



Translation Rights Guide

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Where stories are as good as gold

Founded in 2025 by Claire Draper, Au Literary Management is an NYC-based literary agency, dedicated to supporting creatives who make books that will be loved for generations—books that have dog-eared pages, broken spines, and notes in the margins.

We know that the only thing separating the draft on a computer from a spot on a bookshelf is the right advocate in an artist's corner. With award-winners and bestsellers, tear jerkers and comedy genius, illustrations and prose, fact and fiction, Au Literary Management will always be an agency of well-loved books.

Our Name and Vision

Au Literary Management is fostering a different kind of book publishing, that is equitable, sustainable, profitable, and artistically fulfilling. Pronounced ay-yoo, our name is a nod to the way books provide the ultimate escape, bringing us to alternate universes (AU).

It also nods to stories being as good as gold—atomic symbol 79, Au or Gold is a multifaceted precious metal valued for its beauty, timelessness, and durability, while also being malleable, warm, and universally loved across cultures.

Mission Statement

At Au Literary Management, we believe well-loved books start with well-loved artists. We craft robust, fulfilling, and sustainable careers for our clients through strategy, organization, and advocacy.



Au Literary Management

DEI Statement

Our advocacy for our clients is rooted in our advocacy for all workers in creative industries, especially those of underrepresented identities. We aim to change the system, while also enabling our publishing community to thrive as much as possible within the current framework. We understand the roadblocks that the publishing industry puts in front of marginalized voices, and we actively use our expertise to navigate around them whenever we can.

At Au Literary Management, we know that while stories are universal, cultural specificity adds depth and complexity. We want to uplift and advocate for voices both like and unlike our own, because it makes the world better for it.

We strongly encourage creatives from marginalized and underrepresented backgrounds to query Au Literary Management. We especially want to continue to support Black, Indigenous, queer, and disabled creatives in navigating the publishing industry.

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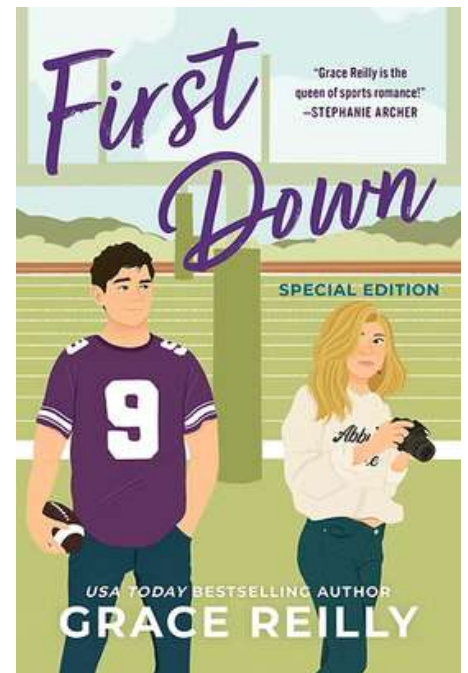
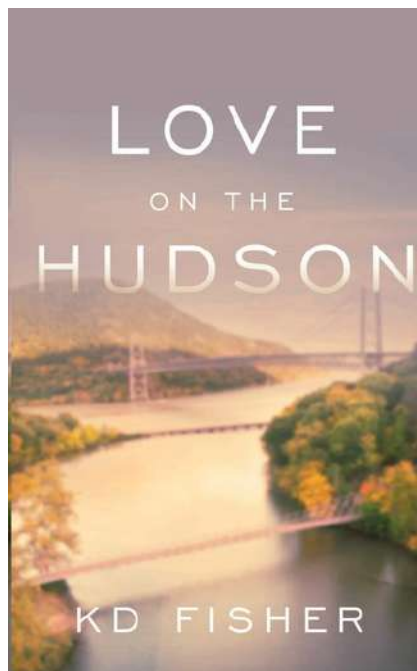
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Romance



Agent Claire Draper

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Contemporary

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2019

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Materials Finished Books

Film Available

RIGHTS SOLD

World, English: Dreamspinner
Press

K.D. Fisher is a queer New England-based writer of authentic, heartfelt LGBTQ+ narratives. KD grew up all over the United States, bouncing from North Carolina to Hawai'i to Illinois, and finally settling in Maine, where she spends far too much time at the beach. When K.D. isn't writing, she can usually be found hiking with her overly enthusiastic dog, obsessing over plants, or cooking elaborate meals. She loves classic country, perfectly ripe tomatoes, and falling asleep in the sun.

K.D. Fisher

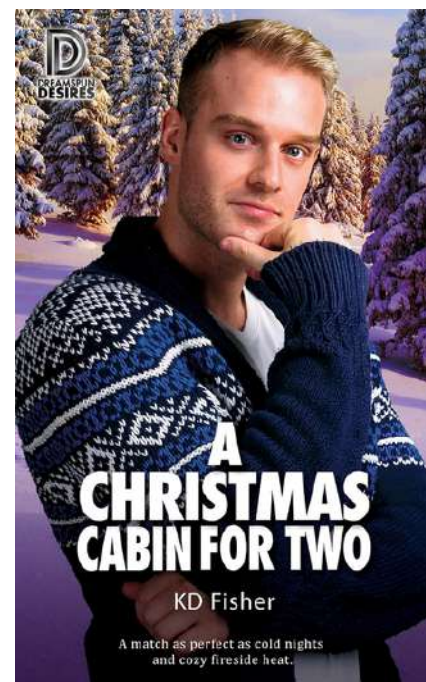
A Christmas Cabin for Two

A match as perfect as cold nights and cozy fireside heat.

Gentle giant Matt Haskell and urbane teacher Mikah Cerullo are as opposite as the Teton Mountains and downtown Manhattan.

Hardworking organic farmer Matt has little time to think about love, but when Mikah, a sexy and snarky New Yorker, arrives at his farm to buy a Christmas tree for the family's Jackson Hole mansion, the attraction is immediate for both of them, and they agree to share a cozy cabin in the Idaho woods.

But the clock is ticking on their holiday fling, since Mikah is due to take a teaching position back in the city, but as the holiday magic envelops them, they wonder if their budding romance might withstand their differences.



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Contemporary

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Materials Finished Books

Film Available

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World, English: Nine Star Press

K.D. Fisher

Love on the Hudson

When David and Nick reunite, their old feelings are undeniable, but can David trust Nick with his heart a second time around?

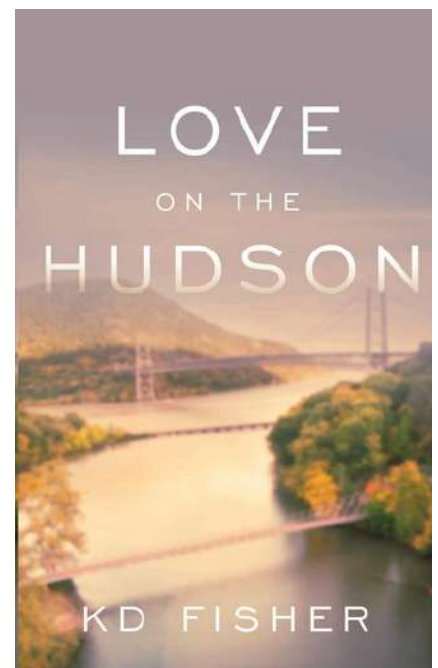
Art historian David Webster left his childhood home of Saugerties, New York ten years ago and hasn't looked back. Intelligent, successful, and proud of his sexuality, David has built a comfortable, if lonely, life in Chicago. But when he learns his father has suffered a debilitating stroke, he decides to leave his prestigious museum job and move home to care for his dad.

Until now, David has never questioned his devotion to academic and professional success. Suddenly he's forced to confront and reevaluate his desires, chief among them, his former best friend Nick.

Nick Patras has spent his entire life trying to be the perfect Greek American son. From devoting himself to football, to forgoing an athletic scholarship to work at his family's diner, to denying his sexuality and getting married to his high school sweetheart, Nick got used to putting his family's dreams ahead of his own. The facade shattered, however, when Nick divorced his wife and left the family business to follow his dream of starting an organic farm. Finally content with the life he's built for himself, Nick is still haunted by the mistake that ended his friendship with David a decade earlier.

As David embarks on a new career as an artist, he must decide whether or not Nick fits into this composition.

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Category New Adult, Romance, Contemporary

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On Submission

Jonny Garza Villa

Fight for You

A forbidden romance between pledges from rival fraternities’ perfect for fans of *Top Secret* by Sarina Bowen and Elle Kennedy, *The Proposal* by Sonora Reyes, and *If We Were A Movie* by Zakiya N. Jamal.

Tlazohtlalani “Lalo” Hernández has a complicated relationship with the word “legacy.” A freshman attending San Juan Diego College in San Antonio, Texas—the same school his parents and his abuelo went to—and finally being able to pledge Alpha Eta Chi (a fraternity his abuelo helped found), the weight of their expectations and everything they accomplished is heavy on him. More than anything, Lalo wishes he could just be himself, and be able to make a name for himself without the shadows of the giants who came before him covering him.

And when he meets Adrián Peña at a block party his first night on campus, he finally feels someone seeing him. Hours spent walking around, eating, talking, laughing, and dancing turns into making out and this indescribable infatuation and insta-love that they both choose to run towards, all the way back to Adrián’s room.

But when Lalo finds out Adrián is interested in pledging the rival fraternity with a deep, generations-long beef, his worlds collide chaotically, and he doesn’t see how he can keep seeing Adrián. But Adrián is sure the two of them can figure it out, how to have the boy and the brotherhood. And when Lalo stumbles on a clue that hints at a common history between their fraternities, he decides to go on this scavenger hunt with Adrián for a long lost origin story and, just maybe, a way to keep the boy he’s quickly falling for, as long as neither of their fraternities find out.

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

Agent Claire Draper

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Materials Finished Books

Film Available

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Audio, World English: Recorded Books

On Submission for Print and Digital, World English

Clare Walker Gray

Ever Dark trilogy

A dark sapphic romantasy series for fans of *This is How You Lose the Time War* and the *Locked Tomb* series.

Ever Griffin's job as a Soul Collector, watching humans' final moments and guiding their souls to the afterlife, is rough on a normal day. But it gets even harder when Ever is assigned to collect a drowned Nora Bennett. Something about this soul is different, and before she can think otherwise, she defies the laws of life and death to save Nora. She makes a deal with Nora's mother, Abby, to relocate them, and erase Nora's memory, so that Nora can live a full and happy life. But after only a few years, Nora dies again, so Ever uses her powers normally used for ferrying a soul to the afterlife to move Nora and Abby's souls into new lives.

But dying and having your memory wiped over and over has consequences on a subconscious mind, and Nora is haunted by both nightmares of her previous deaths, and the image of her mysterious savior. In every life, by the time Nora reaches her 20s, she realizes Ever might not be a figment of her imagination and seeks her out, but she always dies again at 23 years old. Their inexplicable connection inevitably turns to love, trapping Ever in a cycle of having to reset Nora (and Abby's) lives over and over.

Meanwhile, Ever's twin brother, Killian, envious of his golden child sister, tries to make things as difficult as possible for her. Determined to become the Head Soul Collector after their father's retirement, he uses every trick in the book to reveal her secret.

Clare Walker Gray is the romantasy pen name of Jess H. Gutierrez, author *A Product of Genetics (and Day Drinking)* and *Adulthood for Amateurs*. She was an award-winning reporter for the *Northwest Arkansas Times* and the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, and has written for *Out* magazine and *Electric Literature*. She lives with her fire captain wife and three children in Arkansas.

Agent Claire Draper

Category Adult, Romance,
Fantasy

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Materials Finished Manuscript for
book 1, Proposal for the series

Film Available

On Submission

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

Maya Kern

Spitfire series

Book 1 originally published for Kindle Unlimited

A prince, the shapeshifting dragon he's magically bound to, and a mage princess fall into a messy love triangle, and even messier political intrigue.

Prince Caed has been magically bonded to his dragon Feon since they were very small. They can feel almost everything the other feels, but it's hard to know what is genuine, and what is just the magic. But their close relationship, and growing sexual tension, is thrown into chaos when Caed agrees to marry his childhood friend, and princess of an allied kingdom, Allene.

As the three of them deal with bringing their kingdoms together, Allene tries to make these two stubborn assholes get over themselves for long enough to admit that they love each other—and for them to hear that she loves them both. Assassination attempts, sexy tea parties, revenge hookups, and more ensue in this M/NB/F saga about redefining love in troubled times.

Spitfire is perfect for fans of *Neon Gods*, *The Priory of the Orange Tree*, and *The Serpent and the Wings of Night*, who can't wait to fully immerse themselves in a new world of romance and magic.

"A compelling blend of political drama, romance and fantasy." —Amazon review

"Overflowing with masterly written spicy scenes. Cannot wait for the sequel." —Amazon review



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Contemporary

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Film Available

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Germany: Carlsen Verlag GmbH

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Italy: DeA Planeta

Poland: Swiat Ksiazki

Portugal: Bertrand Editora

Romania: Librex Media

Russia: MIF

Slovenia: Učila

Spain: Urano

Turkey: Nemesis

Ukraine: Family Leisure Club

Grace Reilly writes swoony, spicy contemporary romance with heart—and usually a healthy dose of sports. Under the name Trisha Kelly, she's published middle grade novel *Hallowstone* in 2021, and her upcoming YA romcom graphic novel, *The Not-So Secret Life of Winnie Franklin*.

Grace Reilly

Beyond the Play series

USA Today Bestsellers

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

Wicked Serve

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

Nikolai

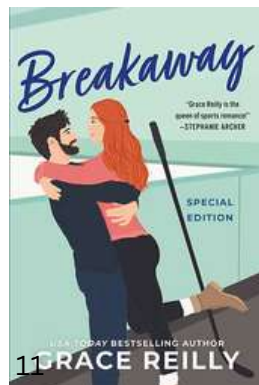
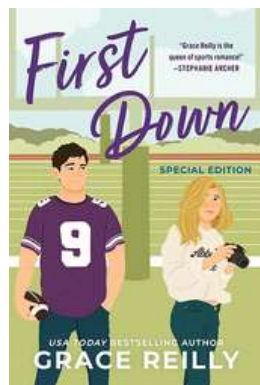
Hockey is my life, and I need to make this last season count. But when I'm forced to transfer to rival school McKee University for my senior year, I risk pissing off the captain, who happens to be the older brother of Isabelle Callahan: the gorgeous beam of sunshine I messed around with in secret this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

Izzy

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

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

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



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Category Adult, Romance, Fantasy

Page Count 385

Word Count 86k

Materials Manuscript

Film Available

On Submission

Emily Riesbeck

Time Heals All Wounds

An ageless demon and a struggling knight are stuck in a time loop that always ends with their swords hilt deep in each other.

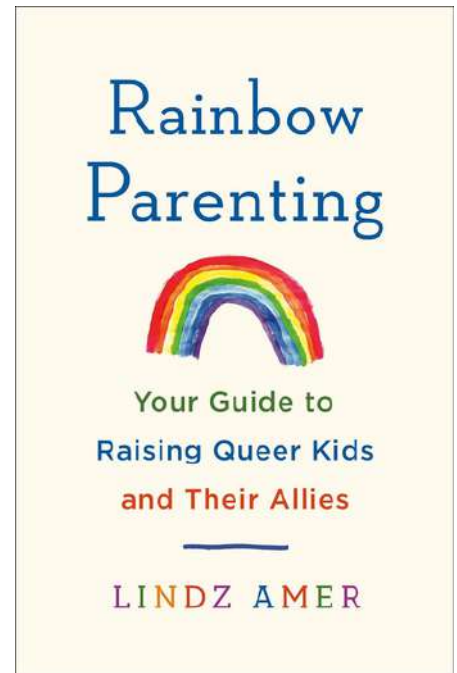
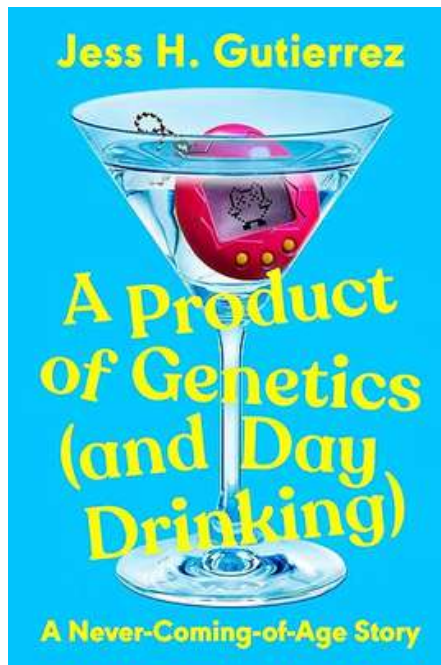
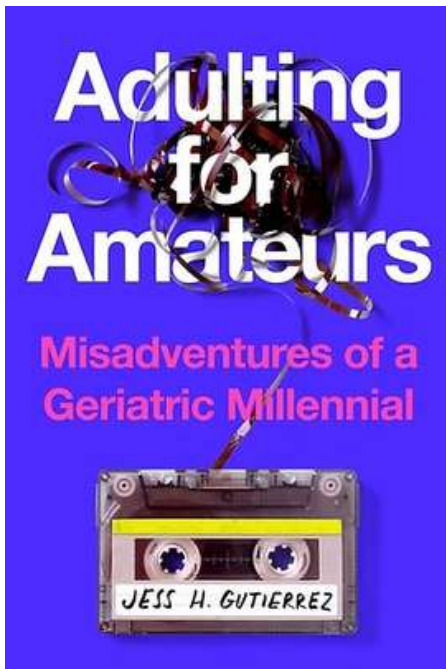
Time Heals All Wounds is perfect for fans of *The Emperor and the Endless Palace*, *The Spear Cuts Through Water*, *The Husky and His White Cat Shizun*, and *Swordcrossed*. It will be loved by all those clamoring for more enemies-to-lovers, scary guard dog boyfriends, slow burn romance, and idiots in love.

