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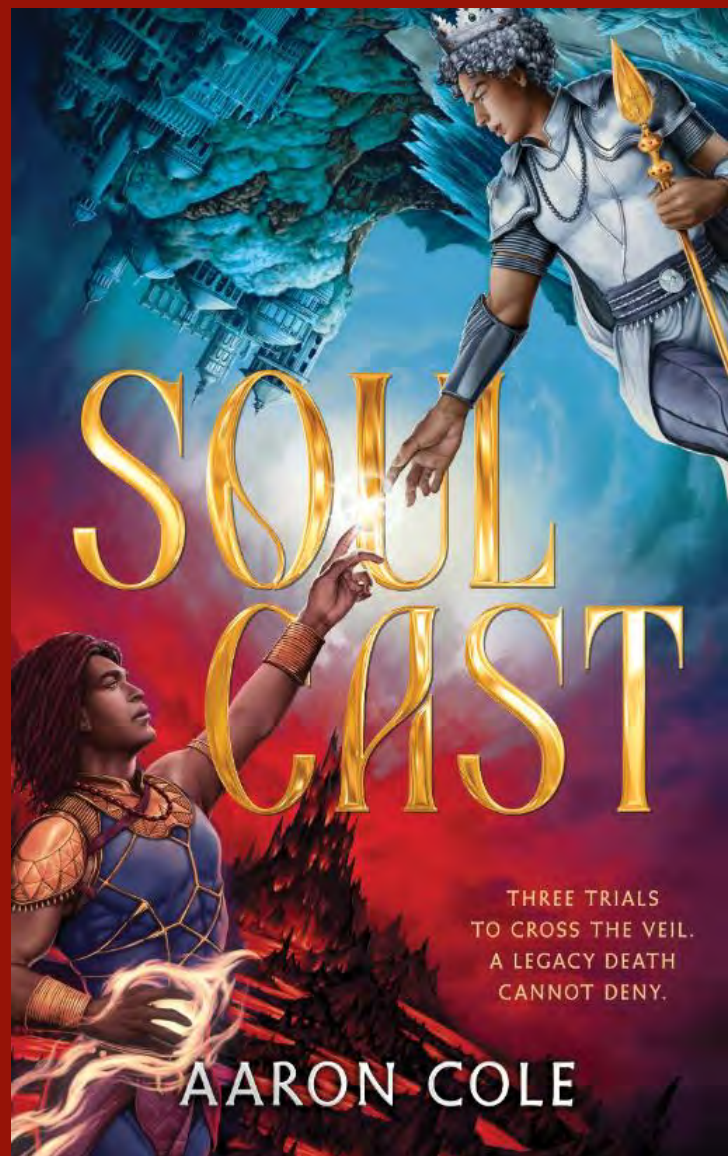


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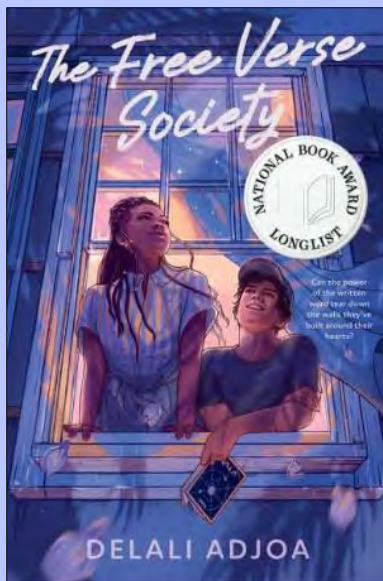
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Exciting news from Peachtree Teen and Peachtree!

***The Free Verse Society* Longlisted for the National Book Award!!**



The Free Verse Society

Delali Adjoa

HC | 5¼ x 8 | 336 pages | Ages 14+ | Grades 9+ | March 2026

Themes: Love & Romance, Poetry, Coming of Age

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Writers House
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Two teens connect through their high school poetry club and the power of the written word tears down the walls they've built around their hearts. A beautifully written and compelling debut that will appeal to fans of *The Sun is Also a Star*, *Far from the Tree*, and *The Poet X*.

★"Adjoa's debut is as emotionally rich as it is narratively layered. Jae and Derek's relationship is built with care and realism; their eventual trust is rooted in understanding, a love of creativity, and the shared experience of having non-white fathers who didn't fully pass on their cultures to their children... A touching, vulnerable romance navigating gut-wrenching conflict to deliver the ultimate relief of catharsis." - **Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review**

***Mission's Guide to Time Travel* a Kids' Indies Introduce selection!**



Mission's Guide to Time Travel

Andrew Geha

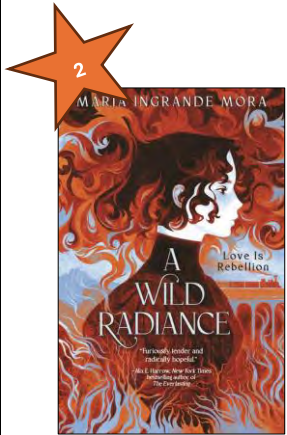
HC | 6 x 8 | 224 pages | Ages 8-12 | June 2027

Themes: Science Fiction, Adventure, LGBTQ, Bullies, Humor

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Aevitas Creative Management
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A fast-paced sci-fi adventure starring a reluctant time-traveling seventh grader who's not the best at navigating his present, let alone his past and future.

