah, one ugly, itchy Hanukkah sweater at a time.

She makes him a deal, she'll help him save his family's deli, which is practically the only Jewish remnant in a town that once had a thriving community of European immigrants, if he'll leave her to sulk in peace. However, after a spectacularly memorable kiss Hannah wonders if there's more to Hanukkah, this community, and even her grandmother, than she thought.

**"Fans of Hannah Reynolds and readers who like some canoodling with their knishes will melt like grilled cheese on challah over this seasonal romance."** —Booklist

**"Infectious holiday zest."** —Publishers Weekly



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# *Into The Deep Blue*

By **Jennifer E. Archer**

Marble Press, September 2025 – Young Adult Fiction



**A stunningly lyrical, cinematic, unflinching portrait of teenage grief and love.**

Nick and Fiona were meant to be friends—best friends—and they wouldn't change that for the world. At least, that's what they tell themselves. Because they can't be an *us*.

Nick doesn't believe in happy endings ever since they both lost their moms unexpectedly senior year. And Fiona often wonders if all they have in common is their numb hearts. Still, they're content to share everything else with each other. Honestly. Everything but sparks.

But when Fiona accidentally lets her guard down more than she intended to with Nick, it threatens to ruin their fragile balancing act. Luckily, Nick isn't about to let a little misunderstanding get in the way of the weekend trip they've been planning for months. Fiona is just hoping for some closure on the first anniversary of her mom's death—except grief isn't that simple, and choosing to love again isn't, either. Now the only thing standing between Fiona and Nick is the truth. They just need the courage to reach for it.

Told from two unforgettable points of view, *Into the Deep Blue* is Fiona and Nick's achingly moving, wry, and hopeful tale about falling apart and coming together by a remarkable new talent.

**\*Screen adaptation filming spring 2026, starring Damian Harding and Sara Waisglass!\***

- “Swoony and sad.” —*Kirkus*
- “YA contemporary at its best... Rich, complicated characters, spitfire pacing, and heartfelt interactions intertwine so effortlessly on every page.” —*New York Times* Best-selling author Laura Taylor Namey
- “A poignant, witty, raw nerve of a debut.” —*Bank Street Best Winner* and *Edgar Award Nominee* Eva V. Gibson
- “Archer writes with moving lyricism and insight into the human experience.” —*Bank Street Best Honoree* and *Colorado Book Award Winning* author Ellen O'Clover

## **Already Sold in:**

**Brazil (Globo - Sold in a competitive pre-empt!), France (Hachette), Germany (DTV - Sold at auction!), Italy (Mondadori - Sold in a pre-empt!), Hungary (Könyvmolyképző), Spain (Planeta).**

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**WINNER: The Academy's Nicholl Fellowship**

**\*Sold in pre-empts in Brazil and Italy, sold at auction in Germany!\***



## Sasquatch, Love, and Other Imaginary Things

By Betsy Aldredge and Carrie Dubois-Shaw

Simon Pulse, 2017 – Young Adult Fiction

*Pride and Prejudice* meets Animal Planet's *Finding Bigfoot* in this humorous and heartfelt debut about a quirky family hunting for the mythical Sasquatch.

Hunting for monsters was never so awkward.

Samantha's parents, charter members of a Bigfoot Society, are hunting yetis on national TV, and worse, in front of an aristocratic prep-school crew—including a boy who disdains Samantha's family.

She becomes determined to take him down. As they go to war, their friction and attraction almost distract them from the hint that Sasquatch may actually be out there somewhere...

- All foreign licenses available.

## The Indian in the Cupboard

By Lynne Reid Banks

New mass-market edition, Random House, 2010 – Middle Grade Fiction

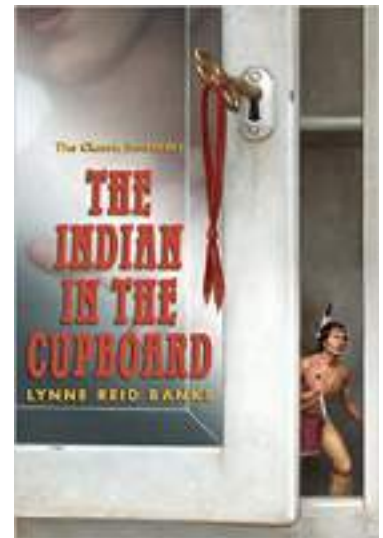
**\*Over 10 million copies sold!\***

What could be better than a magic cupboard that turns small toys into living creatures? When an exhausted Omri dumps a plastic toy Indian into the cabinet just before falling asleep, the magic begins. Turn the key once and the toy comes alive; turn it a second time and it's an action figure again.

"Skyhigh fantasy that will enthrall readers."—*Publishers Weekly*

"Best novel of the year (1981)." —*The New York Times*

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## Tiger, Tiger

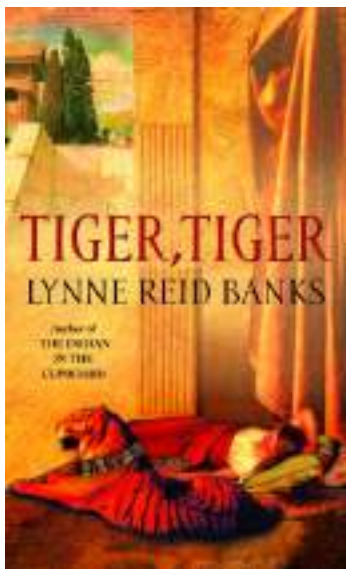
By Lynne Reid Banks

Delacorte/Random House, 2005 – Middle Grade Fiction

From the bestselling author of THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD comes the story of two captured tiger cubs in ancient Rome. The smaller cub, Boots, is given to Caesar's 12-year-old daughter, Aurelia. Boots visits Aurelia frequently, accompanied by his keeper, Julius, who worships Aurelia from afar. When Boots escapes from the royal compound, Julius must pay the price: he's sentenced by Caesar to fight both Boots and Brute in the Colosseum before thousands of Roman citizens. Aurelia pleads for Julius's life, but her father is unyielding.

"This provocative title will appeal to fans of historical fiction, romance, and animal stories." —*School Library Journal*

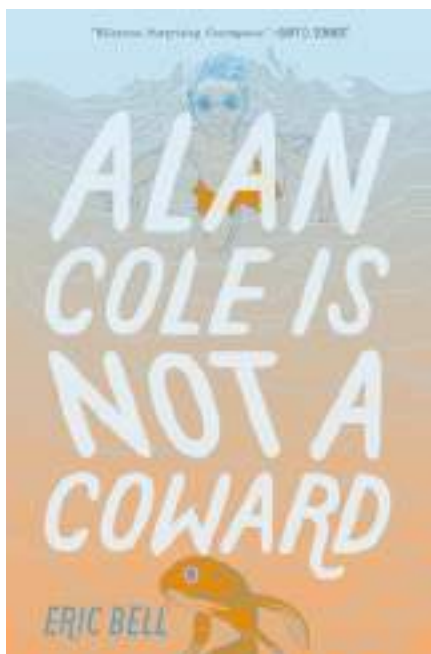
- Sold in Spanish and Catalanian (Casals), and Japanese (Saeta Shobo). All other foreign licenses available, excluding the U.K. (contact HarperCollins).



# Alan Cole Is Not A Coward

By Eric Bell

HarperCollins 2017 - Middle Grade Fiction



**Perfect for fans of Tim Federle and Gary Schmidt, this is a hilarious and poignant tale about the trials of middle school when you're coming of age—and coming out.**

Alan Cole can't stand up to his cruel brother, Nathan. He can't escape the wrath of his demanding father, who thinks he's about as exceptional as a goldfish. And—scariest of all—he can't let the cute boy across the cafeteria know he has a crush on him.

But when Nathan discovers Alan's secret, his older brother announces a high-stakes round of Cole vs. Cole. Each brother must complete seven nearly impossible tasks; whoever finishes the most wins the game. If Alan doesn't want to be outed to all of Evergreen Middle School, he's got to become the most well-known kid in school, get his first kiss, and stand up to Dad.

Alan's determined to prove—to Nathan, to the world, to himself—that this goldfish can learn to swim. May the best Cole win.

**\*An ALA Top 10 Rainbowlist Honoree!\***

“[A] harrowing but inspiring debut...The intensity of the family relationships is so effectively rendered that this book has the potential to appeal to older teens as well as a middle school audience.” — *Kirkus*

“With its well-developed characters, juxtaposition of supportive adult educators and aggressive parents, and message of hope, this novel feels like a contemporary version of Gary D. Schmidt's *The Wednesday Wars* and *Okay for Now*. A strong debut.” — *School Library Journal*

“A compelling story.” — *Horn Book*

“There are books in this world that show us why it matters that we become our truest selves. This is one of them.” — *Gary D. Schmidt, Newbery Honor and Printz Honor author*

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**Already Sold in:**

**Catalan, German (Fischer), Polish.**



**Sequel also available!**

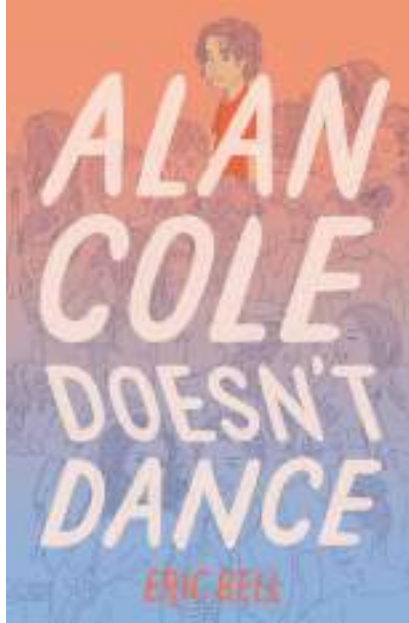
# Alan Cole Doesn't Dance

By Eric Bell

HarperCollins 20 - Middle Grade Fiction

**To heartwarming cheer, Alan Cole came out to his school. But now what?**

**In this follow-up novel to *Alan Cole Is Not a Coward*, Eric Bell deftly explores with nuance and humor how the first step to complete self-acceptance may mean actually putting your feet on the dance floor. This laugh-out-loud and poignant tale is perfect for fans of Gary Schmidt and Jerry Spinelli.**



Alan Cole has a problem: Ron McCaughlin. Ever since Alan revealed he's gay, Ron has been bullying Alan with relentless fury. Alan can't tell his parents why he's really coming home with bruises—because they still don't know the truth about him.

Yet buoyed by the support of his classmates and with his friends Zack and Madison by his side, Alan thinks he can withstand the bullying and—just maybe—break through to Ron.

But all things come to a head when Alan's father asks that he take June Harrison to the upcoming Winter Dance. Never mind that Alan has two left feet, does not like girls, and might be developing feelings for a new boy at school.

This resounding tale about friendship, family, and the many meanings of bravery will leave readers rooting for Alan and his gang of proud misfits once more.

**"This accessible, funny novel is honest about challenges queer kids may face while still giving them a hopeful ending." —Horn Book**

**"Alan remains an appealing character, and his story is a welcome addition to LGBTQ literature for middle-schoolers." —ALA Booklist**

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**Already Sold in:**  
**Polish.**

# Lights All Faded

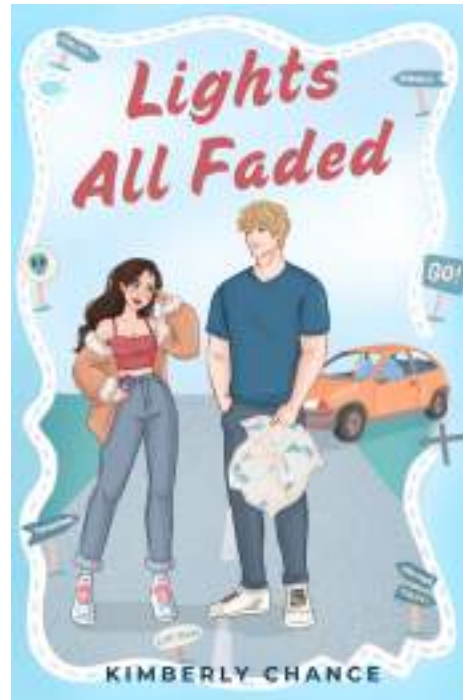
By **Kimberly Chance**

Self-published March 2026, New Adult Fiction

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**Part of a planned  
trilogy!**



Becca Evans looks like she has it all: flawless makeup, loyal followers, and the kind of online presence most beauty influencers dream of. But behind the red lipstick and curated posts, she's exhausted, yearning to walk away from it all...if only her platform weren't the financial lifeline keeping her and her dysfunctional mother afloat.

Lucky DeLuca became an internet sensation thanks to his reckless charm and dangerous stunts—until one nearly killed him. Now, with his career on the line, he's clawing for a comeback. Even if it means facing his worst fear: getting hurt all over again.

When a high-stakes competition for content creators pairs Becca and Lucky together, sparks fly—and not the cute kind. But the cross-country adventure, with media coverage and a \$100,000 prize, could solve both their problems. They manage to form a friendship, but when they discover viewers prefer their rivalry, they launch a fake-hating scheme that rockets them to the top of the leaderboard and closer to the win they both desperately need.

Off-camera though, real chemistry simmers, and a kiss captured on video goes viral, unleashing the worst of the internet trolls and exposing their ruse. They are forced to confront what happens when the likes become dislikes—and when pretending turns into something real.

With their reputations, their futures, and their hearts on the line, Becca and Lucky must decide what they're more willing to lose: their platforms or each other.

**"From the very beginning of 'Lights All Faded' I was hooked. This book had me feeling ALL the feels. #TeamBuckyForever" —  
Goodreads Review**

# *Never Til Now*

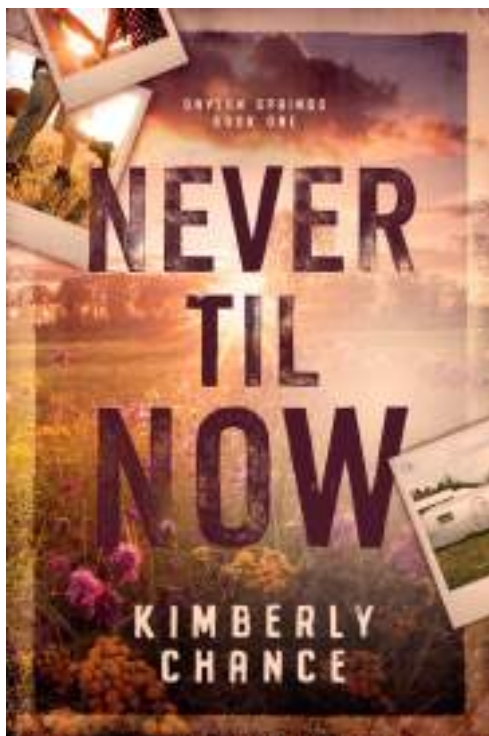
**By Kimberly Chance**

Self-published Summer 2025, Adult Fiction  
*Dayton Springs* Romance Series - #1

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Part of a planned  
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**Callie Dawson had her future all mapped out—until her long-term boyfriend dumped her and left her with an eviction notice instead of a shiny engagement ring. Now she's back in her sleepy hometown, single, jaded, and absolutely done with love.**

But when her cousin—whose photography business is barely clinging to life—begs Callie to help with a romantic “blind date” photoshoot, Callie can’t say no. Even if it’s weird. And cringe. And definitely a bad idea. Bracing for an afternoon of awkward small talk and forced smiles, Callie anticipates the worst. Then *he* walks in—the grumpy, yet ridiculously hot, local mechanic with a knack for flipping vintage RVs—and Callie’s carefully fortified walls start to crumble.

Jensen Shepherd isn’t looking for a relationship. He wears his painful past around like armor and only agrees to do the photoshoot as a favor to a friend. But being around Callie starts to stir something in his long-shattered heart—something he’s not sure he’s ready to feel. And the photos from their shoot? Yeah, they go *viral*.

Suddenly, everyone’s talking about the “perfect” couple. As their social media fame skyrockets, so does the chemistry crackling between them. But Jensen believes he’s too broken to ever heal and Callie is convinced love is just another pretty lie.

Just when their feelings reach a breaking point, a devastating tragedy strikes, forcing them to confront the painful truths of their pasts—and the undeniable connection between them.

