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James Acker grew up in New Jersey, and he's based his entire personality off that fact. He received his Bachelor's in Screenwriting & Playwriting from Drexel University, an engineering school, and uses it in the following ways. While his writing has never been published publicly, he did get a joke into Nickelodeon Magazine back in '03.

James is excited to continue writing young adult stories with confident queer voices. Like a bisexual John Hughes. When he's not writing, James lives in Los Angeles with his wonderfully supportive partner and his two recurring stress dreams.

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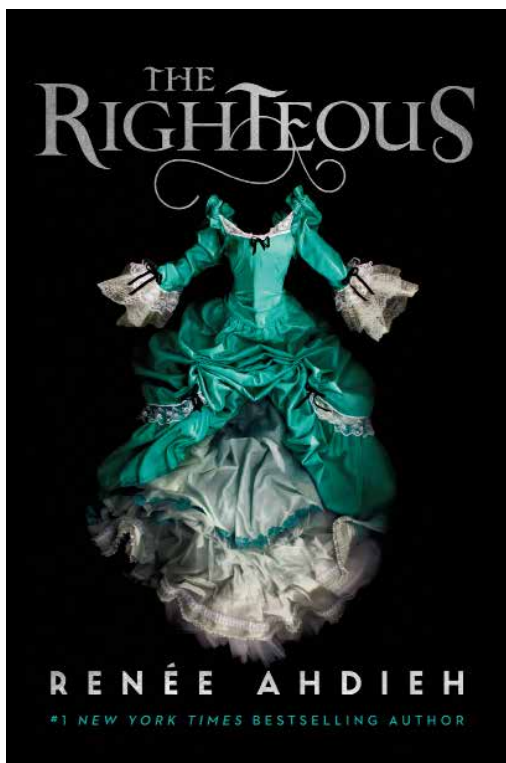
James Acker

Perfect for fans of Becky Albertalli, Adam Silvera, Benjamin Alire Sáenz, and *We Are Totally Normal* by Rahul Kanakia

Going into senior year, Sebastian Villeda is over it. Over his rep. Over his bros. Over being "Bash the Flash," fastest sprinter in South Jersey. His dad is gone, his mom is dead, and his stepfather is white. He has no idea what he wants out of life, much less himself, and he's run out of people to push away. Everything is exhausting. Until he meets Sandro.

The middle child in an always-growing, always-screaming Italian family, Sandro Miceli is too nice for his own good. He walks around on a broken foot because he doesn't want to bother his busy parents and, worst of all, he's starting to grow hair on his shoulders. All Sandro wants is to get to graduation, get out of Jersey, and never look back. It's about the only thing he has in common with Bash Villeda. That and their secret.

Sandro and Bash take turns telling their story as these two very different boys fall in love and find their voices amidst the blaring car alarm that is New Jersey.



THE RIGHTEOUS

Renee Ahdieh

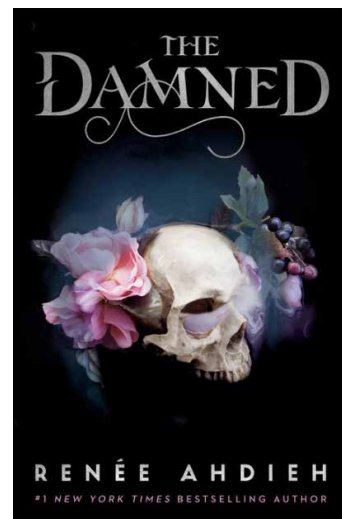
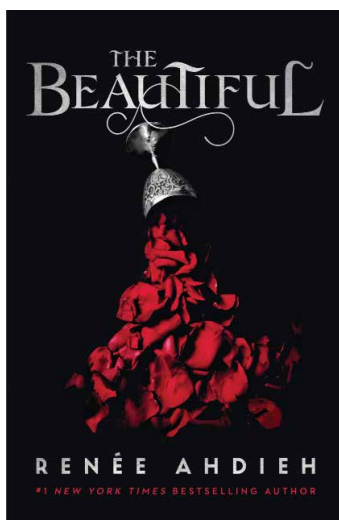
The third book in the instant New York Times bestselling series that began with *The Beautiful*.

Pippa Montrose is tired of losing everything she loves. When her best friend Celine disappears under mysterious circumstances, Pippa resolves to find her, even if the journey takes her into the dangerous world of the fae, where she might find more than she bargained for in the charismatic Arjun Desai.

Renée is back with her rich, atmospheric fantasy world that will continue to enthrall readers, new romance and mystery, and lush, pacey writing. *The Righteous* is the can't-miss lead in to what will be a much-anticipated finale of a can't miss quartet.

G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers (World English)
Publication Date: December 7, 2021
Genre: Young Adult, 14+

Rights Sold (Series):
Eksmo, Russia
Pegasus, Turkey
Puck/Urano, Spain
Piper Verlag, Germany



Renée Ahdieh is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In her spare time, she likes to dance salsa and collect shoes. She is passionate about all kinds of curry, rescue dogs, and college basketball. The first few years of her life were spent in a high-rise in South Korea; consequently, Renée enjoys having her head in the clouds. She lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, with her husband and their tiny overlord of a dog. She is the author of *The Beautiful*, *Flame in the Mist*, and *Smoke in the Sun* as well as the #1 New York Times bestselling *The Wrath and the Dawn* and its sequel, *The Rose and the Dagger*.



HERE'S TO US

Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera

The sequel to the New York Times, USA Today, and Indie bestseller!

Ben has spent his first year of college working on his fantasy manuscript with his writing partner Mario, who is a great Spanish tutor, and an even better kisser. So why can't he stop thinking about the fact that Arthur's back in town two years after they called it quits?

Arthur is in New York for a dream internship on Broadway, with a boyfriend back at home that he couldn't be happier with. But when he comes upon Ben cuddled up with a mystery boy, he starts to wonder if his feelings for Ben ever truly went away.

Even as the boys try to focus on their futures, they can't seem to help running into each other in the present. Is the universe forcing them to question if they're actually meant to be?

Possibly not. After all, things didn't work the first time around.

Possibly yes. After all, the sparks are still flying.

Sometimes you just have to take a leap of faith and raise a glass.

Quill Tree Books (World English)

Publication Date: December 28, 2021

Genre: Young Adult, 14+

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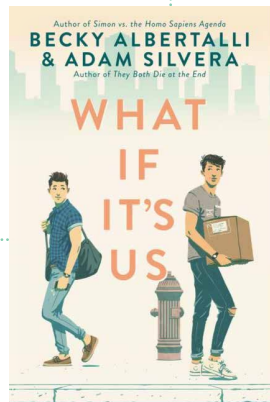
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Here's to celebrating old friends!

Here's to embracing new beginnings!

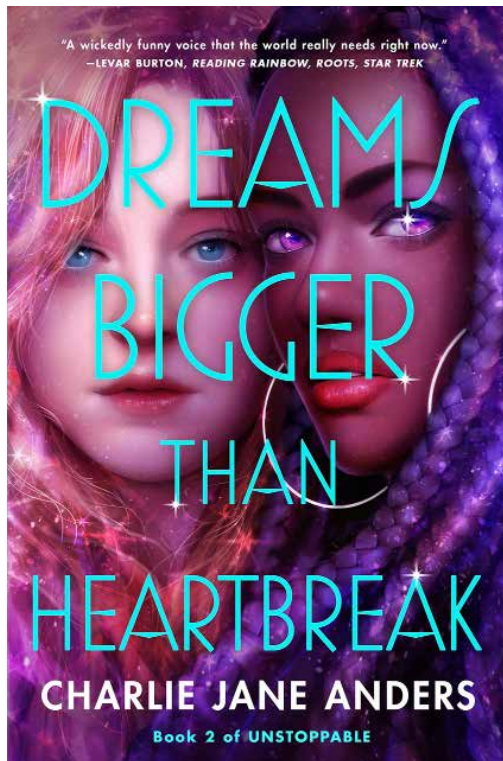
Here's to believing in second chances!



Becky Albertalli is the number one New York Times bestselling author of William C. Morris Award winner and National Book Award longlist title *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* (now a major motion picture, *Love, Simon*); *The Upside of Unrequited*; *Leah on the Offbeat*; the Simonverse novella *Love, Creekwood*; *What If It's Us* (cowritten with Adam Silvera); *Yes No Maybe So* (cowritten with Aisha Saeed); and most recently, *Kate in Waiting*. Becky lives with her family in Atlanta. You can visit her online at www.beckyalbertalli.com.



Adam Silvera is the number one New York Times bestselling author of *More Happy Than Not*, *History Is All You Left Me*, *They Both Die at the End*, *Infinity Son*, *Infinity Reaper*, and—with Becky Albertalli—*What If It's Us*. He was named a Publishers Weekly Flying Start for his debut. Adam was born and raised in the Bronx. He was a bookseller before shifting to children's publishing and has worked at a literary development company and a creative writing website for teens and as a book reviewer of children's and young adult novels. He is tall for no reason and lives in Los Angeles. Visit him online at www.adamsilvera.com.



DREAMS BIGGER THAN HEARTBREAK

Charlie Jane Anders

From the international bestselling author of *All the Birds in the Sky*, Charlie Jane Anders, comes *Dreams Bigger Than Heartbreak*, the sequel to *Victories Greater Than Death* in the thrilling adventure *Unstoppable* series, set against an intergalactic war.

They'll do anything to be the people they were meant to be - even journey into the heart of evil.

Rachael Townsend is the first artist ever to leave Earth and journey out into the galaxy - but after an encounter with an alien artifact, she can't make art at all.

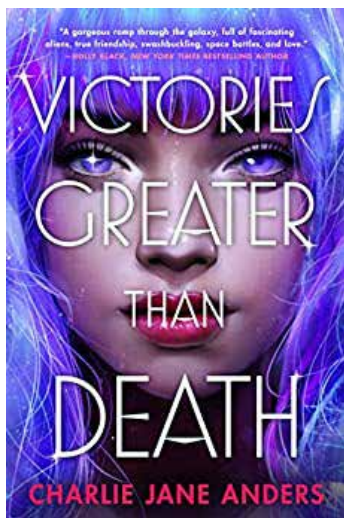
Elza Monteiro is determined to be the first human to venture inside the Palace of Scented Tears and compete for the chance to become a princess - except that inside the palace, she finds the last person she ever wanted to see again.

Tina Mains is studying at the Royal Space Academy with her friends, but she's not the badass space hero everyone was expecting.

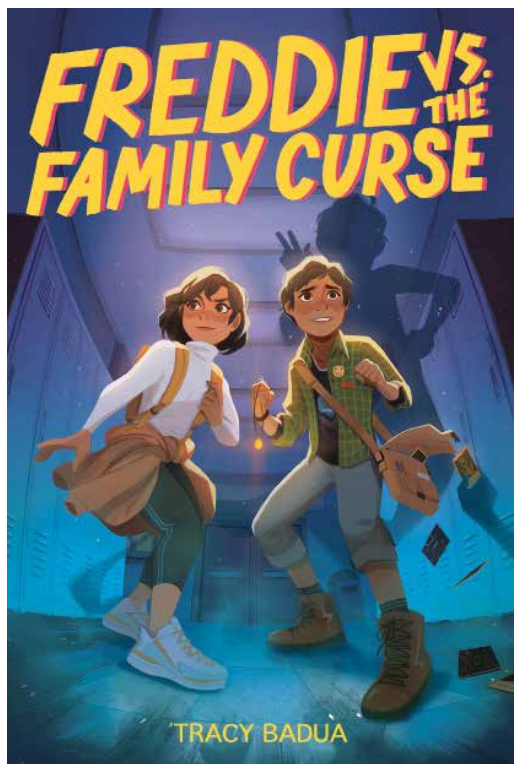
Soon Rachael is journeying into a dark void, Elza is on a deadly spy mission, and Tina is facing an impossible choice that could change all her friends lives forever.

