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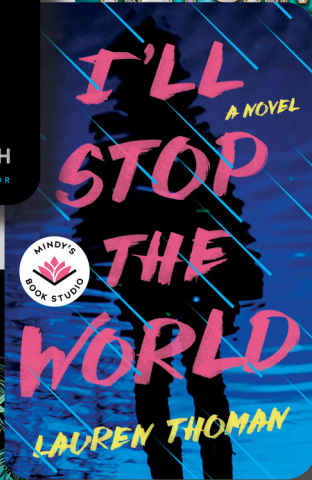
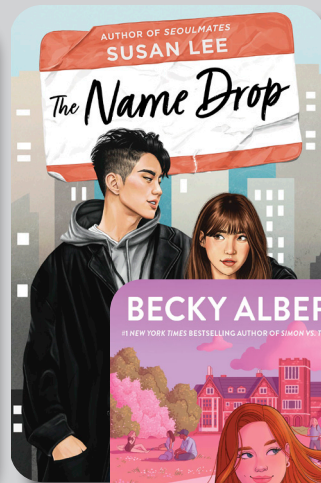
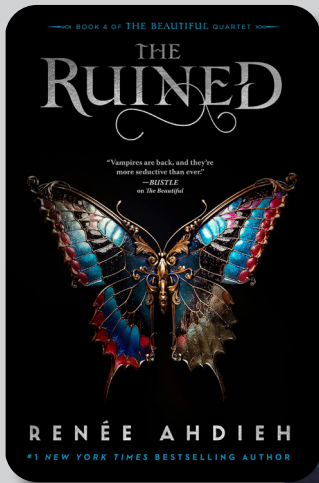
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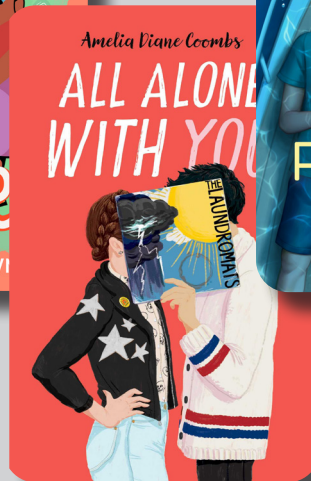
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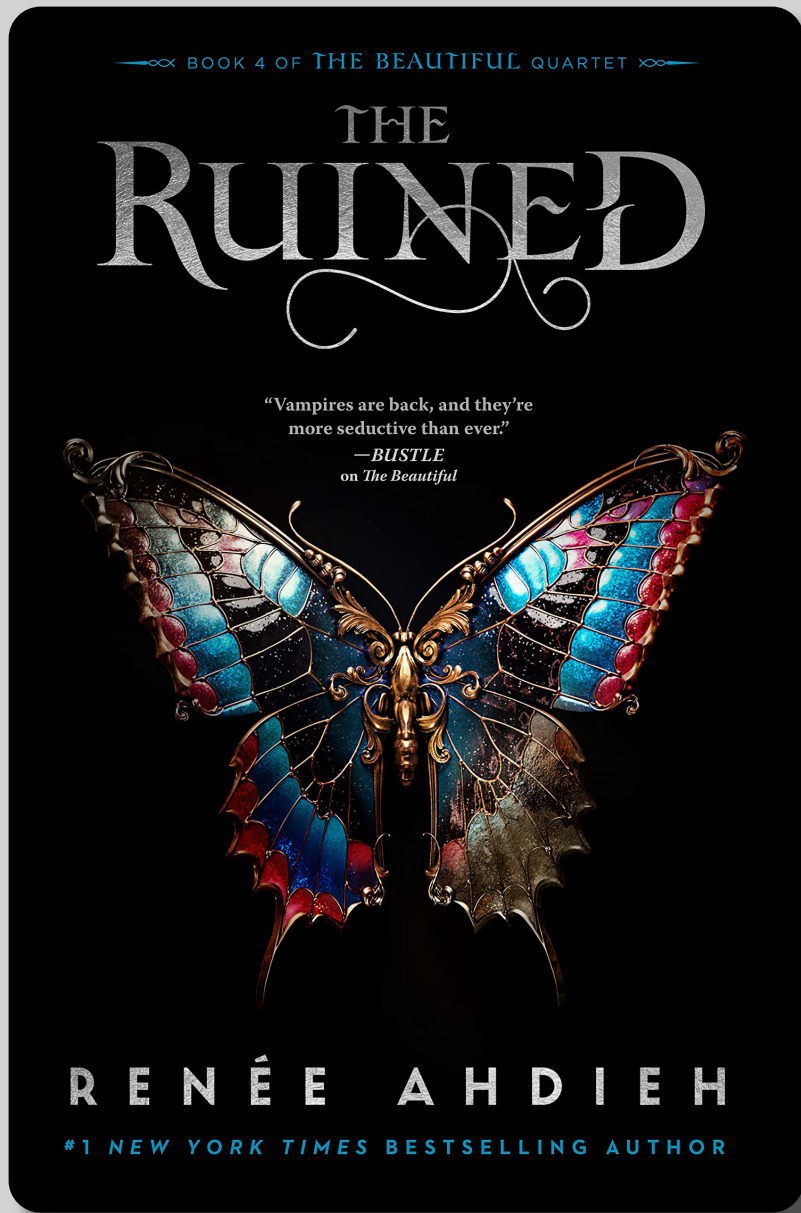
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YOUNG ADULT TITLES





A SULTRY AND SEDUCTIVE HISTORICAL VAMPIRE ROMANCE

The Instant
New York Times
Bestselling Series

“Forbidden romance and harsh consequences set up this highly anticipated sequel that will leave you wanting so much more.”