“**Never Til Now is a story about learning to trust again, about believing you're worthy of love—even when it's let you down before. So if you love small-town romances, slow-burn chemistry, emotional healing arcs, and characters who feel messy and real in the best possible way—this book is for you!**”

—*Goodreads Review*



# Teach Me to Forget

By Erica M. Chapman

\*Paperback edition and new cover, 2019\*  
SimonPulse/Simon & Schuster, 2016 – Young Adult Fiction

**Already Sold in:**

**Spanish  
(Ediciones B).**

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available,  
excluding the  
U.K.

**\*Seen in Teen  
Vogue!\***



**A heart-wrenching story of loss and hope.**



**Ellery's grief over the loss of her younger sister is pushing her down a dark path in this heart-wrenching story of loss and the journey to hope that's perfect for fans of *Girl in Pieces* and *All the Bright Places*.**

**Ellery doesn't want to live anymore.**

She's unable to bear the loss of her sister, or face the rest of her broken family. So, she's made a plan—bought the gun, arranged for her funeral, and picked the day. Everything has fallen into place. Then, on the day she intends to take her own life, she meets Colter, a boy who recognizes her desperation and becomes determined to stop her.

Ellery won't be swayed so easily, but as she struggles with her hopelessness, she learns Colter has good reasons for his vigilance—personal reasons. And whether Ellery likes it or not, he can't let go.

**\*A Best Book Selection by Goodreads and Barnes & Noble!\***

- “A beautifully crafted, dark, & heartbreaking look at depression & suicide. Ellery’s story is needed & necessary; Chapman is a writer to watch.” —Kathleen Glasgow, New York Times bestselling author of *Girl in Pieces*
- “Ellery’s voice is engaging and authentic, and her edgy black humor comes into play... Sadness gives way to redemption and an unforced hope in this thoughtful read.” —Kirkus
- “An author whose dark and emotional story will resonate with teen readers.” —VOYA Magazine



## **The Avion My Uncle Flew**

**By Cyrus Fisher**

Reprint Purple House Press, 2020

Originally published by Scholastic, 1948

Middle Grade Fiction

**\*\*A Newbery Honor Book\*\***

When twelve-year-old Johnny Littlehorn's father returns from the front lines, after WWII is over, and announces they're spending the summer in France, Johnny doesn't want to leave their Wyoming ranch. But what starts off as a boring trip soon turns into a frightening adventure. A sinister man trails Johnny throughout Paris and follows him to his uncle's village of St. Chamant.

With the help of his new friends, Suzanne and Charles, Johnny follows a winding trail that leads to a fugitive spy, a German pistolet hidden in a loaf of bread and a stolen fortune. Before long, he's learning French, helping his uncle Paul build an avion, and unraveling an evil Nazi plot! Original illustrations by Richard Floethe. New cover by Jamin Still.

● **All foreign licenses available.**

## **Annie on My Mind**

**By Nancy Garden**

Open Road Edition, 2017 – Young Adult Fiction

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Paperback, February 2007

Originally Published by Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1982

**\*\*ALA Best of the Best Books for Young Adults\*\***

**\*\*Starred review by Publishers Weekly\*\***

When Liza first lays eyes on Annie, she knows there's something special between them. Soon, their close friendship develops into a deep and intimate romance. Neither imagined that falling in love could be so wonderful, but as Liza and Annie's newfound sexuality sparks conflict in both their families and at their schools, they discover it'll take more than love for their relationship to succeed.

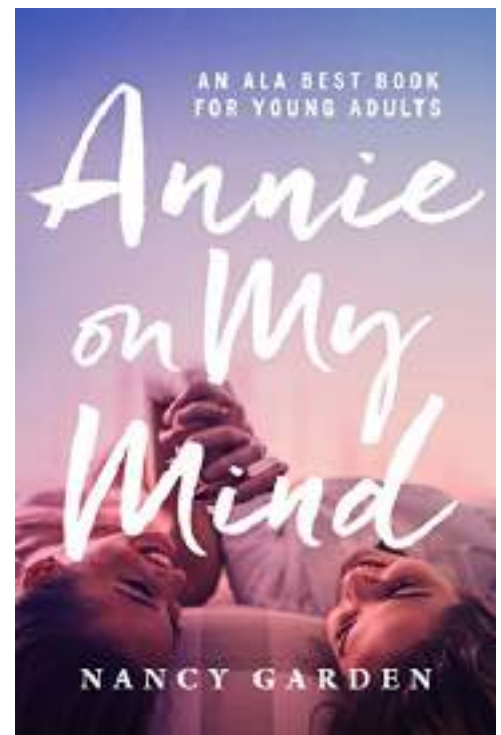
One of the first books to positively portray a lesbian relationship, *Annie on My Mind* is a groundbreaking classic of the genre. The subject of a First Amendment lawsuit over banned books and one of *School Library Journal's* "One Hundred Books that Shaped the Century," Nancy Garden's iconic novel is an important story for anyone discovering who they're meant to be.

*"No single work has done more for young adult LGBT fiction than this classic about two teenage girls who fall in love."* —School Library Journal

● **Sold in Spanish (Editorial Café con Leche) and Portuguese/Brazil (Universo dos Livros). All other foreign licenses available.**

**\* Previously sold in Italian (Mondadori), Chinese (Hann Colour), Korean (Bomulchango) and Polish (Mladinska). \***

**\*Film/TV rights available!\***



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**UK (Penguin Michael Joseph), French (Hachette), Portuguese-Brazil (Editora Planeta), Portuguese-Portugal (Grupo Leya), German (Bastei Lubbe), Polish (FILIA), Turkish (Yabanci), Czech (Euromedia), Vietnamese (Vietnam AZ Communication and Culture), Spanish (Planeta Mexicana), Russian (EXMO), Italian (Always Publishing), Serbian (Vulkan), Romanian (Grup Media Litera), Hebrew (Booktique), Ukranian (BookChef), Bulgarian (Egmont), Lithuanian (JOTEMA), Greek (Klidarithmos), Estonian (Tanapaev), Hungarian (Konyvmolykepzo), Slovak (Ikar), Croatian (Poetika), Azerbaijan (Quanan).**

**U.S. Audio sold to Blackstone.**

**\*A second sequel is forthcoming in 2026!\***

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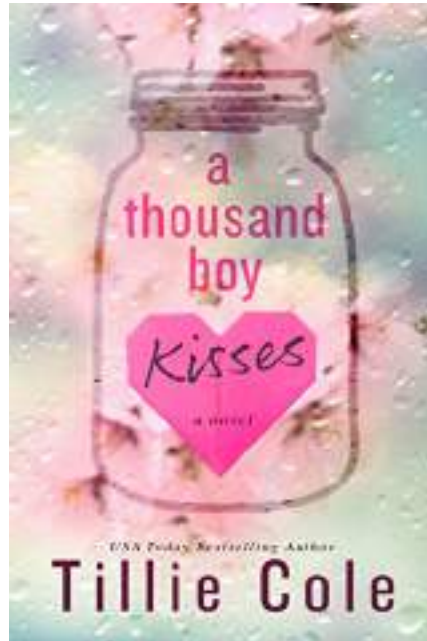
**\*Optioned by Netflix!\***

# ***A Thousand Boy Kisses***

**By Tillie Cole**

Sourcebooks/Bloom Books, 2023 – Young Adult Fiction -  
*Boy Kisses #1*

**One kiss lasts a moment.  
But a thousand kisses can last a lifetime.**



**\*\*A New York Times Bestseller, USA Today Bestseller, and BookTok Sensation!\*\***

When 17-year-old Rune Kristiansen returns from his native Norway to the sleepy town of Blossom Grove, Georgia, where he befriended Poppy Litchfield as a child, he has just one thing on his mind. Why did the girl who was one half of his soul, who promised to wait faithfully for his return, cut him off without a word of explanation?

Rune's heart was broken two years ago when Poppy fell silent. When he discovers the truth, he finds that the greatest heartache is yet to come.

**Bloom Books's edition includes a \*NEW\* chapter, and will be followed by a sequel, *A THOUSAND BROKEN PIECES*, in July 2024!**

🗨️ **"Tillie Cole ripped my heart out and then put it back together with a thousand kisses. Her writing is achingly beautiful and brilliant beyond words."** —Jess Daniels, NY Times and USA Today Bestselling Author

🗨️ **"THE most beautiful, emotional and stunningly written love story we've ever read. This book is as special as special can be."** —Jenny & Gitte (Totally Booked Blog)

## ***Already Sold In:***

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# ***A Thousand Broken Pieces***

**By Tillie Cole**

Sourcebooks/Bloom Books 2024 – Young Adult Fiction -  
*Boy Kisses #2*

***Three years. Twelve months.  
A timeless grief.***



After losing her beloved sister three years ago, Savannah Litchfield has been living half a life. Now seventeen—the age Poppy died—the pain of losing her is worse than ever. When Savannah's therapist suggests a trip around the world to help teens stricken by loss, she reluctantly agrees to it, clutching the unread journal Poppy left her as she goes.

Cael Woods is angry. One year after losing his older brother—the person who meant the world to him—his life has spiraled into a heady void of nothing. Once the most promising hockey player in the junior league, Cael can no longer step onto the ice without being paralyzed by memories of his brother. When his parents sign him up for a trip abroad for grieving teens, no part of him wants to go—but he does.

As Cael and Savannah embark on a journey of healing, they learn to find solace together, discovering a glimmer of light only the other can bring. And the harder they fall, the more they heal the fractured fragments of their hearts, piece by broken piece.

***\*An Instant New York Times and USA Today  
Bestseller!\****

***\*Third series installment forthcoming in 2026!<sup>12</sup>\****

# *A Wish For Us*

**By Tillie Cole**

Special edition re-release coming from Sourcebooks/Bloom Books, December 2024 – Young Adult Fiction



**A story of music. A story of healing. A story of love conquering all. From *New York Times* bestselling author Tillie Cole comes a new tearjerker YA romance, perfect for fans of *A Thousand Boy Kisses*.**

Nineteen-year-old Cromwell Dean is the rising star of electronic dance music. Thousands of people adore him, but no one knows him. No one sees the color of his heart. Until the girl in the purple dress breaks through his walls to the darkness within.

After Cromwell leaves behind the gray skies of England to study music in the South Carolina heat, the last thing he expects is to see that girl again. And he certainly doesn't expect that she'll stay in his head like a song on repeat. But she does.

Bonnie Farraday lives for music. She lets every note into her heart, and she doesn't understand how someone as talented as Cromwell can avoid doing the same. He's hiding from his past, and she knows it. She tries to stay away from him, but something keeps calling her back.

Bonnie is the burst of color in Cromwell's darkness. He's the beat that makes her heart skip. But when a shadow falls over Bonnie, it's up to Cromwell to be her light, in the only way he knows how. He must help her find the lost song in her fragile heart. He must keep her strong with a symphony only he can compose.

A symphony of hope. A symphony of love.

A symphony of them.

## Already Sold In:

**UK (Penguin Michael Joseph), Polish (FILIA), Italian (Always Publishing), French (Hachette Livre), Spanish (Planeta Mexico), Russian (Exem), Portuguese-Brazil (Planeta Brazil), Portuguese-Portugal (Leya), German (Bastei Lubbe), Romanian (Grup Media Litera), Hebrew (Booktique), Hungarian (.**

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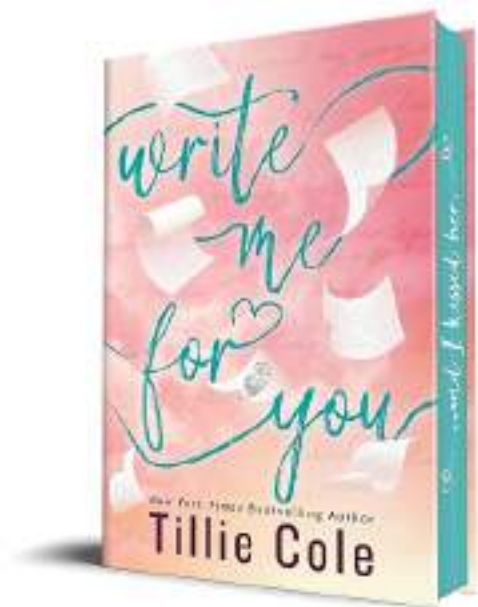
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# Write Me For You

**By Tillie Cole**

Sourcebooks/Bloom Books, July 2025 – Young Adult Fiction



**\*A New York Times Bestseller!\***

Pitched as a cross between *The Fault in Our Stars* and *Sliding Doors*, this sweeping tale of romance and heartbreak follows June, whose battle with a rare cancer is coming to an end when she's just seventeen. June had dreamed of writing, of falling in love...and she never got to experience either.

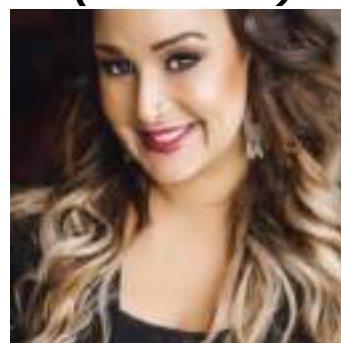
Until, that is, she moves into a hospital facility for terminal teens, and comes face-to-face with Jesse Tyler. And, as his friendship and love for June grow, he offers to be the romance lead in that novel she dreams of writing.

June begins to write, feeling their real-life and fictional love deepen in kind. But with the couple's health failing, June is in a hurry to write 'The End' as hers and Jesse's final scene draws ever near.

Because even when your heartbeat stops, a true love story never dies.

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**Also by Marissa Eller:**

JOINED AT THE JOINTS  
Holiday House 2024

# Left On Read

By Marissa Eller

Holiday House, August 2026 – Young Adult Fiction

**In this rivals-to-lovers rom-com about chronic illness and neurodivergence from Marissa Eller, overachiever Nova wants one thing: to be the top student in her school. So when a student who could beat her turns up, she tries to keep her eyes on her own paper... and off this infuriatingly perfect boy.**



School is everything to Nova—*literally* everything, since she’s missed out on all of the Traditional High School Things in pursuit of academic success. Her senior year is going to be perfect, and so is she... because she’s pushing herself to her physical and mental limit. All she needs to do is ignore her mounting anxiety! Which is probably clinical! La la la!

But Hayes—her ultra-smart, ultra-annoying rival for valedictorian—is making her year far less perfect than she imagined. He’s after that top spot too, and he doesn’t care who he has to shove outside.

But when Nova and Hayes are paired up for a group project on student mental health, Nova discovers that he might be the only one who understands what she’s going through. The burnout. The self-doubt. The unrelenting grind. Together, they can stand up to the pressures of academia, family, and the way most traveled... if they partner up in more ways than one.

🗨️ **"Eller has written a sweet romantic comedy with a relatable main character and a great love interest who happens to have once been her academic nemesis."** —YA Books Central

🗨️ **"Bursting with swoony romance, humor, and literary charm, LEFT ON READ receives the highest marks. English majors, past and present, this gem is for us."** —Danielle Parker, Author of LOVE ON PAPER

🗨️ **"Sweet, flirty, and bookish. You’ll swoon over Nova and Hayes while texting friends that you want to declare English as your college major. —Anna Sortino, award-winning author of GIVE ME A SIGN**

For foreign licenses, please contact Holiday House.

**Already Sold In:**

**Russian (Popcorn).**

**U.S. audio sold to Blackstone, narrated by award-winner Laura Knight Keating!**



**Also by Marissa Eller:**

LEFT ON READ,  
Holiday House 2026

**Paperback redesign releasing January 2026!**

# Joined At The Joints

**By Marissa Eller**

Holiday House, August 2024 – Young Adult Fiction



**When baking-obsessed Ivy meets a boy who shares her rare diagnosis, sparks fly *outside* of the kitchen for the first time in her life!**



Chronically ill 17-year-old Ivy has stayed inside baking all summer—pies are better than people, and *they* don't trigger her social anxiety. So when her (also) chronically ill mom and sister cook up a plan to get Ivy out of the house and into a support group, Ivy doesn't expect to say more than a few words.

And she *certainly* doesn't expect Grant. Grant is CUTE: class-clown cute, perfectly-messy-hair cute, will-always-text-you-back cute. There's an instant connection between them. He has the same illness as her—juvenile rheumatoid arthritis—and he actually *understands* Ivy's world. But just because he understands her pain doesn't mean he can take it away, and she wishes he could... because it's getting worse.