Tor Books (North American)
Publication Date: April 5, 2022
Genre: Young Adult, 13+

Rights Sold:
Grada Republic, Czech Republic
Titan Books, UK/Commonwealth



Charlie Jane Anders is the author of *Victories Greater Than Death*, the first book in the young-adult *Unstoppable* trilogy, along with the short story collection *Even Greater Mistakes*. Her other books include *The City in the Middle of the Night* and *All the Birds in the Sky*. Her fiction and journalism have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Slate*, *McSweeney's*, *Mother Jones*, *the Boston Review*, *Tor.com*, *Tin House*, *Conjunctions*, *Wired Magazine*, and other places. Her TED Talk, "Go Ahead, Dream About the Future" got 700,000 views in its first week. With Annalee Newitz, she co-hosts the podcast *Our Opinions Are Correct*.



FREDDIE VS. THE FAMILY CURSE

Tracy Badua

In this thrilling and hilarious middle grade adventure, a young Filipino-American boy must team up with his ancestor to break the curse that's haunted their family for generations... or be trapped in an amulet forever.

Freddie Ruiz is cursed.

While other people may have bad days, Freddie and his family have had bad generations: from bird poop splatting on him during picture day to the many tumbles and trips that earned him the nickname Faceplant Freddie. He's learned to lay low and keep himself out of trouble—which means no fun, no friends, and definitely no risks.

But when he discovers a family heirloom, a century-old amulet from the Philippines that's supposed to bring good fortune, Freddie thinks his luck is finally about to change.

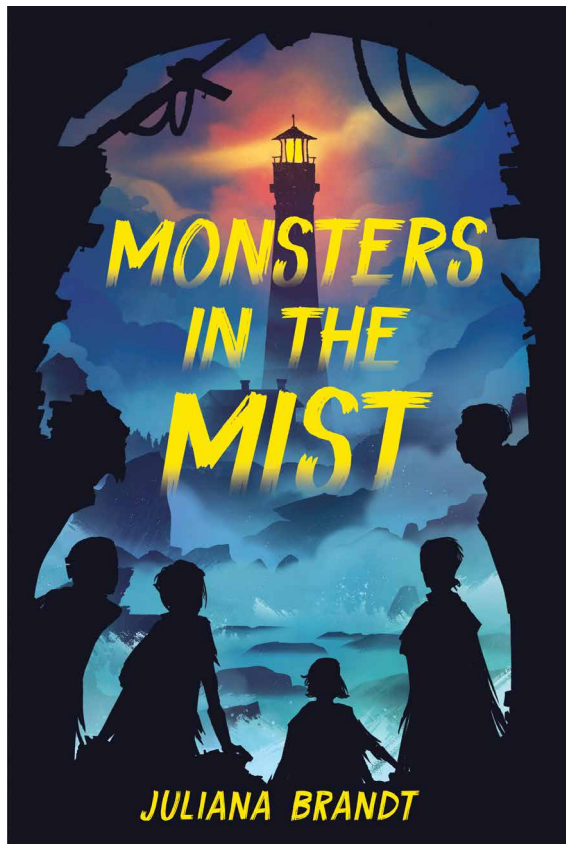
He couldn't be more wrong. Because the spirit of Freddie's cranky great-granduncle Ramon is trapped in the heirloom, and the evil spirits responsible for his death have returned with a vengeance. Now, Freddie and his cousin, Sharkey, have thirteen days to break the curse, or Freddie will join Ramon for an untimely afterlife in the amulet.

Clarion Books, (World English)
Publication Date: May 3, 2022
Genre: Middle Grade, 8+

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Tracy Badua is a Filipino American author of books full of humor, magic, and young people with sunny hearts in a sometimes stormy world. By day, she is an attorney who works in national policy and programs, and by night, she squeezes in writing, family time, and bites of her secret candy stash. She lives in San Diego, California, with her family and photogenic Maltese.



MONSTERS IN THE MIST

Juliana Brandt

When Glennon McCue moves into a lighthouse on a mysterious island not found on any maps, he must figure out why those who visit are never heard from again before he and his family fall victim to the island's curse.

When Glennon McCue's father takes an overseas position, Glennon finds himself relocated from Minneapolis to his Uncle's light house on Isle Philipeaux, smack dab in the middle of Lake Superior surrounded by nothing but black, ominous waters. The place is frightening and becomes even more so when a storm rocks the island and a ship wrecks outside the lighthouse. Even worse, the survivors are terrified to learn they've washed up on the phantom isle.

There are many stories about Isle Philipeaux; sailors wash ashore...and are never seen again.

Suddenly, Glennon finds himself in the middle of a real-life ghost story, and unless he can figure out the mystery of the island... he and his family will be lost forever, too.

Sourcebooks (World English)
Publication Date: May 3, 2022
Genre: Middle Grade, 8+



Juliana Brandt is an author and kindergarten teacher with a passion for storytelling that guides her in both of her jobs. She lives in her childhood home of Minnesota, and her writing is heavily influenced by travels around the country and decade living in the South. When not working, she is usually exploring the great outdoors. She is the author of *The Wolf of Cape Fen* and *A Wilder Magic*. You can find her online at julianalbrandt.com

RHYTHM & MUSE

India Hill Brown

A little bit Cinderella, a little bit Cyrano, and entirely delightful.

India Hill Brown

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Quill Tree Publishing
(North American)

Publication Date: Winter 2023

Book 2: Winter 2024

Genre: Young Adult, Rom-Com

DARREN JOHNSON LIVES IN HIS HEAD. IT'S NICE IN THERE—SAFE FROM OTHERS' UNSOLICITED OPINIONS AND CRITIQUES—AND SINCE HE'S SURROUNDED IRL BY TALKATIVE FAMILY AND SHOWBOAT FRIENDS, HE'S ALWAYS BEEN HAPPY TO PLAY THE ROLE OF OBSERVER. UNTIL DELIA DAWSON CAME ALONG—TRANSFER STUDENT, HOST OF THE DILLIE D IN THE PLACE TO BE PODCAST (EVERYBODY'S SUNDAY AFTERNOON MUST-LISTEN), AND TOTAL DREAM GIRL, IN DARREN'S OPINION.

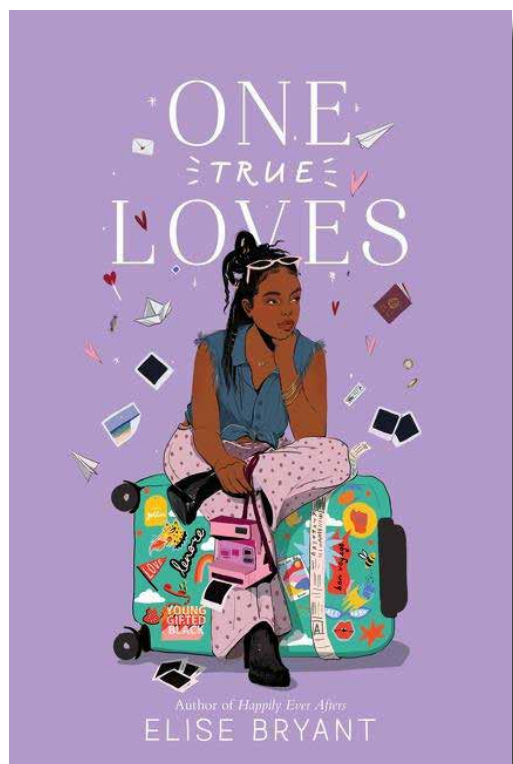
HIS FRIENDS ARE ALL CONVINCED HE'S GOING TO DO NOTHING BUT PINE AWAY FOR DILLIE IN SILENCE—CLASSIC DARREN. BUT WHEN DILLIE PUTS OUT A CALL FOR LISTENERS TO MAKE A THEME SONG FOR THE POD, ONE OF DARREN'S SECRET SIDE PROJECTS CATCHES HER EAR. AS DILLIE SETS OUT TO UNCOVER THE MYSTERY SINGER BEHIND THE TRACK, DARREN HAS TO DECIDE: IS HE READY TO STEP OUT OF THE SHADOWS AND TAKE THE LEAD IN HIS OWN LIFE?



India Hill Brown is an author with a passion for writing, reading, and all things literary. Her debut novel, *The Forgotten Girl*, has been nominated for an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work in Youth/Teens. She graduated from Claflin University with a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications and with a Concentration in Print Journalism. In her spare time, she can be found curling up with a good book, a hot drink, and a snack. A self-proclaimed southern belle, she lives in the Carolinas with her husband and son.

ONE TRUE LOVES

Elise Bryant



From the author of *Happily Ever Afters*, comes the highly anticipated companion novel, *One True Loves*, another irresistible YA romantic comedy full of self-discovery, Black love, and a dreamy European cruise.

Lenore Bennett has always been a force. A star artist and style icon at her high school, she's a master in the subtle art of not giving a . . . well, you know what. But now that graduation is here, she's a little less sure.

She's heading to NYU in the fall with a scarlet U (for "undeclared") written across her chest. Her parents always remind her that Black kids don't have the luxury of figuring it out as they go—they have to be 110 percent prepared. But it's a lot of pressure to be her ancestors' wildest dreams when Lenore's not even sure what her dreams are yet.

When her family embarks on a post-graduation Mediterranean cruise, her friend Tessa is sure Lenore's in for a whirlwind romance. But Lenore knows that doesn't happen in real life. At least not to girls like her.

Then she meets Alex Lee. After their parents bond over the Cupid Shuffle, she ends up stuck with him for the remainder of the cruise. He's a hopeless romantic and a golden boy with a ten-year plan. In short, he's irritating as hell.

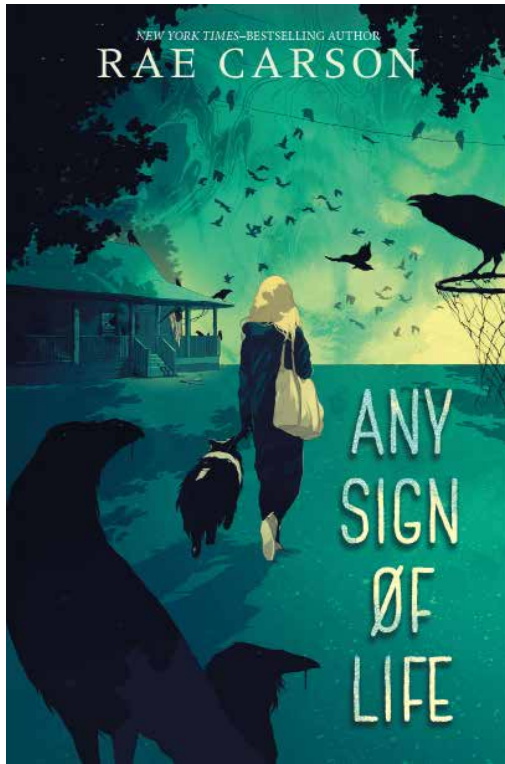
But as they get to know each other during the picturesque stops across Europe, he may be able to help her find something else she's been looking for, even if she doesn't want to admit it to herself: love

Balzer + Bray (World English)
Publication Date: January 4, 2022
Genre: Young Adult, 14+

Previous Rights Sold To:
Globo, Brazil
Carlsen, Germany



Elise Bryant was born and raised in Southern California. For many years, Elise had the joy of working as a special education teacher, and now she spends her days writing swoony love stories and eating dessert. She lives with her husband and two daughters in Long Beach. *Happily Ever Afters* is her debut novel. You can visit her online at www.elisebryant.com.



ANY SIGN OF LIFE

Rae Carson

**“Fans of Megan Crewe and Susan Beth Pfeffer will relish this timely update to classic postapocalyptic YA.”
-Publishers Weekly, Starred Review**

Paige Miller is determined to take her basketball team to the state championship, maybe even beyond. But as March Madness heats up, Paige falls deathly ill. Days later, she wakes up attached to an IV and learns that the whole world has perished. Everyone she loves, and all of her dreams for the future—they’re gone.

But Paige is a warrior. She pushes through her fear and her grief and gets through each day scrounging for food, for shelter, for safety. As she struggles with her new reality, Paige learns that the apocalypse did not happen by accident. And that there are worse things than being alone.

New York Times–bestselling author Rae Carson tells a contemporary and all-too-realistic story about surviving against the odds in this near-future thriller. *Any Sign of Life* will electrify fans of Rory Power’s *Wilder Girls* and Emily St. John Mandel’s *Station Eleven*.