Sirus Werner is the champion of his kingdom, fated from birth to protect the people and provide spiritual guidance to their leader; but how can he do that when his frail arms can barely lift a sword? On the day of the Feast, all hell breaks loose and Sirus ends up confronted with Abhartach, a demon summoned to help usurp the kingdom's ruler. Though the pair draw arms, they both die by sword.

Then it all repeats. Seemingly the only two people aware of this endless repetition, they team up to end their torment of inevitable bloodshed. As they start to unravel the mystery behind their fate, their feelings for each other become something deeper. Is their growing affection destined for more, or—much like their current lives—will it be the reason for their and the kingdom's end?

Emily Riesbeck started writing comics at the age of ten, when they created their first original character, the superhero Aqua Guy. Since then, they've written the webcomic *The Blue Valkyrie* and graphic novels like *It's Your Funeral*, and *The Pirate and the Porcelain Girl*. They live in Chicago with their two partners and their cat, Yuri.

Adult Nonfiction



Agent Claire Draper

Category Adult, Nonfiction,
Parenting

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Materials Finished Books

Film Available

RIGHTS SOLD

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Macmillan

Lindz Amer is the creator of the award-winning web series *Queer Kid Stuff*, and author of *Hooray for She, He, Ze, and They!* Often called the "Queer Mister Rogers," they're a performer, writer, educator and activist whose work has been featured on Good Morning America, Kidscreen, Teen Vogue, Shondaland, New York Magazine, the Huffington Post, and the TED stage. They've also consulted on Webby Award-winning and GLAAD-nominated projects for Nickelodeon, WildBrain, and more.

Lindz Amer

Rainbow Parenting

An essential guide for parents and caregivers to raising queer-friendly children in a gender-affirming space.

In the face of so many injustices across society for LGBTQ+ people, it can be easy for parents of young children to feel helpless and hopeless. While they may not be able to address every problem across the country, there's a simple place to start: right at home.

Rainbow Parenting is an indispensable stepping stone for adults who want to raise and teach kids in a queer and gender-affirming way, but might not know how. Lindz Amer, the creator of *Queer Kid Stuff*, an award-winning LGBTQ+ educational web series for children and families, is an expert guide, leading readers through practical applications, important LGBTQ+ history, key lessons in intersectionality, pronouns, social justice, and more. Divided by sections that address kids' individual ages—from infancy to kindergarten—this joyful and approachable book shares a bit of hope and starts with the understanding that anyone can spread queer joy.

By giving parents and their kids a vocabulary to express themselves, *Rainbow Parenting* ultimately aims to create more empathetic adults—and spreads a message of radical acceptance in a world where it's sometimes dangerous to just be yourself.

"An incredibly thoughtful and comprehensive guide focused on awareness and action. Throughout the book, Lindz balances what we need to know and what we can do as caregivers." — **Britt Hawthorne, author of *Raising Antiracist Children: A Practical Parenting Guide***

"Insightful . . . Filled with practical guidance and thoughtful commentary, this is a valuable resource for raising children beyond the gender binary."
— ***Publishers Weekly***

"Whether the kids you are raising (or helping to raise) are queer, questioning, or straight/cisgender, and whether you know nothing about LGBTQ identities or are proudly queer yourself, this book will assist you in creating an environment where they and their peers can grow up affirmed and supported. Highly recommended." — ***Mombian***

Rainbow Parenting



Your Guide to
Raising Queer Kids
and Their Allies

LINDZ AMER

Agent Claire Draper

Category Adult, Nonfiction, Self-Help

Word Count 60k
Materials Proposal

Film Available

On Submission

Amber Cantorna-Wylde is an author, consultant, LGBTQ+ speaker, and community healer passionate about ending religious trauma for LGBTQ+ people and fostering a world of inclusion and belonging. She's the author of multiple books including *Out of Focus: My Story of Sexuality, Shame, and Toxic Evangelicalism* and *Unashamed*. She also founded the Unashamed Love Collective—a beautiful and inclusive community for LGBTQ+ people and allies—which ran for 10 seasons.

Stacey Chomiak is an artist, author and LGBTQ+ speaker. She designs art for the animation industry, but her passion is illustrating and writing kids books that represent the queer community. She has illustrated *Rainbow Boy*, *Rainbow Boy and the Pride Parade*, *Who Will You Be*, and more. Stacey loves to dance with her two kids, and paint anything that inspires her.

Amber Cantorna-Wylde & Stacey Chomiak

How to Queer Divorce

A guide to navigating the painful experience of divorce as a queer person, from two writers who have gone through it themselves.

Queer people often feel more pressure to make their marriage succeed, given how hard the community has had to fight for their right to marry on a public stage. With insight from their own experiences, helpful statistics, resources, practical exercises, and interviews with other queer and transgender divorced people, *How to Queer Divorce* makes the hardship of divorce a little easier.

Covering topics like how to know you're done, dealing with abuse in your marriage, what steps to take once you've decided it's over, and parenting during your divorce, this book is sure to appeal to readers of *Untangling the Knot* by Carter Sickels, *Before I Do* by Elizabeth Schwartz and James Obergefell, and *Equally Wed* by Kirsten Palladino.

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On Submission

Jess H. Gutierrez

Mom Bod Mayhem

A parenting book void of parenting advice, with topics like nicknames your kids give you that you wish they didn't, the best attire for school drop off, and a two year long cry from infertility struggles, Jess is both deeply vulnerable and piss-your-last-clean-pair-of-underwear funny.

In her previous essay collections, the bawdy and hilarious Gutierrez took readers through her childhood and early adulthood as the quintessential elder millennial, failing up, left, right, and center. Her newest work *Mom Bod Mayhem* is the evolution and culmination of that journey.

Both darker and more hopeful than her previous works, this book covers not just motherhood but the ugly journey to motherhood, complete with stories of infertility, depression, and pregnancy loss, all framed by Gutierrez's trademark humor.

Jess H. Gutierrez is the author of *A Product of Genetics (and Day Drinking)* and *Adulthood for Amateurs*. She was an award-winning reporter for the Northwest Arkansas Times and the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, and has written for Out magazine and Electric Literature. She lives with her fire captain wife and three children in Arkansas.

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Jess H. Gutierrez

Adulting for Amateurs

Top Requested Book on Netgalley

Zibby's Most Anticipated for April 2026

Open Secrets Magazine July 2026 Book Club Pick

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

Gutierrez marvels at how her generation, the Millennials, are approaching middle age. While 1998 seems like yesterday, we are now grown-ups who feel like we're still growing up. And at forty-two, Jess has a trove of stories to tell.

Jess is leaning into her geriatric Millennial years and reflects on how growing up does not necessarily bestow one with maturity. When the dinner covers were lifted to reveal vertically posed sausages, hundreds of the fanciest wedding guests, including the mayor, were treated to a demure and refined Jess's explosive guffaws.

While Jess's brothers now have wholesome families and responsible jobs, she can't stop one-upping them, even if it gets her brother nearly fired by a potty-brained prank right before he scrubs into surgery. When Jess and her wife booked their first grown-up vacation, they discovered too late that their Hawaiian trip was to a Mormon resort and therefore completely alcohol free. So Jess and her wife bravely put on their big-girl panties—and slunk off in a makeshift escape from this cheerful teetotaler paradise.

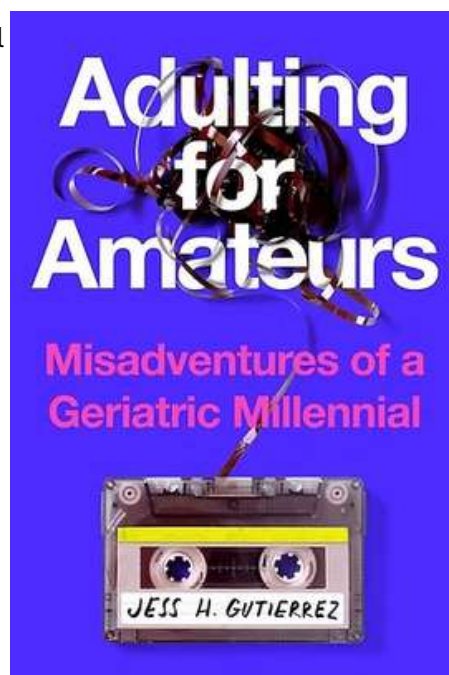
Turns out, even as a responsible homeowner with a mortgage, three kids, and a yard of chickens, Jess might not have matured much beyond her twenties. She's still the woman who in an earlier era survived queer-dating fails and aughts-era pop culture moments—ultimately discovering that an illegal rave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

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

“As a (possibly geriatric) millennial, *Adulting for Amateurs* blew me away. Jess's big personality and honesty shine through in this collection of essays, and I laughed with every page turn.” — **Busy Philipps**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *This Will Only Hurt a Little*

“Gutierrez reminds us that growing up isn't easy. And that unfortunately it's also not avoidable.” — **Felipe Torres Medina**, writer for *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*

“Comic gold.” — **Kirkus**



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Jess H. Gutierrez

A Product of Genetics (and Day Drinking)

A Never-Coming-of-Age Story

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

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

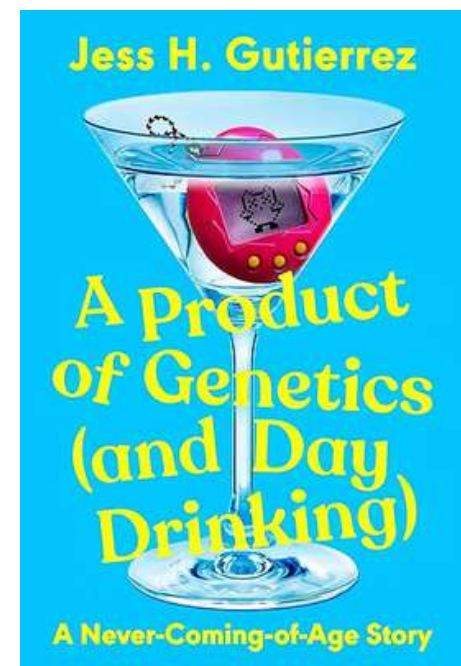
In her book, Jess shares relatable tales of a woman who feels like a dumpster fire even with a seemingly ideal set up with a fire-captain wife, three kids, and a mortgage. Highlights include roller-derby catastrophes, a disastrous first night on the job at a lesbian bar, narrow escapes from wild animals,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

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

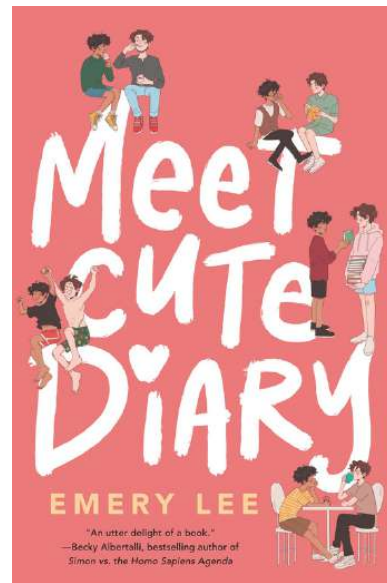
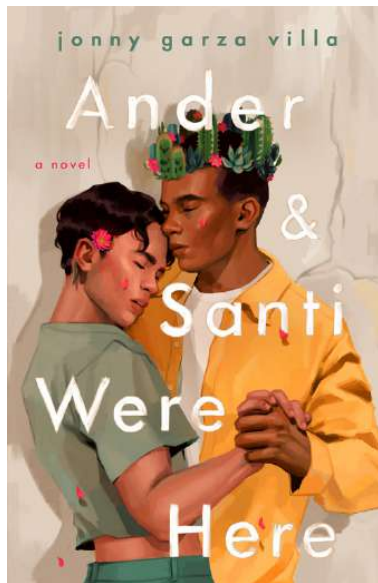
"Gutierrez *speaks to me*." —**Sona Movsesian**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The World's Worst Assistant*

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

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



Young Adult Fiction



Agent Claire Draper

Category Young Adult, Romance, Paranormal

Word Count 100k

Materials Proposal

Film Available

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Entertainment katrina@mgmt-entertainment.com

On Submission

Jonny Garza Villa

Coyote & Canyon

A YA shifter romance from ALA Stonewall Award-winning author Jonny Garza Villa for fans of *Cemetery Boys* and the *Raven Cycle*.

Lucas Moreno, a teen coyote shifter, moves to small town West Texas after his parents' divorce seeking to be a quiet presence in his new high school. But meeting a cute, artistic boy named Canyon Ramirez and finding out there's a group of shifter friends on the football team all on the first day leads to life taking an adventurous turn.

He finds himself in the middle of tense history between Canyon's rancher family and those teammates, forcing him to either side with the first group of friends he's ever made who are truly like him, or making them into enemies by protecting the boy he's quickly falling for.

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

Agent Claire Draper and Becca Langton at Darley Anderson Children’s Agency

Category Young Adult, Contemporary

Word Count 100k
Materials Proposal

Film Available
Katrina Escudero at MGMT
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Christen Randall (they/she) is the USA Today bestselling author of *The No-Girlfriend Rule* and *According to Plan*. They write joyful stories for geeky gay kids, and work in their local library in Covington, Kentucky.

Jonny Garza Villa & Christen Randall

The Reinvention and Renaissance of Ace & Lily

During a college preview weekend, two high school seniors—Lily Diaz, a posh transgender Mexicana, and Ace Wiseman, a neurodivergent, nonbinary townie—reluctantly room together, making a vow to help each other experience the most iconic, future-defining weekend of their lives.

Lily arrives at Dallas' Johnson-Richards University for preview weekend armed only with a modest social media following, and a fierce belief in her reinvention as an effortlessly cool college freshman. She's pissed to find that she has been accidentally given a roommate instead of a single.

Grace's weekend hasn't got off to a good start either. Her best friend has completely ghosted her, and may not even be coming to college with her like they always planned, while her parents are insisting on constant FaceTime check-ins.

Lily is everything Grace aspires to be: comfortable in her own skin and already in command of what she wants from college, and life. Desperate not to lose the only person who will talk to her on campus, Grace hatches an impromptu plan. For the weekend, instead of being local loser Grace Wiseman, she's going to be Ace Wiseman—nonbinary badass, Dallas local, JRU insider, and most importantly, Lily's fast pass to an epic preview weekend.

As the two embark on a weekend of parties, thrifting, and tenuous new friendships, they soon realise that reinventing yourself isn't as simple as they first thought. Ace doesn't know what she's doing, and Lily can only see her social life goals slipping away. But maybe their tentative trust in each other, and the determination to make the best of college life, might just be all they really need.

Full of heart, humor, and light, this dual-perspective, contemporary YA coming-of-age story is perfect for fans of *Bottoms*, *She Gets the Girl*, *Cool for the Summer*, *The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School*, and Becky Albertalli's *Imogen, Obviously*.