Ivy has always tried her best to seem "normal," but between symptom management, new treatment plans, and struggling with medical self-advocacy, being sick feels more and more difficult. With her energy plummeting, even her bestie starts drifting away! What if Grant does, too? Will Ivy's sugar-sweet romance pan out? Can she maintain her façade, for him and for the world... or should she be brave and let it drop?

## **\*\*Bank Street Best 2025 Selection!\*\***

🗨️ **"Frank, sweet, and uplifting."**—*Kirkus*

🗨️ **"Neatly paced, insightful prose punctuated by text exchanges and sweet dates depict Ivy and Grant's slow-burn romance. Ivy's introspections about RA are realistic, nuanced, and informed by debut author Eller's personal experiences."**—*Publishers Weekly*

🗨️ **"Beyond a simple romance. . . Though the well for the sick-teen-romance genre seems to never run dry, this one feels fresh thanks to its highlighting of misunderstood chronic illnesses and focus on support rather than trauma."**—*The Bulletin*

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Already Sold In:  
**Polish**  
**(HarperCollins)**



**\*Film/TV rights available from M&O!\***

**Also by Ann Fraistat:**

**WHAT WE HARVEST,**  
RH/Delacorte 2022

**HARVEST was:**

**\*A Bram Stoker Award Nominee!\***

**\*Barnes & Noble Book Award Shortlist!\***

**\*ABA Indies Introduce Pick!\***

# ***A Place for Vanishing***

**By Ann Fraistat**

Random House/Delacorte, January 2024 – Young Adult Fiction

**A teen girl and her family return to her mother's childhood home, only to discover that the house's strange beauty may disguise a sinister past, in this contemporary gothic horror from the author of *What We Harvest*.**



**\*USA TODAY BESTSELLER!\***

The house was supposed to be a fresh start. That's what Libby's mom said. And after Libby's recent bipolar III diagnosis and the tragedy that preceded it, Libby knows she and her family need to find a new normal.

But Libby's new home is anything but normal. Scores of bugs haunt its winding halls, towering stained-glass windows feature strange, insectile designs, and the garden teems with impossibly blue roses. And then there are rumors. The locals, and the mysterious boy next door, tell stories about disappearances tied to the house, stretching back over a century to its first owners. Owners who supposedly hosted legendary masked séances on its grounds.

Libby's mom refuses to hear anything that could derail their family's perfect new beginning, but Libby knows better. The house is keeping secrets from her, and something tells her that the key to unlocking them lies in the eerie, bug-shaped masks hidden throughout the property.

We all wear masks—to hide our imperfections, to make us stronger, braver. But if Libby keeps hers on for too long, she might lose herself—and those she loves.

**\*Bram Stoker Award Nominee!\***

**\*Junior Library Guild Book Club Pick!\***

● **"A compelling, darkly creative, and intensely haunting examination of the masks we wear."**—Kirkus **\*Starred Review\***

● **"Brimming with eerie atmosphere and insects most foul."** —Erin A. Craig, #1 NYT bestselling author of *House of Roots & Ruin*

● **"Riveting and sublimely creepy."** —Amanda Glaze, bestselling author of *The Second Death of Edie and Violet Bond*

# What We Harvest

By Ann Fraistat

Random House/Delacorte, March 2022 – Young Adult Fiction



***So it had come to  
kill us too.***

**For fans of *Wilder Girls* comes a nightmarish debut guaranteed to keep you up through the night, about an idyllic small town poisoned by its past, and one girl who must fight the strange disease that's slowly claiming everyone she loves.**

Wren owes everything she has to her home, Hollow's End, a centuries-old, picture perfect American town. Tourists travel miles to marvel at its miracle crops, like the iridescent wheat of Wren's family farm.

Until the quicksilver mercury blight first surfaced, poisoning the farms of Hollow's End one by one. It began by consuming the crops--thick, silver sludge bleeding from the earth. Next were the animals. Infected livestock and wild creatures alike staggered off into the woods by day--only to return at night, their eyes, fogged white, leering from the trees.

Then the blight came for the neighbors. Wren is among the last locals standing. And the blight has finally come for her too. Now, the only one she can turn to is her ex, Derek. Wren and Derek still have one thing in common--Hollow's End means everything to them. Only there's much they don't know about their hometown and its renowned miracle crops. They're about to discover that miracles aren't free.

Their ancestors have an awful lot to pay for, and Wren and Derek are the only ones left to settle old debts.

***\*An HWA Summer Scares Pick 2026!\****

***\*A Bram Stoker Award Finalist!\****

***\*An ABA Indies Introduce Pick!\****

● ***"Dazzling and dreadful."*** —Erin A. Craig, NYT-bestselling author of *House of Salt and Sorrows*

● ***"A vivid and engrossing horror-tinged tale of corrosive family secrets."*** —Kirkus

● ***"Intense, gripping, and deeply haunting, Fraistat's debut [is] an invigorating take on the zombie genre."*** —School Library Journal ***\*Starred Review\****

***\*Barnes & Noble YA Award Shortlist!\****

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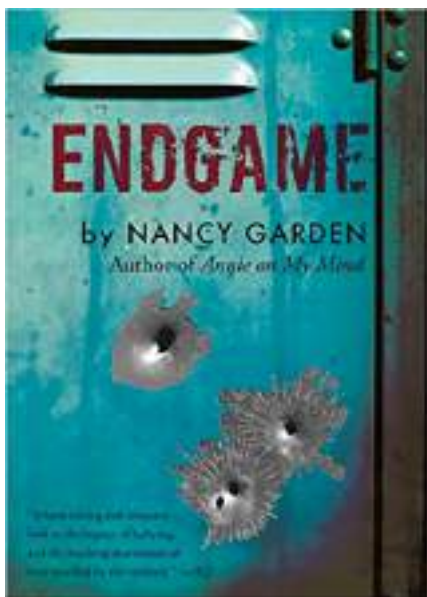
***\*Featured in  
the New York  
Times!\****

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available from  
M&O!**

***\*A JLG Book  
Club Pick!\****

**A second YA  
standalone,  
*A PLACE FOR  
VANISHING*,  
is forthcoming from  
2018 and 2019  
Pitch Wars mentee  
Ann Fraistat with  
RH/Delacorte!**

***\*Sold at Auction!\**  
*\*\*Six-Figure  
Deal!\*\****



## **Endgame**

**By Nancy Garden**

Harcourt, 2006 – Young Adult Fiction

**\*School Library Journal Top Ten Books of 2006\***

A new town, a new school, a new start. That's what 14-year-old Gray Wilton believes as he chants, "It's gonna be better, gonna be better here." But it doesn't take long for Gray to realize that nothing's going to change—there are bullies in every school, and he's always their punching bag. Award-winning novelist Nancy Garden once again goes out on a limb, this time to show the cruelty of bullying and the devastating effects it can have.

*This is a hard-hitting and eloquent look at the impact of bullying, and the resulting destruction of lives touched by the violence.* —School Library Journal

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## **Cheaper by the Dozen**

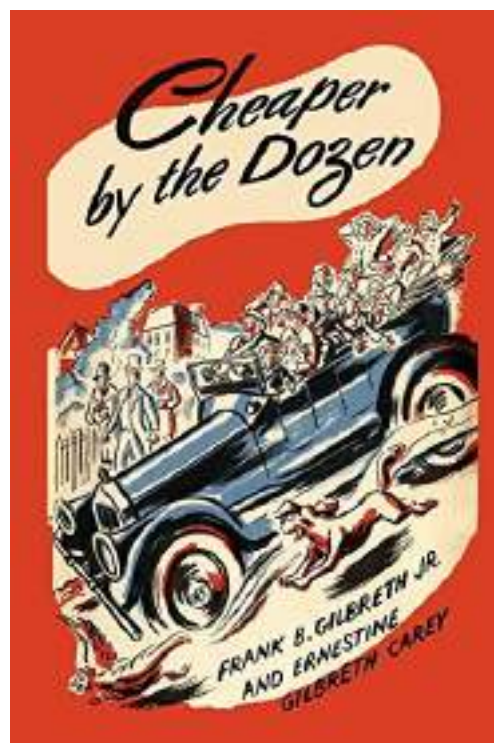
**By Frank B. Gilbreth, Jr. & Ernestine Gilbreth Carey**

HarperCollins, 1948 – Middle Grade Fiction

**\*Made Into A Hit Movie Starring Steve Martin!\***

What do you get when you put twelve lively kids together with a father—a famous efficiency expert—who believes families can run like factories, and a mother who is his partner in everything except discipline? You get a hilarious tale of growing up and a delightfully enduring story of family life at the turn of the 20th century.

- **Sold in Slovene (Drustvo Mohorjeva Druzba), Complex Chinese (Breifing Press), and Marathi (Mehta).**  
**All other foreign licenses available.**



# Frightmares

By **Eva Gibson**

Random House/Underlined – Young Adult Fiction – 2022

**Ready or not...**



**\*A 2023 MWA Edgar Allen Poe Award Nominee!\***

*In a Florida tourist trap, a summer acting job turns into a real horror show when a cast member turns up dead—then disappears. This nail-biter is *Scream meets Clerks*, perfect for fans of *Fear Street*!*

Dave is spending his final summer before college working at Frightmares House of Horrors, a struggling haunted house attraction held together by malfunctioning killer clown mannequins, a cheap replica Annabelle doll, and a lot of improvising.

After a particularly disastrous shift ends in an employee walkout, Dave reluctantly takes over a role for his friend, however, he makes a horrifying discovery—a real dead body, hidden on set. But when Dave returns with help, the body is gone.

Though the killer covered their tracks, Dave realizes they must know what he saw. Could he be their next target?

🗨️ **"Frightmares is YA horror at its best—voicy, thrilling, and wholly unique... A spine-chilling book you won't forget."** —Jennifer Moffett, author of *Those Who Prey*

🗨️ **"Witty and fast-moving...will appeal to the Fear Street crowd."** —Booklist

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**More from  
Eva V. Gibson:**

**TOGETHER WE  
CAUGHT FIRE,**  
Simon & Schuster 2020

**WHERE SECRETS LIE,**  
Simon & Schuster 2021

# Where Secrets Lie

By **Eva Gibson**

SimonPulse/Simon & Schuster, 2021 – Young Adult Fiction

**Everyone has something to hide.**



**Perfect for fans of Courtney Summers, this seductive and intense thriller unfolds in interwoven timelines of two summers as three friends are torn apart by buried secrets and star-crossed attraction...then pulled back together by tragedy.**

Amy Larsen has spent every summer with her cousin Ben and their best friend Teddy in River Run, Kentucky, welcoming the break from her overbearing mother—until the summer she and Teddy confront the changing feelings and simmering sexual tension growing between them, destroying the threesome’s friendship in a dramatic face-off.

A year later, Amy returns to River Run dreading what she’ll find. But when Teddy’s sister disappears, Amy, Ben, and Teddy put aside their differences to search for her. As they dig into the dark history of their small town, all three friends must unearth the truths that tie their families to tragedy, cope with their own toxic upbringings and beliefs, and atone for the damage done to each other and themselves.

Told in two interwoven timelines—the summer where everything changed, and the summer that changes everything—*Where Secrets Lie* is a seductive thriller as dark as it is enthralling.

“Her writing is rich in imagery and descriptive language, brushed with a touch of Southern Gothic, and while emotions run high, they’re authentic in range and scope. The emotional pitch and nuanced details add to the agonizing suspense of this gorgeous and satisfying thriller.” —Booklist **\*Starred Review\***

“Refreshingly incisive, this is a poignant, accessible exploration of intergenerational trauma, chosen family, and class privilege with gripping suspense at its center... A richly layered coming-of-age novel built upon a foundation of conscience.” —Kirkus

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**\*Starred Review Recipient!\***

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**Film/TV rights available from M&O!**

**Also by Eva V. Gibson:**

**TOGETHER WE CAUGHT FIRE,**  
Simon & Schuster  
2020

**FRIGHTMARES,**  
Random House/  
Underlined 2022

# Together We Caught Fire

By Eva Gibson

SimonPulse/Simon & Schuster, 2020 – Young Adult Fiction

*What happens when the boy you want most becomes the one person you can't have?*



Lane is reeling from her mother's suicide and her endometriosis—and her life is turned upside down when her father introduces her to his new fiancée: mother of Greyson, Lane's longtime secret crush. With Grey living in Lane's house, it gets harder and harder to deny their growing mutual attraction—an attraction made all the more forbidden by Grey's long-term girlfriend Sadie, who also happens to be Lane's friend.

Torn between her feelings for Grey and her friendship with Sadie—not to mention her desire to keep the peace at home—Lane befriends Sadie's older brother, Connor, the black sheep of the strict, evangelical Hall family. Connor, a metalworker who is all sharp edges, challenges Lane in ways no one else ever has. As the two become closer and start to open up about the traumas in their respective pasts, Lane begins to question her conviction that Connor is just a distraction.

Tensions come to a head after a tragic incident at a party, forcing Lane to untangle her feelings for both boys and face the truth of what—and who—she wants, in this gripping, lyrical, and stunningly romantic debut novel.

**\*\*A Bank Street Best Children's Book 2021!\*\***

“*The writing is captivating and fluid—easily switching from lyrical and dreamy to raw and violent... An addictive page-turner that begins with a forbidden romance but turns into so much more.*” —Kirkus

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**More from Eva Gibson:**

**WHERE SECRETS LIE,**  
Simon & Schuster 2021

**FRIGHTMARES,**  
Random House/  
Underlined 2022  
*\*Edgar Nominee!\**



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## ***Rikki And Rai:***

### ***The Everyday and Sometimes Epic Adventures of the Tucker Sisters***

**By Tiffany Golden**

Lee & Low/Tu Books, TBD 2025 – Middle Grade Fiction

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and Low.



**Picture books by  
Tiffany Golden:**

**I WANT TO BE BIG**

Page Street Kids,  
2023

**WASH DAY**

Mayo Clinic Press,  
2023

**BRAID DAY**

Penguin Random  
House, 2027

Tu Books, an imprint of Lee & Low Books, is thrilled to announce the results of its eighth annual **New Visions Award** writing contest. Established to increase the number of authors of color writing for children and teens, the New Visions Award is given to a middle grade or young adult manuscript by a new author of color or Indigenous/ Native author. Winners receive a cash prize and publishing contract with Lee & Low Books. This year, **Tiffany Golden** has won the New Visions Award.

Golden's forthcoming manuscript *Rikki and Rai* is a middle-grade novel in closely-linked short stories about two sisters navigating their small town during the year of their parents' separation. Rai's sour, stubborn mood is often at odds with Rikki's hopeful, helpful nature. But when it matters most, they put their differences aside to cement their bond as sisters.

"Sometimes with siblings, tough times bring them closer together," says author Tiffany Golden. "Love survives in hard times."

**Books from award-winning author Virginia Hamilton**  
*\*Other titles available upon request!\**

**M.C. Higgins the Great**

**By Virginia Hamilton**

Simon & Schuster, 1999 – Young Adult Fiction  
Open Road eBook Edition, 2011

**\*Newbery Medal Winner!\***

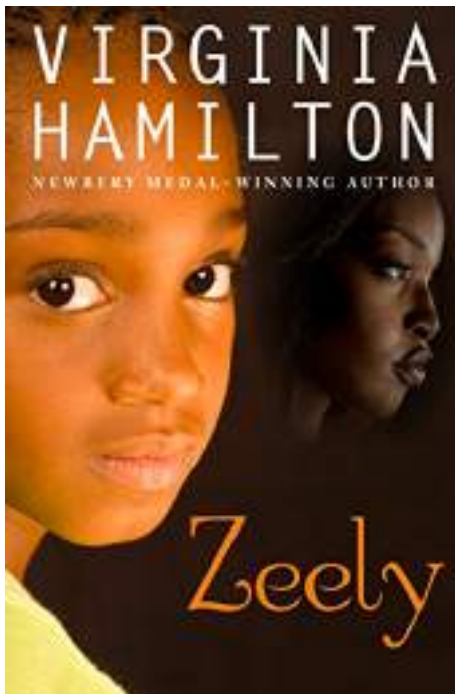
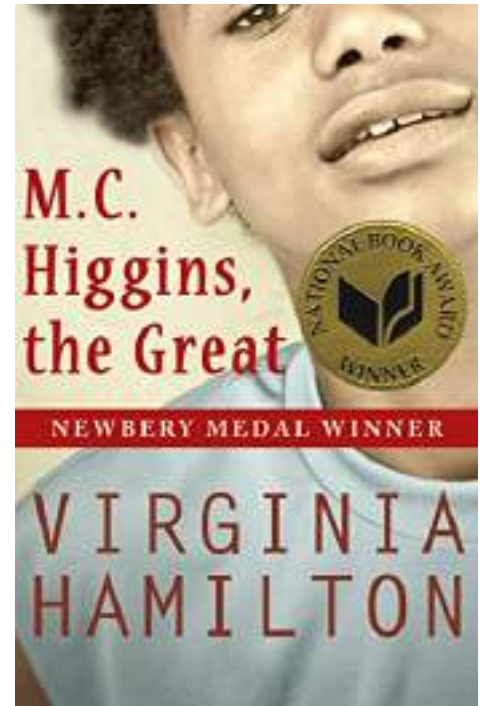
**\*National Book Award Winner!\***

M.C.'s great-grandmother Sarah was a runaway slave. Ever since she came here, Sarah's Mountain has been home to the Higgins family. But now their home is threatened by the strip-mining that has left a giant slag heap perched precariously above their house. Will the two strangers who appear in the hills help M.C. save his family?