—Seventeen.com

“Expansive worldbuilding... romantic...steamy...Decadent escapism.”

—Kirkus Reviews

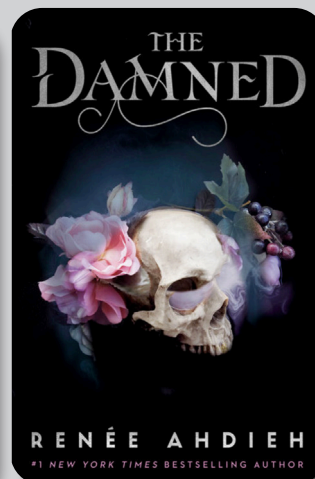
“It’s true: Vampires are back, and they’re more seductive than ever.”

—Bustle

G.P. Putnam’s Sons BFYR, December 2023

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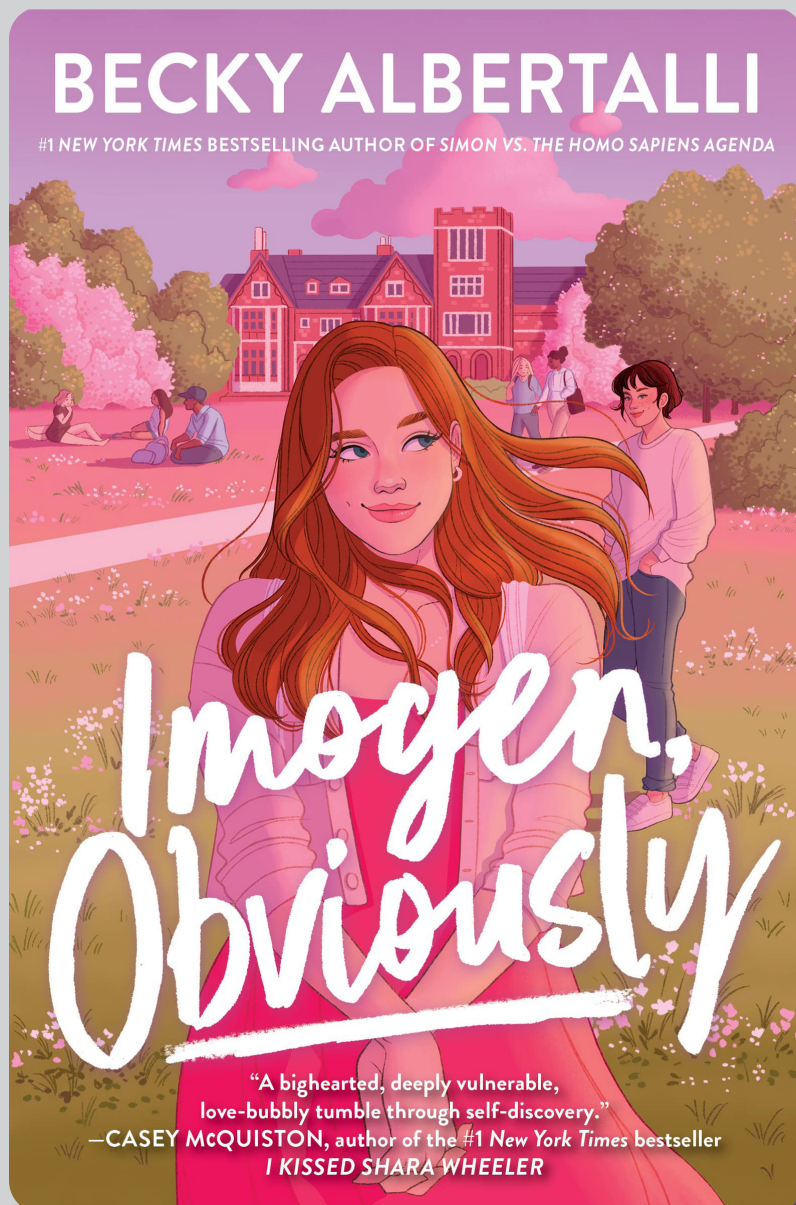


A Contemporary Novel of Self-Discovery

From the #1
New York Times
Bestselling Author

“This one’s for the girls with anxiety, for the chronic people pleasers, for anyone who worries if they’re trying too hard or not hard enough, for the ones still figuring it out. A lot of people will recognize themselves in Imogen. A big-hearted, deeply vulnerable, love-bubbly tumble through self-discovery.”

— Casey McQuiston, author
of #1 New York Times
bestselling *I Kissed Shara
Wheeler*



Imogen Scott may be hopelessly heterosexual, but she’s got the World’s Greatest Ally title locked down. She’s never missed a Pride Alliance meeting. She knows more about queer media discourse than her very queer little sister. She even has two queer best friends. There’s Gretchen, a fellow high school senior, who helps keep Imogen’s biases in check. And then there’s Lili—newly out and newly thriving with a cool new squad of queer college friends.

Imogen’s thrilled for Lili. Any ally would be. And now that she’s finally visiting Lili on campus, she’s bringing her ally A game. Any support Lili needs, Imogen’s all in.

Even if that means bending the truth, just a little.

Like when Lili drops a tiny queer bombshell: she’s told all her college friends that Imogen and Lili used to date. And none of them know that Imogen is a raging hetero—not even Lili’s best friend, Tessa.

Of course, the more time Imogen spends with chaotic, freckle-faced Tessa, the more she starts to wonder if her truth was ever all that straight to begin with. . .