Greenwillow Books (North American)
Publication Date: October 12, 2021
Genre: Young Adult, 13+

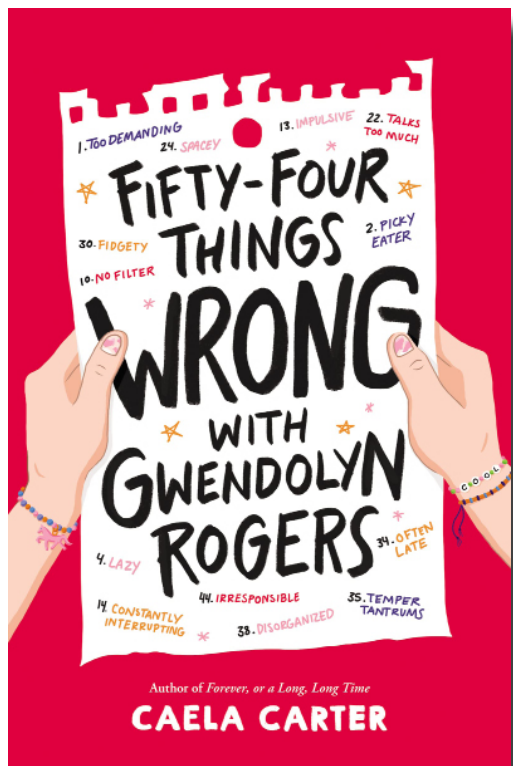
A harrowing and pulse-pounding survival story from the New York Times–bestselling author

“*Any Sign of Life* is a heartbreaking story filled with courage, friendship, and personality. Paige Miller is the perfect team-up buddy in an apocalypse. I was with her when she lost everything, and stood right next to her when she took it all back.”

—Wesley Chu, #1 New York Times–bestselling author of the War Arts Saga



Rae Carson is the author of two bestselling and award-winning trilogies. Her debut, *The Girl of Fire and Thorns*, was named a William C. Morris Award finalist and an Andre Norton Award finalist. *Walk on Earth a Stranger* was longlisted for the 2015 National Book Award and won the Western Writers of America Spur Award. Her books tend to contain adventure, magic, and smart girls who make (mostly) smart choices. Originally from California, Rae Carson now lives in Arizona with her husband. www.raecarson.com



FIFTY-FOUR THINGS WRONG WITH GWENDOLYN ROGERS

Caela Carter

A moving own-voices story that shines a light on how one girl's learning differences are neither right nor wrong—just perfectly individual.

No one can figure out what Gwendolyn Rogers's problem is—not her mom, or her teachers, or any of the many therapists she's seen. But Gwendolyn knows she doesn't have just one thing wrong with her: she has fifty-four.

At least, according to a confidential school report (that she read because she is #16. Sneaky, not to mention #13. Impulsive). So Gwendolyn needs a plan, because if she doesn't get these fifty-four things under control, she's not going to be able to go to horse camp this summer with her half-brother, Tyler.

But Tyler can't help her because there's only one thing “wrong” with him: ADHD.

And her best friend Hettie can't help her because there's nothing wrong with Hettie. She's perfect.

So Gwendolyn is hopeless until she remembers the one thing that helped her mother when her own life was out of control. Or actually, the twelve things. Can these Twelve Steps that cured her mother somehow cure Gwendolyn too?

Quill Tree Books

Publication Date: October 19, 2021

Genre: Middle Grade, 8+

A Junior Library Guild Selection

A Kids' Indie Next List Pick

***Starred Reviews from:
Booklist
Publishers Weekly***



Caela Carter is a writer and an educator. She is a graduate of the New School's MFA program in writing for children. She has written three books for middle grade readers: *One Speck of Truth*, *My Life with the Liars*, and *Forever, or a Long, Long Time*, which received three starred reviews, among other accolades. Caela lives in Brooklyn with her family. You can visit her online at www.caelacarter.com.



FLIRTING WITH FATE

J.C. Cervantes

Jane the Virgin meets The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants in New York Times bestselling author J. C. Cervantes's charming, romantic YA debut.

Razorbill (World English)
Publication Date: April 19, 2022
Genre: Young Adult, 14+



J. C. Cervantes is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Storm Runner* series. Her books have appeared on national lists, including the American Booksellers Association New Voices, Barnes and Noble's Best Young Reader Books, and Favorite MG Science Fiction/Fantasy Top Ten Books, as well as Amazon's Best Books of the Month. She has earned multiple awards and recognitions, including the New Mexico Book Award, and the Zia Book Award.

J. C. lives in New Mexico (otherwise known as the Land of Enchantment) can read, write, and talk backwards, always roots for the underdog, and believes in magic. Follow her on Twitter @jencerv.

Ava Granados will never forgive herself for being late to her beloved Nana's deathbed. For generations, blessings have been passed to the women in her family upon death, but due to a freaky flash flood that left Ava in a fender bender with a mysterious boy, she arrived seconds too late to for Nana's blessing—instead, all she gets is the wash of regret on her sisters' faces.

Until Nana pops up with a challenge from beyond the grave. As it turns out, Nana did give Ava a blessing, but it missed, landing with the boy from the night of the storm. If Ava can't straighten out the mistake, Nana will linger as a ghost forever, which she's not exactly excited about. To help her on her quest, Ava will have her two older sisters and Nana's rather bumbling spiritual guide, Medardus, who is, of all things, the patron saint of teeth.

For solitary Ava, being asked to befriend some random boy is the last thing she wants to do. She's gotten along just fine being wary and protecting her heart; keeping people at a distance is a great way to ensure no one ever hurts you. But as Ava and the gang embark on their mission to retrieve Nana's blessing, she starts to wonder if what she might gain by getting close to thunderstorm boy is worth the risk.

CHAIN OF THORNS

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CHAIN OF THORNS Cassandra Clare

The #1 New York Times
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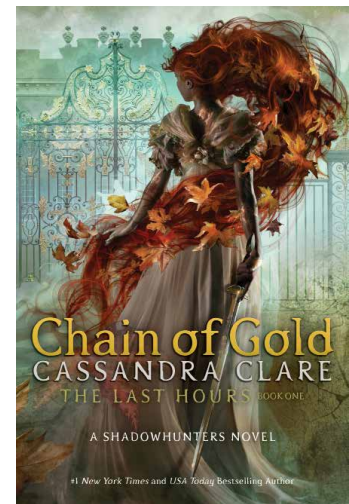
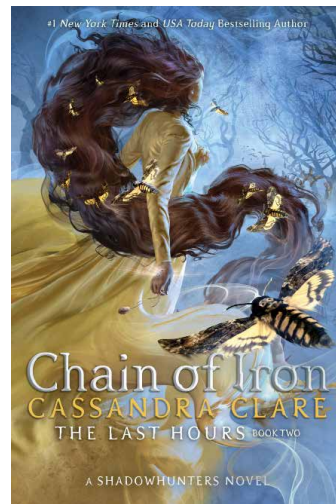
"Full measures indeed of love and suffering-and bloodshed too: Fans will sail through and clamor for more."
—Kirkus (on *Chain of Iron*)

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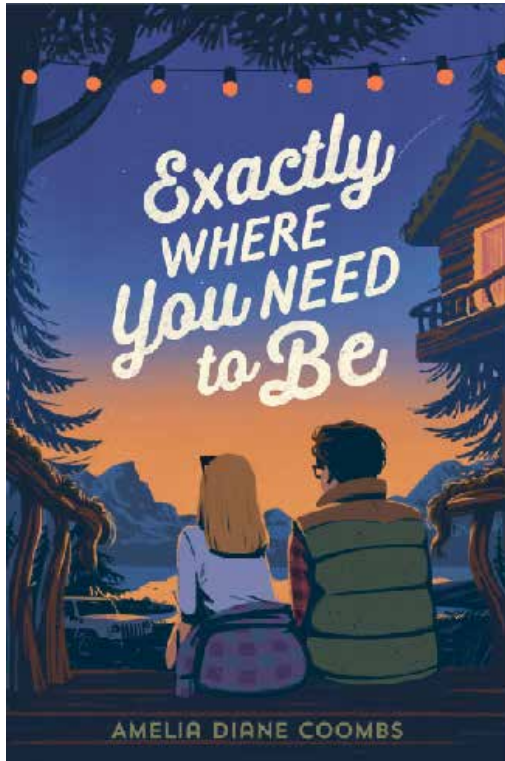
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Margaret K. McElderry
(North American)
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Genre: Young Adult, 14+

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Cassandra Clare is the author of the #1 New York Times, USA TODAY, Wall Street Journal, and Publishers Weekly bestselling Shadowhunter Chronicles. She is also the coauthor of the bestselling fantasy series Magisterium with Holly Black. The Shadowhunter Chronicles have been adapted as both a major motion picture and a television series. Her books have more than fifty million copies in print worldwide and have been translated into more than thirty-five languages. Cassandra lives in western Massachusetts with her husband and three fearsome cats. Visit her at CassandraClare.com. Learn more about the world of the Shadowhunters at Shadowhunters.com.



EXACTLY WHERE YOU NEED TO BE

Amelia Diane Coombs

Perfect for fans of Jenn Bennett and Sarah Dessen

Florie Cordray's OCD and her mother's worrying have kept her from a lot of things, like having an after-school job and getting her driver's license. And now that she's graduated high school, while her best friend Kacey Hodge is headed off to Portland in the fall, Florie's taking a parent-sanctioned gap year off before starting college. When the decision was made, Florie was on board, but now she can't ignore the growing itch to become the person she wants to be and venture outside the quaint, boring Washington town she grew up in.

Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers (World English)
Publication Date: Summer 2022
Genre: Young Adult, 14+

Winning tickets to see her favorite true crime podcast's live show in California gives her the opportunity to do just that, if only for a few days. So—unbeknownst to their parents—Kacey and Florie set off on a road trip to San Francisco. The only downside, in Florie's opinion? Sam, Kacey's older brother and Florie's forever crush, is their ride. The Samson Hodge, who Florie hasn't seen since winter break, and who she'd prefer to never see again, if possible. But Florie is willing to put up with Sam if it means one last adventure with her best friend.

Making it to San Francisco and back to Washington without their parents catching on isn't a given, but one thing is for sure: this trip will change everything.



Amelia Diane Coombs writes books for young adults. Back in the day, she majored in English and went on to receive her MFA in creative writing. Now, she writes unlikable female protagonists, positive mental health representation, and swoony romances with soft boys. She's a Northern California transplant living in Seattle, Washington, with her partner and their Siberian cat. When she isn't writing or reading, Amelia happily fills her days with beekeeping, card and tabletop games, hiking, and volunteering with cats. She's the author of *Keep My Heart in San Francisco* and *Between You, Me, and the Honeybees*

MARIKIT WEARS THE MAP TO THE ENKANTOS

Caris
Avendano Cruz

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Farrar, Strauss & Giroux
(World English)

Publication Date: October 18, 2022

Genre: Middle Grade, Fantasy 10+

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in a 2-Book Deal*

**Inspired by Filipino
Folklore**

MARIKIT WEARS THE MAP TO THE ENKANTOS

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**This is an adventure-fueled novel
laced with wit and charm.**

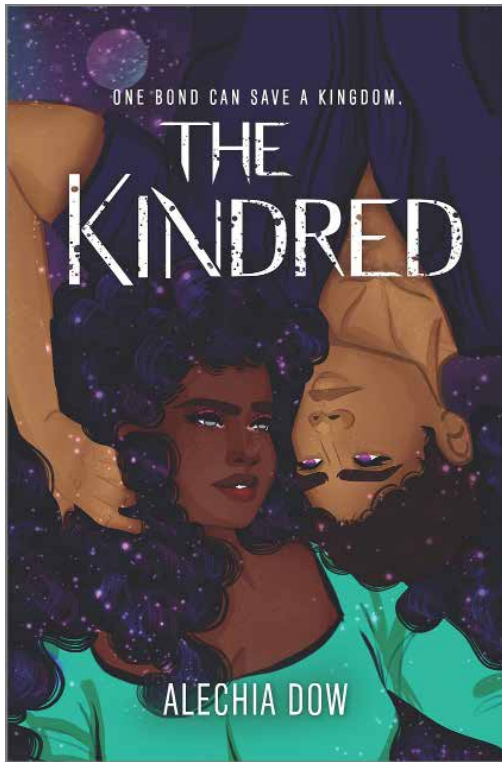
Marikit is used to wearing recycled clothes. Her mother, the best seamstress in the barrio, has become an expert at making due ever since Marikit's father and brother were lost at sea. But for her 10th birthday, all Marikit wants is something new. So when her mother gifts her a patchwork dress stitched together with leftover scraps from her workshop, Marikit vows to never wear it. That is, until the eve of her birthday, when shadow creatures creep into their home, attempt to take Marikit away, and upend the very life she knew.