**\*Boston Globe/Horn Book Award Winner!\***

● **Sold in Simplified Chinese (Beijing Yutian Hanfeng Book Co.).  
All other foreign licenses now available.**

\* **Previously published in German (Betz & Gelberg Verlag),  
Simplified Chinese (Beijing Uni-wisdom), and Japanese  
(Iwanami Shoten) \***



**Zeely**

**By Virginia Hamilton**

Simon & Schuster, 1967 – Young Adult Fiction  
Open Road Media eBook Edition, 2011

**\*An American Library Association (ALA) Notable Book\***

"We'll spend the whole summer on the farm with Uncle Ross. I ought to make up something special just because we've never ever gone alone like this!"

And the first thing Elizabeth does is give herself and her younger brother, John, new names—Geeder and Toeboy. The farm is special too, with its pump house, pond, and especially the prize razorback hogs that belong to Nat Tayber and his daughter, Zeely. Zeely Tayber is tall and dignified, unlike anyone else in the small town. Geeder is fascinated. And when she finds a picture of a Watutsi queen who looks like she could be Zeely's twin, Geeder knows she is in the presence of royalty.

● **Sold in Japanese (Iwanami Shoten) and Complex Chinese  
(Taiwan Interminds). All other foreign licenses available.**

## The House of Dies Drear

By Virginia Hamilton

Simon & Schuster, 1970 – Young Adult Fiction  
Open Road Media eBook Edition, 2011

**\*An American Library Association (ALA) Notable Book\***

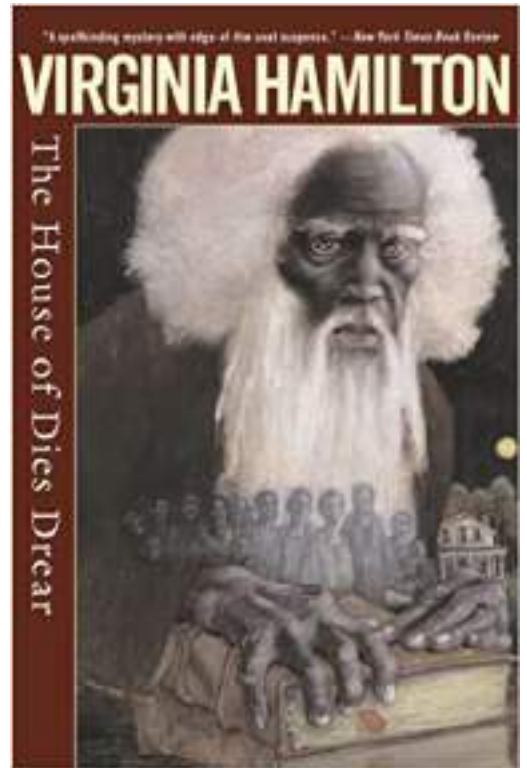
**A teenager and his family must uncover the haunting historical legacy of their Civil War–era house.**

Shortly after moving into an old, spooky home, thirteen-year-old Thomas Small and his family start hearing strange noises. The house has a past, and when Thomas discovers a hidden passageway that may have been part of the Underground Railroad, the family realizes the house has a history as well. To find out all there is to know about the House of Dies Drear, Thomas must explore secret rooms—and the secrets of lives lived centuries before, lives that tell the story of America's troubled early years.

**\*Edgar Allan Poe Award Winner\***

"Best of the Best Books." —School Library Journal

- **Sold in Japanese (Iwanami Shoten) and Complex Chinese (Taiwan Interinds). All other foreign licenses available.**



## The Planet Of Junior Brown

By Virginia Hamilton

Simon & Schuster, 1971 – Young Adult Fiction  
Open Road Media eBook Edition, 2011

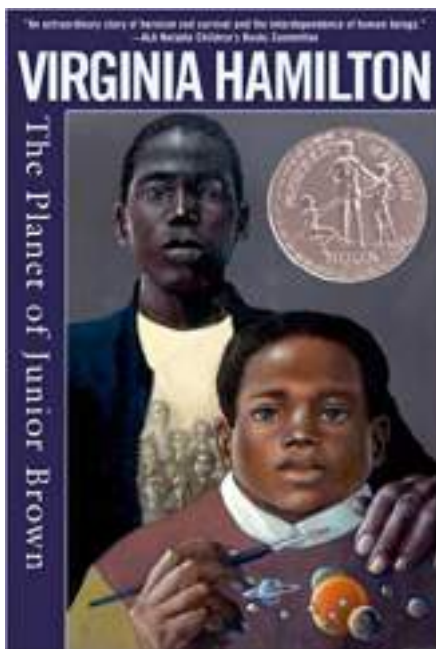
**\*Newbery Honor Book\***

**\*National Book Award Finalist\***

Junior Brown, an overprotected three-hundred-pound musical prodigy who's prone to fantasies, and Buddy Clark, a loner who lives by his wits because he has no family whatsoever, have been on the hook from their eighth-grade classroom all semester. Most of the time they have been in the school building—in a secret cellar room behind a false wall, where Mr. Pool, the janitor, has made a model of the solar system. They have been pressing their luck for months...and then they are caught. As society—in the form of a zealous assistant principal—closes in on them, Junior's fantasies become more desperate, and Buddy draws on all his resources to ensure his friend's well-being.

"Best of the Best Books." —School Library Journal

- **Sold in Japanese (Iwanami Shoten) and Korean (Dolbegae Publishing). All other foreign licenses available.**



## Justice and her Brothers

By Virginia Hamilton

Simon & Schuster, 1978 – Young Adult Fiction  
Open Road Media eBook Edition, 2011

For Justice and her identical twin brothers Levi and Thomas, the summer begins like any other. But as the slow days pass, Justice begins to notice a strange energy between her brothers, beyond their normal twin connection. Thomas becomes increasingly bossy and irritable, while Levi seems weak and absentminded. And there are changes happening within Justice, as well. Soon she discovers that she possesses a mysterious, extraordinary ability. Will Justice and her brothers uncover the secret behind their newfound powers? *Justice and Her Brothers* is the first book in Virginia Hamilton's compelling dystopian fantasy series, the Justice Trilogy.

"A compelling and expertly written book, of particular interest to those with a taste for fantasies."—School Library Journal

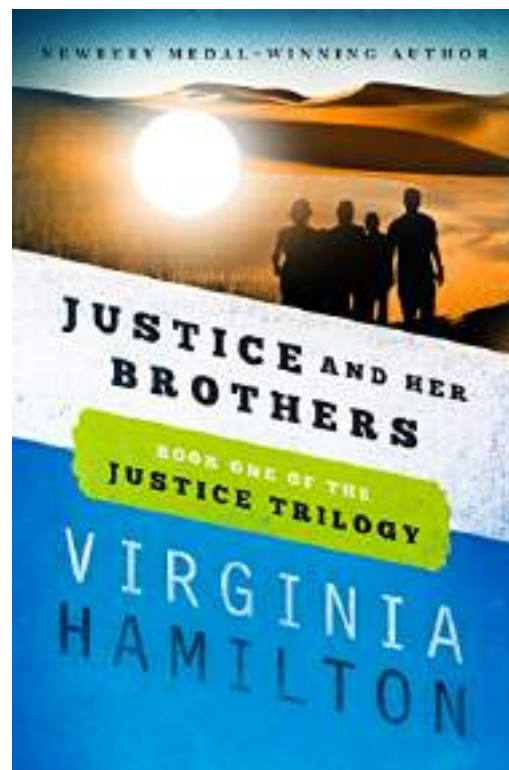
"Here is Miss Hamilton at her best, plunging her characters into unique situations."—The New York Times

- All foreign licenses available.

**\*Also available in the Justice Trilogy:\***

*DUSTLAND*

*THE GATHERING*



## The Samurai's Tale

By Erik Christian Haugaard

Houghton Mifflin, September 2005 – Young Adult Fiction

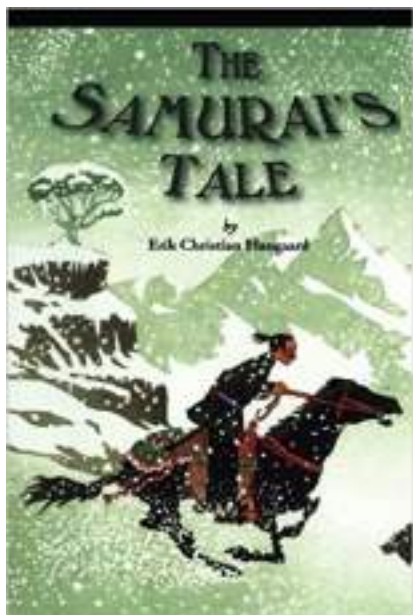
When the powerful Lord Takeda's soldiers sweep across the countryside, killing and plundering, they spare the boy Taro's life and take him along with them. Taro becomes a servant in the household of the noble Lord Akiyama, where he meets Togan, a cook, who teaches Taro and makes his new life bearable. But when Togan is murdered, Taro's life takes a new direction: He will become a samurai, and redeem the family legacy that has been stolen from him.

- Sold in Indonesian (Ufuk Publishing House). All other foreign licenses available.

**\*Also available in this series:\***

*THE BOY AND THE SAMURAI*

*THE JUSTICE OF THE 47 SAMURAI*



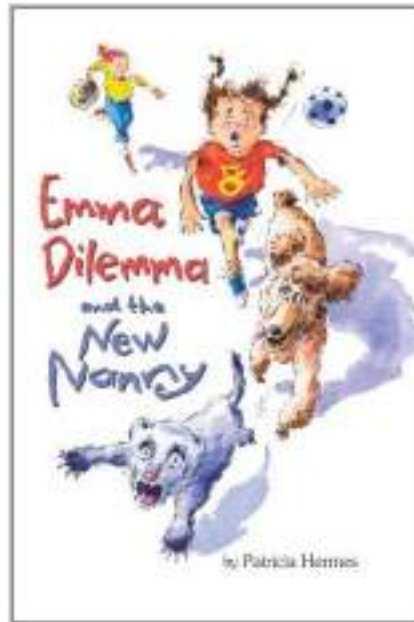
## **Emma Dilemma and the New Nanny**

**By Patricia Hermes**

Marshall Cavendish, 2006 – Middle Grade Fiction Series

Marmaduke is missing! Once again, Emma has forgotten to put her ferret back in his cage. And with four brothers and sisters and a poodle who chases Marmaduke around the house, Emma finds herself in the middle of this and other family dilemmas. If only she can prove to her parents that she is responsible, then maybe they will let her join the traveling soccer team. When Annie, the new nanny, arrives, Emma feels she's found someone who's on her side. Annie's the coolest nanny ever, but will Mom and Daddy let her stay? Or will they fire her, as they have so many of the other nannies?

**\*Sold in Polish (Grupa Wydawnicza Foksal).  
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*Also available in series:*

EMMA DILEMMA AND THE TWO NANNYS

EMMA DILEMMA AND THE SOCCER NANNY

EMMA DILEMMA AND THE CAMPING NANNY

EMMA DILEMMA, THE NANNY, AND THE SECRET FERRET

EMMA DILEMMA, THE NANNY, AND THE BEST HORSE EVER

EMMA DILEMMA, THE NANNY, AND THE WEDDING

# *In the Woods*

**By Carrie Jones and Steven E. Wedel**

Tor Teen/Macmillan, 2019 – Young Adult Fiction

**Something is in the woods.  
Something unexplainable.  
Something deadly.**



It should have been just another quiet night on the farm when Logan witnessed the attack...but it wasn't. Something is in the woods.

Hundreds of miles away, Chrystal's plans for summer in Manhattan are abruptly upended when her dad reads tabloid coverage of some kind of grisly incident in Oklahoma. When they arrive to investigate, they find a witness: a surprisingly good-looking farm boy.

As townsfolk start disappearing and the attacks get ever closer, Logan and Chrystal will have to find out the truth about whatever's hiding in the woods...before they become targets themselves.

**\*New York Times Bestselling Author!\***

🗨️ **"Engaging teen protagonists and a solidly structured mythology for the monster." —Kirkus**

**\*\*U.S. Audio sold to Brilliance!\*\***

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available.

**More from  
Carrie Jones:**

**NEED Series,**  
Bloomsbury  
*\*New York Times  
Bestselling Series\**

**FLYING Duology,** Tor

**TIMESTOPPERS  
Series,** Bloomsbury

**AFTER OBSESSION,**  
Bloomsbury

**And many more!**



## After Obsession

By Carrie Jones and Steven E. Wedel

Bloomsbury, 2011 – Young Adult Fiction

Aimee and Alan have secrets. Both teens have unusual pasts, and abilities they prefer to hide.

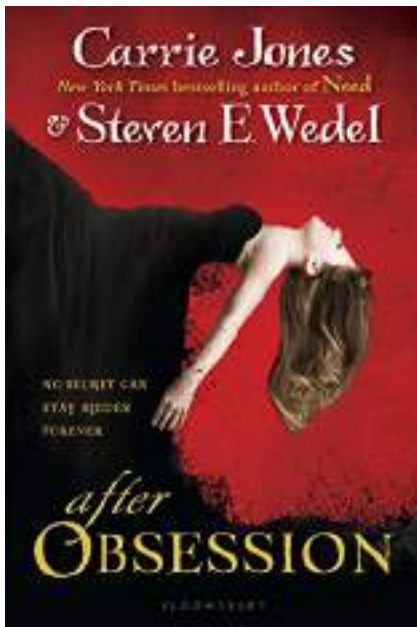
But it's neither Aimee nor Alan who is truly haunted. It's Alan's cousin Courtney who, in a plea to find her missing father, has invited a demon into her life—and into her body.

Only together can Aimee and Alan exorcise the ghost. And they have to move quickly, before it devours not just Courtney, but everything around her..

*"This modern-day Faustian tale is well balanced, with teenage romance, racial tension, humor and threads of realistic family dynamics to keep readers engaged."* —Kirkus

*"First-time collaborators Jones and Wedel introduce chilling machinations."* —Publishers Weekly

- **Sold in Dutch (Dutch Venture Publishing), French (City Editions), and Random House Germany's CBT imprint. All other foreign licenses available.**



## Need

By Carrie Jones

Bloomsbury, 2008 – Young Adult Fiction Series

**\*\* A New York Times Bestseller! \*\***

In this first book in a YA fantasy series from *New York Times* bestselling author Carrie Jones, Zara discovers that magic is stirring in her town...and herself.

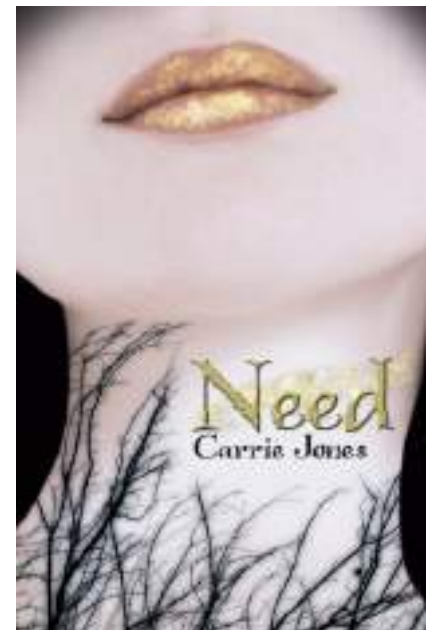
Zara collects phobias the way other teenagers collect lipstick. Little wonder, since she's had a rough life. Her father left when she was a baby, and her stepfather just died. Her mother's checked out—in fact, Mom's sent her to live with her grandmother in cold and sleepy Maine to "keep Zara safe." Whatever that means. Zara doesn't think she's in danger.