Agent Claire Draper

Category Young Adult, Romance, Contemporary

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Materials Finished Books

Film Sold

Katrina Escudero at MGMT
Entertainment katrina@mgmt-entertainment.com

RIGHTS SOLD

World, English: Wednesday Books, Macmillan

Audio, English: Wednesday Books, Macmillan

Jonny Garza Villa

Canto Contigo

2025 American Library Association Stonewall Award Winner

2025 Publishing Triangle Award Winner - Jacqueline Woodson Award for LGBTQ+ Young Adult Literature

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

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

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

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

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

"[A]nother masterpiece about queer youth redefining traditional customs in Texas." —**Booklist, Starred Review**

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



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Agent Claire Draper

Category Young Adult, Romance, Contemporary

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Page count 368

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Film Available

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Entertainment katrina@mgmt-entertainment.com

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Jonny Garza Villa

Ander & Santi Were Here

ALA Stonewall Honor Book

Bookshop.org Best YA of 2023 selection

B&N Book Club Pick

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

Finding home. Falling in love. Fighting to belong.

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

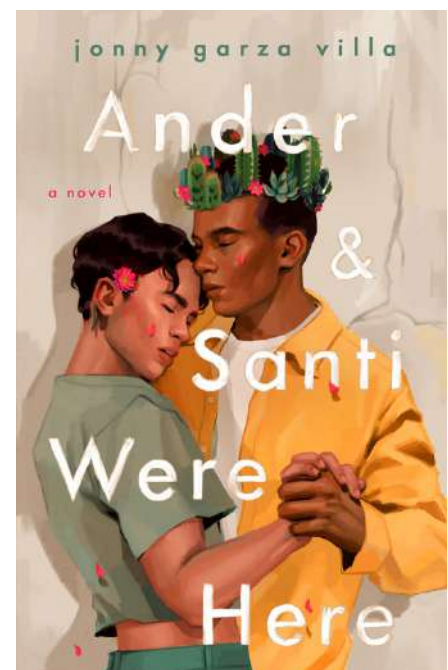
To keep Ander from becoming complacent during their gap year, their family "fires" them so they can transition from restaurant life to focusing on their murals and prepare for college. That is, until they meet Santiago López Alvarado, the hot new waiter. Falling for each other becomes as natural as breathing.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

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

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

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

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



Agent Claire Draper

Category Young Adult, Romance, Contemporary

Publication date May 10, 2022

Word Count 80k

Page count 320

Materials Finished Books

Film Available

RIGHTS SOLD

World, English: Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins

Audio, English: Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins

Brazil: Astral Cultural

Germany: Cross Cult

Russia: AST Publishers

Emery Lee

Café con Lychee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Agent Claire Draper

Category Young Adult,
Contemporary, Romance

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Film Available

RIGHTS SOLD

World, English: Quill Tree Books,
HarperCollins

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HarperCollins

Emery Lee

Meet Cute Diary

American Library Association Rainbow Booklist Selection
A Junior Library Guild Selection

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

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

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

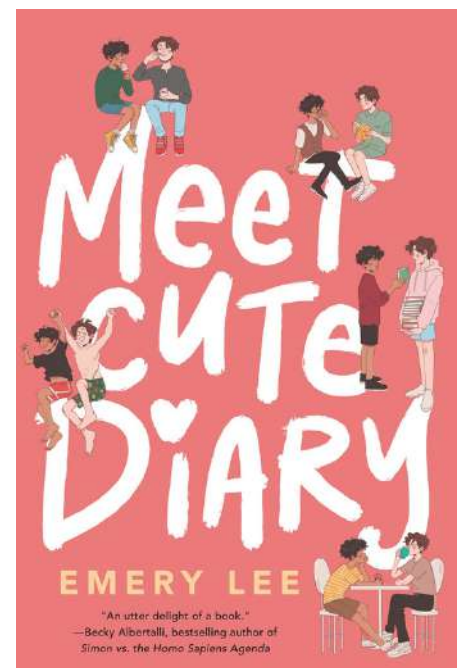
In this charming novel by Emery Lee, Noah will have to choose between following his own rules for love or discovering that the most romantic endings are the ones that go off script.

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

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

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

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Agent Claire Draper

Category Young Adult,
Paranormal, Horror,
Contemporary

Word count 83k

Page count 278

Materials Manuscript

Film Available

On Submission

Emily Riesbeck

Our Cruel and Unfathomable Mercy

Four teens at a Chicago Catholic high school defy plans for the end of the world when they are chosen by the archangel Gabriel to be the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. It's a story about being a teenager, when every problem you have makes it feel like your world is ending...only in this case, it literally is.

Abby is a conservative Catholic teen girl struggling with her budding crush on Liz and what that means about her sexuality now that Liz is transitioning, as her body image issues war with powers that are eating her from the inside out.

Liz is a newly-out trans girl with a fight-or-flight response that defaults to fight, which isn't helped when joining the girls' basketball team makes her a target for anti-trans harassment.

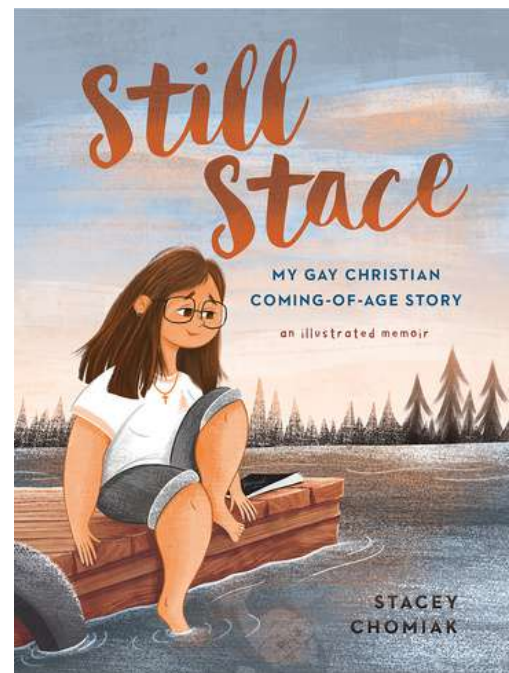
Charlie is an internet-poisoned nonbinary doomer, a micromanager, and Liz's self-appointed "queer fairy godparent," who can hear the "song" of souls when they die.

Dominic is a Filipino American transplant from Tennessee who makes his atheism his entire personality, and rejects heaven and its charge.

As the teens come to terms with their roles and unholy powers, they must fight against heaven and find a way to stop the apocalypse before it's too late.

Emily Riesbeck started writing comics at the age of ten, when they created their first original character, the superhero Aqua Guy. Since then, they've written the webcomic *The Blue Valkyrie* and graphic novels like *It's Your Funeral*, and *The Pirate and the Porcelain Girl*. They live in Chicago with their two partners and their cat, Yuri.

Young Adult Nonfiction



Agent Claire Draper

Category Young Adult, Illustrated Memoir

Publication date October 19, 2021

Word Count 45k

Page count 212

Materials Finished Books

Film Available

RIGHTS SOLD

World, English: Beaming Books, 1517 Media

Audio, English: OrangeSky, Spotify

Stacey Chomiak is an artist, author and LGBTQ+ speaker. She designs art for the animation industry, but her passion is illustrating and writing kids books that represent the queer community. She has illustrated *Rainbow Boy*, *Rainbow Boy and the Pride Parade*, *Who Will You Be*, and more. Stacey loves to dance with her two kids, and paint anything that inspires her.

Stacey Chomiak

Still Stace

My Gay Christian Coming-of-Age Story

Is it possible to be gay and Christian?

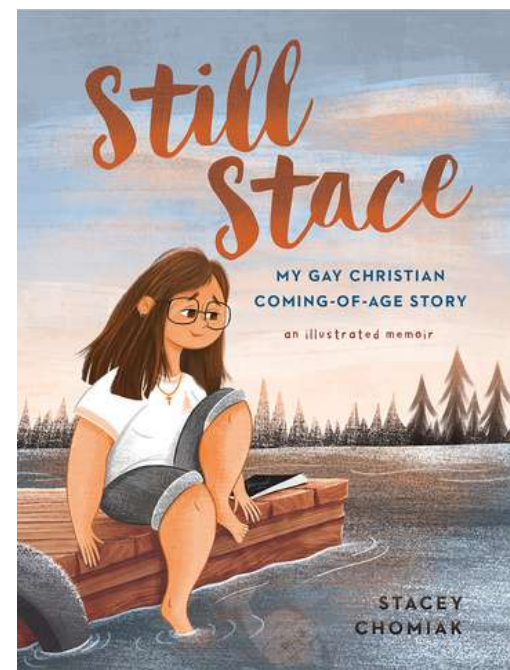
Stacey loves being a Christian. Her best friends are also her church friends. Her favorite place on earth is Bible camp every summer. And she talks to God like they are old friends.

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

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

"Insightful and inspiring." — **Kirkus**

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



Agent Claire Draper

Category Young Adult, Memoir

Publication date March 10, 2026

Word Count 81k

Page count 352

Materials Finished Books

Film Available

RIGHTS SOLD

World, English: Dial Books, PRH

Audio, English: Dial Books, PRH

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

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

Tsultrim Dolma & Rebecca Wei Hsieh

Defying China

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

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

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

"An eye-opening, incredible story...Dolma does not stray away from the obstacles and challenges she faced but shares the context in a manner appropriate for the book's target audience. Despite everything, Dolma never paints herself as a victim but as somebody who does not let life get her down. While this is a memoir and an insight into history, the narration reads like a story, making it easier for reluctant readers." — **School Library Journal**, starred review

"Portraying Dolma as a fighter rather than a victim, this work shows the power of prayer and the kindness of strangers when facing horrifying circumstances. This powerfully and accessibly written story puts a human face on complex, ongoing issues. Chilling and memorable; a must-read." — **Kirkus**, starred review



Middle Grade & Chapter Books



Agent Claire Draper

Category Middle Grade, Fantasy

Publication date October 13, 2021

Word Count 83k

Page count 278

Materials Finished Books

Film Available

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Germany: Arena Verlag GMBH

Trisha Kelly

Hallowstown

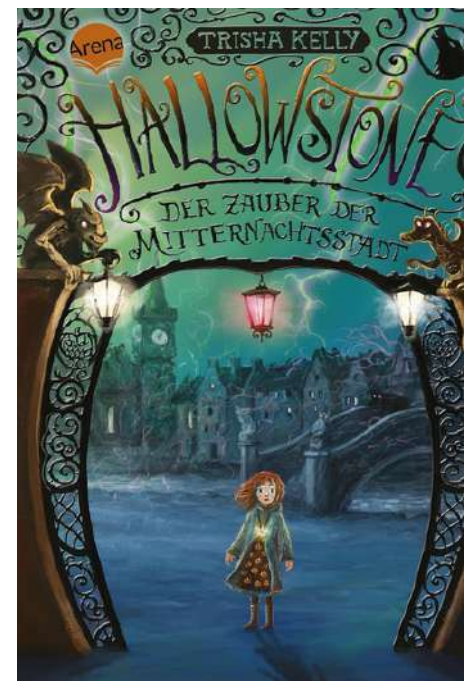
A thoroughly magical adventure for fans of *The Worst Witch* and *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* comes *Hallowstown* by Trisha Kelly.

In magical Hallowstown, the leaves are always bright, the morning always brings a light frost, and 11-year-old witch Prue Latham has just received a sparkly green broomstick for her birthday. Prue loves everything about her town, except for one thing: while her dad is a witch, her mom is a werewolf and the magic that keeps Hallowstown safe for witches is not designed to let werewolves live within its gates.

In a bad case of first day of witch school jitters, Prue accidentally casts a magical wish that summons her mom, her little brother, and the rest of the werewolf pack into Hallowstown, causing the magical wards to come crumbling down. Prue has until the full moon to put her magical mishap right, or Hallowstown will be destroyed by the evil magic of the shadowlands that lie beyond its walls.

Along with her best friend, Sammy, and her big-time-crush turned potential friend, Holly, Prue has to collect four objects of power in order to save her town. But there are dark forces at work in Hallowstown, and a mysterious figure who wants to use Prue's mistake for their own ends...

Trisha Kelly has been writing since she could hold a pen and feeds her imagination by crafting stories for kids and adults alike. Under the pen name Grace Reilly i she is the *USA Today* bestselling author of swoony, spicy contemporary romances with heart. When she's not dreaming up stories, she can be found in the kitchen trying out a new recipe, cuddling her pack of dogs, or watching sports. Originally from New York, she now lives in Florida, which is troubling given her fear of alligators.



Agent Claire Draper

Category Chapter Book,
Paranormal, Mystery

Page Count 140

Materials Proposal

Film Available

On Submission

Natalye Vivian & Stacey Chomiak

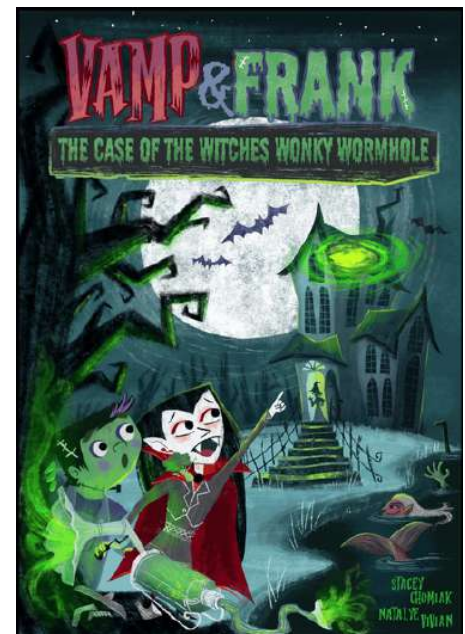
Vamp & Frank series

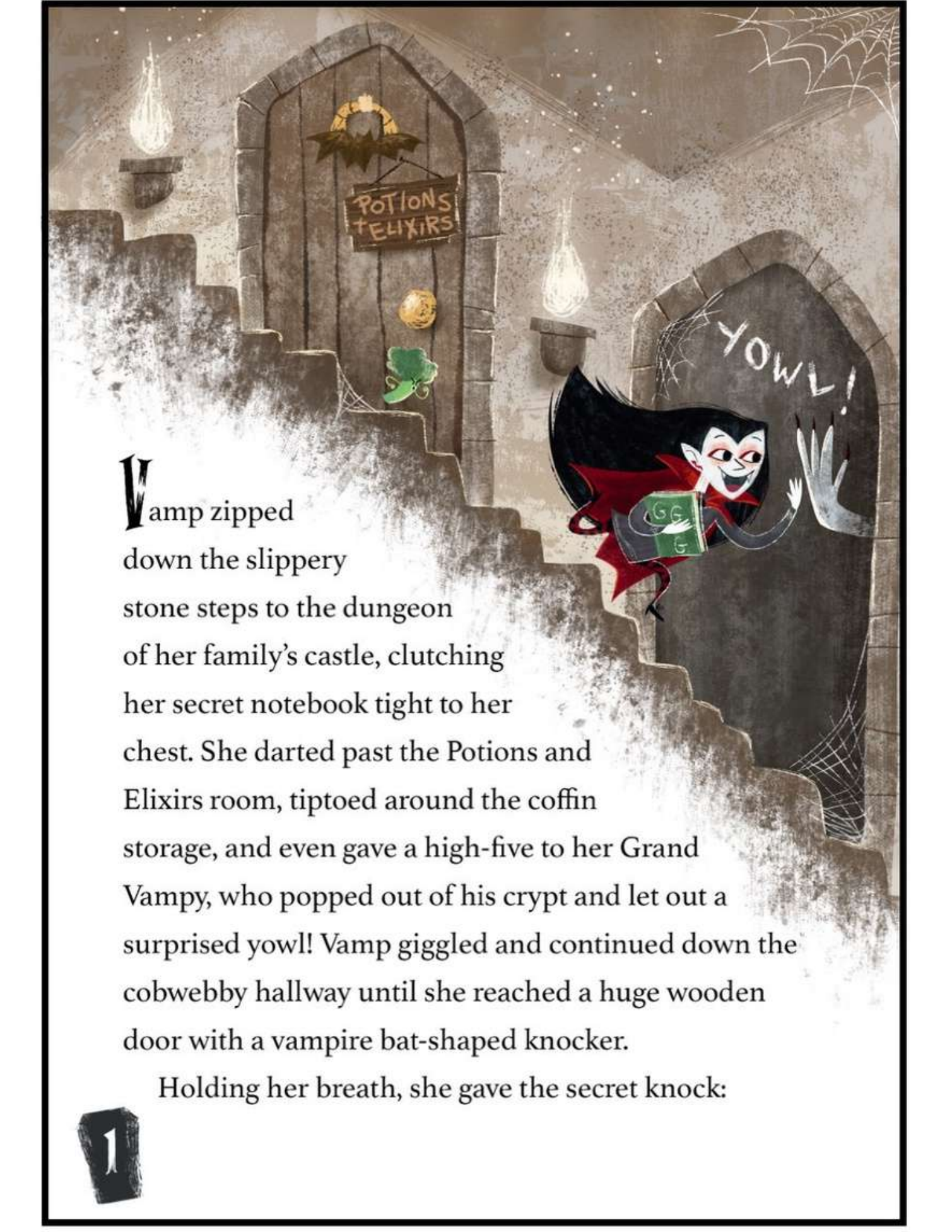
An illustrated chapter book series about monster detectives for fans of *Goosebumps*, *The Bad Guys*, *The Princess in Black*, and *Hotel Transylvania*.