Balzer & Bray/Harper, May 2023

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**A thrilling YA
sci-fi adventure
set against an
intergalactic war.**

**Internationally
Bestselling Author**

“Victories Greater Than Death is a gorgeous romp through the galaxy, full of fascinating aliens, true friendship, swashbuckling, space battles, and love.”

—Holly Black, New York Times bestselling author

“This compulsive read perfectly captures teenage voices and feelings even as it travels from a normal teenage life on Earth to galactic battles.”

—Buzzfeed

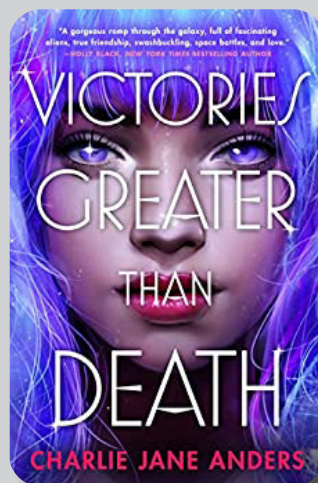
Tor Teen, April 2023

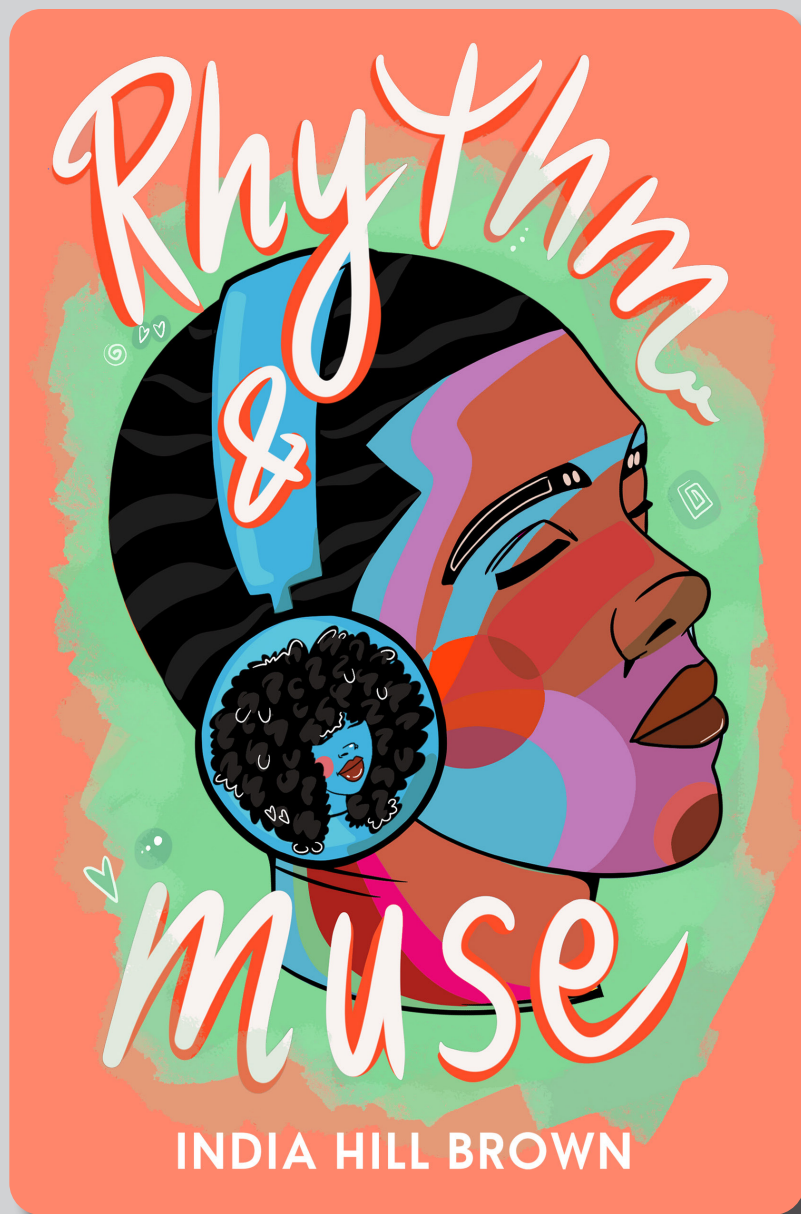
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Cinderella meets Cyrano in this pitch-perfect YA rom-com that is a celebration of Black joy, first crushes, and putting your heart on the line for love.

Quill Tree Books,/ HarperCollins, May 2023

Darren Johnson lives in his head. There, he can pine for his crush—total dream girl, Delia Dawson—in peace, away from the unsolicited opinions of his talkative family and showboat friends. When Delia announces a theme song contest for her popular podcast, Dillie D in the Place to Be, Darren’s friends—convinced he’ll never make a move—submit one of his secret side projects for consideration.

After the anonymous romantic verse catches Dillie’s ear, she sets out to uncover the mystery singer behind the track. Now Darren must decide: Is he ready to step out of the shadows and take the lead in his own life?



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

J.C. CERVANTES

ALWAYS

isn't

FOREVER

*Can true love
conquer death?*

Razorbill, June 2023

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J.C. CERVANTES:

A New York Times Bestselling Author

Making lists at:

ABA New Voices

B&N's Best Young Reader Books

Amazon's Best Books of the Month

New Mexico Book Award

Zia Book Award

**A sparkling,
unforgettable YA
romance, perfect
for fans of *You've
Reached Sam*.**

Best friends and soul mates since they were kids, Hart Augusto and Ruby Armenta were poised to take on senior year together when Hart tragically drowns in a boating accident. Absolutely shattered, Ruby struggles to move on from the person she knows was her forever love.