Zara's wrong. The man she sees everywhere—the tall, creepy guy who points at her from the side of the road—he's not a figment of her imagination. He's a pixie. And not the cute kind with little wings. Maine has a whole assortment of unbelievable creatures, like pixies and were-people. And they seem to need something—something from Zara...

*"Genre fans will enjoy the sizzle between Nick and Zara as well as the paranormal cast."* —Publishers Weekly

- **Sold to Bloomsbury UK; sold in Vietnam (XYZ Co.), France (City Editions), Italy (Newton & Compton), Turkey (Go Kitap), Poland (Bukowy Las), Brazil, Portugal (Edicoes Gailivro), Romania (Rao International Publishing Company), Indonesia (Serambi Ilmu Semesta), Dutch (Dutch Venture Publishing). SOLD US Audio (Brilliance).**
- **Previously sold in German (Random House), now available.**

**All other foreign licenses available.**



*Also available in the bestselling NEED series:*

**CAPTIVATE**

**ENTICE**

**ENDURE**

## Time Stoppers

By Carrie Jones

Bloomsbury, 2016 – Middle Grade Fiction Series



Annie Nobody thought she was, well, nobody, in a nowhere town where nothing goes her way. Day 1 at her new foster home is dreadful... and things get worse when she's chased by something that definitely wants to eat her.

Annie gets swept up—literally—by a sassy dwarf on a hovercraft snowmobile and taken to Aurora, a hidden, magical town on the coast of Maine. There, she finds a new best friend in Jamie Hephastion Alexander—who thought he was a normal kid (but just might be a troll)—and Annie discovers that she's not exactly who she thought she was, either. She's a Time Stopper, meant to protect the enchanted.

Together, Annie and Jamie discover a whole new world of magic, power, and an incredible cast of creatures and characters. But where there's great power, there are also those who want to misuse it, and Aurora is under siege. It's up to the kids to protect their new home, even if it means diving headfirst into magical danger.

*"An imaginative blend of fantasy, whimsy, and suspense, with a charming cast of underdog characters... This new fantasy series will entice younger fans of Harry Potter and Percy Jackson."* — School Library Journal

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*Also available in this series:*

**Quest for the Golden Arrow**

**Escape from the Badlands**



# The FLYING Duology from Bestselling Author Carrie Jones

## Flying

By Carrie Jones

Tor Teen/Macmillan, 2016 – Young Adult Fiction Duology

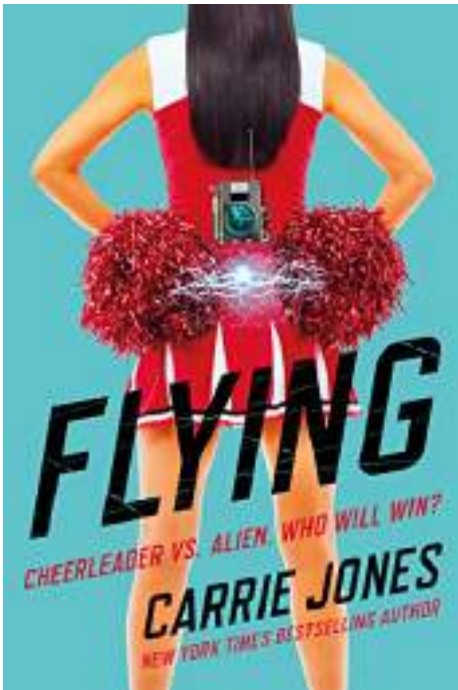
17-year-old Mana is used to being coddled as an only child, but it's hard to imagine anything could happen in her small town. As her mother's babying gets more stifling, she looks forward to cheering at the big game and getting out of the house for a bit. But that night, Mana's life goes haywire.

First, her crush starts spitting acid during the game. Then they get into a fight in the locker room, and Mana finds herself leaping like a kangaroo. As a flyer on the cheerleading squad, she's always been a good jumper, but this is a bit much. Then she gets home to find her house trashed, an alien in the garage.

It turns out Mana's frumpy, timid mom is actually an alien hunter, and now she's missing—taking a piece of technology with her that everyone wants. Now her partner, a guy that Mana has never met (and who seems way too young to be hunting aliens), shows up, ordering Mana to come with him. On her own for the first time, Mana will have to find a way to save her mother—and maybe the world.

*"The comic tone does not falter... Funny and fast-moving, with a compelling setup for potential sequels."*—Kirkus

● **SOLD US Audio (Brilliance). All other foreign licenses available.**



## Enhanced

By Carrie Jones

Tor Teen/Macmillan, 2017 – Young Adult Fiction Duology

From New York Times bestselling author Carrie Jones, cheerleader-turned-alien-hunter Mana is back! Seventeen-year-old Mana has found and rescued her mother, but her work isn't done yet. Her mother may be out of alien hands, but she's in a coma, unable to tell anyone what she knows.

Mana is ready to take action. The only problem? Nobody will let her. Lyle, her best friend and almost-boyfriend (for a minute there, anyway), seems to want nothing to do with hunting aliens, despite his love of Doctor Who. Bestie Seppie is so desperate to stay out of it, she's actually leaving town. And her mom's hot but arrogant alien-hunting partner, China, is ignoring Mana's texts, cutting her out of the mission entirely.

They all know the alien threat won't stay quiet for long.  
It's up to Mana to fight her way back in.

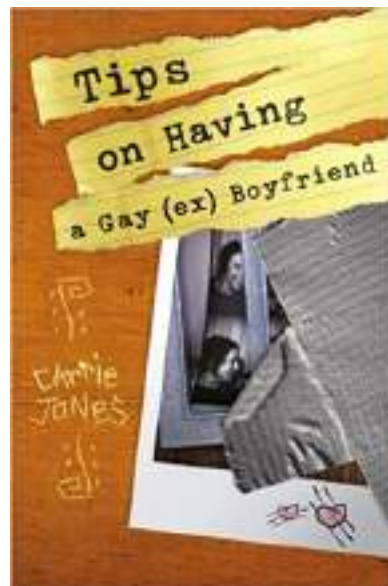
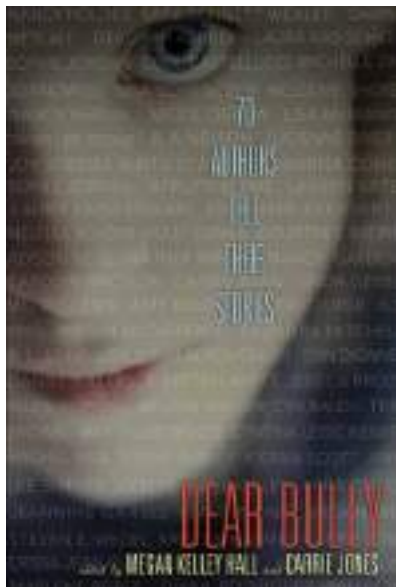
*"Witty dialogue and flawless action."* —VOYA

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## ***More From Bestselling Author Carrie Jones:***

- *Dear Bully*—Young Adult Anthology, HarperCollins, 2011
- *Tips on Having a Gay (ex) Boyfriend* —Young Adult Contemporary, Flux, 2008
- *Love (and Other Uses for Duct Tape)* —Young Adult Contemporary, Flux, 2008
- *Girl, Hero*—Young Adult Contemporary, Flux, 2008

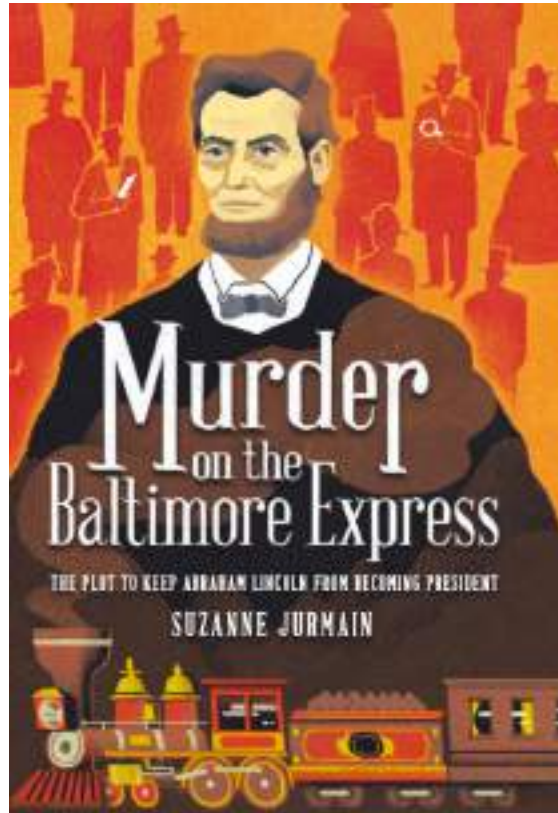


# *Murder on the Baltimore Express*

**By Suzanne Jurmain**

Little Bee, 2021– Middle Grade Nonfiction

*A plot that could have changed  
U.S. history—forever.*



Newly-elected Abraham Lincoln heads to Washington to be inaugurated...but he almost didn't make it there, due to a murder plot.

This suspenseful story follows Detective Allen Pinkerton's and his race against time. It also discusses the darkly important issues of slavery and secession facing the nation. And of course, it gives young readers a look into the life of Mr. Lincoln himself.

🗨️ **"A perfect example of excellent narrative nonfiction and a must-have for any middle school library. This work will stand solidly beside books by James Swanson and Steve Sheinkin."** —School Library Journal **\*Starred Review\***

🗨️ **"Jurmain's nonfiction thriller resonates by touching upon contemporary concerns, particularly deep-seated political prejudice and racial division."** —Publishers Weekly



**\*Starred  
Review  
Recipient!\***

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## **Dinky Hocker Shoots Smack!**

**By M.E. Kerr**

HarperCollins, 1984 – Young Adult Fiction  
Open Road Media, Paperback and eBook, 2014

**\*ALA Notable Children's Book\***

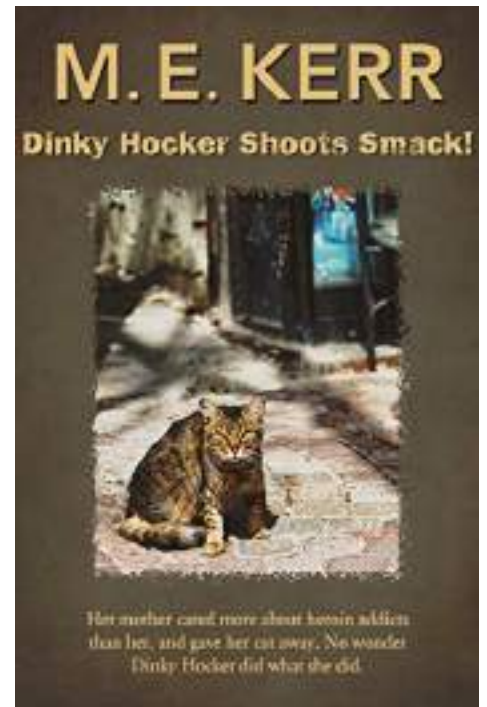
**\*School Library Journal Best Book\***

The classic DINKY HOCKER is an equally funny and sad look at the painful adolescence of a rebellious Brooklynite.

*"It will make you cry...full of wit and wisdom and an astonishing immediacy that comes from spare, honest writing."* —The New York Times

*"This author's talent is abundantly evident. . . . Wildly humorous and, at the same time, touching."* —Publishers Weekly

*"Kerr's honesty, evident respect and consistently on-target wit will keep Dinky's contemporaries laughing and nodding agreement."*  
—Kirkus **\*Starred Review\***



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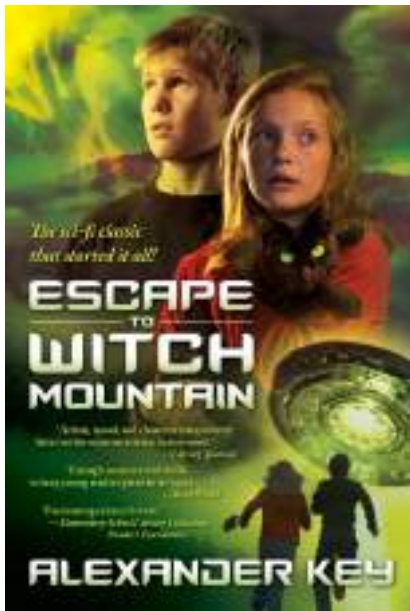
### ***More from Bestselling Author M.E. Kerr:***

*Edge: Collected Stories*—Young Adult Fiction  
Open Road Media, 2015

*Gentlehands*—Young Adult Fiction  
Open Road Media, 2014; HarperCollins, 2001

*Deliver us from Evie*—Young Adult Fiction  
HarperCollins, 1995

*If I Love You, Am I Trapped Forever?*—Young Adult Fiction  
Marshall Cavendish, 2009; HarperCollins, 1973



## Escape to Witch Mountain

By Alexander Key

Reprint Sourcebooks, 2009 – Middle Grade Fiction  
Originally Published by Westminster Press, 1968

**\*Made Into a Hit Disney Movie!\***

Some terrifying experience has blocked Tony and Tia's memory of the past. But because they have supernatural powers, they are sure that they come from another world—and that their people still exist *somewhere*. Then Tony and Tia find that they must escape from men who want to use their special powers for evil. They begin a desperate search to find their true home—which leads them to the strange and mysterious Witch Mountain.

*"Action, mood, and characterization never falter in this superior science fiction novel."* —School Library Journal

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## The Forgotten Door

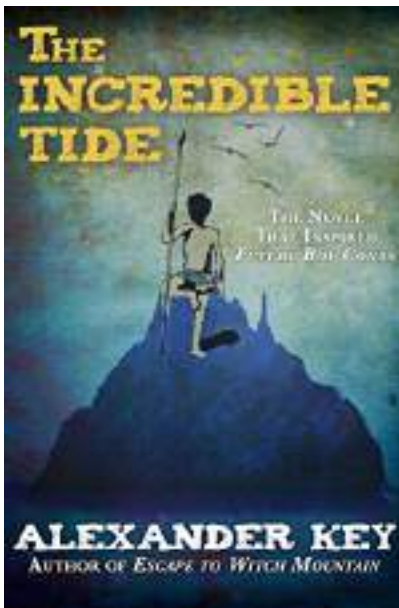
By Alexander Key

Open Road Edition, 2014 – Middle Grade Fiction  
Originally Published by Scholastic, 1965

At night, Little Jon's people go out to watch the stars. Mesmerized by a meteor shower, he falls through a moss-covered door to another land: America. He awakes hurt, his memory gone. Hungry and alone, he is rescued by a kind family known as the Beans. They shelter him, feed him, and teach him about his new home. Although the Beans are kind to Little Jon, the townspeople mistrust the mysterious visitor. But Jon has untold powers, and as he learns to harness them, he will show his newfound friends that they have no reason to be afraid.

*"Well-written fantasy with strong character emphasis and empathy."*  
—Kirkus

● All foreign licenses available.



## The Incredible Tide

By Alexander Key

Open Road Media Edition, 2014 – Young Adult Fiction  
Originally Published by Westminster Press, 1970

The Incredible Tide tells the story of Conan, a boy who lives alone on a small island on Earth ravaged by World War III. The world was knocked off its axis and the continents have sunk into the ocean, with only small islets remaining.

Conan is rescued but finds that the new society is very different from the world he knew before.

**Sold in French (Editions Aux Forges Vulcain), Japanese (Iwasaki), Korean (Kumtle), and Arabic (AlMada).  
All other foreign licenses available.**

## The Silver Kiss

By Annette Curtis Klause

Bantam/Random House 2009 – Young Adult Fiction

Originally Published by Delacorte/Random House, 1990

**\*Received Two Starred Reviews!\***

16-year old Zoe's mother is dying of cancer, and her father is excluding her from her mother's hospital bedside. No one dares speak to Zoe about the tragedy, and she is isolated by grief, anger and fear.