In Boovaria, monsters roam the streets, demons run the Fantom Flame Department, and ghosts report the news. It's all perfectly normal. In this world, ghumans (aka humans), are paranormal, and Vamp and Frank, kid monster detectives extraordinaire, are determined to prove that they exist!

Natalye Vivian grew up hoping ghosts were real, goblins were friendly, and monsters just wanted to share snacks. She's a globetrotting performer and songwriter now channelling her love of the weird and wonderful into her first chapter book. When she's not dreaming up oddball characters and spooky adventures, she can be found in a seaside cave with her very own broccoli monster.

Stacey Chomiak is an artist, author and LGBTQ+ speaker. She designs art for the animation industry, but her passion is illustrating and writing kids books that represent the queer community. Her illustrated memoir *Still Stace: My Gay Christian Coming-of-Age Story* published in 2021. She lives happily nestled amid the tall trees of the Canadian west coast. Stacey loves to dance with her two kids, paint anything that inspires her, and have conversations around faith and sexuality.





Vamp zipped down the slippery stone steps to the dungeon of her family's castle, clutching her secret notebook tight to her chest. She darted past the Potions and Elixirs room, tiptoed around the coffin storage, and even gave a high-five to her Grand Vampy, who popped out of his crypt and let out a surprised yowl! Vamp giggled and continued down the cobwebby hallway until she reached a huge wooden door with a vampire bat-shaped knocker.

Holding her breath, she gave the secret knock:

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One slow bat rap, then three quick bat raps.

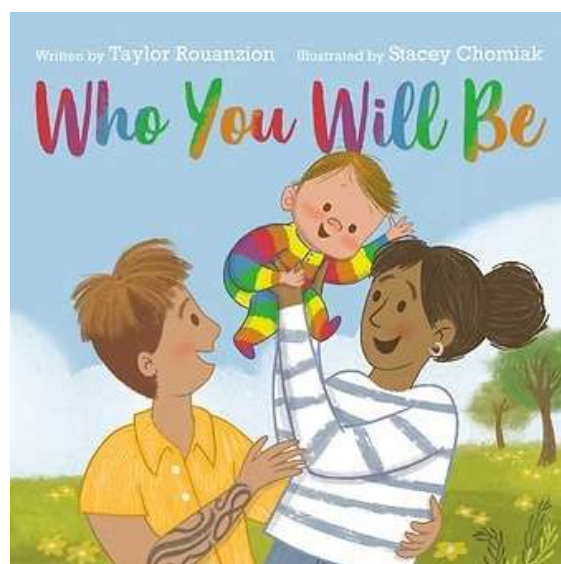
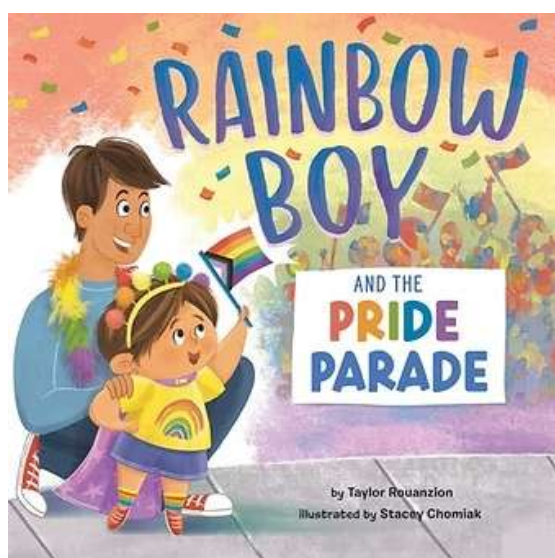
Inside, her best friend Frank was busy putting the finishing touches on one of her ghuman catcher inventions. Frank had been working alone since moonrise, and when Frank worked alone, it usually meant explosions, fire, or even worse!

Deathstalk, Vamp's pet broccoli monster (and one of the most feared creatures in all of Boovaria), scampered up her sleeve and perched on her shoulder. Vamp heard Frank's muffled voice from inside:

"What's the secret password?"

Vamp rolled her eyes and shouted "Wobblefang!" as she twisted the old copper doorknob and pushed open

Picture Books



Agent Claire Draper

Category Picture Book

Page count 32

Materials Manuscript and Sample

Film Available

On Submission

Dr. Amitha Jagannath Knight & Aishwarya Tandon

Snuggly Huggly is Missing

It's bedtime, but there is a BIG problem. Naya's favorite stuffy, Snuggly Huggly, is gone!

Appa suggests cleaning her room. Snuggly isn't there. Appa emails the school and her friend, but what if Snuggly Huggly is lost somewhere else? Naya draws up missing posters, because a photo of Huggly Snuggly won't work—they look nothing alike!

Dr. Amitha Jagannath Knight is a writer and poet for all ages and a graduate of MIT and Tufts University School of Medicine. She is also a former social media manager for We Need Diverse Books. Her debut picture book, *Usha and the Big Digger*, won a 2023 Mathical Book Prize Honor Award. While her parents were originally from South India, she and her siblings (including her identical twin!) were born in the United States. Dr. Knight has lived in Texas and Arkansas, and now lives in Massachusetts with her husband, kids, and cat.

Aishwarya Tandon is an illustrator and cartoonist living in India. She is a digital artist who loves to draw colorful, endearing illustrations and comics with joyous, lighthearted themes. She has her work published in multiple books ranging from picture books, chapter books, book covers and graphic novels; with publishers in India and abroad.

“OH NO!” Naya cried. “What if he’s at the playground?”



"You can't email a playground!
He's gone FOREVER!"



"Let's send the emails now," Appa suggested.
"How should I describe him?"

Agent Claire Draper

Genre Picture Book

Page count 32

Materials Manuscript and Sample

Film Available

On Submission

Taylor Rouanzion & Stacey Chomiak

Mama Bear and Rainbow Bear

A lovely take on queerness and parenting through the lens of polar bears who have given birth to a cub with rainbow fur. As he takes his first steps into the world, they resolve to protect him and to make sure he always knows he's loved just the way he is.

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

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A white bear is sitting on the edge of a glacier, looking up at a night sky filled with vibrant green and blue aurora borealis. The bear's white fur is illuminated by the bright lights of the aurora. The glacier is a light blue-grey color, and the background is a dark, starry night sky.

On particularly bad days, she would let Baby Bear stay up past his bedtime, and together they would walk out to the edge of the glacier. Across the night sky, ribbons of green and blue and purple danced and sang, the lights so bright even Mama Bear's white fur reflected them.

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“Mama!” Baby Bear cried.

“Tonight you are a little like me!”

Agent Claire Draper

Genre Picture Book

Publication date May 20, 2025

Page count 32

Materials Finished Books

Film Available

RIGHTS SOLD

World, English: Beaming Books,
1517 Media

Audio, English: Beaming Books,
1517 Media

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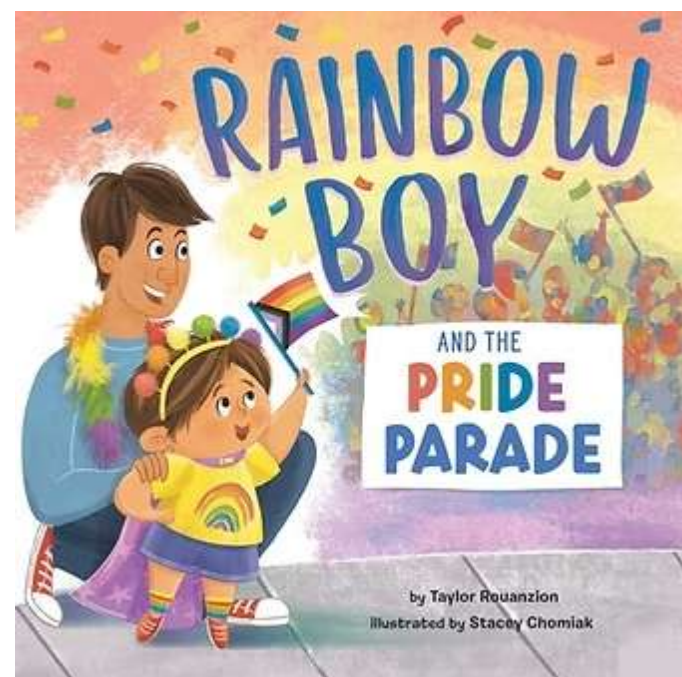
Rainbow Boy and the Pride Parade

2026 Rainbow Book List from ALA Rainbow Round Table

"I am proud to be a Rainbow Boy!"

When a little boy says he doesn't like rainbows anymore because they make him "different," his parents take him to a place where everyone is a rainbow—a Pride parade! Everywhere he looks, he sees people proudly celebrating their unique identities and styles in a rainbow of color and joy.

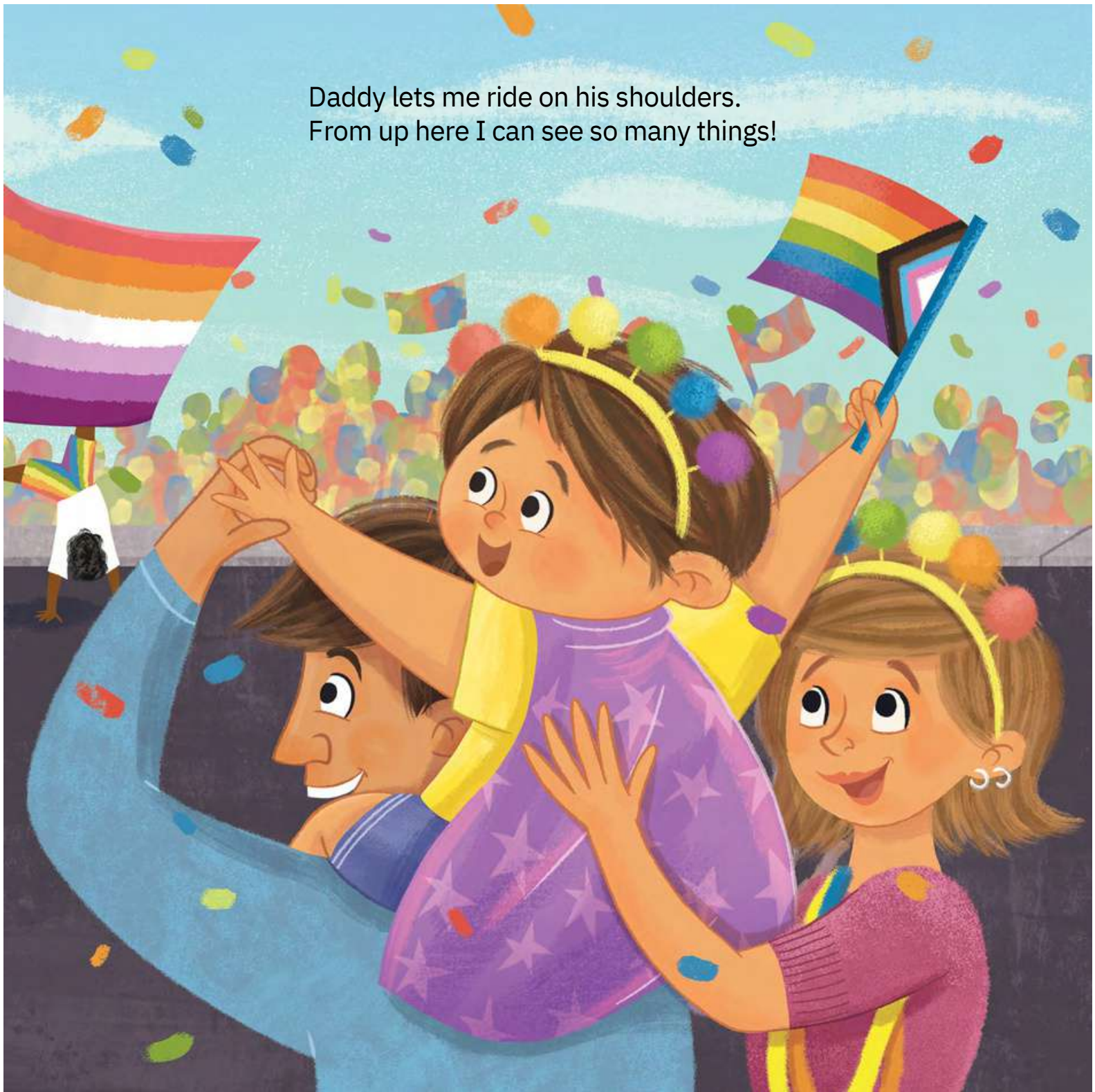
As he counts the various parade marchers as they go by, he regains confidence in his own rainbow identity. All around he sees pride in every color, shape, and kind--more than he could ever possibly count.



Mommy and Daddy take me to a parade to celebrate people just like me! Everywhere I look there is a rainbow of colors, all of my favorites in one place.



Daddy lets me ride on his shoulders.
From up here I can see so many things!



Agent Claire Draper

Category Picture Book

Publication date May 7, 2024

Page count 32

Materials Finished Books

Film Available

RIGHTS SOLD

World, English: Philomel Books,
PRH

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Who You Will Be

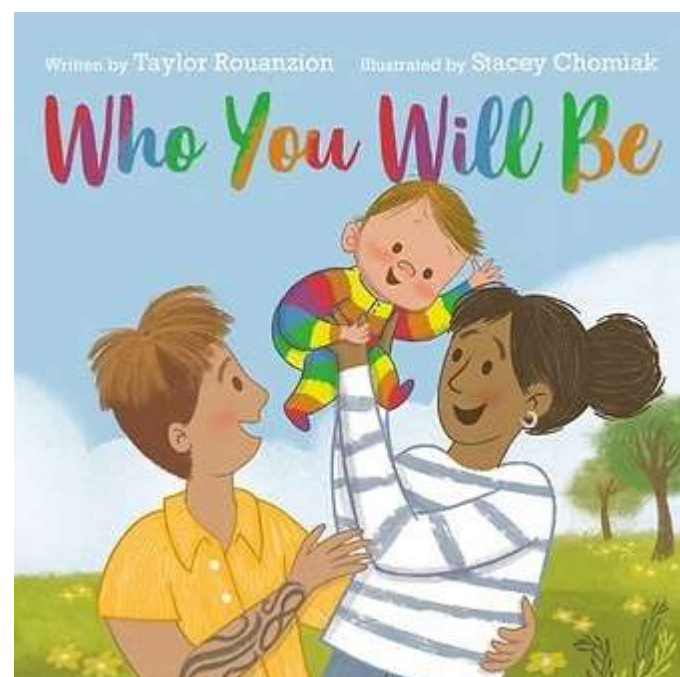
A rhyming picture book about gender expression featuring parents as they dream about who their child will be.

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

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

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

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



A rainbow of choices, colorful and bright.



What feels best to you?
Which colors are right?