Hart can't let go of Ruby either.... Due to some divine intervention, he's offered a second chance. Only it won't be as simple as bringing him back to life—instead, Hart's soul is transferred to the body of local bad boy.

When Hart returns to town as Jameson, he realizes that winning Ruby back will be more challenging than he'd imagined. For one, he's forbidden from telling Ruby the truth. And with each day he spends as Jameson, memories of his life as Hart begin to fade away.

Though Ruby still mourns Hart, she can't deny that something is drawing her to Jameson. As much as she doesn't understand the sudden pull, it can't be ignored. And why does he remind her so much of Hart? Desperate to see if the connection she feels is real, Ruby begins to open her heart to Jameson—but will their love be enough to bridge the distance between them?

**Swoon-
Worthy**

**A
Standoffish
Teen Girl**



**A
Dynamic
Elderly
Woman**

**A
Perpetually
Cheerful
Boy.**

Simon & Schuster BFYR, June 2023

Eloise Deane is the worst and doesn't care who knows it. She's grumpy, prefers to be alone, and is just slogging through senior year with one goal: get accepted to USC and move to California. So when her guidance counselor drops the bombshell that to score a scholarship she'll desperately need, her applications require volunteer hours, Eloise is up for the challenge. Until she's paired with LifeCare, a volunteer agency that offers social support to lonely seniors through phone calls and visits. Basically, it's a total nightmare for Eloise's anxiety.

Eloise realizes she's made a huge mistake—especially when she's paired with Austin, the fellow volunteer who's the sunshine to her cloudy day. But as Eloise and Austin work together to keep Marianne Landis—the mysterious former frontwoman of the 1970s band the Laundromats—company, something strange happens. She actually...likes Marianne and Austin? Eloise isn't sure what to do with that, especially when her feelings toward Austin begin to blur into more-than-friends territory.

And when ex-girlfriends, long-buried wounds, and insecurities reappear, Eloise will have a choice to make: go all in with Marianne and Austin or get out before she gets hurt.

**For
fans of
Tweet Cute
and Excuse Me
While I Ugly
Cry.**



**Rom-
Com
Alert!**

Poppy/Little Brown, April 2023

High school senior Autumn Reeves has been waitlisted at her dream school. Determined to move to the top of the list, she must find a way to stand out. When a promposal she planned for a friend has half the senior class asking for her help, a brilliant business idea that will look great on her application is born: Promposal Queen.

Autumn has no clue how to start a business, so she joins the Young Black Entrepreneurs group and finds herself face-to-face with Mekhi Winston, the boy whose unexpected freshman-year kiss—a kiss that meant everything to her and nothing to him—cost Autumn her best friend. He's the only person with the experience to help her, but how can she possibly trust him?

With her dreams on the line, Autumn's willing to risk it. After all, Mekhi could be a good business partner without being a guy she would ever let near her heart again.

But when working with Mekhi jeopardizes her only chance at rekindling a friendship with her ex-best-friend, and secrets long buried threaten to ruin Promposal Queen, another broken heart may be the least of her worries--her entire future is on the line.



**A page-turning
YA contemporary
novel.**

**Perfect next read for
fans of *I'm Not Dying
with You Tonight* and
The Black Kids.**

Previous Work:

**ALA Notable Book for
a Global Society Award
winner, SCBWI Golden
Kite Winner, Odyssey
Award Winner for Young
Adults, NAACP Image
Award for Outstanding
Literary Work Nominee,
Edgar Award Nominee.**

Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, June 2023

A lot is up in the air in Naomi Henry's life: her spot as a varsity cheer flier, her classmates' reaction to the debut of her natural hair, and her crush on the guy who's always been like a brother to her. With so much uncertainty, she feels lucky to have a best friend like Kylie to keep her grounded. After all, they're practically sisters—Naomi's mom took care of Kylie and her twin brother for years.

But then a video of Kylie calling the cops on two Black teens in a shopping store parking lot goes viral. Naomi is shaken, and her town is reeling from the publicity. While Naomi tries to reckon with Kylie, the other Black students in their high school are questioning their friendship, and her former friends are wondering where this new "woke" Naomi came from. As much as Naomi wants to stand by her best friend, she now can't help but see everything in a different light.

So when the tension across town reaches a boiling point, will Naomi be caught in the center of the blast?

LAST CHANCE LIVE!

Helena Haywoode Henry

**Cover
to
Come**

Following in the tradition of other conversation-starters like *Long Way Down* and *Allegedly*.

A debut that combines the high-stakes elements of *SQUID GAME* with the cultural examination of *DEAR JUSTYCE*.

Nancy Paulsen/Penguin Random House, Spring 2024

Last Chance LIVE! is the most popular reality show in America—and eighteen-year-old death row inmate Eternity Price's last chance out. Getting cast on the show could win her clemency from her impending execution... if she can convince the viewing audience she deserves a second chance. The catch? If America doesn't vote for her, she loses the chance to appeal her sentence, and she'll be executed within a week of being eliminated. And since Eternity's been unpopular her whole life, she's terrified America won't pick her. But any chance of getting out and back to her little brother Sincere, no matter how slim, is better than rotting in her cell.