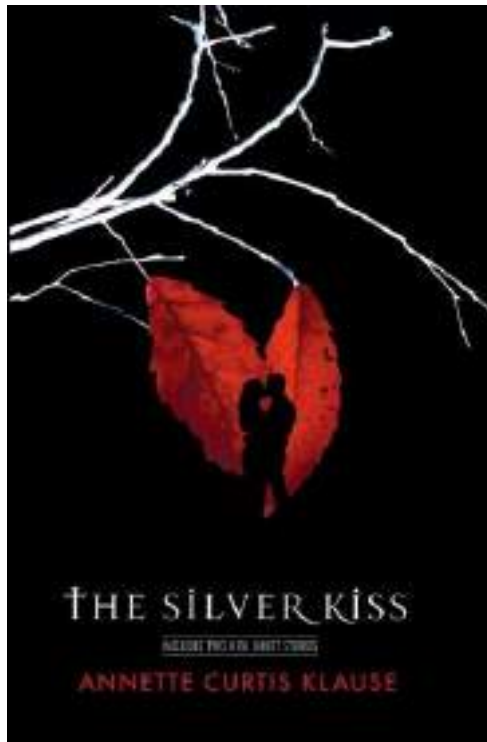
Then she meets the alluring, enigmatic Simon, who has an uncanny ability to recognize her feelings. After nocturnal meetings, Zoe learns that Simon is a vampire, kept alive by thirst to avenge the death of his own mother.

Drawn to him by empathy charged with longing and fear, Zoe agrees to a dangerous scheme to trap Simon's mother's supernatural killer.

*"A well-drawn, powerful, and seductive novel."* —School Library Journal  
**\*Starred Review\***

*"Both sensuous and suspenseful."* —Booklist **\*Starred Review\***

**Previously sold in Italian (Salani), Turkish (Bilge Kultur) and Spanish (Ediciones B). All other foreign licenses available.**



## Blood and Chocolate

By Annette Curtis Klause

Reprint Sourcebooks, 2009 – Young Adult Fiction

\*Laurel Leaf Mass Market Paperback Edition, 1999\*

Originally Published by Delacorte/Random House, 1997

**\*ALSA Best Book for Young Adults!\***

**\*Starred Review!\***

16-year-old Vivian is trying to fit in to her new home in the suburbs. But trying to act "normal" isn't always easy, since Vivian and her family are werewolves.

But she wants no part of her squabbling pack, left leaderless by her father's recent death. Then Vivian falls in love with a human, a meat-boy. If she reveals herself, will he relish the magic of her dual nature? When a brutal murder threatens the pack's survival, Vivian's divided loyalties are further strained. What is she really—human or beast?

*"Darkly sexy prose and suspenseful storytelling."* —Publishers Weekly

- **Sold in Croatian, French (UGE), Spanish (Ediciones B), German (Heyne Verlag at Random House Germany), Turkish (Bilge Kultur), Dutch (Uitgeverij Elzenga), Italian (Fanucci), Portuguese-Brazil (Editora Underworld) and Swedish (Bonnier Carlsen).**

**All other foreign licenses available, excluding the U.K.**

**\*Movie starring Olivier Martin released in 2007 (Lakeshore)\***



# The Vanished Ones

By Chad Lucas

Abrams, 2025 – Middle Grade Fiction



**From award-winning author Chad Lucas comes an enthralling new story about a strange island where boys go missing—and the two boys intent on uncovering the truth about it.**

On Rhodenroode Island, a remote colony of the Homeland, there sits a Mission on the Hill, where boys are taken in and taught the ways of the faith. Darian is the only trainee of his race there, and he doesn't remember how he came to the Mission. All he remembers are brown hands and the belly of a ship. Life among the other boys and the cantankerous Brothers is not always easy, but Darian is determined to live up to the lofty calling the leaders of the Mission have laid out for him: that one day he will carry the Sacred Word to places it has yet to reach.

But when another trainee at the Mission disappears—the latest in a string of vanishings—Darian is determined to solve the mystery that begins to shake his faith in what he's always been taught. When he and his friend Micah sneak away from the Mission and head east to see what they can learn about the rebel sect supposedly responsible for the vanishings, they discover that the island holds far more secrets than they ever could have imagined—and somehow, they must save the other boys at the Mission from a danger that's even greater than they realized.

*"Drawing on the history of the role of religion in colonization, Lucas has crafted a compelling, action-filled narrative... A thoughtful depiction of youthful triumph over adult exploitation."* —Kirkus

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**Sold in a 2-book Deal!**

# You Owe Me One, Universe

By Chad Lucas

Abrams, 2023 – Middle Grade Fiction

**Brian and Ezra's story continues in the moving sequel to *Thanks a Lot, Universe*, which New York Times best-selling author Nic Stone called "a glorious ode to the beauty of preteen friendship."**



Brian knows that anxiety and depression aren't things that are magically fixed overnight, but he still doesn't understand why it's all hitting him so hard right now. Sure, his dad is still in prison and middle school is still stressful, but he's seeing a therapist, he's got good friends, and he's doing really well on the basketball team. He should be fine, so why does he feel too tired to get out of bed some days? And why does he turn into "Cursed Monster Brian" and snap whenever someone asks him what's wrong?

Ezra is trying his best to look out for Brian, but he's not sure that he's actually helping. Sure, they're still best friends, but as Ezra starts preparing for the talent show, he also starts talking with Victor—the kid who relentlessly bullied Brian last year. It seems like Victor's changed, and whenever he and Ezra hang out and make music together, Ezra's stomach feels a little bit swoopy. But even if he likes making music and talking with Victor, he still feels like he's betraying his best friend whenever they hang out. And he worries that he's falling for another boy who won't return his feelings . . .

Earnest, heartfelt, and full of humor, *You Owe Me One, Universe* explores the nuances and complications of middle school relationships—and shows how the smallest acts of caring can be the ones that matter most.

**\*A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection\***

*"Themes of identity, mental health, and responsibility are tenderly and expertly addressed through the authentic dialogue and interactions among the friends...Smart and heartfelt."* —Kirkus *\*Starred Review\**

*"Chad Lucas has written another story full of heart, humor, and friendship. Your universe will be brighter if you read it."* —Eric Bell, author of *Alan Cole is Not a Coward*

**\*Ann Connor Brimer Award Nominee!\***

**\*Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award Northern Lights pick\***

Sequel to the award-winning *Thanks A Lot, Universe!*

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**Already Sold In:**

**Spain (Fondo de Cultura Económica).**

**U.S. Audio sold to Recorded Books!**



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# Let The Monster Out

By Chad Lucas

Abrams, 2022 – Middle Grade Fiction



**Welcome to the nightmare.**

**An equal parts heart-pounding and heartfelt middle-grade mystery about facing—and accepting—your fears, perfect for fans of *Stranger Things* and *The Parker Inheritance*.**

Bones Malone feels like he can't do anything right in his new small town: He almost punched the son of the woman who babysits him and his brothers, he's one of the only Black kids in Langille, and now his baseball team (the one place where he really feels like he shines) just lost their first game. To make matters worse, things in town are getting *weird*. His mom isn't acting like herself at all—she's totally spaced out, almost like a zombie. And then he and his brothers have the same dream—one where they're running from some of their deepest fears, like a bear and an eerie cracked mirror that Bones would rather soon forget.

Kyle Specks feels like he can never say the right thing at the right time. He thinks he might be neurodivergent, but hasn't gotten an official diagnosis yet. His parents worry that the world might be too hard for him and try to protect him, but Kyle knows they can't do that forever. Even though he's scared, he can't just stand by and do nothing while things in this town get stranger and stranger, especially not after he and Bones find a mysterious scientist's journal that might hold answers about what's going on.

But when faced with seemingly impossible situations, a shady corporation, and their own worst nightmares, will Kyle and Bones be brave enough to admit they're scared? Or will the fear totally consume and control them?

**\*ALA 2022 Eleanor Cameron Notable Book!\***

**"Blending mystery, horror, and science fiction to explore concepts of fear, belonging, and forgiveness, this is highly accomplished middle-grade speculative fiction, perfect for readers who enjoy books such as Ness's *A Monster Calls*."**  
—Horn Book

**"A thrilling journey about acceptance and facing your deepest fears."** —Kirkus

**\*Forest of Reading Maple Award Nominee!\***

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**More from award-winning author Chad Lucas:**

**-THANKS A LOT, UNIVERSE, Abrams 2021**

**Two more books are coming from Chad Lucas with Abrams in 2023-24, including a sequel to his renowned debut **THANKS A LOT, UNIVERSE!****

**U.S. Audio sold to Recorded Books!**

# Thanks A Lot, Universe

By Chad Lucas

Abrams, 2021 – Middle Grade Fiction

**Be brave. Be real. Be weird.**



Brian has always been anxious, whether at home or in class or on the basketball court. His dad tries to get him to stand up for himself, and his mom helps him as much as she can, but after he and his brother are placed in foster care, Brian starts having panic attacks. And he doesn't know if things will ever be "normal" again...

Ezra's always been popular. He's friends with most of the kids on his basketball team—even Brian, who usually keeps to himself. But now, some of his friends have been acting different, and Brian seems to be pulling away. Ezra wants to help, but he worries if he's too nice to Brian, his friends will realize he has a crush on him...

But when Brian and his brother run away, Ezra has no choice but to take the leap and reach out. Both boys have to decide if they're willing to risk sharing parts of themselves they'd rather hide. But if they can be brave, they might just find the best in themselves—and each other.

**\*An ALA Rainbow Book List Top-10 Pick!\***

🗨️ **"Tenderhearted and bold."** —Kirkus **\*Starred Review\***

🗨️ **"An emotional book full of heart."** —School Library Journal **\*Starred Review\***

**\*A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection!\***

**\*An Ontario Library Association Best Bet!\***

**\*A Bank Street Best Children's Book 2022!\***

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**Already Sold In:**

**Spain (Fondo de Cultura Económica).**

**\*WINNER: 2022 Ann Connor Brimer Award for Atlantic Canadian Children's Literature!\***

**\*Named to Best of 2021 Lists by SLJ, NYPL, and more!\***

**U.S. Audio sold in a bidding war to Recorded Books!**

**Sequel published 2024!**

**Film/TV rights available from M&O!**

**\*\*Sold in a 2-book Deal!\***  
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# Shatter The Universe

By **Diana Ma**

Abrams/HASBRO May 2026 – Young Adult Fiction

*Mighty Morphin Power Rangers - Series #2*

**From the world of Hasbro's Power Rangers entertainment franchise comes another action-packed, original YA novel from the point of view of Trini Kwan, the Yellow Ranger!**



Rita Repulsa and her henchmen have been defeated. Trini, Billy, Zack, Jason, and Kimberly have become fast friends and have embraced their roles as the Power Rangers. And Trini and Zack have started dating. Everything is perfect.

That is, until alternate reality versions of the Power Rangers appear in Angel Grove with one purpose: to break up Trini and Zack.

It turns out that there aren't a whole lot of universes where Trini and Zack get together. But in one of those other universes, alternate Trini makes a choice that has resounding consequences for the entire Morphin Grid. Now, a slew of alternate-reality Power Rangers are trying to stop this Trini from making an even more disastrous choice—one that involves her budding romance with Zack.

Trini's options don't look great—give up Zack or potentially cause the destruction of the Morphin Grid. Will Trini and her friends be able to come up with a third option—one that no other universe has been able to find?

For foreign licenses, please contact Abrams.

“A lively, romantic superhero story for franchise fans.”

—Kirkus

# Force Of Chaos

By **Diana Ma**

Abrams/HASBRO 2025 – Young Adult Fiction

*Mighty Morphin Power Rangers - Series #1*



**From the world of Hasbro’s Power Rangers entertainment franchise comes an action-packed, original YA novel from the point of view of Trini Kwan, the Yellow Ranger!**

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Trini Kwan is trying to get through high school unnoticed. Nobody knows that she has trained for years in martial arts, and she prefers to let her classmates think she’s just the shy Asian girl.

But Trini’s world turns upside down when the homecoming game is attacked by an otherworldly winged beast with an army of clay soldiers. Unable to sit by while innocent people get hurt, Trini springs into action —alongside science genius Billy, her childhood best friend Zack, popular jock Jason, and new girl Kimberly.

In the aftermath, the five teenagers are recruited by an alien warrior named Zordon to become the new Power Rangers, charged with protecting the planet from an evil sorceress who recently escaped imprisonment. Suddenly thrust in the middle of a millenniums-long intergalactic war is hard enough, but getting her new teammates to work together proves to be a difficult task.

Can Trini help the others move past their rocky first impressions—and her own complicated history with Zack—to protect their home from destruction? And will she be able to finally accept her full self—and this new role?

“Ma adds new dimensions to the original story through the inclusion of Chinese mythology and explorations of racial stereotyping and Trini’s struggle with an inner voice that tells her to hide her true self.” —*Kirkus*

# Rainbow Fair

By Diana Ma

HarperCollins/Clarion, 2025 – Middle Grade Fiction

For foreign licenses, please contact HarperCollins

**Set against the backdrop of a middle school cultural fair, this tenderhearted and funny novel from the author of *The Unbeatable Lily Hong* stars twelve-year-old Sophie Mu—who discovers the power of defining oneself as she navigates friendship drama, family expectations, and learning about her Hui, her Chinese Muslim identity.**



Sophie's work on the Chinese booth at last year's Rainbow Fair is a point of pride for her and her parents, even if Sophie and her best friend, Katie, think the whole thing is a little silly. Sophie's family is Hui, Chinese Muslim. The Muslim part is something she doesn't know much about. Her parents prefer to keep it private. So when it gets slipped to an overenthusiastic teacher that Sophie is Muslim, the *only* Muslim in her class, suddenly Sophie is in charge of debuting a booth representing the Islamic religion she doesn't practice, an assignment she is determined to keep secret from her parents.

Having to choose between leaving the Chinese booth or taking on double the workload leaves Sophie feeling conflicted. Why does she have to choose which part of herself to represent? Is it an issue with her or with how the Rainbow Fair is organized?

Between juggling both booths, old and new friends, and learning more about her Muslim faith and ancestry, Sophie starts to notice how her working on two booths starts to spark change throughout the student body. It turns out Sophie isn't the only one at Monroe Middle School whose identity isn't so simply categorized by the Rainbow Fair's limited booths.

One thing is for sure, this year's Rainbow Fair won't look anything like it did in the past, and Sophie begins to realize that that might not be a bad thing at all.

**"Ma offers a rich, relatable, and inclusive story that's perfect for young readers grappling with their own questions of belonging. Accessible and engaging, this novel shines as an exceptional tale of self-acceptance and understanding. — Kirkus *\*Starred Review\****

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**More from Diana Ma:**

**-HEIRESS APPARENTLY,**  
Abrams 2020

**-HER REBEL HIGHNESS,**  
Abrams 2022

**-THE UNBEATABLE LILY HONG,**  
Harper/Clarion 2024

**-FORCE OF CHAOS, A Power Rangers Novel,**  
Abrams 2025

# The Unbeatable Lily Hong

By Diana Ma

Harper/HMH, January 2024 – Middle Grade Fiction



**A smart, funny, and heartfelt middle grade novel about Lily Hong's attempts to save her parents' Chinese school and the town's community center using all the resources she has—devoted friends, ingenuity, a passion for filmmaking, mediocre dance moves (at best), and perhaps even her archnemesis.**

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If there's one thing Lily Hong can't stand, it's being second best. That's why she and Max Zhang are bitter rivals.

She had wanted to be the one to win the pizza party for their class. Okay, so that was two years ago...her best friends didn't totally get it, but they were on her side. That's why they agreed to help Lily with her submission for the Clarktown's Got Talent video competition.

But finding time to work on her video is proving harder than ever. In addition to regular homework and the Chinese school her parents own and run out of the Clarktown Community Center, Lily's been getting weird vibes from her parents. Then her mom announces the Community Center is having a showcase, and the students of Hong Chinese Academy will be performing as a group—traditional Chinese dance!

Lily has no choice. She'll have to juggle the video competition and the art of Chinese dance simultaneously.

But when Max Zhang unexpectedly shows up in her class at Chinese school with his perfect Mandarin and his surprisingly good dance skills, Lily might just have to embrace her longtime rival as a key part of her plan to save the community center.