Agent Claire Draper

Category Picture Book

Page count 18

Materials Finished Art

Film Available

On Submission

Garima Singh & Aishwarya Tandon

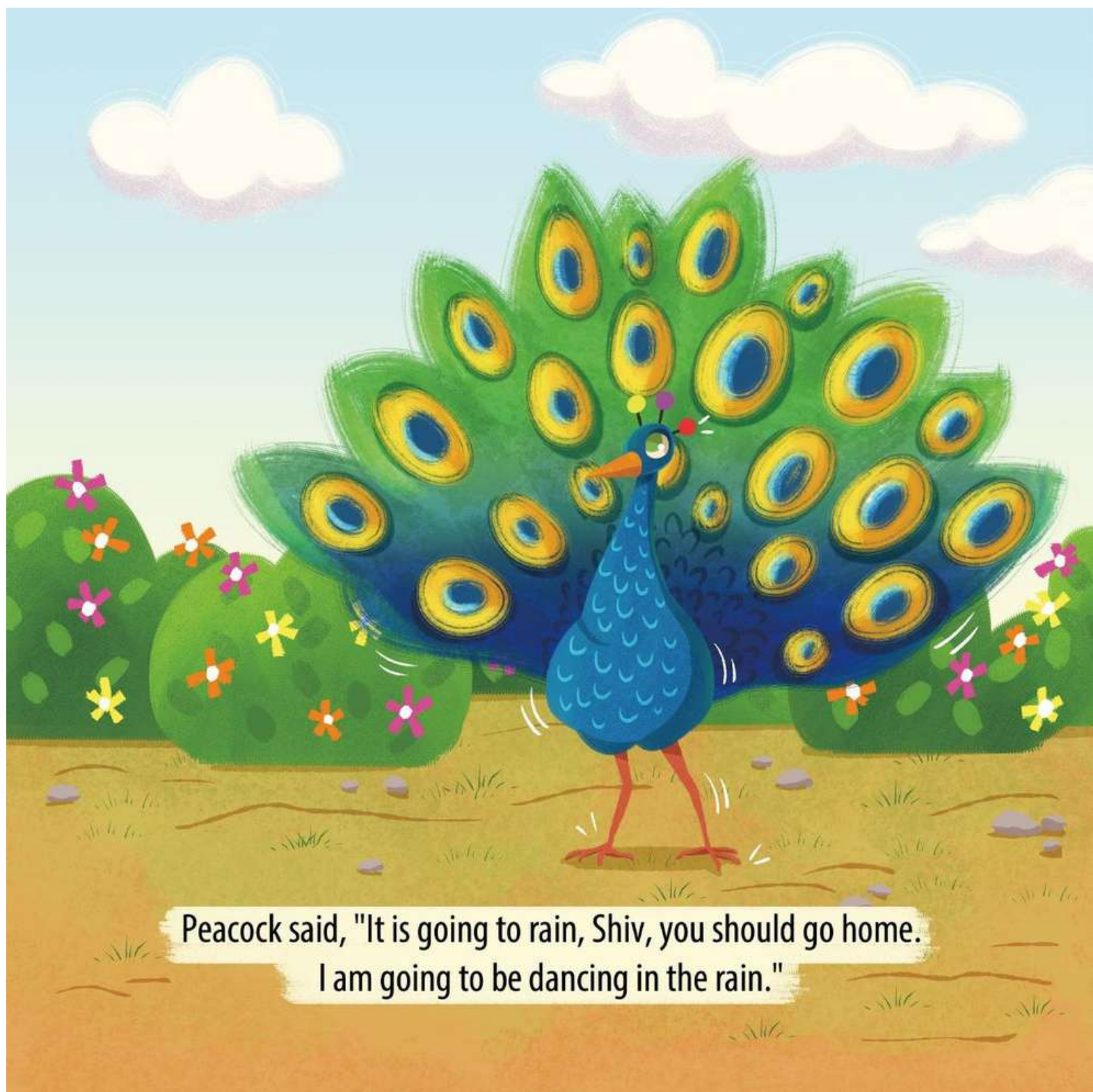
Hello Rain

As Shiv enjoys a day during monsoon season with his favorite animals out in the mango orchard, he must get home before the rain begins to fall.

A story that brings to life quintessential elements of Indian culture, *Hello Rain* is perfect for readers of *Binny's Diwali* by Thrity Imrigar and Nidhi Chanani, *The Light Within You* by Namita Moolani Mehra and Kamala Nair, *The Color Collector* by Nicholas Solid and Renia Metallinou, and *Bilal Cooks Daal* by Aisha Saeed and Anoosha Syed.

Garima Singh is a children's book author and working mom based in the San Francisco Bay Area. This is her first book and when she is not writing, she is a mom of two toddlers working in the tech industry. Raising kids with Indian roots in America, she is keen to expose them to all elements of the diverse California culture as well as retain the essence of their roots. Her books are an attempt to capture that.

Aishwarya Tandon is an illustrator and cartoonist living in India. She is a digital artist who loves to draw colorful, endearing illustrations and comics with joyous, lighthearted themes. She has her work published in multiple books ranging from picture books, chapter books, book covers and graphic novels; with publishers in India and abroad.

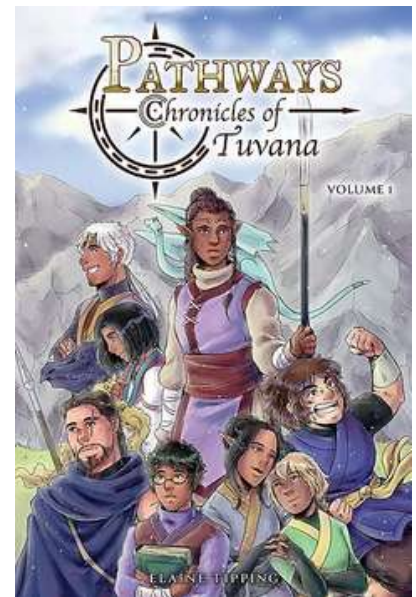
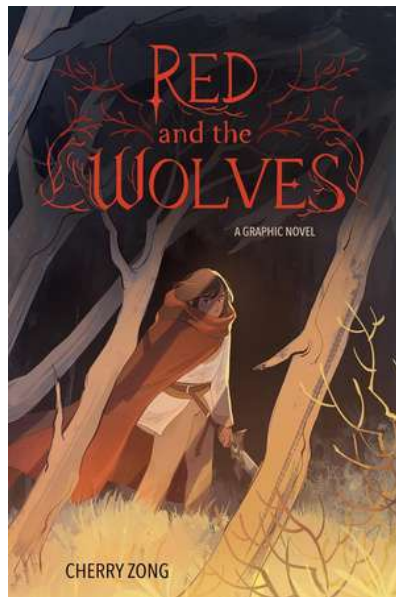




Shiv started to walk home
with the mangoes. On his way,
he met a Koel.

Nightingale sang,
"Go home Shiv, it is going to rain.
Come back to play another day."

Graphic Novels



Agent Claire Draper

Category Graphic Novel, Young Adult, Sci-Fi, Dystopian, Romance

Publication date 2027

Page count 300

Materials Inked Art

Film Available

RIGHTS SOLD

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

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

Samantha Benc

Last Ship to Mars

An aspiring scientist develops a relationship with a humanoid android, complicating her choice between abandoning Earth for a better life on Mars, or working to rescue the only home she's ever known.

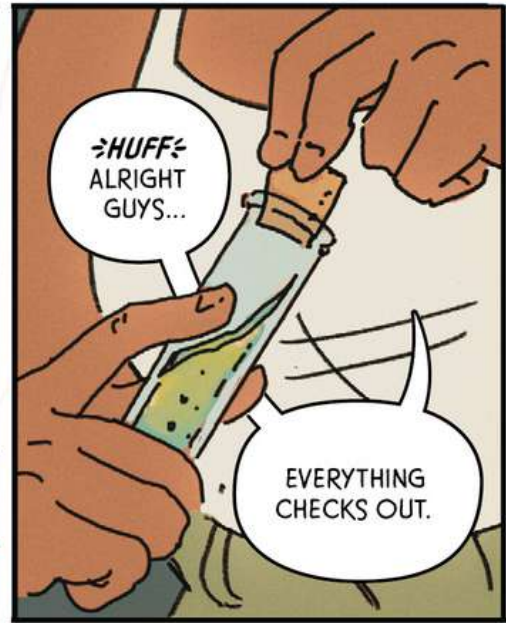
Mara is a young biology student taking a hiatus from coursework to care for her grandmother, make sense of her future, and study a small pond of extremely rare fish near her home. Zal is an 79-year old android, left to rot by that very same pond for the last 40 years.

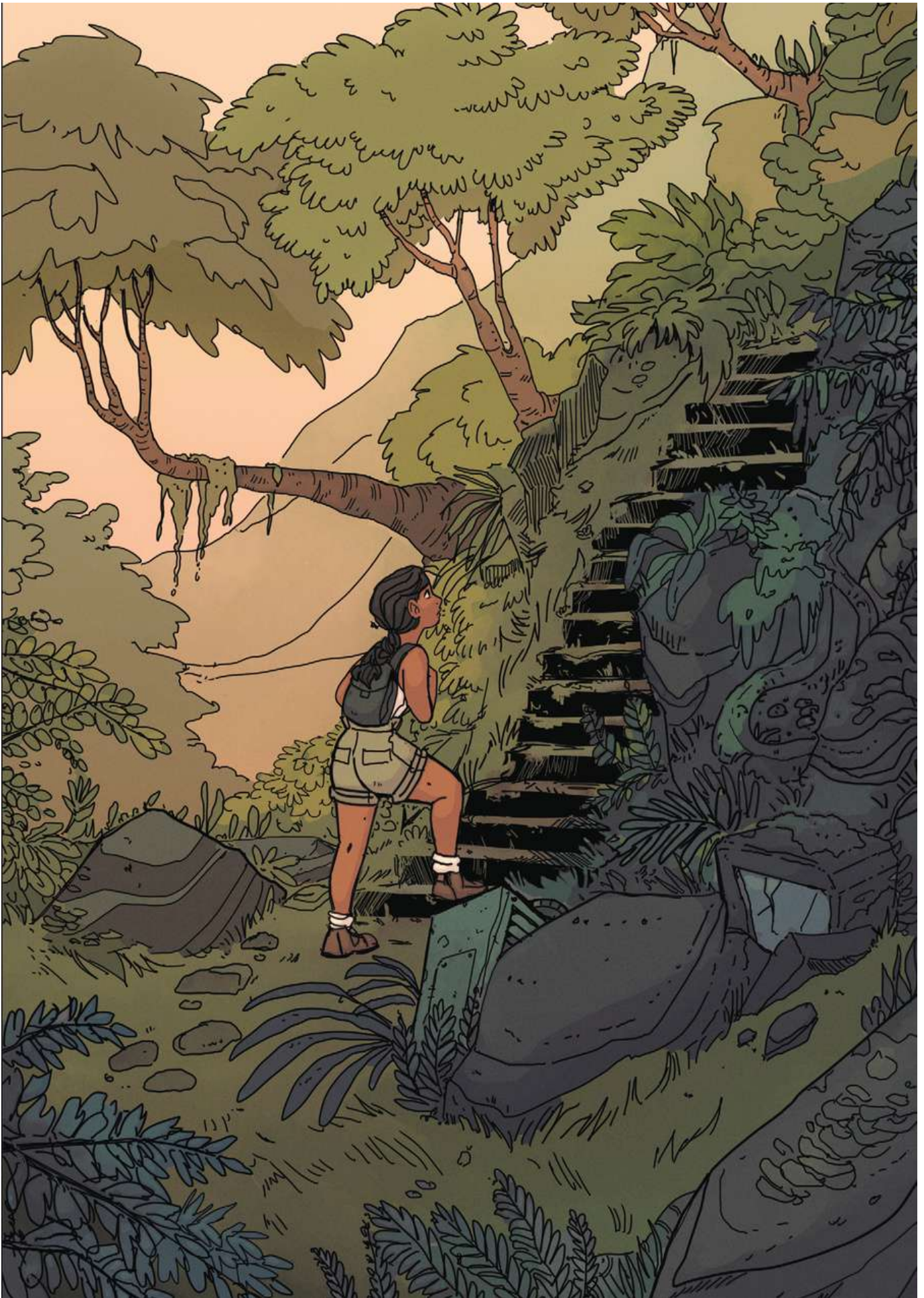
After Mara discovers, rescues, and reactivates her, Zal is faced with a world she no longer recognizes that presents challenges she never had to contemplate. Together, they must both find their places on Earth or leave everything behind for the promise of off-world prosperity.

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

This deeply human story is a love letter to caring about the earth, doing the work, and being passionate in the face of indifference, perfect for fans of Becky Chambers' *Monk & Robot* duology, and *Project Hail Mary*.







Agent Claire Draper

Category Graphic Novel, Adult, Fantasy

Page count 280

Materials Proposal

Film Available

On Submission

Shan Bennion

Villain for Hire

Bennion's debut graphic novel series combines *The Adventure Zone's* cheeky sincerity with *Nimona's* moral quandaries of heroism. Perfect for fans of fantasy, rebellion, friends to enemies (and enemies to lovers), and those who want to see the bard do a little bit of fighting for once!

The kingdom is inundated with villains: ghostly thieves, undead necromancers, and vicious barbarians. Luckily, these scoundrels are easily thwarted by the local Heroes Guilds.

But the guilds share a dirty secret: the villains are just paid actors, an easy alternative to the heroes doing actual good. What the guilds don't know is that the villains they hire are all one person, an engineer and actor named Fib. Juggling several alter-egos, Fib is facing creative burnout and the threat of discovery.

When their best friend and costumer Tally frames Fib for the murder of a hero, Fib is left on the brink of an execution that is not at all staged. Tally then invents her own villain persona to incite a rebellion, to end the king and his tyranny.

Recruited by a true hero and with no more costumes to lean on, Fib must take real action before the kingdom or Tally change for the worse, permanently.

Shan Bennion (they/them) is a freelance illustrator and visual designer. Primarily working in fantasy, they love building the strange and sometimes horrific into their narratives. They are the art lead for an upcoming TTRPG (Confluence), the colourist and line artist for several independent comics (Pyre: Burial at Sea, Cuddles, Demon City), and they have several comics featured in Brink's F(r)iction anthologies.



Agent Claire Draper & Lucienne Diver at the Knight Agency

Category Graphic Novel, Young Adult, Fantasy

Publication date 2028

Page count 280

Materials Proposal

Film Available
The Knight Agency

RIGHTS SOLD

World, English: Harper Alley, HarperCollins

Alyssa Cole & O'NeillJones

Reject Squad Books 1 & 2

***Reject Squad* is a fantasy military school graphic novel series loosely based on *Sleeping Beauty*, that will be perfect for readers of *Paper Girls* and *The Prince and the Dressmaker*.**

Heir to the throne of the Signis Kingdom and valedictorian at the elite magical high school Durfort Military Academy, Aurora has known only the best as she is the best. Aurora's magic is powered by anger, but after being hexed by the Evil Queen, anytime she loses her temper, she falls fast asleep, effectively rendering her powerless. Once the school's best student soldier, she's now forced into the lowly Remedial Magic class, better known as the Reject Squad.

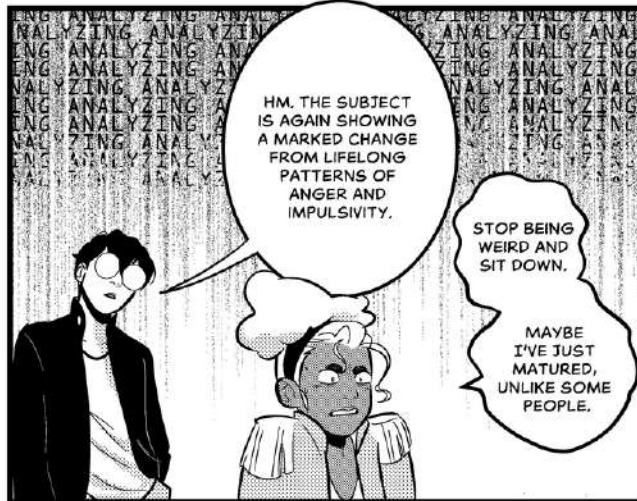
This band of magical underdogs are beyond thrown off by the sudden appearance of the school's #1, except for knowledge mage Philip, Aurora's betrothed, with whom she has a love-hate relationship. When the Evil Queen steps up her attacks on the kingdom and the school with the assistance of a silent but deadly magical minion, Briar Rose, it's up to Aurora and the Reject Squad to save Signis from its dark past—and up to Phil to save Aurora from the Queen's hex before it sends her to a final sleep.

Introduced in the popular novella *Can't Escape Love* (Avon, 2019), where the book's hero and heroine fall in love while bonding over its fictional anime adaptation, *Reject Squad Ultra!!!*, this original graphic novel series is aimed at manga/anime fans eager to see themselves represented in the medium.

Alyssa Cole is an award-winning, *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of thrillers and romance (historical, contemporary, and sci-fi). Her books have received critical acclaim from *Library Journal*, *BuzzFeed*, *Kirkus*, *Booklist*, *Jezebel*, *Vulture*, *Book Riot*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and various other outlets. When she's not working, she can usually be found watching anime or wrangling her many pets.

O'NeillJones is a comic book artist and illustrator based in Texas. She has drawn for publishers and brands such as DC, HarperCollins, IDW, Jordan Brand, Marvel, and Simon & Schuster. When she's not busy living out her wildest childhood dreams, she's probably wrangling kids or playing video games with the love of her life.







THE ONLY
THING THAT
CAN STOP
AURORA'S
CONFLAGRIS
IS A HEX.

THE HEX.



AND
IF I DON'T
FIGURE OUT
HOW TO
BREAK IT...

AURORA
WILL DIE.

Agent Claire Draper

Category Graphic Novel, Upper Middle Grade, Fantasy

Page count 250

Materials Proposal

Film Available

On Submission

Dominique Davis

Mystic Monarchs

After their mother leaves for a secret mission, two sisters must put aside their differences to work together and keep the town safe from magical bugs constantly terrorizing the citizens.