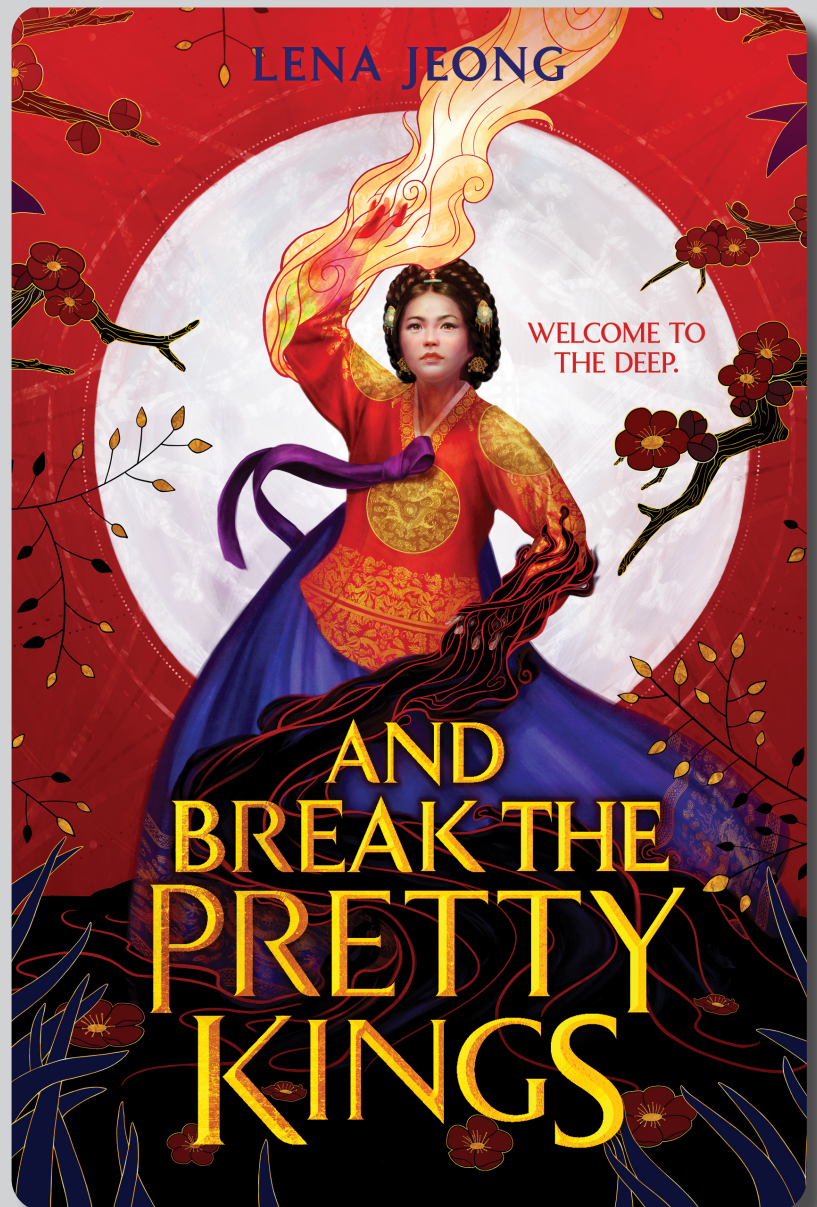
Eternity never expected to find her first real friends in a reality TV house full of people battling for survival after being convicted of capital crimes, but that's exactly what happens. So when she gets the opportunity to sabotage them and secure her own victory, she has a choice to make: protect the friendships and acceptance she's always longed for at the cost of her own life, or sacrifice her newfound community. Eternity must ultimately decide what forgiveness, family, and freedom mean to her, and how far she'll go to obtain them in a game where the stakes are literally life or death.

A rich and evocative high-stakes fantasy is perfect for fans of *Gallant* and *Six Crimson Cranes*.

A crown princess.

A monster the gods fear.

A destiny no one can outrun.



HarperTeen, June 2023

Rights Sold:
Manogatari, Spain

Mirae was meant to save her queendom, but the ceremony before her coronation ends in terror and death, unlocking a strange new power within her and foretelling the return of a monster even the gods fear. Amid the chaos, Mirae's beloved older brother is taken—threatening the peninsula's already tenuous truce.

Desperate to save her brother and defeat this ancient enemy before the queendom is beset by war, Mirae sets out on a journey with an unlikely group of companions while her unpredictable magic gives her terrifying visions of a future she must stop at any cost.

FAEPOCALYPSE

Amanda Joy

**Cover
to
Come**

**A Standalone
Contemporary
Fantasy**

LEGENDBORN

meets

THE CRUEL

PRINCE

refracted

through a queer

Black lens.

Putnam, Winter 2024

Seventeen-year-old RHIANNON “REESE” SAINT-CLARE is eating breakfast in the kitchen with her younger brother, BAKARI, when a viral video comes up on the news, depicting a monster in a Las Vegas alley. The reporters quickly dismiss the video as a deep fake, but Reese and Bakari know better. The creature is a faerie, though not any variety they recognize.

More alarming than the existence of the faerie is its location. Faeries rarely venture far from the Gate bridging their world and ours, a location the Saint-Clares know well, their family’s farm in Monroe, Louisiana. Every summer since their father’s death three years ago, Reese and Bakari have gone down south to learn to hunt the fae who slip through the gate. Reese can’t help but swell with anticipation at the faerie sighting, hoping it will mean an early trip to Louisiana. Since her father’s death, hunting faeries is the only time Reese feels much of anything.