"Hang on tight through Mission's misadventures in time! With the right people on your side, go ahead and make your life into the mess that only you can make. You'll land exactly where you need to be." —**Christina Uss, award-winning author of *The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle***



September 2027

PB | 5¼ x 8 | 368 pages | Ages 14+

A WILD RADIANCE

Maria Ingrand Mora

A searing and romantic fantasy adventure about an oligarchic state on the verge of a magical industrial revolution—perfect for fans of *Arcane*, *Wicked*, and *Iron Widow*!

Josephine Haven is about to find out exactly where she fits into the march of Progress. Her outbursts are infamous at the House of Industry, the school for children who can wield radiance, an electricity-like magic. She's tried to follow the rules, but her fiery nature is at odds with the core tenet of the House: Never form attachments. If she is meant to feel nothing, why are her emotions so volatile?

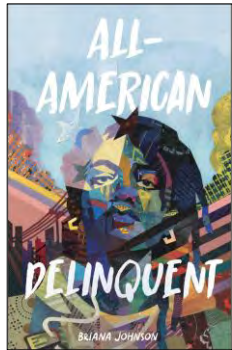
No one is surprised when, upon graduation, Josephine is banished from the city to a remote Mission. In Frostbrook, she must work under standoffish Julian, the former golden boy of the House of Industry who seems determined to watch her fail. And then there's Ezra, the flirtatious stranger who's a little too curious about how the Mission operates.

But there are bigger problems than Julian and Ezra's secrets. A deadly disease is spreading across the countryside, and in Frostbrook, not everyone is eager to embrace Progress. As Josephine questions the system that raised her—and gives in to desire she's been taught to suppress—she must decide what she's willing to sacrifice to expose not just corruption within the House, but the devastating truth about the radiance in her core.

Themes: Fantasy, Adventure, Love & Romance, LGBTQ, Ecology & Conservation

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; Aevitas Creative Management, LLC | **Previous rights sold:** German; UK

★"This fast-paced, romantic, abundantly queer, historical fantasy explores the intertwined pain, fear, joy, and beauty of self-discovery in defiance of oppression from an authoritarian society." —*Kirkus Reviews*, **Starred Review**



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July 2027

HC | 5¼ x 8 | 352 pages | Ages 14+

ALL-AMERICAN DELINQUENT

Briana Johnson

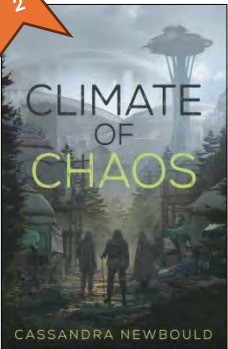
A raw and real coming of age novel about a young Black girl in Chicago that explores the predatory recruiting practices of the U.S. military in low-income and minority communities.

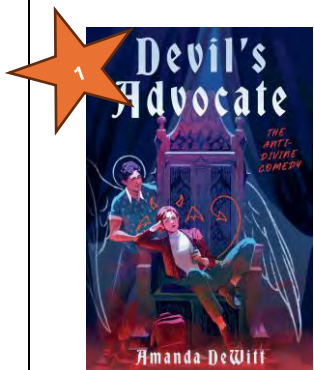
High school senior Maia Tucker doesn't know what she wants to be when she grows up, and she's tired of people asking. She used to be a model student, but ever since her home life imploded and she wound up on probation, she's been labeled as one of the "bad kids." She just needs to pick a career to do her senior project on, so the school will hand her a diploma. What comes next? She'll figure that out later.

When an Army recruiter comes to school, touting the benefits of enlisting—job security, medical benefits, free college — it gets Maia thinking. Maybe the Army is a way out? It certainly was for her brother, Rob, who comes home from his latest deployment with a new car, new gadgets, and enough money to spoil Maia like her parents never have. But he's also struggling with his mental health in ways that force Maia to ask: what's more terrifying, a life in the military or one without the structure it provides?

Themes: Coming of Age, African American Int

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Jill Grinberg Literary Management | **All rights available**