Because the truth is Marikit's dress is so much more than fabric and her mother is more than just a seamstress. She's a manghahabi, or weaver diwata, and the dress is a map, one lovingly crafted to lead Marikit to safety in the magical lands of the Engkanto and away from the clutches of Sitan, a shadow god who kidnaps half-diwatas like her to join his recruits. Using the last of her magic, Marikit's mother keeps the shadows at bay and sends her daughter on her diwata's journey, one with only two rules: never take off the dress and keep heading toward her destination, the mysterious X.

Accompanied by a firefly named Ali, Marikit trudges through the enchanted lands of mythical creatures, making friends out of monsters and challenging gods along the way. But everything goes awry when Marikit's dress is stolen and the culprit turns out to be one of the most terrifying breeds of Engkantos—man-eating aswangs. To reach X, Marikit must get the map back and face her fears, all without being eaten alive. Only the closer she gets to her destination, the more Marikit begins to suspect that she knows even less about her world than she thought and that sometimes the greatest gifts are the ones we're not expecting.



Caris Avendaño Cruz lives in Bulacan, Philippines and always carries a pen. She used to dream of becoming an illustrator, but when she realized that she was better at words than drawing, she jumped ship. Caris works as a copywriter for internet brands and cool businesses. However, her favorite things to write are magical stories featuring kids of color. When not plotting her next adventure (usually fictional!), she is most likely watching cooking show reruns, listening to instrumental music, or tweeting. She looks after a fluffy dog and a bundle of cats named after funny things. All of them share a collective love for napping.



THE KINDRED

Alechia Dow

“Utterly swoony—an endearing reminder that true love can change the world”
—J. Elle, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wings of Ebony*

To save a galactic kingdom from revolution, Kindred mind-pairings were created to ensure each and every person would be seen and heard, no matter how rich or poor...

Joy Abara knows her place. A commoner from the lowly planet Hali, she lives a simple life—apart from the notoriety that being Kindred to the nobility’s most infamous playboy brings.

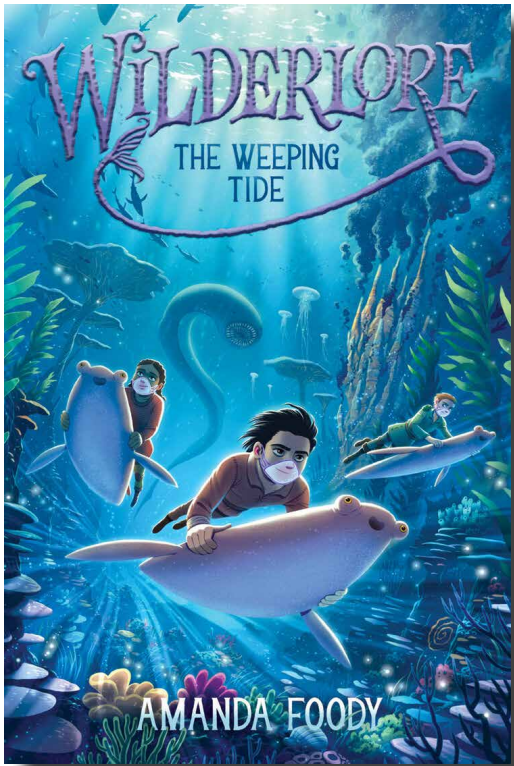
Duke Felix Hamdi has a plan. He will exasperate his noble family to the point that they agree to let him choose his own future and finally meet his Kindred face-to-face.

Then the royal family is assassinated, putting Felix next in line for the throne...and accused of the murders. Someone will stop at nothing until he’s dead, which means they’ll target Joy, too. Meeting in person for the first time as they steal a spacecraft and flee amid chaos might not be ideal... and neither is crash-landing on the strange backward planet called Earth. But hiding might just be the perfect way to discover the true strength of the Kindred bond and expose a scandal—and a love—that may decide the future of a galaxy.

Inkyard Press, (North American)
Publication Date: January 4, 2022
Genre: Young Adult, 13+



Alechia Dow is a former pastry chef, teacher, and librarian. When she’s not writing, you can find her having epic dance parties with her little girl, baking, reading, or traveling.



THE WEeping TIDE

Amanda Foody

“Wholesome, delightful, and jam-packed with adventure.”
-Kirkus Reviews, starred review

Barclay and his friends must save an island city from the Legendary Beast of the Sea in this exciting second book in the Wilderlore series, perfect for fans of Nevermoor and How to Train Your Dragon.

Something is wrong at the Sea. The weeping tide, a carnivorous algae bloom, is eating up all the fish. Beasts are terrorizing the nearby Elsewheres. And Lochmordra, the Legendary Beast, is rising at random and swallowing ships whole.

Margaret K. McElderry Books
(North American)

Publication Date: February 1, 2022

Genre: Middle Grade, Fantasy 8+

4-Book Series

A Major Lead Title!

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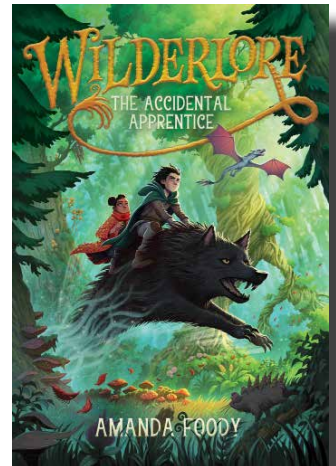
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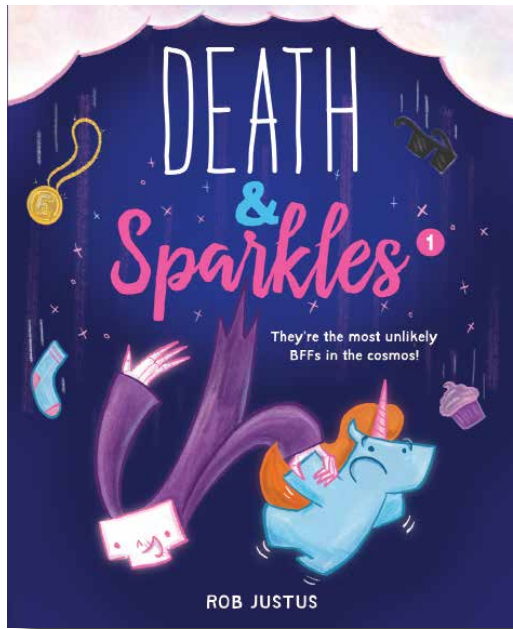
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Barclay’s teacher, the famous Guardian Keeper Runa Rasgar, has been summoned to investigate, and as her apprentice, Barclay gets to join too. But Runa’s nemesis has also been called to the Sea, and he’s brought apprentices of his own. When the not-so-friendly competition between them grows fierce, it’s Barclay—the only one from the Elsewheres—who can’t seem to keep up.

The key to stopping Lochmordra lies in his mythical home, but as the flood of the weeping tide encroaches, time is running out to find it. If the rival groups can’t cast aside old grudges and learn to work together, soon the Sea will be destroyed completely. And all the while Barclay must ask himself: is there truly a place for him in the Wilderlands?



Amanda Foody is the author of *Daughter of the Burning City*, *The Shadow Game* series, and the *Wilderlore* series. Formerly an accountant preparing taxes for multinational corporations, Amanda lives in Massachusetts with Jelly Bean, a feline beastly companion. Visit her at AmandaFoody.com.



DEATH & SPARKLES

Rob Justus

Adventure Time meets *The Good Place* in this zany-yet-philosophical graphic novel buddy comedy.

Being Death is no way to live.

Sure, you're all-powerful, but collecting souls involves a ton of paperwork, and it's impossible to have friends when everything you touch instantly dies.

Being Sparkles the Last Unicorn isn't as fun as you'd imagine, either. Maybe it seems like the whole world wants to be your bestie, but really people just want you to pose with them for selfies, or use you to help them sell stuff.

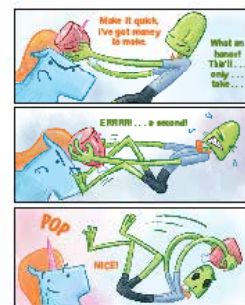
Everything changes when Death and Sparkles meet and realize they might just be one another's first chance at a real friend. But before they can even enjoy the bromance, the whole world starts freaking out about this unlikely pair. Will fame or BFFdom prevail?

Laugh-out-loud hilarious, gently philosophical, and full of delightfully zany exuberance, this buddy comedy turns friendship on its head—literally—and will have readers believing in the power of cupcakes for breakfast and cosmic camaraderie.



Formerly an award-winning market researcher, Rob Justus is a self-taught debut author/illustrator who raised himself on a classic diet of comics and Saturday morning cartoons. His debut picture book, *Kid Coach*, was published in 2020; this is his first graphic novel. Rob lives and doodles near Ottawa, Canada.

Chronicle Books (World English)
 Publication Date: September 7, 2021
 Genre: Middle Grade, Graphic Novel, 10+



NURA AND THE IMMORTAL PALACE

M.T. Khan

COVER TO BE REVEALED

James Patterson Presents/Hachette
(World English)

Publication Date: July 5, 2022

Genre: Middle Grade, Fantasy 10+

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NURA AND THE IMMORTAL PALACE

M.T. Khan

Pakistani culture and the system behind child labour—in a twisty adventure alongside jinn!

Twelve-year-old Nura longs for the simple pleasure of many things—to wear a beautiful red dupatta, to bite into a sweet gulab, and to lie on a mud roof next to her best friend Faisal and watch the sunset. But with a mom hard at work in a rundown sweatshop and three younger siblings to feed, Nura must spend her days earning money in the same mica mines she lost her father to. But it's not just the extra rupees in her pocket Nura is after. Local rumor has it that there's buried treasure in the mine, and Nura knows if she could find it, she could change the course of her family's life forever.

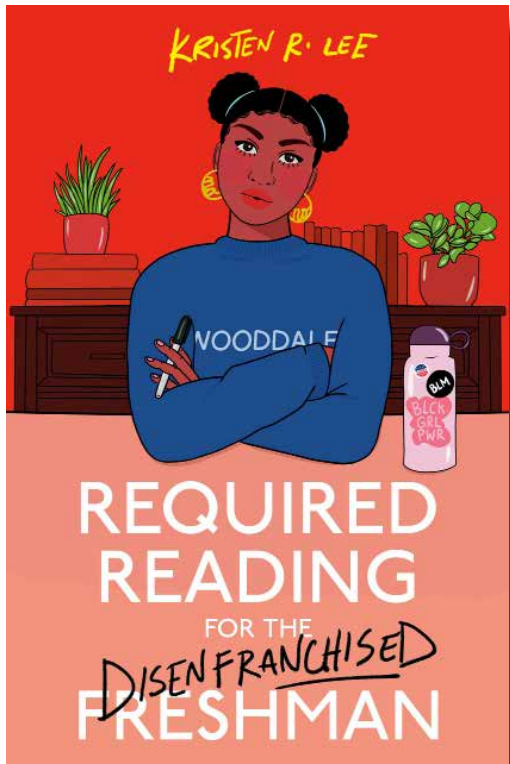
When the mines collapse and four kids, including Faisal, are claimed dead, Nura refuses to believe it and shovels her way through the dirt hoping to find him. Instead she finds herself at the entrance to a strange world of purple skies and pink seas. (So, she's pretty sure she's dead.) There, her qareen, a character she thought only existed in her mother's stories, invites her to a luxury jinn hotel, where she's given everything she could ever want—herbal baths, enticing sweets, and a plush bed she could almost drown in.