When a faerie attacks Reese and her almost-boyfriend KHYRIE in the school parking lot, it becomes clear the faerie in Vegas isn’t the only one out of bounds. Following a second faerie encounter and a terrifying run-in with the police, Reese, Khyrie and her family flee south in search of their family. Meanwhile faeries flood the country, killing indiscriminately and bringing what some say is disease and others call magic, known online as the faepox. The faepox turns humans into faeries—in some cases the transformations are subtle, but most struck with the pox become senseless bloodthirsty beasts.

After her brother and Khyrie are kidnapped by a faerie, Reese follows it to New Orleans, where she seeks the truth of her family’s role and the nature of their enemies from the fae realm. There she meets the Princess Orlaith, a cruel, capricious, and beautiful faerie, but it soon becomes apparent neither Princess and hunter knows the full truth about the events that brought them together. Faced with an opportunity to free Khyrie and Bakari and end the faepox, Reese forms an uneasy alliance with the Princess, risking the fate of both the human and faerie realms—and her heart.

For fans of
Supernatural
and **Lovecraft**
Country

**A PULSE-
POUNDING
NOVEL OF
VENGEANCE**

Delacorte Press
September 2023



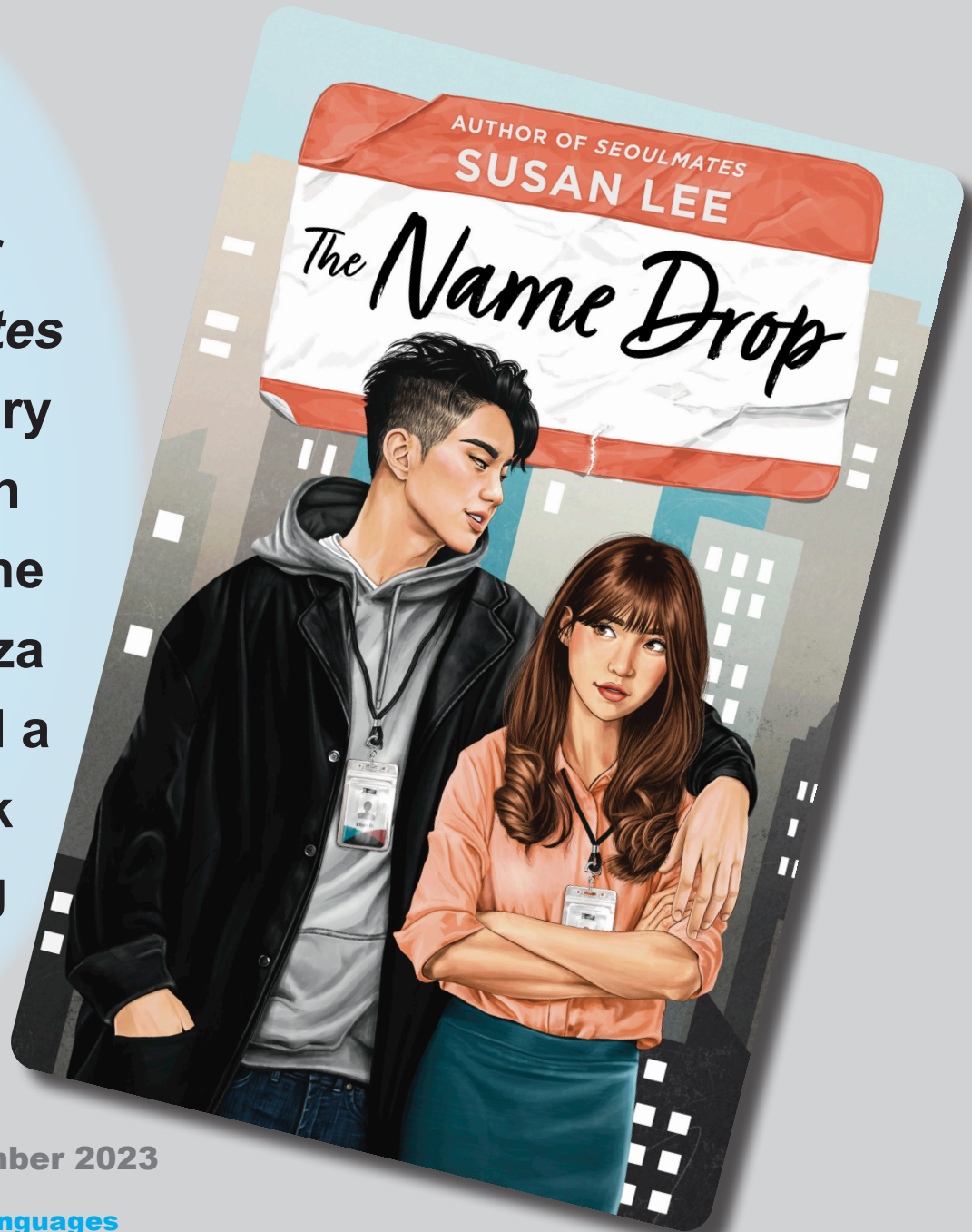
*Don't go outside past dark. Come straight home after church.
And above all—never, ever, go into Red Wood.*

These are the rules Latavia's aunt gives her when Latavia arrives in Sanctum, Alabama for the summer. Though, weird as they are, living in Sanctum does have its pros. Mainly, the cute girl who works at the local ice cream shop.

But Sanctum is turning out to be as strange as the rules—and the longer Latavia's in town, the more suspicious she is that the people there are hiding something. And the more clear it is that she's an outsider. Everyone's nice enough, but they seem determined to prove everything is normal.

But it's not. Because there's something in Red Wood that the towns' people are hiding. And if Latavia doesn't follow her aunt's rules, she might not be able to leave Sanctum. Ever...