2  October 2027 PB 5¼ x 8 384 pages Ages 14+	CLIMATE OF CHAOS Cassandra Newbould An exhilarating dystopian YA recalling <i>The Last of Us</i> and <i>Divergent</i>—<i>Climate of Chaos</i> is a hard-hitting survival story featuring a disabled protagonist that explores the chilling effects of climate change and medical debt. In dystopic Seattle, storms have devastated Earth's population, a new virus is spreading, and the privileged live inside domes controlled by Aegis Corp. Healthcare is earned by hours accrued working in Aegis's pharmaceutical factories. If you run short on hours, you're sent to Harvest House for debt collection—a place from which no one returns. After a storm killed seventeen-year-old Fox LaRosa's parents and left her disabled, Fox and her younger sister, Rabbit, join their fugitive aunt's mercenary group Still Alive. Their mission is to restore the imbalance of medical access for post-storm survivors. But when a med supply heist goes south, Rabbit is taken captive, and Still Alive refuses to rescue her. Fox must choose between duty and family, and leaves home to infiltrate Aegis's interior domes where Rabbit is being held hostage. The more Fox learns about life in the domes, though, the more she realizes Still Alive isn't as altruistic as they claim. In a world where everyone is out for themselves, Fox must rely on those she trusts least in order to reunite with her sister and expose those in power for who they really are. Themes: Survival, Dystopian, Disabilities & Illness, Science Fiction UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; Dramatic: Fuse Literary Agency Previous rights sold: Russian ★ "Rarely predictable and always engaging. This is in part due to Fox's physical disability, an almost unheard-of trait in dystopian protagonists... [Fox] firmly establishes herself as the cane-wielding menace disabled readers deserve to see." —Booklist, Starred Review	
7  September 2026 PB 5¼ x 8 400 pages Ages 14+	COMPOUND FRACTURE Andrew Joseph White A Michael L. Printz Honor Book. The INSTANT <i>New York Times</i>, <i>USA Today</i>, Indie bestselling novel from award-winning author Andrew Joseph White! On the night Miles Abernathy—sixteen-year-old socialist and proud West Virginian—comes out as trans to his parents, he sneaks off to a party, carrying evidence that may finally turn the tide of the blood feud plaguing Twist Creek: Photos that prove the county's Sheriff Davies was responsible for the so-called "accident" that injured his dad, killed others, and crushed their grassroots efforts to unseat him. The feud began a hundred years ago when Miles's great-great-grandfather, Saint Abernathy, incited a miners' rebellion that ended with a public execution at the hands of law enforcement. Now, Miles becomes the feud's latest victim as the sheriff's son and his friends sniff out the evidence, follow him through the woods, and beat him nearly to death. In the hospital, the ghost of a soot-covered man hovers over Miles's bedside while Sheriff Davies threatens Miles into silence. But when Miles accidentally kills one of the boys who hurt him, he learns of other folks in Twist Creek who want out from under the sheriff's heel. To free their families from this cycle of cruelty, they're willing to put everything on the line—is Miles? Themes: Thriller, Neurodiversity, LGBTQ, Government & Politics UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; Dramatic: Jennifer De Chiara Literary Agency Previous rights sold: German; Italian; UK; Ukrainian ★ "White's latest is a stunning testament to the intertwining realities of politics and queerness, as well as community focused ideologies and the impact of those ideals in the face of oppression." —Publishers Weekly, Starred Review	Also available  Rights sold: Czech; French; German; Italian; Portuguese (Brazil); UK; Ukrainian



October 2026

HC & PB | 5¼ x 8 | 320 pages |

Ages 14+

DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

The Anti-Divine Comedy

Amanda DeWitt

Lucifer meets Succession in a rich blending of dark comedy and supernatural elements, from the acclaimed author of *Aces Wild* and *Wren Martin Ruins It All*.

The Devil went down to Georgia—and started a media conglomerate. Ada Faust's dad isn't just kind of an asshole, he's the Devil himself, and he's been bringing about the end of days for millennia. But even the Devil must adapt to thrive, and nothing will look better for the bottom line than if oil-executive-turned-politician Nelson Campbell wins the US Presidency. In fact, the world will get so apocalyptically bad that the Devil can retire and appoint one of his heirs to take over as Antichrist.

Ada doesn't want the end of days, but there can only be one Antichrist, and she wants one of her half-siblings to have the job even less. While they clamor to insert themselves in Campbell's presidential campaign, Ada gets an internship with Senator Perry Harlow, his competition, to sabotage him from within. It's genius. Foolproof, even. Except for Hasan Attar—goody-goody half-angel, perpetual thorn in Ada's side, and also one of Harlow's interns. Hasan knows that Ada is up to something, so Ada does what the devil's daughter does best: she lies and convinces him they're on the same side. But the more Ada works with Hasan, and the closer they get, the more she realizes it feels good to do the right thing, even for the wrong reasons. With the campaigns heating up, Ada has to make a decision: You can be a good daughter or a good person, but with a dad like hers, you can't be both.

Themes: Science Fiction, Government & Politics, Humor, Supernatural

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio, Dramatic: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Harvey Klinger | **All rights available**

★ "Ada's journey to discovering who she is and what she wants is realistically portrayed, and the eventual romance between Ada and Hasan is auxiliary to Ada's development, not the center of it. The delightfully dark comedy will surely be a hit with readers who enjoy their fantasy grounded in a relatable reality."—**Booklist, Starred Review**



August 2027

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Ages 14+

HELL FOLLOWED WITH US

5th Anniversary Deluxe Collector's Edition

Andrew Joseph White

A stunning collector's edition of Andrew Joseph White's breakout bestseller *Hell Followed with Us*.

This must-have edition of the groundbreaking queer dystopian horror includes a suite of special features:

Premium foil slipcase | Faux leather hardcase with foil stamping | Full-color art inserts with scene illustrations | Illustrated full-color endpapers | Ribbon bookmark | Metallic edges | Never-before-seen bonus content

Instant NYT and Indie Best-seller! 3 Starred reviews (Booklist; Kirkus; PW)! A furious debut about embracing the monster within and unleashing its power against your oppressors. Perfect for fans of *Gideon the Ninth* and *Annihilation*.