With older sister Erika coming of age to take over as Butterfly Guardian after their mother, younger sister Keisha tries just as hard to prove her guardian abilities despite her age, only for a new threat to appear that forces them to work together to stop duking it out, as only siblings can do. Will they be able to stop fighting long enough to save the town, or will their emotions get in the way of them teaming up and flying to the rescue?

Mystic Monarchs is an action-packed fantasy adventure graphic novel for tweens and teens who love anime and manga. Inspired by *Sailor Moon* and *Miraculous Ladybug*, it's perfect for fans of *Hooky*, *The Witch Boy*, *Wingbearer*, *Aster and the Mixed-Up Magic*, and *Witches of Brooklyn*.

Dominique Davis is a recent SCAD Atlanta graduate who has been immersed in years of cartoons, anime and video games with a special spot in her heart for girls who fight evil by moonlight and win love by daylight. With a love for everything fantasy and magical, she tries her best to share a bit of her vivid vision in every illustration.





Agent Claire Draper

Category Graphic Novel, Young Adult, Fantasy

Page count 280

Materials Proposal

Film Available

On Submission

Cel Fitzgerald

Meditation

Trapped in the world of Eorna, *Meditation* follows Raj and Elanor's journey into adulthood in a slowly decaying world, as the two discover the secret to the mysterious powers they now wield and learn to survive when forced to the end of their ropes.

Raj wakes up in a mysterious world, looking for her best friend Elanor. There she meets the demonic Zhen, a princess incarcerated since the day of her coronation, and the overeager knight-to-be Fernanda, a wandering warrior looking for her sister.

The three journey through the harsh world of Eorna as they try to right their personal wrongs and get home. But a fated reunion with Elanor leads to a horrific clash at the capital city, and the best friends and their new traveling companions find themselves at the catalyst of a near world-ending event.

Meditation is perfect for fans of *Amulet*, *Estranged*, *Wynd*, and *Dungeon Crawler Carl*.

Cel Fitzgerald is a Black artist born and raised in the San Fernando Valley. She self-published a fantasy western comic called *Spellslinger*, and she works as a freelance illustrator and storyboard artist.





Agent Claire Draper

Category Graphic Novel, New Adult, Fantasy, Contemporary

Page count 280

Materials Proposal

Film Available

On Submission

Cel Fitzgerald

Stargazer Celia

Celia is transformed from burnt out cubicle jockey to Magical Girl when she meets former Magical Girl Splendid Dream. But now Celia has to deal with rival Magical Girl groups, extreme sports, a monstrous villain, the celebrity lifestyle, and, of course, her evil ex, Saph.

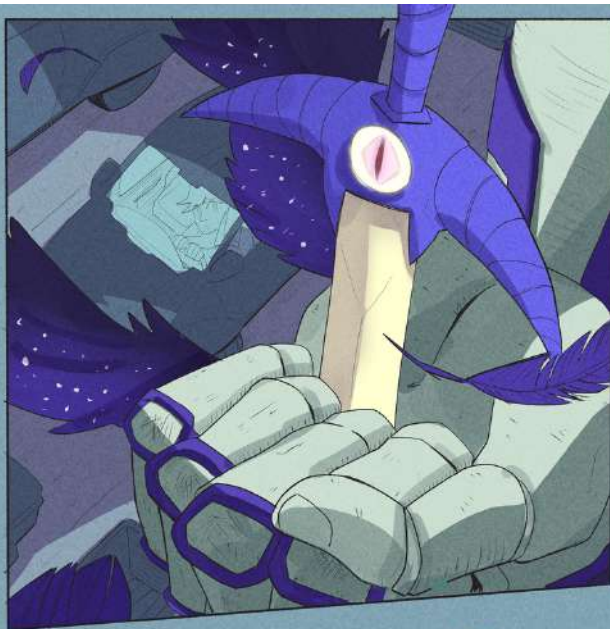
Celia Hawthorne, a 30-something office worker who's been running on fumes for the last 10 years, is struggling to find direction post-breakup with her celebrity girlfriend, Saph. Saph leads the Lunar Rangers, one of the highest grossing Magical Teams in Neotropolis, and her fame has made it hard for Celia to feel like she can truly leave her in the past. Her days feel muddled together as she works for her obscure marketing team, drowning within the corporate labyrinth of the SuFlex conglomerate—until the day she meets Dre.

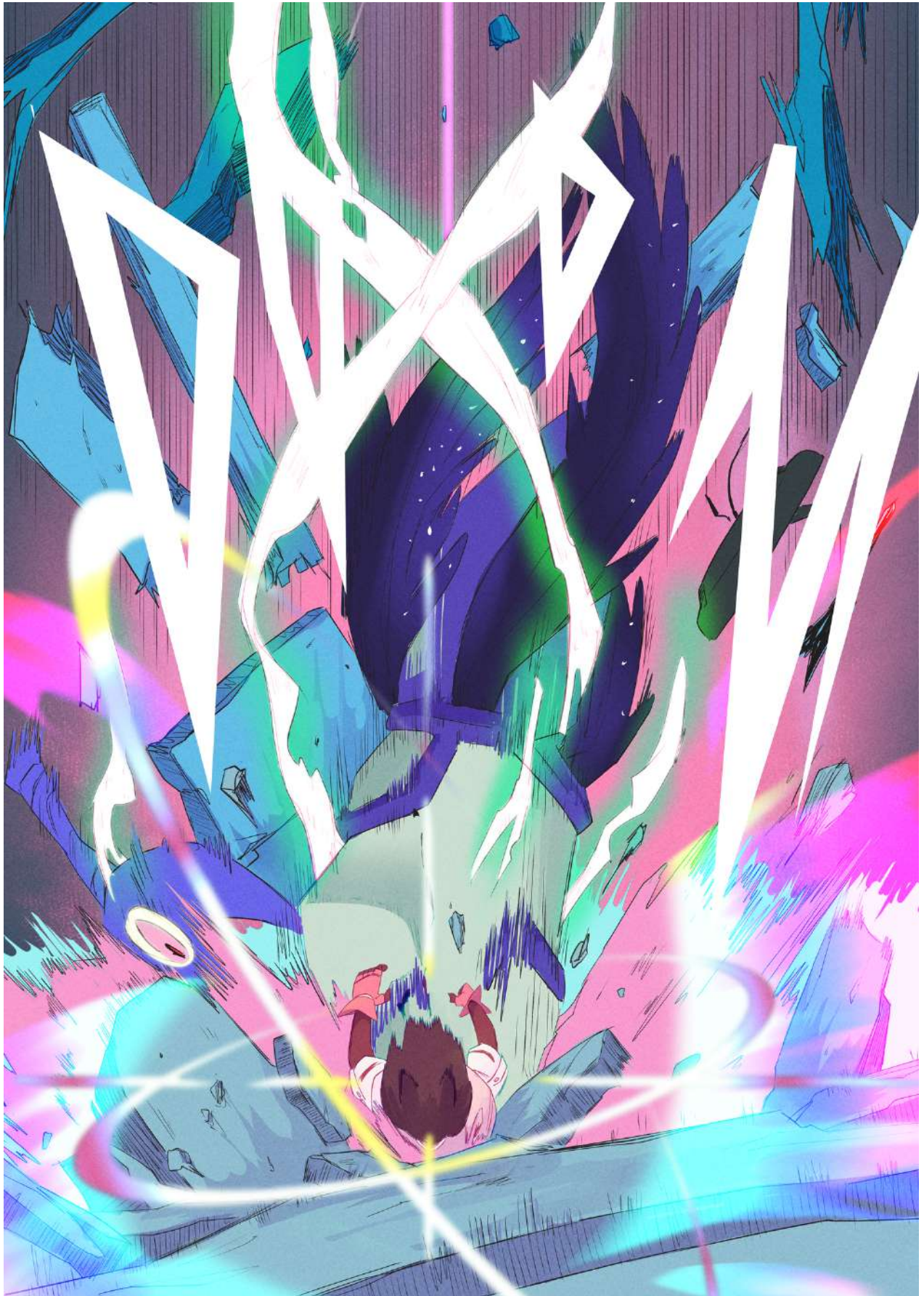
Dre, f/k/a Splendid Dream, was the face of Golden Age Magical Girls. She disappeared 50 years ago, and has since been irreversibly transformed into a cat. Something about Celia makes her the perfect new vessel for Dre's power, and during a surprise encounter at work, the two fuse together, transforming Celia from cubicle jockey to Magical Girl! Celia then joins the up-and-coming independent Magical Girl group the Stargazers.

Will Celia be able to succeed as a Magical Girl with her hovering ex around? Will Splendid Dream and Celia's relationship stand strong, or will Splendid Dream be tempted to master full control of Celia's body? Will Celia become one of the monsters she's paid to hunt? And what's the real price of her newfound powers?

Set in a futuristic world with stark dystopian parallels to our own, *Stargazer Celia* features the saturated colors of magical girl anime, run through the harsh realities of the capitalist machine. *Stargazer Celia* is *Grand Slam Romance* meets *Sailor Moon* in a corporate setting, perfect for fans of *Ghost Roast* and the anime series *To Be Hero X*.

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Agent Claire Draper

Category Graphic Novel, Young Adult, Paranormal, Romance

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Page count 272

Materials Finished Books

Film Available

RIGHTS SOLD

World, English: Dark Horse Comics

Erin Ellie Franey

Monster Crush

A whirlwind adventure exploring love, gender, and big emotions, for anyone who's ever felt like a monster.

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

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

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

"The characters are adorable, and treated with love and care. This graphic novel not only explores a lesbian love story, but also discusses questions of self-identity, being chased from your home, and the importance of family." — **FangirlNation**

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







"THAT..."



"...WAS SO..."



"...AWESOME!!"



Agent Claire Draper

Category Adult, Romance, Sci-Fi, Dystopian, Thriller

Publication date Ongoing

Chapter Count 157+

Materials Proposal, Colored Art

Film Available

On Submission

Chris Geroux is a comic creator, designer, and illustrator based in Long Beach, California. She enjoys drawing, making music, and taking long walks with her cats. Her favorite genre is horror romance (bonus points if it's a musical).

Chris Geroux

The Prince of Southland

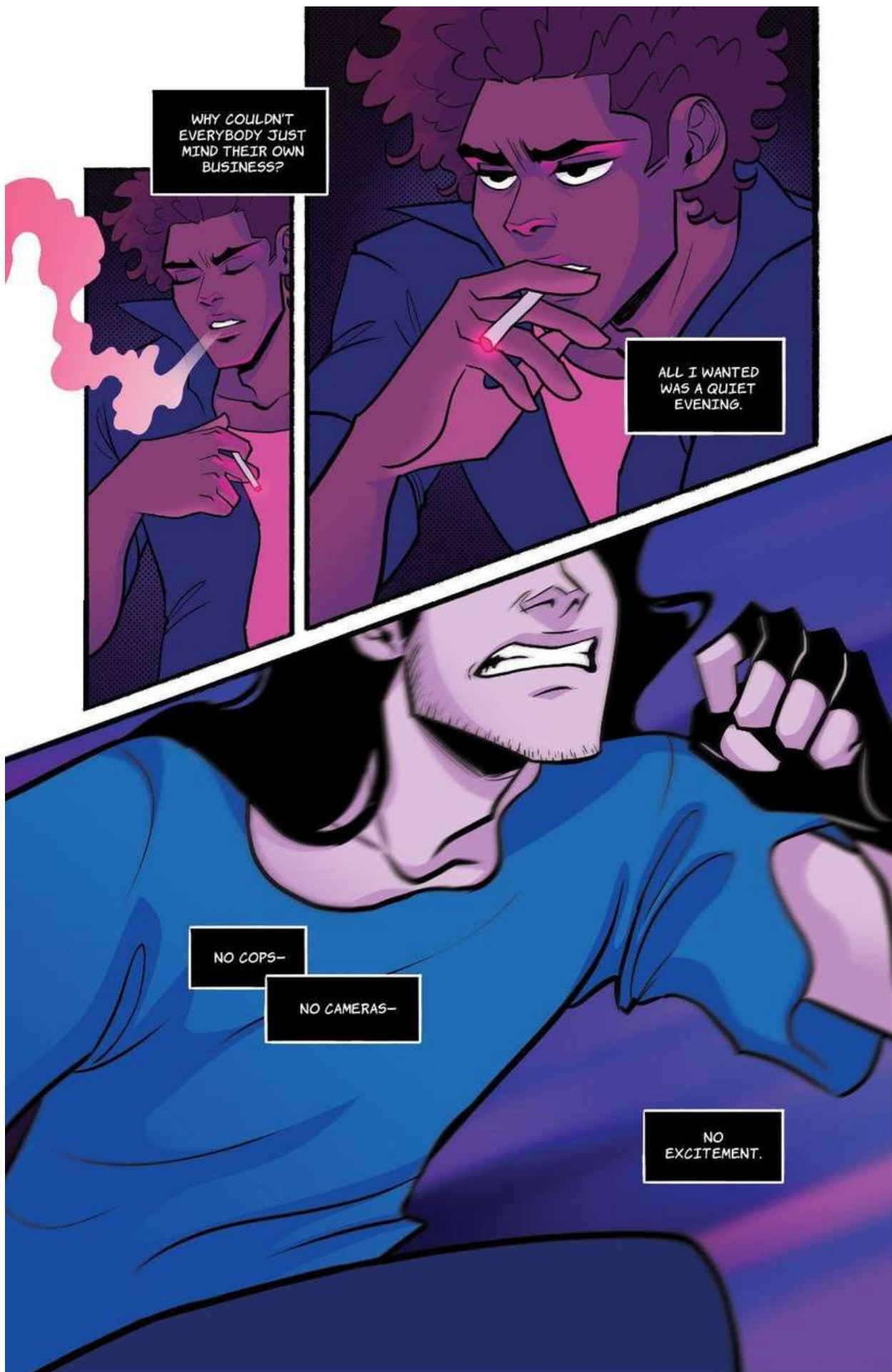
Currently publishing as a WEBTOON Original

With life or death stakes, forbidden romance, swoon-worthy art, and a near-future cyberpunk landscape, it's no wonder *The Prince of Southland* has reached over 44 million subscribers.

After narrowly avoiding a lengthy prison sentence for falling in love with an android, all local celebrity Donnie Ali wants to do is to lie low. But when a handsome fugitive named Jensen Endo literally falls into his lap, Donnie rashly decides to help him hide from the cops. Now living under the same roof, and with paparazzi on every corner, can Donnie avoid arrest while also pursuing this new romance?

Inspired by *Blade Runner*, *Ex Machina*, and *Arcane*, *The Prince of Southland* is perfect for fans of *Lore Olympus*, *Saga*, and *King's Maker*.





WHY COULDN'T
EVERYBODY JUST
MIND THEIR OWN
BUSINESS?

ALL I WANTED
WAS A QUIET
EVENING.

NO COPS-

NO CAMERAS-

NO
EXCITEMENT.



Agent Claire Draper

Category Graphic Novel, Young Adult, Fantasy

Publication date 2027

Page count 260

Materials Proposal

Film Available

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World, English: Viking Children's, PRH

Jemely & Jeremy Jayme

Medusa

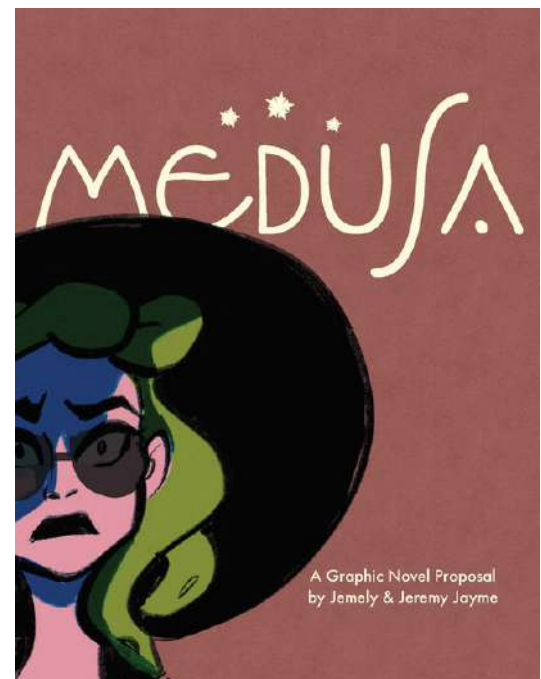
When the hero who slayed her, Perseus, invites her to help him solve a past mystery, something deep inside her cannot refuse the call to partake in an adventure. But what will they discover along the way?