**New
from
the author
of *Seoulmates*
comes a story
of mistaken
identities, the
summer of za
lifetime, and a
love to risk
everything
for.**



Inkyard Press, September 2023

Previous Title sold in 8 Languages

When Elijah Ri arrives in New York City for an internship at his father's massive tech company, Haneul Corporation, he expects the royal treatment that comes with being the future CEO—even if that's the last thing he wants. But instead, he finds himself shuffled into a group of overworked, unpaid interns, all sharing a shoebox apartment for the summer.

When Jessica Lee arrives in New York City, she's eager to make the most of her internship at Haneul Corporation, even if she's at the bottom of the corporate ladder. But she's shocked to be introduced as the new executive-in-training intern with a gorgeous brownstone all to herself.

It doesn't take long for Elijah and Jessica to discover the source of the mistake: they share the same Korean name. But they decide to stay switched—so Elijah can have a relaxing summer away from his controlling dad while Jessica can make the connections she desperately needs for college recommendations.

As Elijah and Jessica work together to keep up the charade, a spark develops between them. Can they avoid discovery—and total disaster—with their feelings and futures on the line?

**An exhilarating
fantasy with
thrills and chills.**

**A WHIP-SMART,
COMPULSIVELY
PAGE-TURNING
ADVENTURE
PERFECT FOR FANS
OF MARIE LU'S
WARCROSS AND
HOLLY BLACK'S *THE
COLDEST GIRL IN
COLDTOWN.***

NIGHTBREAKER

Coco Ma

**Cover
to
Come**

Viking BFYR, September 2023

Fifteen years ago, The Vanishing thrust Manhattan into darkness, forever changing the City That Never Sleeps. Aboveground, resilient New Yorkers have adapted by clinging to the vestiges of their cosmopolitan lives. Below the streets—well, you never go underground unless you have a death wish.

Or unless you're Rei Reynolds.

By day, Rei attends the an elite New York prep school, but by cover of night, she's is a self-initiated warrior with a knack for hunting Deathlings, the deadly creatures that haunt Manhattan's subway tunnels and blood-soaked streets at night. All Rei wants is to avenge her parents, who were slaughtered years ago by the nightmarish monsters.

The Tournament is the only path to the career Rei has always dreamed of—becoming a Maverick, the city's elite Deathling-killing force. Winning should be a breeze, but the one potential problem is fellow competitor Kieran Cross, Rei's infuriating ex with whom she shares a bitter history. But as the Tournament progresses—and the cutthroat betrayals mount—everything Rei believed about who she can and cannot trust is called into question. She soon becomes the target of everyone who wants to keep the city's ruling class in power, as well as those who seek to bring it down.

In other words, Rei is positively and completely screwed.



**For fans of
Courtney Summers
and Tiffany D.
Jackson**

A ripped-from-the-headlines story with Oshiro's signature mix of raw emotions and visceral prose—but with a startling twist you'll have to read to believe.

Tor Teen, March 2023

It's been one year since Manny was cast out of his family and driven into the wilderness of the American Southwest. Since then, Manny lives by self-taught rules that keep him moving—and keep him alive. Now, he's taking a chance on a traveling situation with the Varela family, whose attractive but surly son, Carlos, seems to promise a new future.

Eli abides by the rules of his family, living in a secluded community that raised him to believe his obedience will be rewarded. But an unsettling question slowly eats away at Eli's once unwavering faith in *Reconciliation*: Why can't he remember his past?

But the reported discovery of an unidentified body in the hills of Idyllwild, California, will draw both of these young men into facing their biggest fears and confronting their own identity—and who they are allowed to be.

**Polish folklore
meets *House of
Salt and Sorrows*
with a gothic,
romantic twist**

**ACQUIRED IN A
MASSIVE 2-BOOK
SIX-FIGURE DEAL.**

**Part dark fantasy,
part fairytale, and
Slavic to its core.**

THE CZANTORY

A.B. Poranek

**Cover
to
Come**

Margaret K. McElderry/Simon & Schuster, Winter 2024

Rights Sold:

Penguin, UK
Poznanskie, Poland

Raised in a small village near the spirit-wood, Liska Radost knows that Magic is monstrous, and its practitioners, monsters. After a deadly mistake, Liska delves into the dangerous spirit-wood, guarded by a demon to steal a mythical fern flower. Pluck it, and she can use its one wish to banish her own power.

Everyone who has sought the fern flower has fallen prey to the horrors of the Czantory, so when Liska is caught by the demon warden of the wood - The Leszy - a bargain seems better than death: one year of servitude in exchange for the fern flower and its wish. Whisked away to his crumbling manor, Liska soon makes an unsettling discovery. She is not the first person to strike this bargain. And If Liska wants to survive the year and return home, she must unravel her taciturn host's spool of secrets and face the ghosts—figurative and literal—of his past.

Something wakes in the woods, killing off villagers one by one. Something that Frightens even The Leszy ... something that cannot be defeated unless Liska embraces the monster she's always feared becoming.

COVER COMING SOON

**Rom-Com
Alert!**

**THE
BORROW A
BOYFRIEND
CLUB**



PAGE POWARS

For fans of
**BOYFRIEND
MATERIAL** by Alexis
Hall, and **RED
WHITE AND ROYAL
BLUE** by Casey
McQuiston

**Prove your skills as a
boyfriend.**

**Get them to see your
true gender.**

Don't fall in love.