Themes: Horror & Ghost Stories, LGBTQ

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Jennifer De Chiara Literary Agency | **Previous rights sold:** Czech; French; German; Italian; Polish; Portuguese (Brazil); Portuguese (Portugal); UK; Ukrainian

★ "This debut is a moving and timely tale of queer perseverance, offering hope for those fighting for the right to exist without apology."—**Publishers Weekly, Starred Review**



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August 2027
 HC | 6 x 9 | 352 pages | Ages: 14+

HONEYTRAP

Kiana Krystle

Joyous, whimsical, and empowering, Honeytrap is a crossover Fantasy Romance about second chances and self-discovery. Perfect for fans of Greta Gerwig's *Barbie* movie and Alison Saft's *Wings of Starlight*.

In the sea between the South of France and Italy lies the enchanted oasis, Parisa, fueled by the musical talent of the faeries who live there. To unlock their true power, fairies must successfully complete the Honeytrap, a mating ritual which binds fairies with their soulmate. If they fail, their magic wanes and they are demoted to Seeker—the lowest ranking position on Parisa.

Jolie is the star of her Honeytrap season and is expected to become a member of the queen's inner court. However, when her partner, Luca, disappears on the day of their Honeytrap, Jolie's future is suddenly called into question. Because of Jolie's standing, the queen gives her a second chance to find her soulmate and perform the Honeytrap, or she will lose her magic forever. Jolie chases Luca to the real world, where she meets a melancholic indie folk singer, Eden Sayer, and his best friend Araminta, a hotel heiress attempting to break out on her own. They're preparing to perform at La Vie est Belle, a summer music festival which Luca is in the lineup for. Jolie trains with Eden and Araminta to charm Luca with a performance to win him back, but the more she discovers the power in her own voice, the more she questions her island's traditions, which have led her to believe her song can only be complete with the love of another.

Themes: Fantasy, Love & Romance, Self-Discovery, Coming of Age
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 Portuguese (Portugal);
 Russian; Spanish



June 2027
 HC | 5½ x 8 | 384 pages | Ages 14+

THE MERMAID OF WARSAW

R.M. Romero

The Little Mermaid meets Where the Dark Stands Still in a sweeping WWII historical fantasy, merging the real history of the Warsaw Uprising with Polish folklore. For fans of Ruta Sepetys.

August 1944. Unable to fight the German occupation of Warsaw in her current form, a mermaid living in the Vistula River bargains with Baba Jaga for a pair of legs. But the witch's magic comes with a price. If the mermaid fails to liberate Warsaw, she will return to what she was: ashes on the river she was born in. What the mermaid doesn't remember is that before the Vistula, she was a girl, Basha Rosenfeld, and her childhood friend Shimon Steinberg—who she saved from a train bound for the Treblinka extermination camp—is surviving in Warsaw under falsified papers. As the mermaid exacts vengeance on the Nazis, Shimon lives undercover. But their paths collide when the mermaid hunts a monstrous corvid, the Valravn, masquerading as SS officer Bruno Falkenwrath, to Shimon's apartment, and Shimon recognizes his lost childhood friend.

Now on the run from the Valravn, Shimon and Basha join forces with Polish resistance as they're preparing to launch an uprising against the Germans. But as the city is consumed in violence and help promised by the Allies doesn't arrive, Shimon realizes that the uprising may be doomed to fail—and that he, Basha, and Falkenwrath have a much more sinister connection than he ever imagined. A connection that will take him to the ruins of Treblinka and force him to confront the horror of what happened there.

Themes: Hist Fiction/World War II, Fantasy, Myths, Legends & Folklore, Holocaust & Jewish Studies
UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Marsal Lyon Literary Agency | **All rights available**



February 2027
HC | 6 x 9 | 384 pages | Ages 14+

MONSTROUS BEAUTIFUL THINGS

Taylor Grothe

A darkly gothic sapphic body-horror fantasy steeped in medieval history. Perfect for fans of Ava Reid, Rachel Gillig, and The Starving Saints.

Plagued by sick headaches that are considered an ill portent in her superstitious village, Ediva has prayed to the Goddess Warmth for a cure. Too ill to marry and too weak to farm, she is desperate to contribute to her family's survival.

When her prayers are finally answered, it isn't by the Goddess, but by the Vivari—learned men from the North—who claim Ediva's pain makes her special. They offer a cure in exchange for forsaking the Goddess Warmth and repaying them in lymph, allegedly the source of Ediva's illness. Upon their orders, Ediva traverses the shimmering auras that appear with her sick headaches to the Otherworld—a strangely beautiful plane where Ediva is free of pain yet haunted by many-limbed beasts. Pursued by horrors, Ediva is saved by a hard, fearsome girl named Brigid, who claims the Vivari aren't trying to take away their pain but give it purpose. Ediva wants to believe her, but the more she explores the Otherworld, the more she suspects the Vivari's promises of power will only be offered to the one who survives. To save the girl she loves, Ediva faces a choice: retreat to a world where her pain means nothing or become like the monsters she fears.