But there's a dark truth lurking beneath all that glitter and gold, and when Nura crosses the owner's son and is banished to the working quarters to pay back her debt, she realizes she isn't the only human who's ended up in the hotel's clutches. Faisal and the other missing children are there too, and if Nura can't find a way to help them escape, they'll be bound to work for the hotel forever and never see their families again—let alone taste another sweet gulab.



M.T. Khan is a speculative fiction author with a penchant for all things myth, science, and philosophy. She focuses on stories that combine all three, dreaming of evocative worlds and dark possibilities.

When she's not writing, M.T. Khan has her nose deep in physics textbooks or glued to her CAD computer as she majors in Mechanical Engineering. Born in Lahore, Pakistan, she currently resides in Toronto, Canada, with a hyperactive cat and an ever-increasing selection of tea.



REQUIRED READING FOR THE DISENFRANCHISED FRESHMAN

Kristen R. Lee

Fans of *Dear White People* will embrace this activist-centered contemporary novel about a college freshman grappling with the challenges of attending an elite university with a disturbing racist history--that may not be as distant as it seems.

Savannah Howard sacrificed her high school social life to make sure she got into a top college. Her sights were set on an HBCU, but when she is accepted to the ivy-covered walls of Wooddale University on a full ride, how can she say no?

Wooddale is far from the perfectly manicured community it sells on its brochures, though. Savannah has barely unpacked before she comes face-to-face with microaggressions stemming from racism and elitism. Then, Clive Wilmington's statue is vandalized with blackface. The prime suspect? Lucas Cunningham, Wooddale's most popular student and son to a local prominent family. Soon, Savannah is unearthing the hidden secrets of Wooddale's racist history. But what's the price for standing up for what is right? And will telling the truth about Wooddale's past cost Savannah her own future?

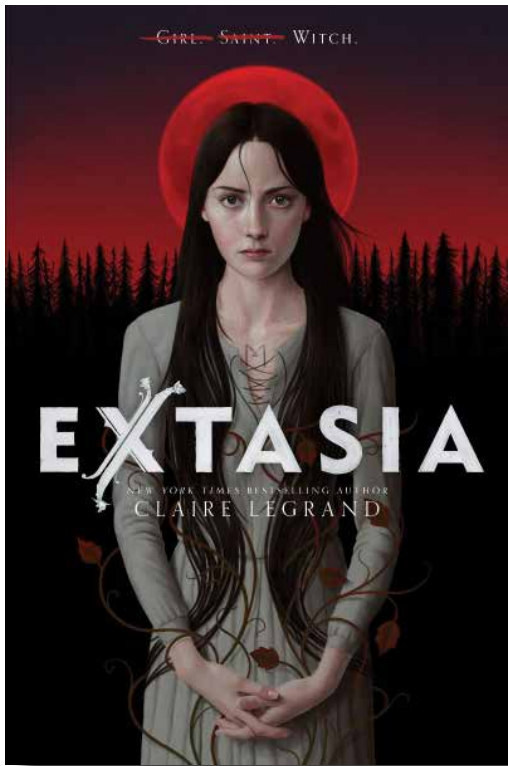
A stunning, challenging, and timely debut about racism and privilege on college campuses.

Crown Books for Young Readers
(World English)
Publication Date: February 1, 2022
Genre: Young Adult, 14+

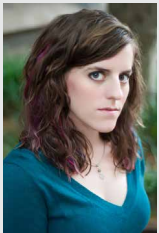
A striking debut novel about racism on elite college campuses.



Kristen R. Lee is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. After graduating from college, she began to write her experiences attending a predominantly white institution, which led to the first draft of *Required Reading for the Disenfranchised Freshman*. She's worked as a mentor for foster youth and has interned in a school setting, where she counseled middle-school-aged children. Writing stories that reflect often-unheard voices is what she strives to do. Learn more about Kristen online at kristenleebooks.com.



Katherine Tegen Books
(World English)
Publication Date: February 22, 2022
Genre: Young Adult, 14+



Claire Legrand is the author of *Foxheart*, *The Cavendish Home for Boys and Girls*, *The Year of Shadows*, and *Some Kind of Happiness*, as well as the New York Times bestselling young adult fantasy *Furyborn* and its sequels. She is one of the four authors behind *The Cabinet of Curiosities*. Claire Legrand lives in New Jersey.

EXTASIA

Claire Legrand

In a postapocalyptic world, sixteen-year-old Saint Amity joins a coven and sets out on a quest to summon the Devil in order to protect her village, which is controlled by group of pious elders.

My name is unimportant.

All you must know is that today I become one of the four saints of Haven. The elders will mark me and place the red hood on my head. They will give me my true name, and with my sisters I will stand against the evil power that lives beneath the black mountain—an evil which has already killed nine of our village's men.

I will tell no one of the white-eyed beasts that follow me. Or the faceless gray women tall as houses. Or the girls I saw kissing in the elm grove.

Today I become a saint of Haven. I will rid my family of my mother's shame at last and save my people from destruction. I am not afraid.

Are you?

From New York Times bestselling author Claire Legrand comes an emotionally searing and lyrically written novel that beckons readers to follow its powerful heroine into a world filled with secrets and blood—where the truth is buried in lies, and a devastating power waits, seething, for someone brave enough to use it.



THIS IS WHY WE LIE

Gabriella Lepore

Everyone in Gardiners Bay has a secret.

When Jenna Dallas and Adam Cole find Colleen O'Dell's body floating off the shore of their coastal town, the community of Gardiners Bay is shaken. But even more shocking is the fact that her drowning was no accident.

Once Jenna's best friend becomes a key suspect, Jenna starts to look for answers on her own. As she uncovers scandals inside Preston Prep School leading back to Rookwood reform school, she knows she needs Adam on her side.

As a student at Rookwood, Adam is used to getting judgmental looks, but now his friends are being investigated by the police. Adam will do whatever he can to keep them safe, even if that means trusting Jenna.

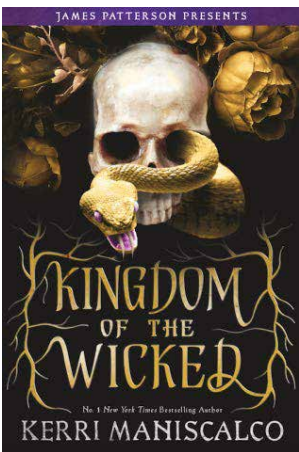
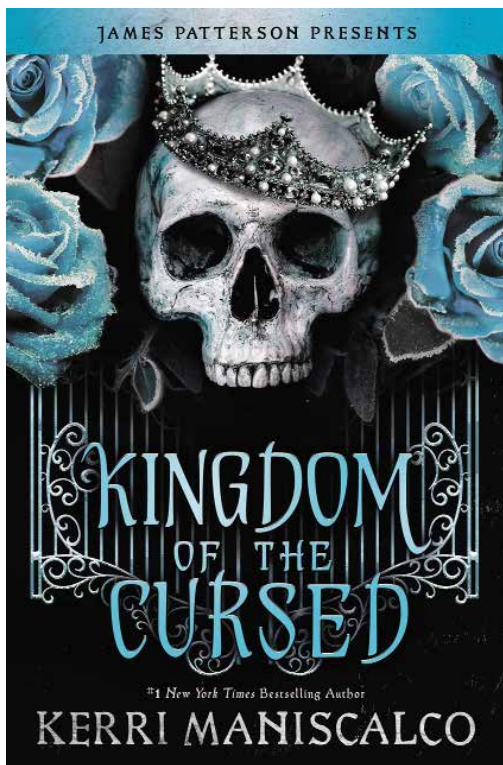
As lies unravel, the truth starts to blur. Only one thing is certain: somebody must take the fall.

Inkyard Press (World English)
Publication Date: September 21, 2021
Genre: Young Adult, 13+

“Starts with a shock and keeps you guessing to the end. Moody, atmospheric, and swirling with secrets, you won't know who to trust the entire time—and you'll cling to every word of Lepore's gorgeous writing.”—Diana Urban, author of *All Your Twisted Secrets*



Gabriella Lepore is a YA author from South Wales in the United Kingdom, where she lives with her husband and daughter. When she isn't reading or writing, she can usually be found exploring the coastline or perusing a bookstore. She enjoys autumn days and cups of tea and is always searching for the next mystery. Visit her at www.gabriellalepore.co.uk or follow her on Instagram @GabriellaLepore_Books.



KINGDOM OF THE CURSED

Kerri Maniscalco

From a #1 New York Times bestselling author comes a sizzling, sweepingly romantic story filled with dangerous secrets, evil twins, and powerful magic.

One sister.

Two sinful princes.

Infinite deception with a side of revenge . . . Welcome to Hell.

After selling her soul to become Queen of the Wicked, Emilia travels to the Seven Circles with the enigmatic Prince of Wrath, where she's introduced to a seductive world of vice.

She vows to do whatever it takes to avenge her beloved sister, Vittoria . . . even if that means accepting the hand of the Prince of Pride, the king of demons.

The first rule in the court of the Wicked? Trust no one. With backstabbing princes, luxurious palaces, mysterious party invitations, and conflicting clues about who really killed her twin, Emilia finds herself more alone than ever before. Can she even trust Wrath, her one-time ally in the mortal world . . . or is he keeping dangerous secrets about his true nature?

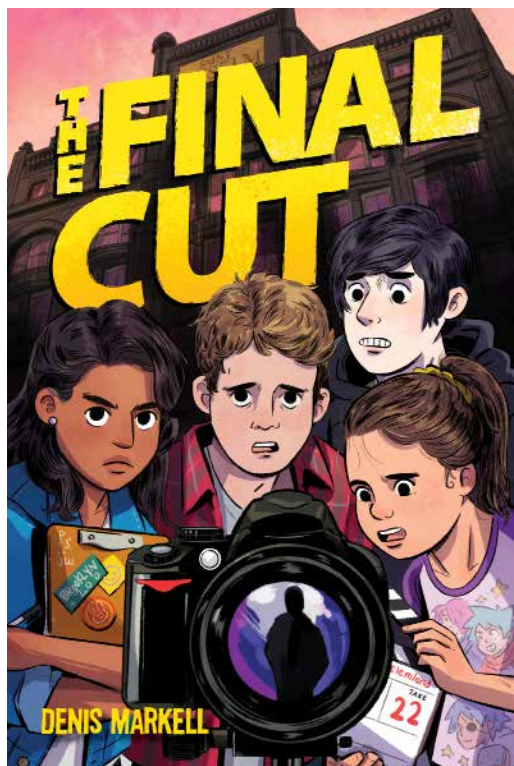
Emilia will be tested in every way as she seeks a series of magical objects that will unlock the clues of her past and the answers she craves . . .

Jimmy Patterson (World English)
Publication Date: October 5, 2021
Genre: Young Adult, 14+

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Kerri Maniscalco grew up in a semi-haunted house outside New York City, where her fascination with gothic settings began. In her spare time she reads everything she can get her hands on, cooks all kinds of food with her family and friends, and drinks entirely too much tea while discussing life's finer points with her cats. She is the author of the #1 New York Times bestselling Stalking Jack the Ripper quartet.



THE FINAL CUT

Denis Markell

An hilarious coming-of-age story about home, friendship, and learning that sometimes the most exciting adventures happen behind-the-scenes.

Delacore Press (World English)
Publication Date: April 26, 2022
Genre: Middle Grade Adventure, 10+

Alex Davis is convinced that seventh grade is going to be his year. After spending all summer at skate camp, he knows he'll finally be seen as one of the "cool kids" . . . until he's mistakenly put in the wrong elective. Now, instead of taking a popular video games class with his friends, he's stuck in Filmmaking with hipster teacher Pablo and a group of eccentric classmates.