- **A delightfully adventurous romp with a lovably scrappy protagonist.** —*Kirkus*
- **"Strong character relationships and meticulously balanced interweaving plots."** —*Publishers Weekly*
- **"An enjoyable read, especially for arts-obsessed or community-focused tweens."** —*Horn Book Magazine*

# *Her Rebel Highness*

**By Diana Ma**

Abrams 2022 – Young Adult Fiction

Series - Book #2

**An epic story of love and betrayal set against the backdrop of the Tiananmen Square protests.**



In *Heiress Apparently*, Gemma Huang’s big acting break led her to Beijing, where she uncovered an incredible family secret. This second novel in the Daughters of the Dynasty series delves further into Gemma’s complex and storied legacy, moving back one generation to tell the story of Gemma’s mother, Lei, as she finds love against the backdrop of 1980s China and the Tiananmen Square protests and makes a difficult decision that forever alters the course of her life.

“A compelling novel that covers an important time in Chinese history while also giving readers an enjoyable teen romance.” —School Library Journal **\*Starred Review\***

“Immersive and rousing.” —Kirkus

For foreign licenses, please contact Abrams.

**Already Sold In:**  
**Spanish.**



**More from Diana Ma:**

**-HEIRESS APPARENTLY,**  
Abrams 2022

**-THE UNBEATABLE LILY HONG,**  
Harper/Clarion 2024

**-RAINBOW FAIR,**  
Harper/Clarion 2025

**-FORCE OF CHAOS, A Power Rangers Novel,**  
Abrams 2025

# *Heiress Apparently*

By **Diana Ma**

Abrams 2020 – Young Adult Fiction Series - Book #1

**Diana Ma's *Heiress Apparently* is the first book in the epic and romantic *Daughters of the Dynasty* series, following the fictionalized descendants of the only officially recognized empress regent of China.**



**\*A Washington State Book Award Finalist 2021!\***

Gemma Huang is a recent transplant to Los Angeles from Illinois, having abandoned plans for college to pursue a career in acting, much to the dismay of her parents. Now she's living with three roommates in a two-bedroom hovel, auditioning for bit roles that hardly cover rent.

Gemma's big break comes when she's asked to play a lead role in an update of *M. Butterfly* filming for the summer in Beijing. When she arrives, she's stopped by paparazzi at the airport. She quickly realizes she may as well be the twin of one of the most notorious young socialites in Beijing. Thus kicks off a summer of revelations, in which Gemma uncovers a legacy her parents have spent their lives protecting her from—one her mother would conceal from her daughter at any cost.

“More than a cute rom-com, this novel highlights LGBTQ+ rights, contemporary attitudes held by Chinese citizens, Chinese history, Hollywood's ethnic prejudices, and pride in culture and family. . . a fun start to a promising series.”—Booklist

For foreign licenses, please contact Abrams.

**Already Sold In:**  
**Spanish.**

## The Puschart War

By Jean Merrill

**\*\*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition, New York Review of Books, Fall 2014\*\***

Originally Published by HarperCollins, 1964 – Middle Grade Fiction

**\*Lewis Carroll Shelf Award Winner\* \*Horn Book Fanfare Best Book\***

The pushcarts have declared war! New York City's streets are clogged with huge, rude trucks that park where they want, hold up traffic, and bulldoze anything in their way, and the pushcart peddlers are determined to get rid of them. But the trucks are just as determined to get rid of the pushcarts.

The pushcarts have come up with a brilliant plan sure to let the hot air out of their enemies: The secret weapon—a peashooter armed with a pin; the target—the vulnerable truck tires. Once the source of the flat tires is discovered, the children of the city join in with their own pin peashooters.

The pushcarts have won one battle, but can they win the war against a corrupt mayor who taxes the pins and prohibits the sale of dried peas?

"This is satire on almost every conceivable aspect of modern urban life...To all it should be funny, and to many it will have the disturbing ring of truth." — School Library Journal **\*Starred Review\***

● **Sold in Korean (Darun), Chinese simple characters, Chinese complex characters (Yuan-Liou), Turkish. All other foreign licenses available.**



## American Pharoah: The Triple Crown Champion

By Shelley Fraser Mickle

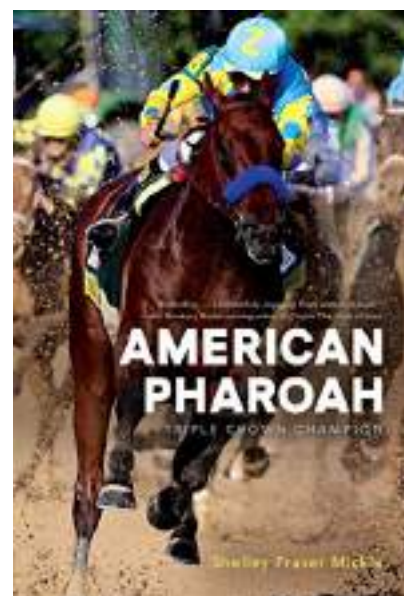
Aladdin/Simon & Schuster, 2017 – Middle Grade Nonfiction

When American Pharoah won the American Triple Crown and the Breeders' Cup Classic in 2015, he became the first horse to win the "Grand Slam" of American horse racing, by winning all four races. His story captured American's imagination, and this inspired account will also feature the handlers who saw his promise: owner, Ahmed Zayat of Zayat Stables, trainer Bob Baffert, and jockey Victor Espinoza.

*"Pharoah is himself an inspiration, and horse-loving children will hang on every word."* —Kirkus

*"An engaging story about not only an animal but also the incredible efforts to groom him for his historic and unlikely streak of victories."* —Booklist

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# *Unikore Prime: Stars of Dragonfire*

**By Taylor Maw**

Simon & Schuster/Aladdin, 2027 – Middle Grade Fiction



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This author-illustrated, epic MG fantasy introduces us to brave Kira and her tiny but mighty unicorn companion, Yummi, and follows them through a war with dragons.

Taylor Maw is an Asian American author/illustrator and has worked as the lead character designer of Animal Jam, a social game for kids, which has over 300 million registered users. Toys and merchandise based on his characters have been in major retailers like Target and Walmart, plus Happy Meals across the globe, and he's worked with *National Geographic* and Disney.

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## **THE GOLDEN RECTANGLE**

**By Gillian Neimark**

Aladdin/Simon & Schuster, 2013 – Middle Grade Fiction

*Two girls with very different superpowers join together to save the world from a tiny tyrant in this sequel to The Secret Spiral. Flor Bernoulli, a fashion maven from Brooklyn, New York, and Lucy Moon, a horse-rustling farm girl from Georgia, are both in possession of magic keys that give them special powers. And they're going need those powers if they have any hope of saving the universe.*

Only four inches tall and made of nothing but squares and rectangles, Square Man is on a mission throughout the universe to destroy anything round or curved. And it's up to Flor and Lucy to stop him. Helped by Dr. Pi, a pie-baking wizard thousands of years old, and Buddy Moon, Lucy's father and owner of an ice plant, this fantasy adventure takes the girls on a romp through time and space...and introduces a bit of magical math at the same time.

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## **The Secret Spiral**

**By Gillian Neimark**

Aladdin/Simon & Schuster, 2011 – Middle Grade Fiction

It's just another boring Wednesday in May for ten-year-old Flor Bernoulli of Brooklyn, New York. But it turns out to be a day like no other: She finds a mysterious key that gives her special superpowers, takes a journey across the ocean and through the Milky Way, and even meets her long-lost father.

It all starts when her favorite neighborhood baker, the mysterious Dr. Pi, reveals that he is an ancient wizard, in charge of every single thing in the world that has the shape of a spiral—from seashells to galaxies to the inside of your ear. He needs her help to save the spiral from two strangers who have come to steal its power and destroy it. And so begins the magical adventure of a lifetime, where Flor learns that only she has the magic to keep the world spinning just as it should.

*"Captivating, satsisfying, and thrilling at the same time."* —Children's Literature

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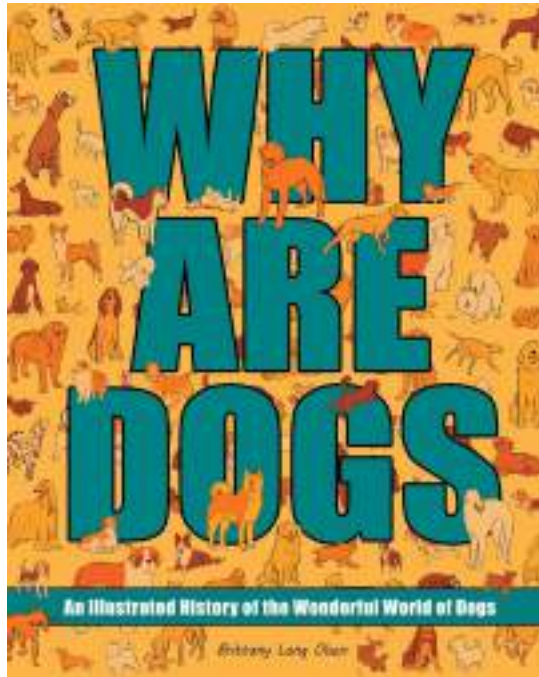


# Why Are Dogs?

**By Brittany Long Olsen**

Andrews McMeel, 2025 – Middle Grade Nonfiction – Graphic novel

**Ever wonder why Bulldogs have such wrinkly faces, or why Dachshunds are so long? Discover the history of 55 different dog breeds in this doggone good nonfiction book for kids, complete with comic panels and illustrations!**



Why do Corgis have such stubby legs? Why do Huskies have such thick fur? Why do Pomeranians have such loud barks for their tiny size?

For hundreds of years, humans have been breeding dogs and tailoring them to fit our specifications for everything, from hunting to keeping our laps warm. In this illustrated nonfiction book that combines comic panels, illustrations, diagrams, and text, readers will learn about the stories behind 55 of the most popular dog breeds around the world and why they look and act the way they do.

Some of the breeds and their histories covered in this book include:

- Golden Retriever
- Labrador
- Standard Poodle
- German Shepherd
- Dachshund
- Beagle
- French Bulldog
- And more!

With author-artist Brittany Long Olsen's gorgeous and paws-itively adorable art, this guidebook has all the greatest facts and stories behind your favorite furry friends!

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**\*\*A sequel, WHY ARE HORSES?, is forthcoming Fall 2026!\*\***

# The Happy Shop

By **Brittany Long Olsen**

Oni Press, 2024 – Middle Grade Fiction – Graphic novel

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## \*Awards Nominations:\*

**-AML Award - 2024**  
Finalist

**-Rhode Island Children's Book Award - 2026**  
Nominee

**-MASL Black-Eyed Susan Award - 2025**  
Nominee

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**\*\* Featured in School Library Journal's Good Comics For Kids! \*\***



## Welcome to the Happy Shop!

Eleven-year-old Darcy just moved to a new country. She's feeling lost and misses her friends back home. That's when she stumbles upon a shop full of mysterious glowing jars labeled with things like "Picking up the last sweater on the rack and it's on sale" and "Having the perfect weather on your wedding day." Much to Darcy's surprise—this store sells *happy feelings*.

After Darcy accidentally breaks one of the irreplaceable jars, she must make it up to the shopkeepers, Frida and Flora, by doing chores around the store, and is soon tasked with collecting happy feelings. But she learns that the magical business is anything but magical. With fewer customers than ever, Frida and Flora might have to close their doors. Can Darcy think of an idea to save the Happy Shop? What if they sold more than just *happy feelings*?

From debut writer and illustrator Brittany Long Olsen comes *The Happy Shop*, a heartfelt story about helping those you love and understanding your feelings.

“Vibrant, comic-style illustrations...readers of all ages will find ways to relate to Darcy. This graphic novel belongs on classroom and library shelves for all readers.”  
—School Library Journal **\*Starred Review\***

“This graphic novel is cozy...the art is particularly effective in conveying feelings.” —The Bulletin

“*The Happy Shop* is shaping up to be a fine compliment to films such as Disney's *Inside Out*.” —Popovers <sup>51</sup>

# *A Curse of Gold*

**By Annie Sullivan**

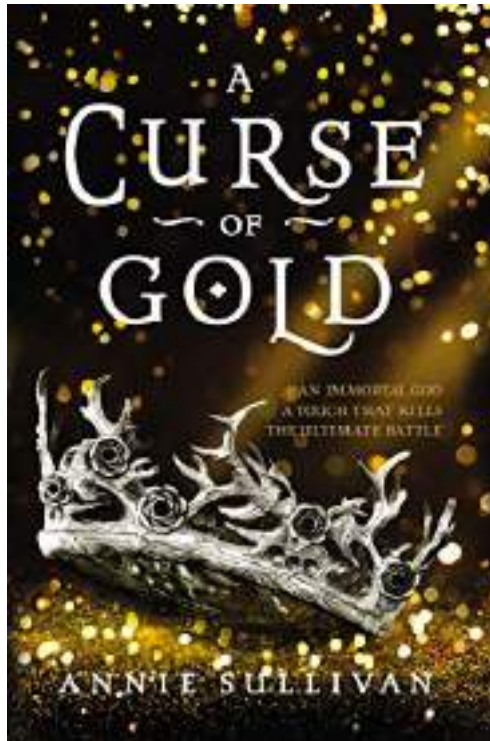
Blink/HarperCollins, 2020 – Young Adult Fiction

*Curses and queens.*

*Pirates and kings.*

*Gods and magic.*


**The final saga of a princess cursed by Midas's touch, a vengeful Greek god, and a dazzling kingdom in the balance.**



Kora, the cursed daughter of King Midas, barely survived thieving, bloodthirsty pirates, and a harrowing quest at sea to retrieve her stolen treasure. Now she finds readjusting to palace life just as deadly. Her people openly turn against her, threatening to overthrow her as heir to the throne due to fear of her magical powers. When Dionysus puts out a challenge to kill the girl with the golden touch and burn down her kingdom, it's not just her future on the throne in danger. Kora's life and entire kingdom are now on contract.

With no other choice, Kora sets out to find Dionysus, journeying to the mysterious disappearing island of Jipper. If she wants to save her kingdom and have any chance at reversing her father's curse, she will have to enter into a deadly game with Dionysus, the greatest trickster the world, or the underworld, has ever seen.

From author Annie Sullivan, this highly-anticipated sequel to *A TOUCH OF GOLD* is an enchanting and captivating fantasy adventure to conclude Princess Kora's saga.

 **"A thrilling adventure and richly imagined take on mythology...a golden conclusion to Kora's story that'll have you sailing through the pages."** —Brenda Drake, New York Times bestselling author

**Don't miss the predecessor to *A CURSE OF GOLD*:**

***A TOUCH OF GOLD*, Blink/HarperCollins 2017**

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**Also by Annie Sullivan:**

**GHOULDILOCKS & THE THREE GHOSTS**  
Picture Book, Random House Studio 2025

**TIGER QUEEN**  
YA, Blink 2019

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**More from Annie  
Sullivan:**

**A CURSE OF GOLD  
and  
A TOUCH OF GOLD,**

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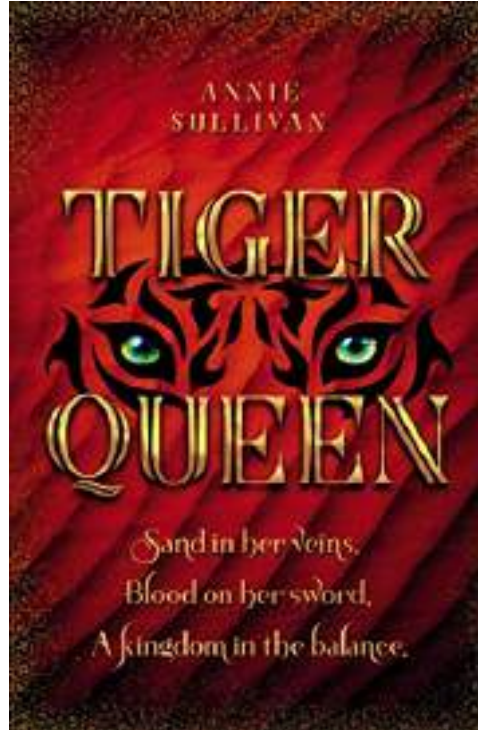


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## ***Tiger Queen***

**By Annie Sullivan**

Blink/HarperCollins, 2019 – Young Adult Fiction



**Two doors.**

**Two choices.**

**Life or death.**

Kateri, an arrogant warrior princess, has to fight in the arena against her suitors to win her right to rule. She is desperate to prove to her father that she is strong enough to take over his throne. But when she finds out her final opponent, Kateri flees to the desert to train under the enemy she hates the most—the only one who might give her a shot at winning.