Themes: Horror & Ghost Stories, Fantasy, LGBTQ, Love & Romance, Historical Fiction

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Jill Grinberg Literary Management | **All rights available**

★ "... A must purchase. Give this to fans of Ryan La Sala, Ava Reid, and Allison Saft." —**School Library Journal, Starred review**



January 2027
HC | 6 x 9 | 352 pages | Ages 14+

MOURNSOUL

Caitlin Foley

In this romantic fantasy adventure from debut author Caitlin Rose Foley, a young heroine blessed with holy powers and a handsome demigod discover startling truths about their past lives in a tale full of demons and meddling gods.

Eighteen-year-old Lua has lived ninety-nine lives, blessed as the Mornsoul and daughter of the Godqueen. Across multiple reincarnations, she and her Guardian are duty-bound to protect the kingdom of Aurinia with a sacred mission: seal the gateway to the underworld, where the villainous First Prince Valrian rules. After Lua fails to bind the prince's powers on the battlefield, her Guardian is killed. Lua is put into magical stasis—to await the next Guardian's coming of age—and awakes twenty years later, surrounded by strangers and paired with the hundredth Guardian, Kellen.

When the First Prince infiltrates a masquerade ball celebrating the reunion of the Mornsoul and her Guardian, tragedy strikes as Kellen, too, is killed. Desperate to restore order to Aurinia but unwilling to risk another twenty years in stasis, Lua strikes a deal with the First Prince to retrieve the Guardian's soul and resurrect him. Meanwhile, the First Prince has his own dark plans, and he needs the Guardian and Mornsoul alive to enact them.

As Lua and Valrian navigate the underworld, they uncover long-buried secrets from their former lives that blur the line between enemy and ally. And in the Aurinia, schemes unfold that threaten the entire realm. Lua must decide where to put her trust: in the First prince, who may not be as villainous as she's been taught, or in the temple she's served for lifetimes.

Themes: Fantasy, Myths, Legends & Folklore, Love & Romance, Adventure

Translation, Audio, Dramatic: Peachtree; **UK/Aus, Dramatic:** FinePrint Literary Management | **All rights available**

"A daring and ambitious tale about breaking from lies while tangling with generational grief, *Mournsoul* is destined to become a classic in YA romantic fantasy. I inhaled this richly woven story." —**Taylor Grothe, author of *Monstrous Beautiful Things***



February 2027

HC | 5¼ x 8 | 400 pages | Ages 14+

RANK CHASERS

A Novel of Academic Sabotage

Dina Havranek

Mean Girls but make it academic sabotage. A scathingly funny and timely suspense novel following the "Top 10" of a graduating high school class when, due to disastrous circumstances, their rankings get scrambled, igniting a war in the race to "get ahead."

Kasey Golden is content being a rank 8 student. But when a hurricane floods her school, she and the rest of her senior class are forced to combine with another school that calculates rank differently. Overnight, Kasey ascends from rank 8 to rank 3, putting her within distance to claim valedictorian by the end of the year. At her new school, she now has a big target on her back. At home, her parents amp up the pressure, hoping to now get Kasey into the Ivy Leagues.

Over the coming months, Kasey and her classmates face sabotage in the form of stolen assignments, hacked accounts, school vandalism, a poisoning, hall fights, a fake social media page, and a teacher bent on giving Kasey low marks so her class favorite can take the lead. Things come to a head when two of the saboteurs approach Kasey, threatening to take her down if she doesn't help them sabotage the current rank 1. Thus begins Kasey's own dark path. It starts small—some blackmail, stealing a boyfriend, starting rumors. But as the descent progresses, Kasey is forced to ask herself how much is she willing to lose in the race to get ahead?

Themes: School, Humor, Thriller, Self-Esteem

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** Dystel, Goderich & Bourret | **All rights available**

"This drama takes a hard look at high school expectations and -competitiveness. Although the story is told from one viewpoint, Havranek writes in a way that makes all the characters relatable. Readers will feel for all the students who are affected by the pressure of the rank system." —**School Library**