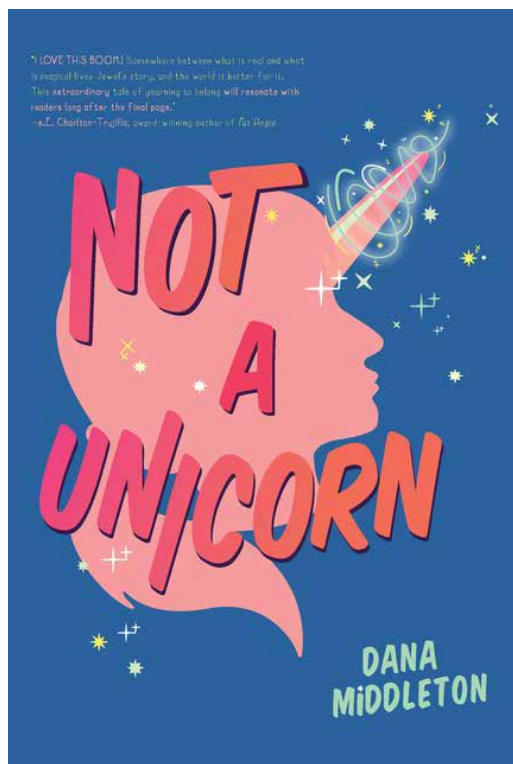


Denis Markell has written three other novels for kids—the puzzle-packed mystery

Click Here to Start, the Dungeons & Dragons-inspired adventure The Game Masters of Garden Place, and the kid-friendly horror story The Ghost in Apartment 2R. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife, illustrator Melissa Iwai, and his son, Jamie. You can find Denis on Twitter at @DenisMarkell, and yes, he'd be happy to do a Skype author visit for your kid's class.

But when it's announced that their films will be entered in the school's annual Golden Reel competition, Alex becomes determined to claim first prize and salvage his seventh-grade year.

With the help of his longtime crush, his best friend, and a peculiar new student, Alex sets out to make a masterpiece. Soon he discovers that someone is trying to sabotage his film and finds himself embroiled in a mystery—one that leads him and his crew to conniving classmates, traitorous teachers, and even corrupt city politicians!



NOT A UNICORN

Dana Middleton

Magic, adventure, and friendship collide in warm and funny novel about the power of self-acceptance to change the world.

Jewel's your average eighth grader. Awkward relationship with a cute boy, ex-BFFs with a popular girl, mom issues at home. You've read it all before. Except for one thing: Jewel has a unicorn horn on her head.

(Okay, and one other thing, but it's just too weird to mention here!)

Chronicle Books

Publication Date: September 21, 2021

Genre: Upper Middle Grade, 10+

“Moving, surprising, and relatable, *Not a Unicorn* reminds readers of the unique magic that lives inside each of us.”

**-Leila Sales,
author of *Once Was a Time***

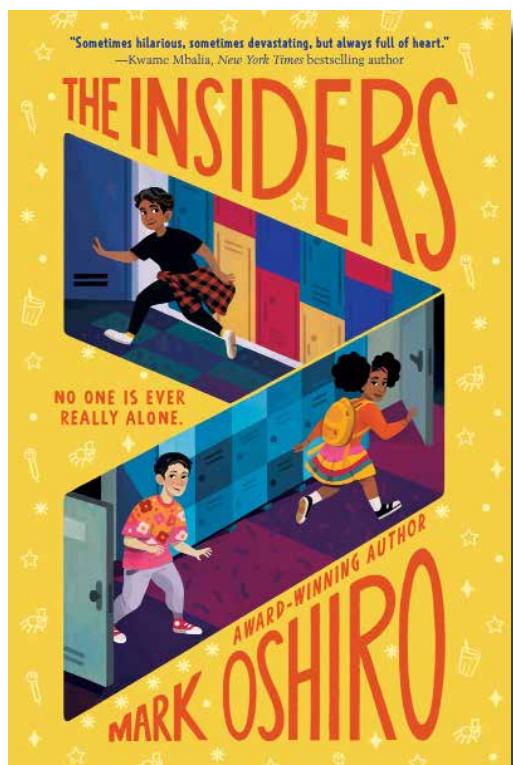
Jewel tries to stay invisible at school, looking forward to the day when she can finally leave her small town behind, making art with her fellow weirdos, and obsessively reading graphic novels with her best friends. But when she's selected to represent her school at the regional French speaking competition, she decides she's had enough of the shy life. The horn needs to come off.

What happens when you have the ability to become the girl you've always wanted to be? When you don't know your true self, how do you know your true friends? What happens when everything in your life—your biggest struggle, your greatest joy, and your dearest friends—all combine in one calamitous adventure?

With a sparkle of magic, a treasure trove of true determination, and help from all her friends both real and invisible, Jewel just might survive this year with her heart—and her head—intact.



Dana Middleton is the author of *The Infinity Year of Avalon James* and *Open If You Dare*, Young Hoosier Book Award nominee and Oregon Battle of the Books selection. When not writing, Dana enjoys meeting students and visiting classrooms around the country, in person and online. Currently, she is mentoring at two schools in the #KidsNeedMentors program. You can find her at danamiddletonbooks.com and on Twitter and Instagram at @danakmiddleton. She lives in Southern California.



THE INSIDERS

Mark Oshiro

“Sometimes hilarious, sometimes devastating, but always full of heart, *The Insiders* carves out a space for us all to be our true selves.”

—Kwame Mbalia, New York Times bestselling author of *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*

Three kids who don't belong. A room that shouldn't exist. A year that will change everything.

Perfect for fans of Rebecca Stead and Meg Medina, this debut middle grade novel from award-winning author Mark Oshiro is a hopeful and heartfelt coming-of-age story for anyone who's ever felt like they didn't fit in.

San Francisco and Orangevale may be in the same state, but for Héctor Muñoz, they might as well be a million miles apart. Back home, being gay didn't mean feeling different. At Héctor's new school, he couldn't feel more alone.

Most days, Héctor just wishes he could disappear. And he does. Right into the janitor's closet. (Yes, he sees the irony.) But one day, when the door closes behind him, Héctor discovers he's stumbled into a room that shouldn't be possible. A room that connects him with two new friends from different corners of the country—and opens the door to a life-changing year full of magic, friendship, and adventure.

HarperCollins

Publication Date: September 21, 2021

Genre: Middle Grade, 8+

Previous Titles:

Buzzfeed, Best YA Speculative Fiction of 2020

NPR, Best Books of 2020

The Mary Sue's "18 Books You Should Read in 2018"

Hypable's "Most Anticipated Queer YA Books of 2018"

Bookish's "Spring 2018's Must Read YA Books"

BookBub's "21 Biggest Teen Books for Adults Spring 2018"



Mark Oshiro is the award-winning author of the YA books *Anger Is a Gift* and *Each of Us a Desert*. When they are not writing, they are busy trying to fulfill their lifelong goal of petting every dog in the world. *The Insiders* is their middle grade debut.

THE GLASS WITCH

Lindsay Puckett

COVER TO BE
REVEALED

Scholastic (World English)
Publication Date: Fall 2022
Two-Book Deal
Genre: Middle Grade Fantasy, 8+

**A whimsical,
body-positive
contemporary fantasy**

THE GLASS WITCH

Lindsay Puckett

Hocus Pocus meets Dumplin’

12-year-old Adelaide Goode has never been good enough.

Addie is the weakest witch born to her family in three centuries and has absolutely zero chance — as the town’s fat girl — of winning the Cranberry Hollow Halloween pageant. But winning brings glory, and glory means proving herself worthy of the Goode name, which is all Addie’s ever wanted.

What she most certainly does not want, however, is to enact a curse, waking a 300-year-old witch hunter from the grave.

With the aid of an ancient spellbook, a monster-obsessed neighbor, and a twitchy-nosed furry friend, Addie must hunt down three ingredients to break the curse before the stroke of midnight when the jinx becomes permanent.

But the hunter’s powers are stronger than foretold and pesky witch-haters stalk the streets. Not to mention the curse has turned Addie’s bones into glass, sprouting more and more cracks as midnight approaches — which makes it terribly hard to run in heels. Addie must break the curse before the hunter not only ruins the pageant but erases magic — and her — from the town.

And in the process maybe — just maybe — prove herself Goode enough.



Lindsay Puckett is an Author Mentor Match mentee and has a fast-growing authortube channel. She’s passionate about representation in books and hopes to uplift readers through her #ownvoices work, especially the disabled and plus-size community.

RISE OF THE VICIOUS PRINCESS

C.J. Redwine

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RISE OF THE VICIOUS PRINCESS C.J. Redwine

The first in a thrilling and romantic new YA political fantasy duology about a fierce princess determined to bring lasting peace to her kingdom regardless of the cost to her heart —from C.J. Redwine, author of the Defiance series and the New York Times bestselling Ravenspire series.

Balzer + Bray (World English)
Publication Date: June 14, 2022
Genre: Young Adult, Fantasy
First in a Duology

For fans of
An Ember in the Ashes,
Throne of Glass, and
These Violent Delights

As the dutiful “sword” of Calera, Princess Charis Willowthorn spends her days ruthlessly enforcing the queen’s will and trying to save her war-torn kingdom from its sworn enemy, Montevallo. But after an attempt is made on the queen’s life it becomes clear that a far more dangerous threat is lurking—and it may be closer than Charis thinks.



C.J. Redwine is a New York Times bestselling author of YA fantasy novels, including the Ravenspire series of fairytale retellings and the Defiance trilogy. She’s still waiting for her letter from Hogwarts. Currently, she lives in Nashville with her husband, five children, three pets, and a wardrobe that stubbornly refuses to lead to Narnia, no matter how many times she tries.



EVERY BIRD A PRINCE

Jenn Reese

A beautiful middle grade novel to reawaken the imagination in us all.

Eren Evers is about to turn thirteen, which seems to mean something to everyone but her. Recently, all her friends want to talk about are their crushes, and her mom keeps pestering Eren about the upcoming school dance.

But Eren couldn't care less about liking boys or girls, and isn't even sure how a crush should feel. Instead, Eren goes on long exploratory bike rides in the woods, wishing she and her friends could just play in the forest like they did before. Then one day, Eren's bike rides take a turn for the extraordinary when a bird speaks to her, desperately seeking her help.

Eren is chosen to defend the bird kingdom against the mysterious Frostfangs, a challenge she eagerly embraces and one that will require all of her strength and talents, as well as the support of an unlikely friend. Now Eren must juggle both the trials of the forest and of her social scene, discovering what it truly means to be herself in a world eager to define her path.



Jenn Reese writes speculative fiction for readers of all ages. Her first novel, *Above World*, was a finalist for the 2012 Andre Norton Award for Young Adult Science Fiction and Fantasy. She lives in Portland, Oregon, where she revels in the rain, plays too many video games, and works as a freelance graphic designer.

Henry Holt & Co. (World English)

Publication Date: May 10, 2022

Genre: Middle Grade, 9+

Previous Title, A Game of Fox & Squirrels:

Winner, Eloise Jarvis McGraw Award for

Children's Literature, an Oregon Book Award

Finalist, Andre Norton Award
An NPR Best Book of 2020

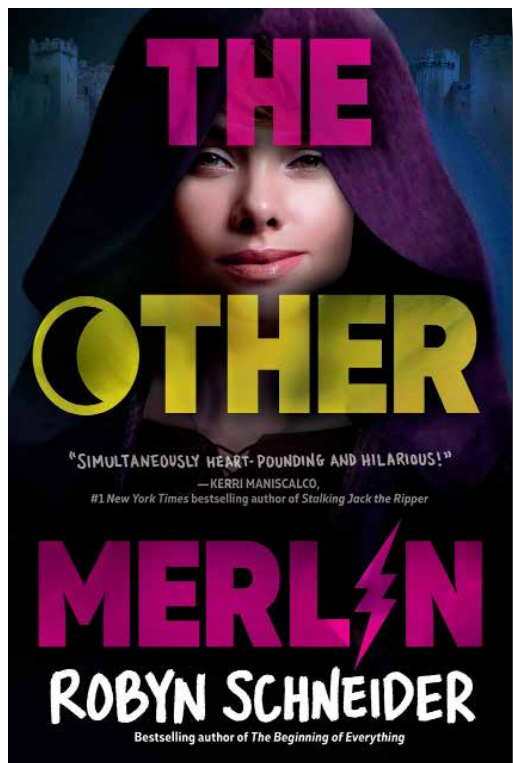
One of A Mighty Girl's 2020 Books of the Year

One of Los Angeles Public Library's Best Books of 2020

An Evanston Public Library Best of the Year Pick

Starred review, Kirkus

Starred review, Publishers Weekly



THE OTHER MERLIN

Robyn Schneider

Channeling the modern humor of *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue*, bestselling author Robyn Schneider creates a Camelot that becomes the ultimate teen rom-com hotspot in this ultra-fresh take on the Arthurian legend.