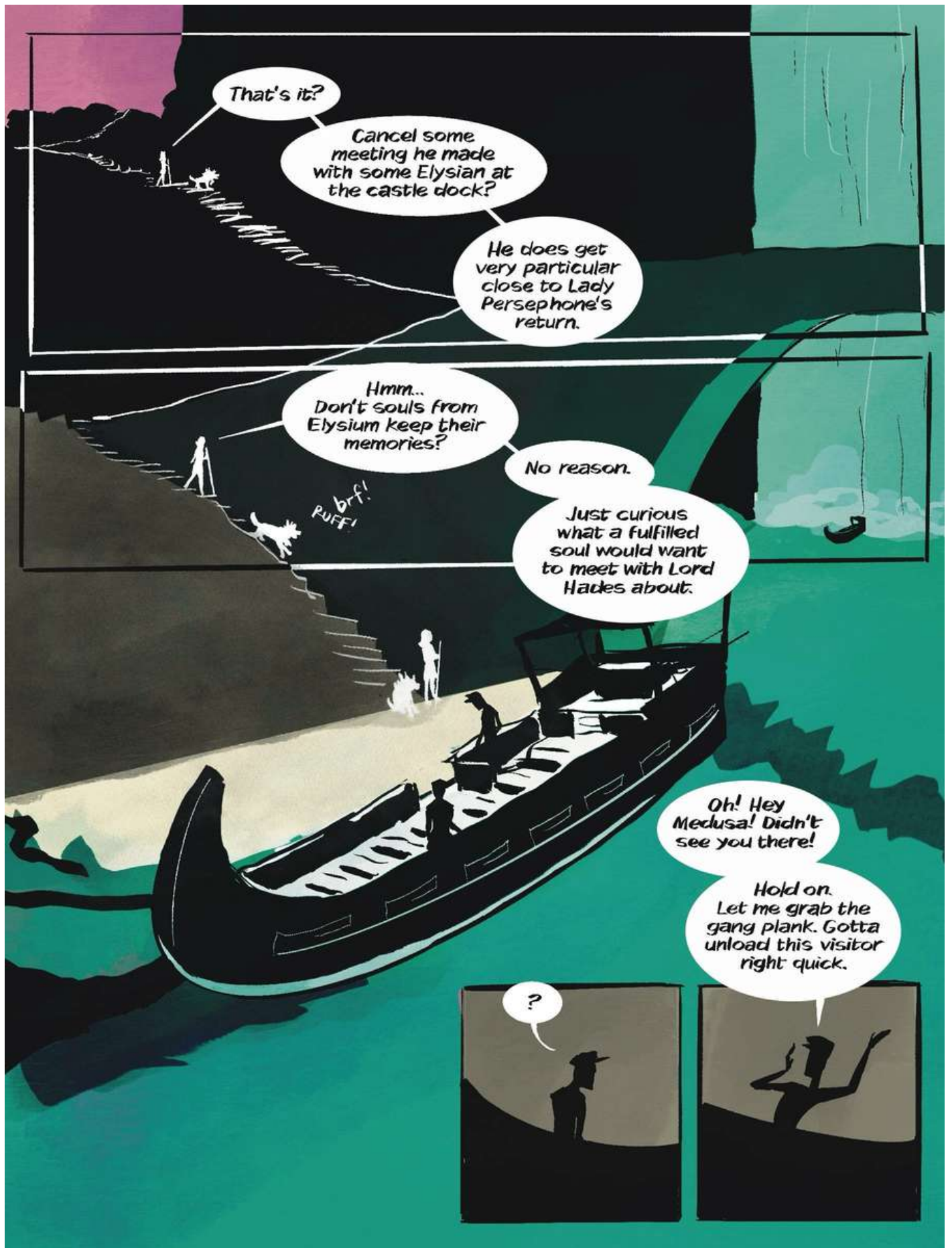
Like all souls entering the Underworld, Medusa's memories were washed away in the Falls of Forgetfulness. As a consequence of being a monster, her sight was taken away as well. In her thousands of years in service to the Underworld, she's developed a passion for hearing the stories of the souls that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

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

For fans of Keezy Young's *Taproot*, Madeline Miller's *Circe*, and Natalie Haynes' *Stone Blind*, *Medusa* is a four-color graphic novel that will be loved by anyone who crave tales of everlasting love, and old stories told anew.

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







Agent Claire Draper

Category Graphic Novel, New Adult, Dark Fantasy, Contemporary

Page count 280

Materials Proposal

Film Available

On Submission

Anna Kopp & Fern Roberts

Soul Song

A rock band on the verge of greatness, a fickle god in need of a sacrifice, and two young women with feelings they're not sure what to do with as the world crumbles around them.

Rena has the voice of the century, and her ragtag band has been chosen by their god Jivali to headline the annual festival where the citizens of Hellstone offer a sliver of their blood and soul through song, all to sustain the magic dome that keeps the city safe.

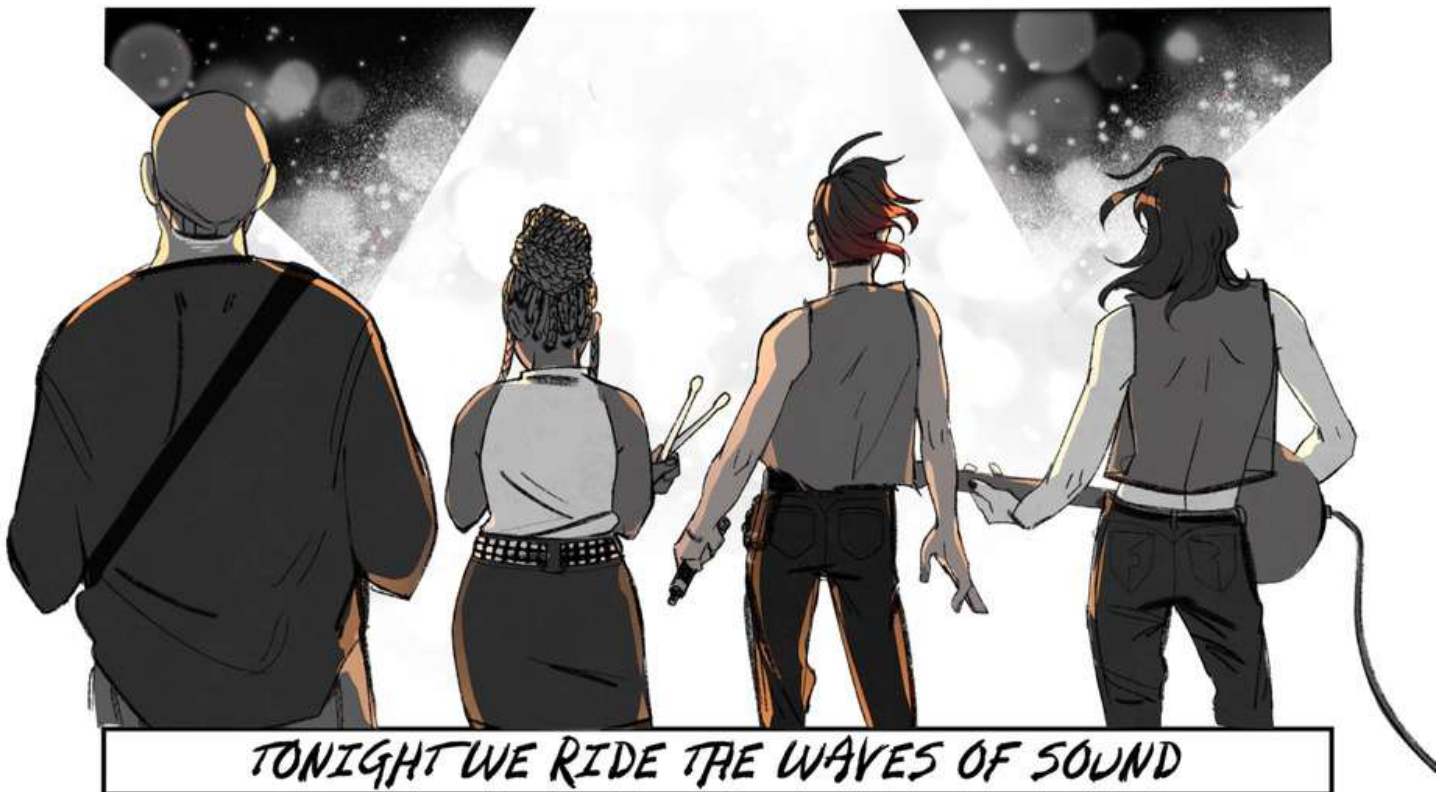
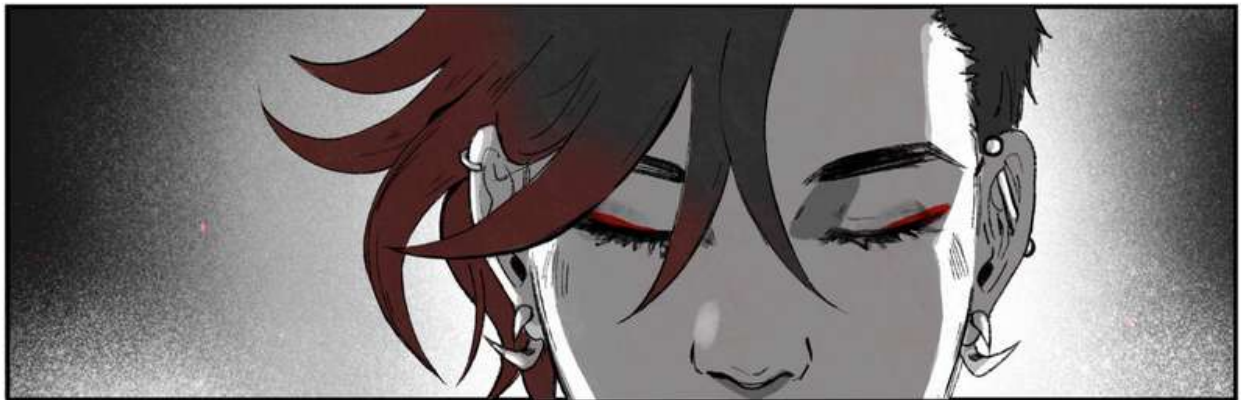
But the band's newfound fame is threatened when Rena is poisoned, ruining her vocal chords. If the band can't perform, all of them will die to feed Jivali's power. Their only chance at survival lies with the prisoner Karra, who got caught crossing the Hellstone barrier. Karra's pure voice may just be enough to appease Jivali's whims, and so she trades her guaranteed prisoner's death at that chance for her eventual freedom.

As rehearsals begin, Rena finds herself pulled to this girl with an enchanting voice and mysterious past. While Karra sees the dome of Hellstone as a barbaric place, Rena tries to show her the beauty hiding within the chaos. The closer they get, the less Rena wants to risk Karra's life at the festival, unaware that Karra's own secrets could be Hellstone's undoing.

Anna Kopp is a children's author who lives in Ohio with her husband, two boys, and two cats. Anna loves creating fantastical stories for children of all ages, from picture books to young adult novels. When she's not writing, she's playing video games or reading the latest books about lost princesses.

Fern Roberts (she/they) is an illustrator from Toronto, Canada with over 100k followers across platforms. Their work has been published in three crowdfunded anthologies. They can be found on Twitter and Bluesky as @firnella, and on Instagram as @firnelle.

IN LIFE COMES A MOMENT, WHEN THERE'S NO TURNING BACK





Agent Claire Draper

Category Graphic Novel, Adult, Fantasy

Publication date 2028

Page count 175

Materials Proposal

Film Available

RIGHTS SOLD

World, English: Abrams

Marlowe Lune

Anise & the Devil

A twisted fairytale retelling of “Vasilissa the Fair” for both young adult and adult graphic novel readers who love something a little unsettling, but ultimately enchanting, like *Monstress*, *Suitor Armor*, or *Through the Woods*.

When Anise’s innocent mother is executed for supposed witchcraft, Anise is awoken to the harsh realities of a folk heroine’s story. It seems to her that all good maidens become beautiful dead mothers, and the only women wielding power in a puritanical world are the ones who have truly made deals with the Devil.

With the tutelage of a monstrous but powerful witch and a pact with the Devil himself, Anise rejects the world that threatens her and embraces her role as a vicious young witch of the woods...but it comes with a price that was never a part of the bargain.

In the dark of the woods, Anise will lose her humanity entirely, or return to a society that loathes her, where she must assimilate or risk a fiery pyre. But is there another path to walk?

Anise & the Devil is the story about the cycles we are born into, the razor-thin line between self-protection and self-destruction, and how a girl becomes a hag.

Marlowe Lune is a New England-based illustrator and a lover of fairy tales and folk stories. They make historical fantasy work which centers queer and trans perspectives and desires. They’ve created book covers for clients including HarperCollins and Macmillan. When they aren’t illustrating, they’re sewing the historically inspired fantasy wardrobe of their dreams, antiquing for fancy knickknacks, reading queer historical fiction, or perhaps just binge watching *Black Sails* again.





BUY THE
THREADS THAT BOUND
THE 'WITCH, OR THE
MATCH THAT LIT
THE PYRE!

GODLY PROTECTION HERE!

PROTECTION AGAINST EVIL!

WARD OFF
THE DEVIL,
MISS?

NO.
THANK YOU.

Whether the obscene trinkets harvested from the executed dead had any such power, I didn't know, and I didn't wish to. They could not have protected me from the evil that my father would soon invite into our home — the devil he would lay into my mother's still-warm bed.



For in the wake of death, vultures descend to feast.
But grief eats all, and leaves nothing in the larder.



Agent Claire Draper & Penny Moore at Aevitas Creative

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Film Available

On Submission

Maya Prasad is a South Asian American author, a Caltech graduate, and a former software engineer. She currently resides in the Pacific Northwest, where she enjoys hiking, kayaking, and raising her budding bookworm kiddo. Her YA novels include *Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things*, a Children's Book Council Young Adult and Librarian Favorite, and *Wild Wishes and Windswept Kisses*. She's also the author of the Sejal Sinha chapter book series, which have been selected for honors such as the OWL Awards shortlist, the Bank Street Best Books of the Year, and the NECBA Windows & Mirrors list. She's passionate about creating brown kid leads in books across genres.

Aishwarya Tandon is an illustrator and cartoonist living in India. She is a digital artist who loves to draw colorful, endearing illustrations and comics with joyous, lighthearted themes. She has her work published in multiple books ranging from picture books, chapter books, book covers and graphic novels; with publishers in India and abroad.

Maya Prasad & Aishwarya Tandon

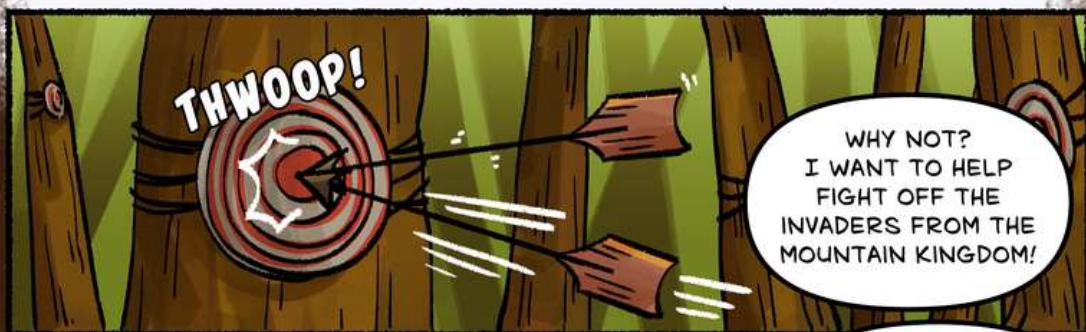
The Story Snatchers

Can Jaya and Hanu find the mage that cast the story-swallowing spell, and reclaim the power of stories?

Jaya and Hanu both wish they could be as heroic and important as their elder siblings, who are headed to war. Jaya spends her time practicing with her bow and arrow the way her brother taught her. Meanwhile, Hanu wonders what counts as heroic as she works at the lassi stand that helps so many in her village stay in good health. Recalling a storybook that once inspired her, Hanu heads to the library. But just as she's reaching for the book, a yaksha grabs it and scurries away.

Yakshas are legendary nature spirits that are supposed to protect the forest, but this one seems quite mischievous. Hanu chases after it through a window—and out into the dark forest where she's not allowed to go. Jaya notices the commotion and follows after them. They wind up in a strange restaurant where yakshas devour books for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The yakshas hungrily demand stories from the humans. But the more Hanu tells them, the less she remembers about herself. Jaya soon realizes that once the yakshas swallow your words like soup, the stories fade from the memories of anyone who once knew them.