Journal

YA SERIES

— ABOVE THE BLACK —	Series Overview: <i>In this YA fantasy trilogy, Above the Black, debut author Marc J Gregson delivers a postapocalyptic world set in the clouds with high stakes, betrayal, and plenty of surprising twists to keep you racing toward the finish!</i> Themes: Science Fiction, Fantasy, Adventure UK/Aus, Translation, Audio, Dramatic: Peachtree Rights sold in series: dramatic; French; Spanish; Portuguese (BRAZIL); Russian; Turkish; Ukrainian
 November 2026 Boxed set 5½ x 8¼ 1,440 pages Ages 14+ Grades 9+	Above the Black: ABOVE THE BLACK BOX SET Marc J Gregson Venture into the complete Above the Black YA fantasy trilogy from <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author Marc J Gregson—now in one action-packed hardcover collection! This hardcover collection includes the complete Above the Black trilogy: <i>Sky's End</i>; <i>Among Serpents</i> and <i>Downfall</i>. Featuring an exclusive sneak peek at the first chapter of a prequel trilogy in a sleekly designed booklet. Also includes a color map of the Skylands! Follow teenage hero Conrad's rise from an exiled Low to a leader of the Skylands as he competes in a deadly gauntlet, voyages on dangerous missions into the unknown, and plots to overthrow the ironfisted rule of his murderous uncle. ★ "A thrilling and brilliantly realized series opener; readers will clamor for the next installment." —Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review (<i>Sky's End</i>)
<i>Below the Black</i>	Series Overview: <i>From New York Times bestselling author Marc J Gregson comes this prequel set 450 years before teen hero Conrad's tumultuous arc for revenge in the dystopian Above the Black fantasy adventure. Dive below the toxic black clouds and discover monstrous horrors and kill-or-be-killed high stakes as sixteen year old Brock competes the Collection to clear his name of murder and stumbles upon a girl from the sky. An epic saga of two young heroes contesting where their loyalties lie, with deadly monsters, political machinations, creature companions, and blossoming romance.</i> Themes: Fantasy, Dystopian, Adventure, Love & Romance UK/Aus, Translation, Audio, Dramatic: Peachtree Rights sold in series: Spanish
 October 2027 HC 5¼ x 8 416 pages Ages 14+	Below the Black 01: BRIGHT SKY Marc J Gregson Dive beneath flesh-eating clouds and into a dystopian landscape stalked by harrowing monstrosities in this pulse-pounding first entry of a new prequel trilogy set 450 years in the past from <i>Sky's End</i> by <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author Marc J Gregson. In the Below, the collective is stronger than the individual, and nonconformists are harshly punished. Sixteen-year-old Brock has been sentenced to hang for murdering the son of one the most powerful councilors in the Lantian Republic—a crime he confessed to, but he didn't commit. When Brock survives the stocks, his jailors throw him to a poisonous cobron... but Brock has always had an affinity with creatures, and the steel snake binds to him, sending the Council into an uproar. A cobron always chooses a leader, and its owner cannot be sentenced to death. But Brock can be sentenced to the surface. Forced to compete in the Collection, Brock joins a team of experts to scavenge the wastelands for valuable artefacts. If he succeeds, the Zone he calls home will win a year's worth of rations and he can escape to a life of luxury. But matters get complicated when the very friend he shielded from capital punishment has been made his group's Trailblazer. Brock will have to push through their complicated history if he means to survive torrential acid rain, terrifying creatures, and competitors who would kill to win. After being separated from his team and finding a Skylands girl alive in the belly of a fallen sky serpent, Brock must decide whether the needs of one are greater than the needs of many. The girl, Mabel, could be his ticket to winning the Collection and clearing his name, but as his feelings for her grow, his loyalties falter... and selfish dreams of the Above take hold.

Burning Cities Cycle

Series Overview: *This queer YA historical fantasy series set in Ancient Rome follows two boys who must untangle magic, myth, and memory to discover their destinies and survive mounting apocalyptic disaster.*

Themes: LGBTQ, Fantasy, Guilt, Ancient Worlds, Love & Romance

UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; **Dramatic:** BookEnds Literary | **Rights sold in series:** French; Spanish; UK

Burning Cities Cycle 01: VESUVIUS

Cass Biehn

This thrilling historical fantasy set days before Mount Vesuvius destroys Pompeii is a meet cute with an explosive fallout.

Clever thief Felix slips from city to city to survive the present and escape a past he can't remember. When Felix steals a divine artifact—Mercury's helmet—from a temple in Pompeii, pieces of his forgotten past begin to surface.

Loren, an ambitious temple attendant, has seen Felix in his apocalyptic nightmares for years. The last thing Loren expects is for the subject of his dreams to stumble headfirst through his temple doors, moments after an earthquake rocks the city.

When Felix shows Loren the helmet, Loren sees the world coming to an end. He knows they have mere days to uncover Felix's ties to the relic and to Loren's visions if they have any hope of saving the city. But Ancient Rome is ruled by bloody politics and unstoppable destinies, and now that Loren and Felix are intertwined, their lives aren't all they risk losing. When all has turned to ash and rubble, the boys will have to piece together their fates to make it out of a burning city alive.

★ "Debut author Biehn weaves political intrigue into impressively researched Roman history and mythology." — **Publishers Weekly, Starred Review**

Burning Cities Cycle 01: ICARUS FELL

Cass Biehn

In this riveting companion to *Vesuvius*, two boys move to Rome after the fall of Pompeii but come face-to-face with ghosts of the past that threaten to destroy the life they've been working to build.

Struggling with survivor's guilt after failing to prevent the devastating eruption at Pompeii, Loren shuts out his oracle dreams to focus on proving he can do tangible good for Rome as a senator's assistant. But the sudden arrival of an old friend throws Loren into a vision where he receives a deadly ultimatum from a ghost he thought he'd put to rest.

Felix, a descendent of the god Mercury, has renounced his thieving past to investigate missing memories from his childhood that would allow him to unlock his divine powers. His curiosity leads him to Mercury's temple where he discovers a figure from his past who should be dead. They might be the key to finally granting Felix his memories back, if only Felix can prove himself worthy.

With the completion of the new Colosseum looming and no psychopomp in Rome to handle the deaths it promises to bring, the veil between the spirit world and the living threatens to burst. As the walls of the arena close in, Felix and Loren must confront their trauma before the veil is torn—even if saving each other will rip them apart.