Welcome to the great kingdom of Camelot! Prince Arthur's a depressed botanist who would rather marry a library than a princess, Lancelot's been demoted to castle guard after a terrible lie, and Emry Merlin has arrived at the castle disguised as her twin brother since girls can't practice magic.

Life at court is full of scandals, lies, and backstabbing courtiers, so what's a casually bisexual teen wizard masquerading as a boy to do? Other than fall for the handsome prince, stir up trouble with the foppish Lord Gawain, and offend the prissy Princess Guinevere.

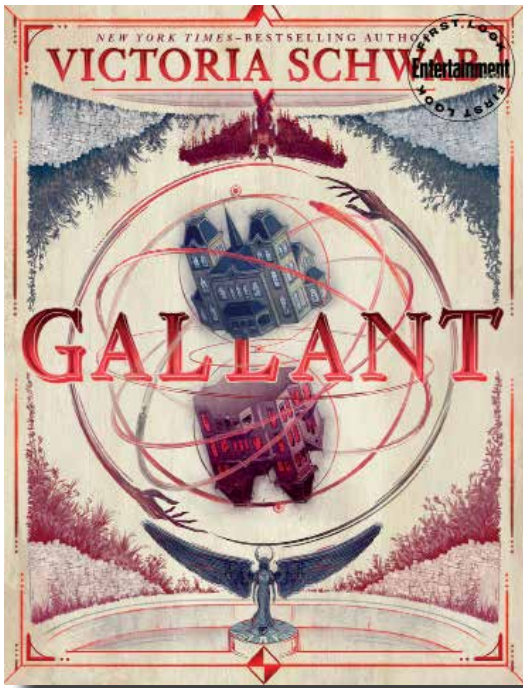
When the truth comes out with disastrous consequences, Emry has to decide whether she'll risk everything for the boy she loves, or give up her potential to become the greatest wizard Camelot has ever known.

Viking Books for Young Readers
(World English)
Publication Date: September 21, 2021
Genre: Young Adult, Fantasy, 14+

"Schneider's first foray into fantasy, a clever trilogy starter based in the King Arthur mythos, changes most of the canonical facts but gets everything that matters right in this funny, sharp, romantic, magic-filled book."
—Publishers Weekly
(starred review)



Robyn Schneider grew up in Southern California, where she spent her childhood reading fantasy novels and searching for secret passages. She's a graduate of Columbia University, where she studied creative writing, and the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, where she earned a Masters of Bioethics. Robyn is the bestselling author of *The Beginning of Everything*, *Extraordinary Means*, *Invisible Ghosts*, and *You Don't Live Here*. Her work is available across the world in over a dozen languages. She lives in Los Angeles with her TV producer husband, their tiny puppy, and far too many books.



GALLANT

Victoria Schwab

#1 New York Times–bestselling author Victoria Schwab weaves a dark and original tale about the place where the world meets its shadow, and the young woman beckoned by both sides

Olivia Prior has grown up in Merilance School for Girls, and all she has of her past is her mother’s journal—which seems to unravel into madness. Then, a letter invites Olivia to come home to Gallant. Yet when Olivia arrives, no one is expecting her. But Olivia is not about to leave the first place that feels like home; it doesn’t matter if her cousin Matthew is hostile, or if she sees half-formed ghouls haunting the hallways.

Greenwillow Books (North American)

Publication Date: March 1, 2022

Genre: Young Adult, 13+

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Titan Books, UK & Comm.

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Olivia knows that Gallant is hiding secrets, and she is determined to uncover them. When she crosses a ruined wall at just the right moment, Olivia finds herself in a place that is Gallant—but not. The manor is crumbling, the ghouls are solid, and a mysterious figure rules over all. Now Olivia sees what has unraveled generations of her family, and where her father may have come from.

Olivia has always wanted to belong somewhere, but will she take her place as a Prior, protecting our world against the Master of the House? Or will she take her place beside him?

New York Times–bestselling author Victoria Schwab crafts a vivid and lush novel that grapples with the demons that are often locked behind closed doors. An eerie, stand-alone saga about life, death, and the young woman beckoned by both. Readers of Neil Gaiman, Holly Black, Melissa Albert, and Garth Nix will quickly lose themselves in this novel with crossover appeal for all ages.



Victoria Schwab is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of more than twenty books, ranging from middle grade to teen to adult. Her books have garnered critical acclaim and been featured in the New York Times, Entertainment Weekly, The Washington Post, and NPR; have been translated into more than a dozen languages; and been optioned for television and film. Schwab, an avid traveler, received her MFA from the University of Edinburgh, where her thesis was about the presence of monsters in medieval art. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.

FRONT COUNTRY

Sara St. Antoine

COVER TO BE
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FRONT COUNTRY

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For fans of:

Rebecca Stead's *Goodbye Stranger*
Erin Entrada Kelly's *Hello Universe*
and Kate Allen's *The Line Tender*

When 8th grader Ginny learns the most adorable animal ever, the Pika, may not survive the changing climate, it feels like the earth has shifted beneath her feet. Suddenly, nothing seems to matter: not tennis, not homework, and certainly not summer college prep. The world, she realizes, is on fire—and there's nothing she can do about it.

Thrown for a loop by the changes in their type-A daughter, Ginny's parents decide to send her to a camp in Montana for the summer. But Ginny's excitement about communing with nature in the Rockies is shattered when she arrives to find herself a part of "Rebound Adventures"—a program designed to get kids who have gone off the rails back on track.

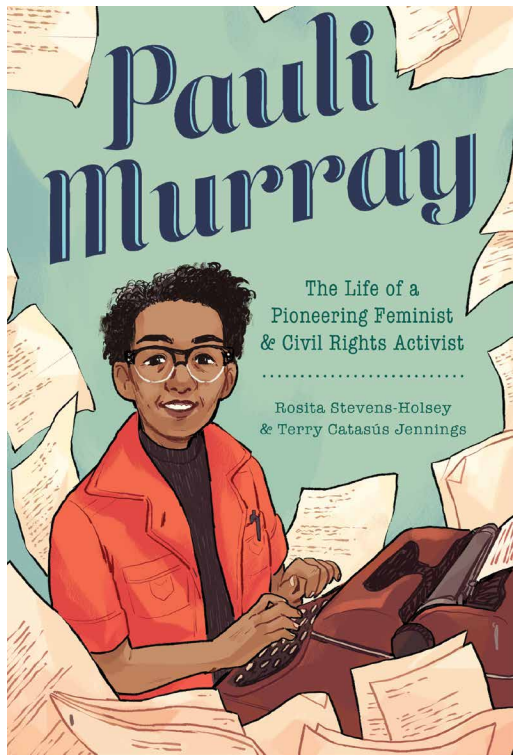
The only girl in a group of five (gross, delinquent, tech-addicted) boys, Ginny struggles to find her place in Rebound. But as her friendships with her fellow campers deepen around the campfire, she starts to see other sides of them and of herself. Navigating the trails and the trials of the back country, maybe she'll find what she needs to face the front country again.

Chronicle Books
Publication Date: Fall 2022
Genre: Middle Grade, Eco-Thriller, 10+

Previous Title:
**Boston Globe Best
Book of the Year**
ALSC Notable Book
**Lamplighter Award
Winner**



Sara St. Antoine is an award-winning author and freelance writer. A graduate of Williams College, Sara holds a master's degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Her debut novel, *Three Bird Summer* (Candlewick, 2014, RTD sales over 7,000 copies), earned praise from Kirkus, School Library Journal, Booklist, USA Today, and The Boston Globe. *Three Bird Summer* was a Lamplighter Award winner, and was selected as a Boston Globe "Best Book of the Year" and an ALSC Notable Book for middle grade readers.



PAULI MURRAY

Rosita Stevens-Holsey & Terry Catasús Jennings

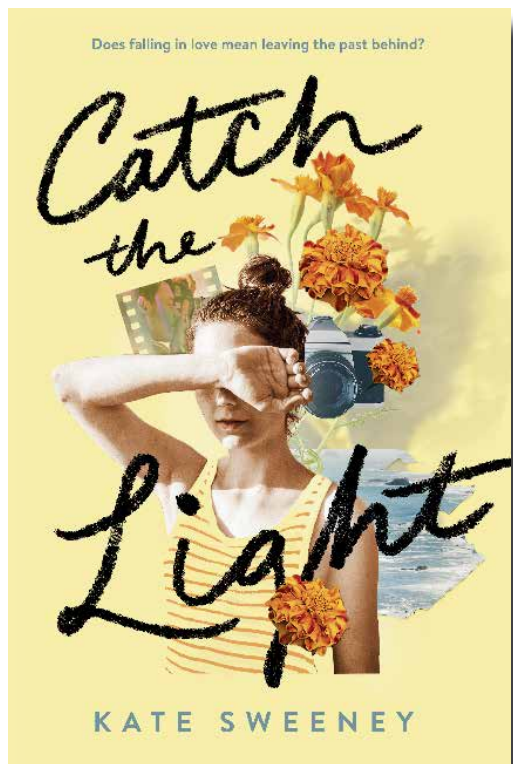
This biography of Pauli Murray is a groundbreaking new nonfiction book intended for the middle grade audience written in verse.

Yellow Jacket (World English)
Publication Date: January 4, 2022
Genre: Middle Grade, Biography, 10+

**The Life of a
Pioneering Feminist
and
Civil Rights Activist**

Pauli Murray was a thorn in the side of white America demanding justice and equal treatment for all. She was a queer civil rights and women's rights activist before any movement advocated for either--the brilliant mind that, in 1944, conceptualized the arguments that would win *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*; and in 1964, the arguments that won women equality in the workplace.

Throughout her life, she fought for the oppressed, not only through changing laws, but by using her powerful prose to influence those who could affect change. She lived by her convictions and challenged authority to demand fairness and justice regardless of the personal consequences. Without seeking acknowledgment, glory, or financial gain for what she did, Pauli Murray fought in the trenches for many of the rights we take for granted. Her goal was human rights and the dignity of life for all.



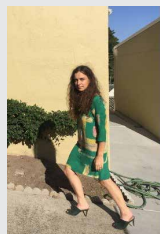
CATCH THE LIGHT

Kate Sweeney

A love story perfect for fans of Nina LaCour and Jandy Nelson about a girl who moves cross country and finds herself falling for someone new who throws her whole life out of order.

Nine months after the death of her father, Marigold is forced to pick up and move from her home in sunny Los Angeles all the way across the country to rural upstate New York. According to her mom, living with her aunt in a big old house in the woods is the fresh start Marigold and her little sister need. But Mary aches for the things she's leaving behind—her best friend, her older sister, her now-long-distance boyfriend, and the senior year that felt like her only chance at making things feel normal again.

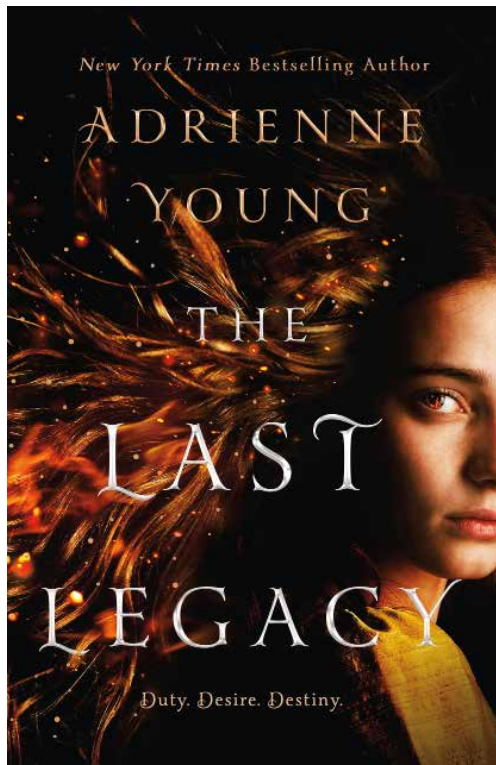
Philomel Books (World English)
Publication Date: November 9, 2021
Genre: Young Adult, 12+
Standalone, Acquired in a 2-Book Deal



Kate Sweeney was born in Athens, Georgia, and has since lived many places, including Los Angeles, New York City, and Salt Lake City. She began writing when she was sixteen. Her father--a novelist and screenwriter--had died five years prior, and in writing she found a way of bringing his voice back to her ears. For the past ten years she has resided in the Bay Area, where she spends her time making music with her band, Magic Magic Roses, teaching literacy, and working with her husband at the family art-framing business.