The hungry yakshas tell the girls a tale of their own: a young mage created the spell that changed the forest into a sad place where stories are swallowed and lost forever. Jaya vows to restore Hanu's memories by reversing the spell. They tread a long-forgotten path to the mage's palace, where a sleeping boy and dusty spell books hold dark secrets.





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Katie Schenkel is a comic writer best known for the critically acclaimed graphic novel series *The Cardboard Kingdom*. Her other books include *The Wolf in Unicorn's Clothing*, *Basketball Camp Champ*, *My Slime is Alive!*, and *Alice, Secret Agent of Wonderland*. She also writes for video games as a narrative game designer. Midwest to her core, Katie lives in Chicago with her partner Madison and their three pawed rescue dog named Moira.

Kasia Babis is a Polish illustrator, comic artist and activist. She uses her art to comment on current social or political issues and other everyday events. She is the author of picture books for children, and a concept artist in the video game industry.

Katie Schenkel & Kasia Babis

The Catterfly Hero Books 1 & 2

In a kingdom where winged cats are mighty steeds, teen Kittypat wants nothing more than to join her brother as a Royal Catterfly Rider.

When her brother is kidnapped by an evil sorceress and the Princess refuses to send help, Kittypat knows she's the only one who can go out and rescue her brother—she just doesn't expect the silliest kittenfly in the Royal Stable joining her quest.

With the perfect mix of humor and heart, *The Catterfly Hero* series will be loved by fans of *Nimona*, *Space Boy*, and *Snapdragon*.

Kittypat - As clever and skilled as she is riding catterflies, Kittypat is singularly focused to a fault. Her stubbornness gets her in trouble, and doesn't really see things through other peoples' points of view. Like all kids growing up in Chatonland, Kittypat believes she lives in the greatest kingdom in the world, and everyone else is either jealous or their enemy. Despite all that, Kittypat has a good heart.

Nox - One of the youngest catterflies in the royal stables, Nox is very goofy and flies more like a bumblebee than a noble winged steed. Easily distracted, he is Kittypat's absolute last choice for pairing in the big catterfly test. Despite his doofiness, Nox is sweet and lovable, winning over many strangers quickly as he travels with Kittypat on the search for her brother.

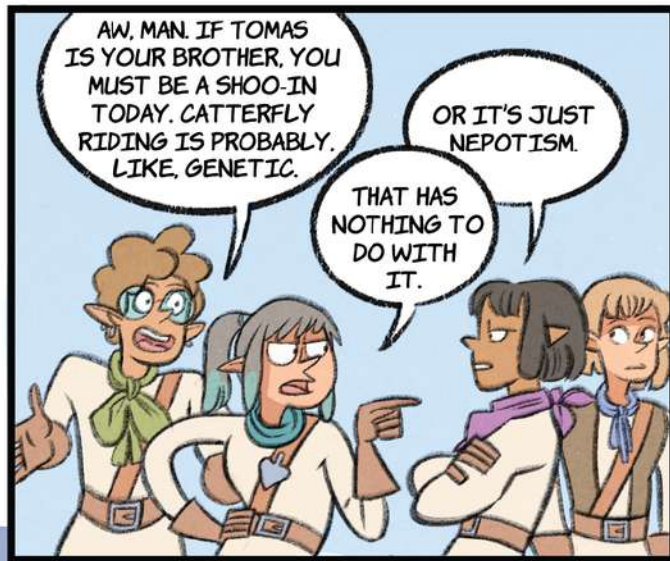
Tomas - Known throughout the kingdom as The Catterfly Hero, Kittypat's big brother Tomas is one of the elite Royal Catterfly Riders, and considered a total heartthrob. A classic himbo, Tomas is earnest to a fault, and lived most of his life naive to his kingdom's flaws. When an accident leaves him stranded with his enemy, Esha the Evil Sorceress, Tomas learns that the government of Chatonland is corrupt and broken. He also quickly falls for the clever, elegant Esha, and the two of them plan to be together, just as soon as his friend Poppy (who also happens to be the Princess of Chatonland) can fix the kingdom's underlying problems.







AND THAT'S
HOW MY BROTHER
STOPPED LOTHAR
THE HORRIBLE.



AW, MAN. IF TOMAS
IS YOUR BROTHER, YOU
MUST BE A SHOO-IN
TODAY. CATTERFLY
RIDING IS PROBABLY
LIKE, GENETIC.

OR IT'S JUST
NEPOTISM.

THAT HAS
NOTHING TO
DO WITH
IT.



I'VE COMPLETED
OVER FOUR HUNDRED
IN-SADDLE
HOURS OF FLIGHT
TRAINING.

AND READ THE ENTIRE
HISTORY OF CATTERFLY
RIDERS FRONT
AND BACK.

AND WORKED MY BUTT
OFF SERVING AS THE
KITTENFLY SQUIRE IN
THE ROYAL STABLES.



I'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR
TODAY PRACTICALLY MY
WHOLE LIFE! NOTHING
CAN STOP ME NOW!

AND
ONE MORE
THING ...



THE KING AND QUEEN
HAVE DEVISED A DE
LIGHTFUL TWIST
FOR THIS YEAR'S
TEST.

SAY WHAT,
NOW?



INSTEAD
OF CHOOSING
FROM ONE OF
THESE ADULT

... OUR BOLD
YOUTHS WILL
BE TAKING THE
TEST WITH...

Agent Claire Draper

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Elaine Tipping

Pathways: Chronicles of Tuvana

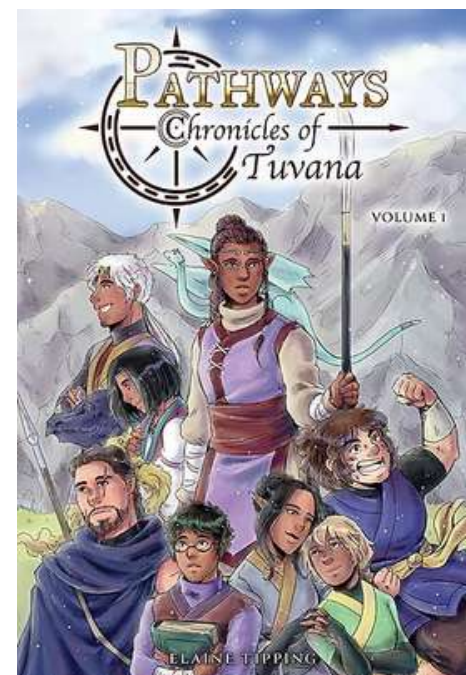
A cast of heroes from all walks of life leads the charge to stop an ancient empire bent on world domination in this completed young adult, manga-inspired webtoon.

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

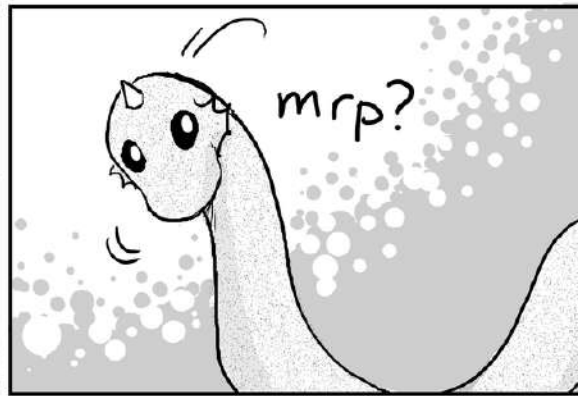
A clever princess, a set of royal twins with two very different personalities, a patient guard looking after an inquisitive scholar, a powerful and mysterious loving couple, and a fun-loving street brawler are all pulled slowly from their very different paths through life as they each stumble across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

Pathways is perfect for fans of *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, *The Adventure Zone*, and *Critical Role*.

Elaine Tipping is a 2026 Kadokawa World Manga Contest and Kodansha Mangaka Discovery Award finalist based in Japan. They enjoy building fantastical worlds, blending genres, creating complex characters, and telling stories they would love to see more of in the world.







Agent Claire Draper

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Ale Vega

Feels Familiar

Over 430k reads and 17k subscribers on WEBTOON Canvas
11k fans on Instagram (and even more on Patreon)

A modern day romantic comedy with a touch of magical realism fans of queer slice of life stories like *Heartstopper* and *Bloom*.

Comic book artist Jamie is burning out. He's landed his dream job, but he's lonely and he works so hard he often forgets to take care of himself. When he discovers a bird-like magical creature no one else can see, he doesn't know what to make of it. But the creature, who he names Pip, leads him to a coffee shop where he meets Jay, a barista with a heart of gold. Jay can not only see Pip, but he has a magical creature of his own, named Cookie, and the two bond instantly over their shared secret.

But Jamie has had many bad experiences dating as a transgender gay man, and is worried about coming out to Jay, so he keeps shying away from Jay's advances. Can Jamie overcome his self-esteem issues and accept Jay's love? Will either of them realize that their familiars, Pip and Cookie, reflect their inner emotions, and that the familiars showed up to help them share those emotions with others?

Feels Familiar centers romance, but it's also a coming-of-age story about being in your 20s, building the life you deserve, and choosing happiness boldly. It stars a hilarious and loveable cast of characters navigating queer young adulthood together. The ongoing webcomic will span three seasons, which would make up each installment of a graphic novel trilogy.

Ale Vega (known as Zachstaph online) is a Costa Rican artist with many years of experience freelancing as an illustrator. Now, he's focused on creating the queer stories he wanted to read but never saw growing up: wholesome but realistic explorations of the good, the bad, and the mundane of everyday life.





Agent Claire Draper

Category Graphic Novel, New Adult, Magical Realism

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Cherry Zong is a Chinese Canadian illustrator and comic artist. She earned her BFA in Animation at Sheridan College in 2018. With a background in design for animation, she has worked on projects for studios such as DreamWorks, Sony Pictures Television, Netflix, and Titmouse. She is drawn to heartfelt stories with not-so-happy endings and loves all things spooky and weird.

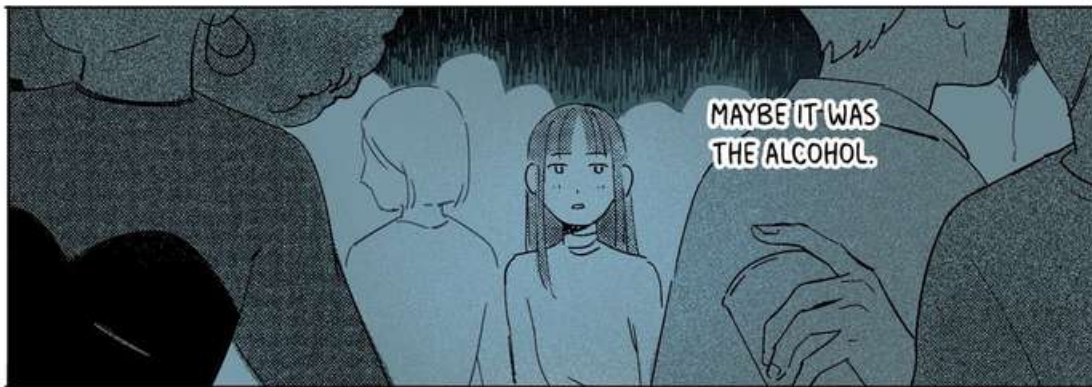
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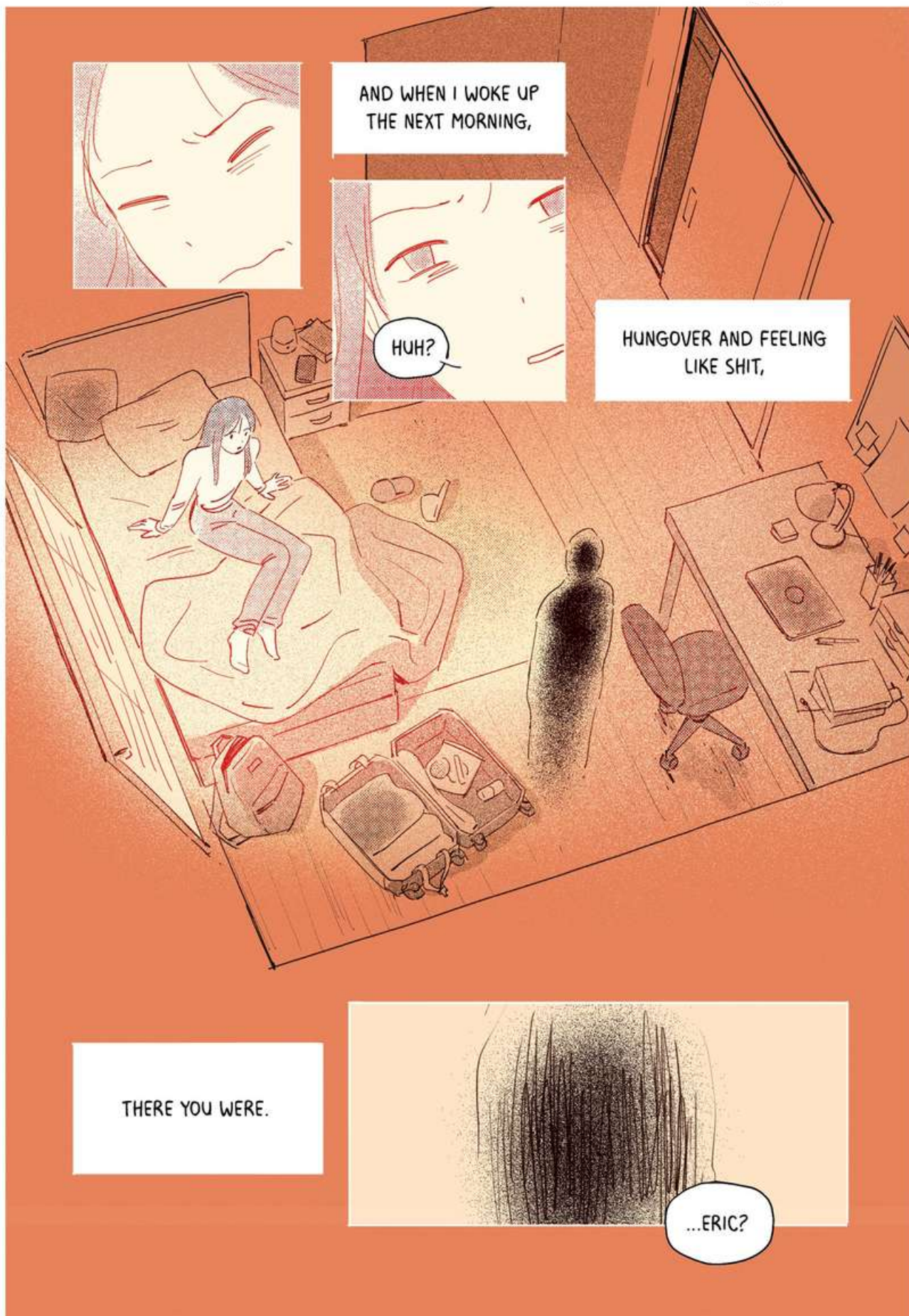
Between Shadows

A coming of age story about grief, healing, and the moments in between, *Between Shadows* is perfect for readers of *Are You Listening?* and *In Limbo*.

Lisa's older brother Eric disappeared ten years ago. Their ultra-traditional Chinese parents were all too ready to erase any trace of him, leaving Eric as an unspoken dark stain in their picture perfect lives. So when Eric's ghost suddenly begins haunting Lisa, she takes it upon herself to uncover what exactly happened to him.

As the two embark on a cross-country road trip that mirrors the one Eric took ten years prior, Lisa learns more about the brother she never had the chance to know, all while discovering her own voice.





AND WHEN I WOKE UP
THE NEXT MORNING,

HUH?

HUNGOVER AND FEELING
LIKE SHIT,

THERE YOU WERE.

...ERIC?

Agent Claire Draper

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Cherry Zong

Red and the Wolves

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

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

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

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

“Adventurous, immersive, and long enough for a reader to really sink their teeth into, this earthy graphic novel in a shifting, dynamic palette is a strong choice for nearly all collections serving young people at a variety of age points. Energetic but unfussy in art and story, with a great balance of darkness, whimsy, action, and emotion, this is a sure bet for fans of *Nimona* (2015) or the works of Lee Knox Ostertag.” — **Booklist, starred review**

“Zong’s art has a gestural and dynamic quality which I find to be very appealing. A variety of color palettes enhance the emotional beats of her characters and the tones of different scenes. The combination of Zong’s energetic line work, page layouts, and a nuanced color approach work quite well to accentuate the plot and dialog.” — **Gay League**

“[A] vibrant debut.” — **Publishers Weekly**

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