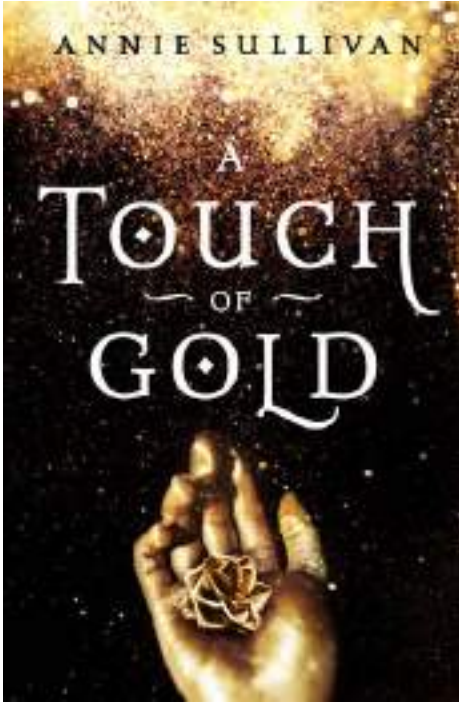
But what Kateri discovers in the desert twists her world—and her heart—upside down. There in the sand, away from the comforts of the palace, Kateri's perception of her father is challenged and she discovers the truth about his treatment of her people. When she returns to the kingdom, the fate of the one she loves lies behind two doors in the arena—one door leads to happiness, and the other door releases the tiger.

Secrets, suitors, thieves, and a fierce princess await readers in this YA fantasy re-telling of Frank Stockton's famous short story, "The Lady, or the Tiger?" It's a slow-burn romance wrapped in adventure, set in a fantastical world wrought by classism and climate crisis.

**\*\*INSPIY Award Winner!\*\***

🗨️ **"Action, adventure, and a bit of romance blend well into a distinctive and exciting read."**

—Booklist



## **A Touch of Gold**

**By Annie Sullivan**

Blink/HarperCollins, 2017 – Young Adult Fiction

*Gold is wealth. Wealth is power. Power is a curse.*

After King Midas's gift—or curse—almost killed his daughter, he relinquished The Touch forever. Princess Kora still bears the consequences: Her skin shines golden, and she harbors secret powers that are getting harder to hide. Kora spends her days concealed behind gloves and veils. It isn't until a charming duke arrives that Kora believes she could indeed be loved. But their courtship is disrupted when a thief steals treasures her father needs to survive. Thanks to Kora's unique ability to sense gold, she sails off on her quest to find the missing items.

Magic, mythology, fantasy, and pirate adventures charge through every page as Kora learns that not everything is what it seems—not her companions, not the thieves, and not even Kora herself.

*"A diverting addition to the genre."* —Booklist

*"The writing in A TOUCH OF GOLD is phenomenal. It's fast paced in all the right places with nonstop action, unbelievable adventure and fantastic magic that keeps readers wanting more."* —[TeenReads.com](http://TeenReads.com)

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# The Sapphire Heiress

By **Ella Leon**

DragonBlade Publishing, Winter 2025 – Adult Fiction

The Silver Order Historical Romantasy Series - #1

**A pirate who walks amongst the highest circles of society.**

**A governess desperate to escape servitude.**

**Summarized best as Pirates of the Caribbean meets Jane Eyre, THE SAPPHIRE HEIRESS is a suspense-filled historical romance perfect for fans of Amanda Quick.**



***In Victorian England, the Silver Order has kept its supernatural discoveries hidden for centuries. Those who seek its secrets must always pay a price...***

Mae Blackthorne, the daughter of an English shipbuilder and a Filipina immigrant, has been taught to ride sidesaddle, embroider pillows, and dance the waltz. So when her brother disappears at sea, she hasn't a clue what to do when the family's shipbuilding business falls into bankruptcy.

It isn't long before Mae is penniless. Or so she believes. Forced to accept a post as governess in the very home she was raised in, Mae takes on the challenge in good spirits. Yet she is restless and yearns for the life of adventure her daredevil father and brother once had. That is, until she meets Ethan Locke, a pirate who offers her an enticing opportunity to recover her secret inheritance.

Unbeknownst to Mae, her family used their shipbuilding business to shroud generations of successful piracy. Locke, who was once partners with her father, has an old score to settle. He claims that her father stole from him an object of great value: a sapphire that can stop its wearer from growing old. As her father's last surviving heir, Mae is Locke's only hope of finding this supernatural jewel hidden amidst her family's secret fortune.

Agreeing to work together and split the fortune, they share an instant spark of attraction. But they're not alone in their search. The original owners of the sapphire, who operate an elite secret society, are far more powerful than Mae and Locke could have ever imagined. As danger closes in and the supernatural proves real, Mae fears she has much more to lose than just a second chance at a new life.

**“Exciting, dramatic, romantic; infused with magic, danger and mystery, The Sapphire Heiress reinvents the historical romance. Wondering what Historical Romantasy looks like? This is it.”** —*New York Times Bestselling Author Amanda Quick*

**\*\*Top 100 in Kindle's Historical Fantasy rankings!\*\***

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**\*The first in a trilogy!\***

**THE CRYSTAL ALCHEMIST**  
Spring 2025

**THE EMERALD ENCHANTRESS**  
Winter 2025



# Upcoming in THE SILVER ORDER, A Thrilling Historical Romantasy Series From Ella Leon!

## The Crystal Alchemist

By Ella Leon

Dragonblade Publishing, Spring 2025 – Adult Fiction

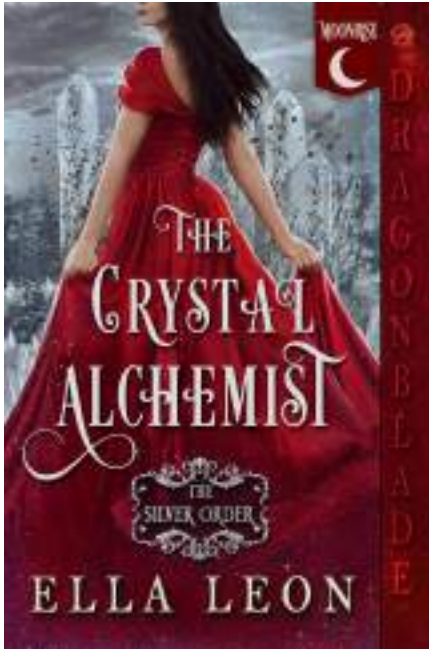
***She wanted nothing to do with the supernatural...until him.***

When her father's death puts his estate in her hands, Hazel Grey must return to the home she ran away from as a child. Notorious for its ancient pagan past, Whitestone Manor is the headquarters of the Silver Order, the enigmatic secret society Hazel has both hated and feared. She's never believed the Silver Order's claim to power: an ability to see into the future.

Theo Pierce's family was forced to sell Whitestone Manor to Miss Grey's father. He's dedicated his life to winning it back and redeeming his family's honor—no matter the cost. When a snowstorm traps him and Miss Grey within the manor, it's the perfect opportunity to win her trust and, more importantly, the estate. But the deeper Theo pulls her into his world of secret laboratories, botanical mysteries, and crystal alchemy, the more he wants something other than redemption.

*The Crystal Alchemist is a Gothic romance perfect for fans of Amanda Quick and Adalyn Grace.*

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## The Emerald Enchantress

By Ella Leon

Dragonblade Publishing, Summer 2025 – Adult Fiction

***She wanted nothing to do with the supernatural...until him.***

The conclusion to Ella Leon's debut series of sweeping romantasy books perfect for fans of Amanda Quick, Adalyn Grace, and Olivia Atwater!

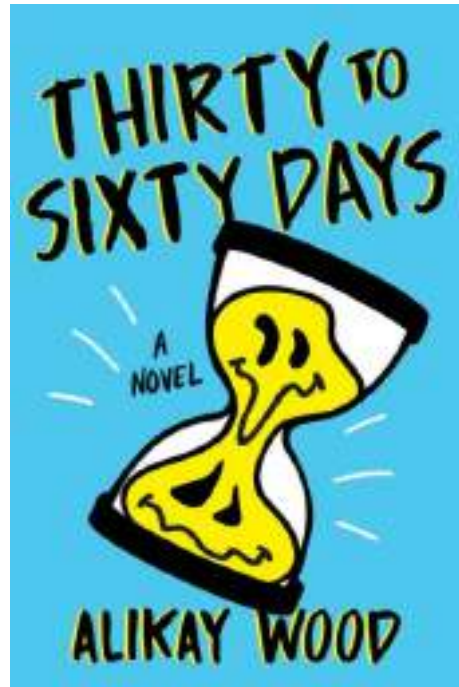
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# Thirty To Sixty Days

By Alikay Wood

Abrams/Amulet, June 2023 – Young Adult Fiction



**A hilarious and irreverent coming-of-age YA novel in which three teens facing uncertain futures embark on a madcap adventure that challenges each of their identities.**

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Hattie Larken is a compulsive liar with a quick-witted response to everything, willing to do whatever it takes to graduate and escape it all: the mind-numbing monotony of this town, the guilt of everything that happened with her dad, and the debt her mom's left dealing with.

But then Hattie finds out she's dying. Not in that overdramatic way that people sometimes say they're dying. She's *literally* dying. Apparently, she was exposed to a parasite because of a mistake her mom's company made. And she's not the only one. Two other kids from her class were exposed to the parasite: Carmen, who seems totally perfect with a loving family *and* a totally beautiful girlfriend; and Albie, a quiet kid who survived childhood cancer only to deal with this.

Instead of sitting around a hospital waiting to die, the three form an unlikely alliance to live the last days of their lives to the fullest. Stealing and sailing a boat to Miami? Absolutely. Adopting the turtle that a random college student hands to them? Of course. Sneaking into the sold-out music festival in town? You better believe it! And if Hattie just happens to find a way to raise some money for her mom through filming all their misadventures—well, she's not going to *not* do that.

Snarky, bold, and deeply real, *Thirty to Sixty Days* examines how three teens grapple with the thread of imminent death—and how each discovers what life ought to be.

“Three engaging odysseys in one, lit by humor of a particularly dark and spiky sort.” —Kirkus

“Great, page-turning fun—and that's no lie!”  
—Booklist



# All I Know So Far

By Nicole Zelniker

Inked In Grey Publishing, 2025 – Young Adult Fiction

**Told in journal entries, ALL I KNOW SO FAR is a queer coming of age story about love, hope, and resilience.**



Of course Avery Marsh's parents decide to divorce her senior year of high school, but what's way worse, they're shipping Avery across the country to spend the year with her extremely closeted, absentee half-brother Lucas and his secret boyfriend.

And it's great that Lucas is living his truth or whatever, but he couldn't have told his bisexual, nonbinary sibling earlier?

Now Avery has to spend their last year of school in Middle-of-Nowhere, Virginia, navigating new classes, explaining their pronouns to the cute boy in math class, and making new friends.

**"ALL I KNOW SO FAR paints a nuanced portrait of self-discovery, reconciliation, and the impact of family in all its complicated forms. Balancing moments of humor with heartfelt introspection, this novel is a poignant reminder that even in one's most challenging chapters, community, and belonging can be found. A deeply touching read for anyone who's ever had to pick up the pieces when life falls apart."** –Sydney Langford, author of *THE LOUDEST SILENCE*

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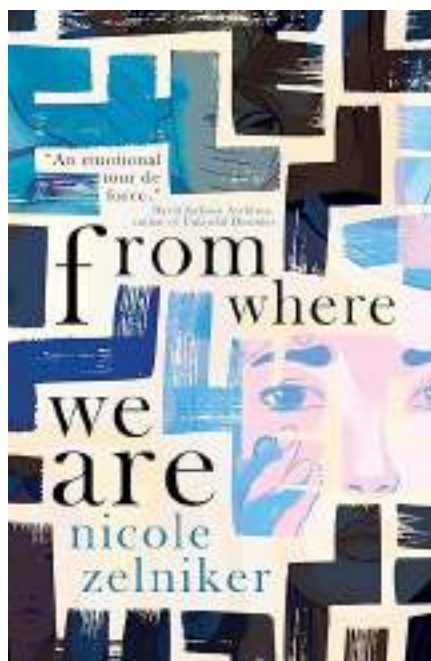
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# From Where We Are

By Nicole Zelniker

Vine Leaves Press, 2024 – Adult Fiction Novel-In-Stories



Gabi Keefer flees Holocaust-era Germany with nothing but her husband, her nephew, and the clothes on her back, but that isn't the whole story.

Generations later, her granddaughter, Lena, struggles with drug addiction and an unplanned pregnancy; her sort-of nephew, Zane, grieves for his wife three years after her death in an antisemitic mass shooting; and her great-niece, Miranda, advocates for Palestinian liberation against her family's wishes.

Each character's tale begs the questions: What does it mean to be part of a family? What does it mean to survive, and is that enough?

## **\*\*A Pushcart Award Nominee!\*\***

**"A sensitive exploration of contemporary Jewish history, *From Where We Are* charts the effects of intergenerational trauma, and its unfolding through the lives of one beautiful, complex family."** – Rabbi Andru Kahn, editor of *Sacred Earth: Jewish Perspectives on our Planet*

**"A kaleidoscopic gem that adeptly showcases how the shameful misdeeds of the past reverberate into modern acts of violence."** – David Jackson Ambrose, author of *Unlawful Disorder*

**"A layered excavation of intergenerational trauma and a perceptive probe into how resilience can overcome it... Zelniker's sympathetic and complex characters offer diverse answers to the question posed by one survivor, 'Can we ever escape the shadows of those who came before us?' Zelniker's response is a moving evocation of an extended family united by history, memory, re-invention, and hope."** – Ann S. Epstein, author of *The Sister Knot*

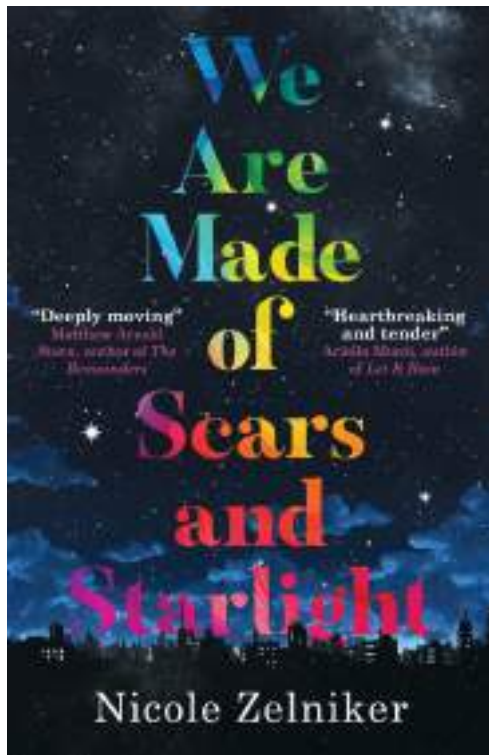
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# *We Are Made Of Scars And Starlight*

**By Nicole Zelniker**

Vine Leaves Press, Fall 2025 – Adult Fiction Novella



**WE ARE MADE OF SCARS & STARLIGHT** is a contemporary novella from Vine Leaves Press about a found family, queer romance, and self-love.

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When twenty-five-year-old Kai Larssen agrees to pose as his best friend Mariah's date at a family gathering, he doesn't expect to fall—hard—for her twin brother, Ray. Anxious, magnetic, and achingly off-limits, Ray is everything Kai has ever wanted. But coming out to Ray means risking Mariah's privacy—and their friendship.

Back in New York, Kai and Ray grow closer, and Kai finds himself trapped in a tangle of half-truths and unspoken feelings. As the lies pile up, Kai must decide: is love worth the cost of betrayal?

Told in luminous prose, *We Are Made of Scars and Starlight* is a tender, heartbreaking novella about mental health, disability, and queer desire in the heart of the modern city. Poignant and full of hope, it's a story of self-discovery, chosen family, and the courage it takes to be seen.

## *Indie Ink Award Finalist 2026!*

**A powerful story about the fierce love of friendship, and finding the courage to love and accept yourself.** –*Elissa Grossell Dickey, author of The Speed of Light*

**“Nicole writes a deeply moving story about a young man struggling with lupus, his sense of self-worth, family loss and separation, and sexuality. With an amazing cast of characters and rich depictions of New York that bring the city to life, WE ARE MADE OF SCARS & STARLIGHT is a story that stays with you. A must-read.”** –*Matthew Arnold Stern, author of THE REMAINDERS*