On top of everything, Mary has a troubling secret: she's starting to forget her dad. The void he's left in her memory is quickly getting filled with bonfires, house parties, and hours in the darkroom with Jesse, a fellow photographer and kindred spirit whom she can't stop thinking about. As the beauty of Mary's new world begins to sink in and her connection with Jesse grows stronger, she feels caught between her old life and her new one.

When the two finally come crashing together, Mary will have to decide what she really wants and come to terms with the ways that the loss of her dad has changed who she is. She can't hold on to her past forever, but maybe it can be the foundation for something even brighter.



THE LAST LEGACY

Adrienne Young

New York Times bestselling author Adrienne Young returns with *The Last Legacy*, a captivating standalone about family and blood ties, reinventing yourself, and controlling your own destiny.

When a letter from her uncle Henrik arrives on Bryn Roth's eighteenth birthday, summoning her back to Bastian, Bryn is eager to prove herself and finally take her place in her long-lost family.

Henrik has plans for Bryn, but she must win everyone's trust if she wants to hold any power in the delicate architecture of the family. It doesn't take long for her to see that the Roths are entangled in shadows. Despite their growing influence in upscale Bastian, their hands are still in the kind of dirty business that got Bryn's parents killed years ago. With a forbidden romance to contend with and dangerous work ahead, the cost of being accepted into the Roths may be more than Bryn can pay.

“This fast-paced tale with a Victorian feeling is filled with an abundance of scandal, high fashion, intrigue, and, of course, romance... the delightfully swoonworthy love story will keep readers engaged and the pages turning eagerly as they hurtle toward the book's satisfying conclusion. An entertaining story of forbidden love, family drama, and elegant couture.” - Kirkus

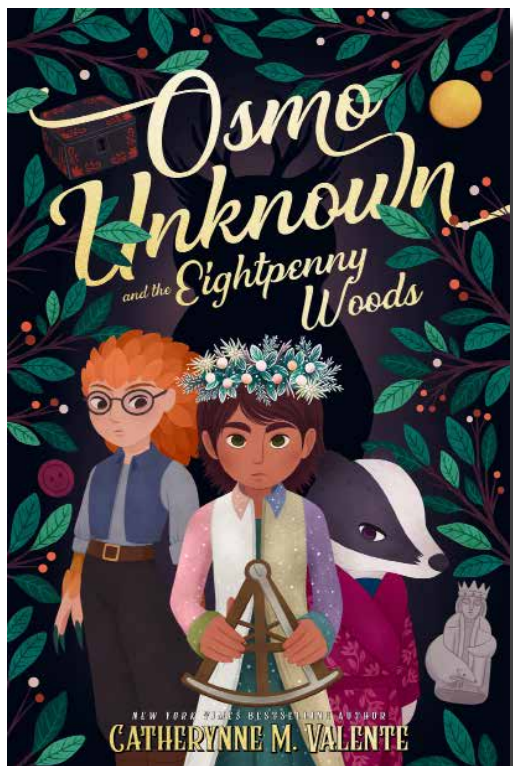
Wednesday Books (North American)
Publication Date: September 7, 2021
Genre: Young Adult, Fantasy, 12+

Rights Sold:
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Albatros Media, Czech Republic



Adrienne Young is a foodie with a deep love of history and travel and a shameless addiction to coffee. When she's not writing, you can find her on her yoga mat, sipping wine over long dinners or disappearing into her favorite art museums. She lives with her documentary filmmaker husband and their four little wildlings in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. She is the author of the New York Times bestselling Sky in the Deep duology and the Fable duology.



OSMO UNKNOWN AND THE EIGHTPENNY WOODS Catherynne Valente

From New York Times bestselling author Catherynne M. Valente comes an inventive new fantasy following a boy journeying away from the only home he's ever known and into the magical realm of the dead in order to fulfill a bargain for his people.

Osmo Unknown hungers for the world beyond his small town. With the life that Littlebridge society has planned for him, the only taste Osmo will ever get are his visits to the edge of the Fourpenny Woods where his mother hunts. Until the unthinkable happens: his mother accidentally kills a Quidnunk, a fearsome and intelligent creature that lives deep in the forest.

Margaret K. McElderry Books
Publication Date: April 26, 2022
Genre: Middle Grade Fantasy, 8+

Time Magazine on the author's previous middle grade series:

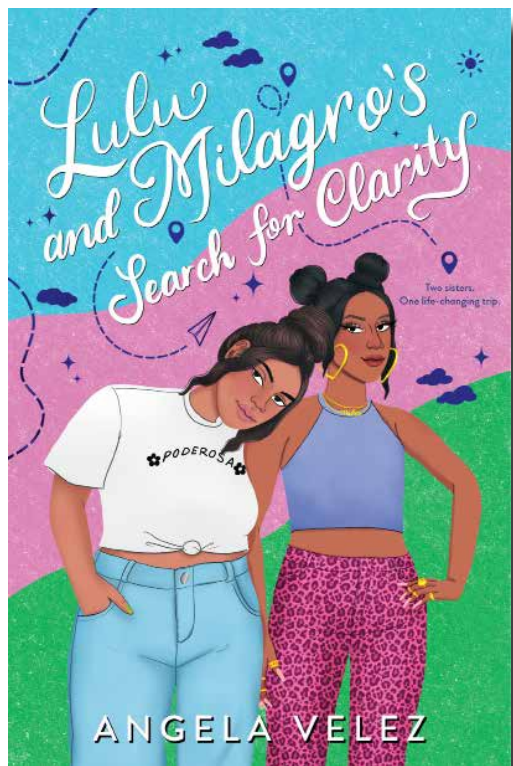
“One of the most extraordinary works of fantasy, for adults or children, published so far this century”

None of this should have anything to do with poor Osmo, except that a strange treaty was once formed between the Quidnunk and the people of Littlebridge to ensure that neither group would harm the other. Now that a Quidnunk is dead, as the firstborn child of the hunter who killed her, Osmo must embark on a quest to find the Eightpenny Woods—the mysterious kingdom where all wild forest creatures go when they die—and make amends.

Accompanied by a very rude half-badger, half-wombat named Bonk and an antisocial pangolin girl called Never, it will take all of Osmo's bravery and cleverness to survive the magic of the Eightpenny Woods to save his town...and make it out alive.



Catherynne M. Valente is an acclaimed, New York Times bestselling creator of over forty works of fantasy and science fiction, including the Fairyland novels and *The Glass Town Game*. She has been nominated for the Nebula and World Fantasy awards, and has won the Tiptree, Hugo, and Andre Norton award. She lives on a small island off the coast of Maine with her partner, young son, and a shockingly large cat with most excellent tufts.



LULU AND MILAGRO'S SEARCH FOR CLARITY Angela Velez

"Lulu & Milagro's Search for Clarity is a delightful journey of sisterhood, self-love, and chasing your dreams—even if they go in directions you never expected. I was cheering on the Zavala sisters every step of the way!"
-Natalia Sylvester, author of Running

Overachiever Luz "Lulu" Zavala has straight A's, perfect attendance, and a solid ten-year plan. First up: nail her interview for a dream internship at Stanford, the last stop on her school's cross-country college road trip. The only flaw in her plan is Clara, her oldest sister, who went off to college and sparked a massive fight with their overprotective Peruvian mom, who is now convinced that out-of-state-college will destroy their family. If Lulu can't fix whatever went wrong between them, the whole trip—and her future—will be a waste.

Middle sister Milagro wants nothing to do with college or a nerdy class field trip. Then a spot opens up on the trip just as her own spring break plans (Operation: Lose Your Virginity) are thwarted, and she hops on the bus, more concerned about getting back at her ex than she is about schools or any family drama. But the trip opens her eyes about possibilities she'd never imagined for herself. Maybe she is more than the boy-crazy girl everyone seems to think she is.

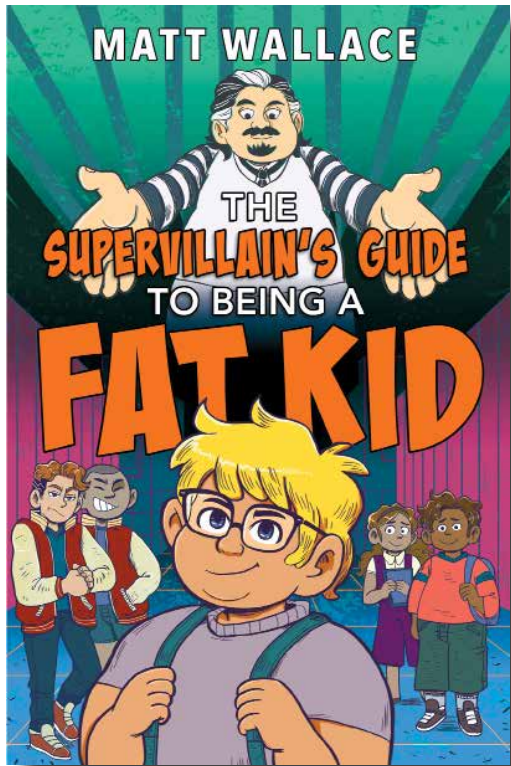
On a journey from Baltimore all the way to San Francisco, Lulu and Milagro will become begrudging partners as they unpack weighty family expectations, uncover Clara's secrets, and maybe even discover the true meaning of sisterhood.

Balzer + Bray (World English)
Publication Date: February 8, 2022
Genre: Young Adult, 13+

**A laugh-out-loud funny,
big-hearted sister story.**



Angela Velez grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, under the watchful eye of her Peruvian immigrant parents. She earned her bachelor of arts from Columbia University and her master of fine arts from the University of Pittsburgh, where she was a K. Leroy Irvis Fellow. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with her piles of books, three plastic flamingos, and one wobbly disco ball. Lulu and Milagro's Search for Clarity is her first novel. You can visit her online at www.angelavelez.com.



THE SUPERVILLAINS' GUIDE TO BEING A FAT KID

Matt Wallace

Perfect for fans of Holly Goldberg Sloan, Julie Murphy, and John David Anderson!

Max's first year of middle school hasn't been easy. Eighth-grade hotshot Johnny Pro torments Max constantly, for no other reason than Max is fat and an easy target. Max wishes he could fight back, but he doesn't want to hurt Johnny . . . just make him feel the way Max feels.

In desperation, Max writes to the only person he thinks will understand: imprisoned supervillain Master Plan, a "gentleman of size." To his surprise, Master Plan wants to help! He suggests a way for Max to get even with Johnny Pro, and change how the other kids at school see them both.

And it works! When Master Plan's help pays off for Max in ways he couldn't have imagined, he starts gaining confidence—enough to finally talk to Marina, the girl he likes in class who shares his passion for baking. With Master Plan in his corner, anything seems possible . . . but is there a price to pay for the supervillain's help?

Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins
Publication Date: January 25, 2022
Genre: Middle Grade, 8+

A personal, humorous, and body-positive middle grade standalone about a fat kid who wants to stop his bullies . . . and enlists the help of the world's most infamous supervillain.



Matt Wallace is the Hugo Award–winning author of *Rencor: Life in Grudge City*, the *Sin du Jour* series, and *Savage Legion*. He's also penned over one hundred short stories in addition to writing for film and television. In his youth he traveled the world as a professional wrestler and unarmed combat and self-defense instructor before retiring to write full-time. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Nikki. You can visit him at www.matt-wallace.com. --This text refers to the hardcover edition.



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