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PB | 5¼ x 8 | 400 pages | Ages 14+



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June 2027

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	Series Overview: <i>A twisty, dark-royalcore fantasy that combines the courtly intrigue of Hamlet with the vicious ambition of the Boleyn family, in a decaying but opulent world of flower magic.</i> Themes: Fantasy, Supernatural, Love & Romance UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; Dramatic: Upstart Crow Rights sold in series: French; Polish; Spanish; UK
 July 2027 PB 5¼ x 8 400 pages Ages 14+	GRAVE FLOWERS Autumn Krause Deluxe Paperback Edition will feature gorgeous stenciled edges and stunning floral stepback detail! A twisty, dark royalcore fantasy that takes the courtly intrigue of Hamlet and infuses it with the vicious ambition of the Boleyn family. For readers who love Holly Black and Sarah J. Maas. Marry the prince, then kill him... Princess Madalina and her twin sister, Inessa, were born attached at the hand and separated right after. That's the only time the sisters ever held hands. The girls' personalities have been shaped in the Sinet family's drive to make their kingdom more than what it is: unrespectable and loathsome, a damp place where deceit fills the palace walls like mold. Madalina is different from her family. She's considered the weak one and only finds peace in the garden, tending her magical flowers, which are pejoratively called grave flowers because they are ideal for torture and torment. Secretly, she dreams of escape and a new life. Then Inessa, who was betrothed to the heir of a wealthy kingdom—Prince Aeris—gets trapped in Bide, a terrifying purgatory, and begs Madalina to set her free. Now, not only must Madalina take her sister's place as Aeris's bride-to-be, but she also must finish Inessa's secret mission: Inessa wasn't just sent to marry Prince Aeris, but to kill him, too, and solidify a profitable pact with his traitorous uncle. On behalf of her family, Madalina will need to resist the infuriatingly clever prince—as well as her own heart—if she's to free her sister and finish the job. ★ "Krause's historical fiction is a fantastic murder mystery that adds just the right amount of death and magical horror... A captivating tale about the wild lengths people will go to achieve power."—Booklist, Starred Review
 September 2027 HC 5¼ x 8 400 pages Ages 14+	WILTED CROWN Autumn Krause The sumptuous, Shakespearean conclusion to the Grave Flowers duology, a Fantasy Romance for fans of Sarah J Maas and Erin A Craig. Featuring cut-throat court politics, deadly secrets, sizzling tension, and haunting new threats within the salt-drenched halls of a crumbling gothic castle. Madalina returns to Radix for her coronation, where her council demands that she get an annulment from Aeris. To ensure a fast and easy result, Madalina sends an official request for Aeris to come to Radix for the proceedings. Aeris is shocked by the musty palace and its terrifying grave flower garden. The court strives to snub and humiliate him while the servants undermine and sabotage him. Then, bizarre things begin to happen. Doors lock him into rooms. Saltwater drenches his bed. Nightmares trouble him. It's as though the palace itself is trying to kill him. Then the torments plaguing Aeris begin to plague Madalina as well, taking the shape of bizarre creatures from terror tales told to Radixan children. Their journey to find a power strong enough to stop the creatures takes them to the Felys who live along the rocky shoreline cliffs. All the while, they struggle against their feelings and whether they can even trust each other.

	Series Overview: <i>A sweeping and fiercely feminist YA fantasy with blended horror and romance elements. Inspired by the folktale “The Jealous Mother,” known as the Moroccan Snow White, it follows a young midwife’s apprentice who rises up to take back the magic that’s been stolen from women.</i> Themes: Fantasy, Poverty, Horror & Ghost Stories, Fairy Tales & Fables, Love & Romance UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; Dramatic: Ultra Literary All rights available
 September 2027 PB 6 x 9 368 pages Ages 14+	Lustrous Dark 01: THE LUSTROUS DARK Loretta Chefchaoui For fans of Sabaa Tahir and Guillermo del Toro comes <i>The Lustrous Dark</i>, a sweeping YA fantasy, in which a young midwife's apprentice rises up to take back the power that's been stolen from women. Orphaned as a baby, Shay has spent her life training as the midwife's apprentice. Her role grants her stability, yet Shay has always yearned for more. Namely, motherly affection and answers regarding her mysterious birth—neither of which the midwife deems practical to provide. After Shay discovers her birth mother, Hind, is still alive and addicted to a magical drug called Snow, she determines to get the woman clean. But when Hind betrays Shay to get her hands on more Snow, Shay's abandoned within a deadly forest and forced to rely on a band of monstrous ghouls for safety. Shay's realm has long stood on the brink of war between the men who control magic and the revolutionaries who want to eliminate it. But in the forest, Shay hears the pleading call of ancient spirits who claim that not only has magic been stolen, but Shay has the power to return it. With the help of a spitfire revolutionary and the boy who's winning over her heart, Shay discovers the horrific truth of who produces Snow and will have to decide for herself whether to heed the spirits' charge or fade into obscurity. ★ "This is a rich, immersive tale about growing up, choosing trust after heartbreak, and discovering family in unexpected places... Hand this to mature readers who are fans of Sabaa Tahir's books or folktales." - School Library Journal, Starred review
 November 2027 HC 6 x 9 336 pages Ages 14+	Lustrous Dark 02: A TENDER FURY Loretta Chefchaoui The sweeping and epic conclusion to <i>The Lustrous Dark</i> duology, steeped in mysticism and mythology, <i>A Tender Fury</i> confronts injustice with a righteous scream. Perfect for fans of Sabaa Tahir and Guillermo del Toro. Magic has reawakened in Mekchaouen, whether Shay and the other reawakened Lallat are prepared for it or not. As they hide out on the Island to hone their new powers, groups of fugitive women arrive by boat, hoping to seek anointment. They bring with them news that women are being rounded up all over Mekchaouen and held in detention centers, until the new Lallat turn themselves in. Plagued by dreams of past lives, Shay struggles to separate her own feelings from those of the goddess inside of her. Tensions rise throughout the kingdom, and even the ghouls are facing pressure to choose a side. It's up to Shay, the other Lallat, and the boy who's love she can't remember to stand united against the patriarchs and determine the future for magic, for good.

	Series Overview: <i>An enthralling queer YA fantasy duology from debut author Aaron Cole, based on central African mythology of the underworld of Kalunga. Teenage hero Krio must compete in three trials to earn the right to cross the veil of the dead and reclaim his mother's soul, but escape from the underworld grows complicated when a former lover crosses him and a handsome prince claims to be the chosen one. Can Krio secure passage back to the living, or will he sacrifice his very soul for the ones he holds dearest?</i> Themes: Fantasy, Myths, Legends & Folklore, African/African American Int, LGBTQ, Love & Romance UK/Aus, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; Dramatic: Looking Glass Literary & Media All rights available		
 May 2027 HC 5¼ x 8 416 pages Ages 14+	SOUL CAST Aaron Cole Dante's Inferno meets Children of Blood and Bone set in a lush fantasy world inspired by the Central African mythology of the underworld of Kaluga. This stunning hardcover edition includes a foil-stamped emblem on its case as well as sprayed edges. In the kingdom of Anansi, chaos has reigned since the murder of the queen. Desperate to revive her, the grief-stricken king hunts for the fabled Soul Cast whose Blood Majik holds the key to resurrecting the dead from the Underworld. To find the Soul Cast, the king requires all individuals with Blood Majik to compete in the Soul Cast Trials—where failure to win means death. Hidden in the kingdom's slums, sixteen-year-old Krio conceals his powerful Blood Majik to avoid certain death. But when his majik unexpectedly triggers and destroys his village, the King's Royal Guardians demand answers. Krio's mother takes the blame—sacrificing her life for her son—and is taken to the palace to be entered in The Soul Cast Trials. Determined to rescue his mother, Krio assumes a false identity and infiltrates the palace, volunteering to compete in the Soul Cast Trials. As the competition begins, Krio fights to stay alive while desperately searching for his mother's whereabouts, ultimately forging an unlikely alliance with the Prince to survive. As the Soul Cast Trials grow deadlier, so too do Krio's feelings for the Prince. But dark secrets threaten them all; can Krio remain alive long enough to find and save his mother, or will love, betrayal, and dark majik prove to be not just his end... but the end to the entire kingdom?		
SPIRITS AND SAINTS		Series Overview: <i>Spirits and Saints is a cozy, romantic fantasy duology with dark undertones, centering on a mischievous water nymph, a grumpy exorcist, and an alluring demon as they uncover a troubling past in a magical hot springs town where eccentric spirits clash with transgressing mortals.</i> Themes: Love & Romance, Myths, Legends & Folklore, LGBTQ, Mystery & Suspense, Fantasy UK, Translation, Audio: Peachtree; Aus, Dramatic: Dystel, Goderich & Bourret LLC Rights sold in series: Czech; Italian; Spanish	
 January 2027 HC 5¼ x 8 448 pages Ages: 14+	Spirits and Saints 02: THIS LETHAL LOVE Alicia Jasinska Fall in love all over again with Alicia Jasinska's enchanting spirit world steeped in Slavic folklore. This second entry in the queer romantasy duology, Spirits and Saints, teems with magic, mischief, and polyamorous romance. After a kiss from Kazik, the town's grumpy exorcist, restores Gisela's humanity, she is finally free to leave the magical spa town of Lešna Woda and return to her mortal family. But a dark revelation roots her in place: Aleksey, the other boy she has fallen for, is possessed by a forest demon. Tension flares between Gisela and Aleksey when they are forced to team up to help rescue a sky nymph, and Gisela finds herself torn about whether to spill Aleksey's secret to Kazik. Would the exorcist destroy the demon to rescue the boy he's possessed? And could Gisela bear to lose the Aleksey she's fallen in love with? When an old friend of Kazik's forces Aleksey to reveal himself, Gisela is spirited away to the forest realm with Aleksey. There, she uncovers startling truths about the demon—and a plot to wrest control of Lešna Woda's magical waters. Are all forest spirits wicked and bloodthirsty? Or are reparations and a mortal reckoning long overdue? <i>"This installment retains the flirty banter, nuanced queer representation, and diverse range of spirits and demons from Slavic folklore that set its predecessor apart from other teen romantasies..." - School Library Journal</i>		Also available  Rights sold: Czech; Italian; Spanish

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