Delacorte/Penguin Random House, September 2023

Rights Sold:

Poznanskie, Poland

Hachette Children's Group, UK

When sixteen-year-old Noah starts fresh at a new school, he has a plan to ensure the students see him as his true gender: join the school's secretive The Borrow a Boyfriend Club, where members rent themselves out to their classmates for dates. The endless "accidental slip-ups" that plagued him at his last school will be a thing of the past once he joins the club; after all, it has "boy" right in the title.

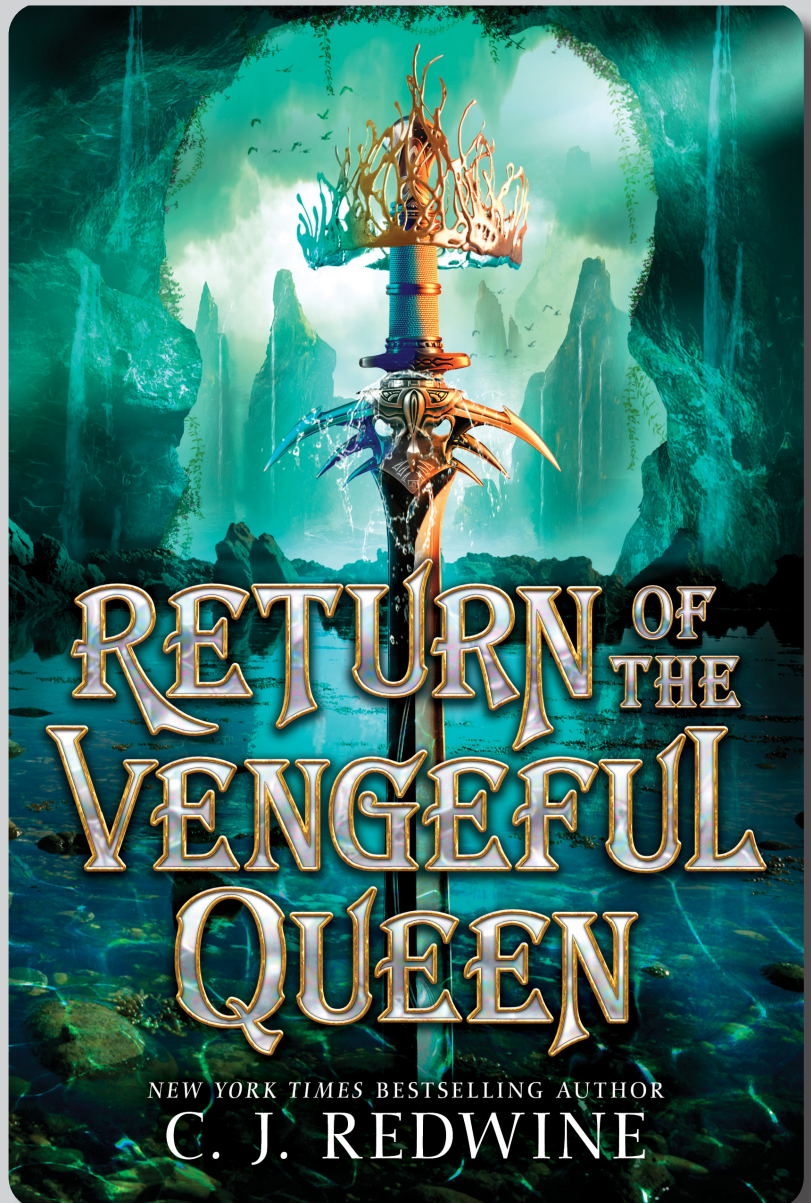
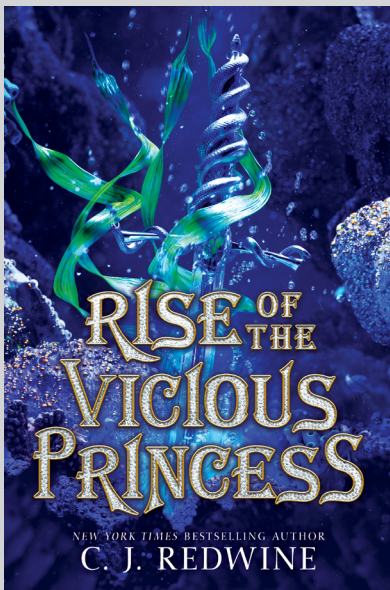
But he fails the audition. Desperate, he strikes a deal with the club's prickly president, Asher: he'll help lead the nearly-bankrupt club to victory at the school's fundraising dance competition, and Asher will allow Noah to prove his skills as a boyfriend in a series of tests that include romancing Asher himself.

As Noah passes test after test and his fake romance with Asher starts to feel surprisingly real, Noah is faced with a dilemma. If he fails to win the dance fundraiser the club will go bankrupt, and he'll not only lose the new friends he's made - the whole school will know he isn't "boy enough." But if Noah succeeds in securing the club their victory, he has to face the most important, unbreakable rule of the Borrow a Boyfriend Club: no real girlfriends (or boyfriends) allowed.

Could Noah's relationship with Asher become something real? Noah must make a choice: keep the club afloat and his carefully guarded secret safe, or break the rules for a chance at love.

YA Fantasy with a killer romance!

“Redwine skillfully crafts well-rounded characters and an action-packed plot, resulting in a nuanced political fantasy that’s rife with court intrigue. Charis—fierce and formidable, yet altruistic—is exquisitely drawn, and her tender, developing relationship with bodyguard Tal adds emotional complexity to the breathlessly paced tale.” — **Publishers Weekly (starred review)**



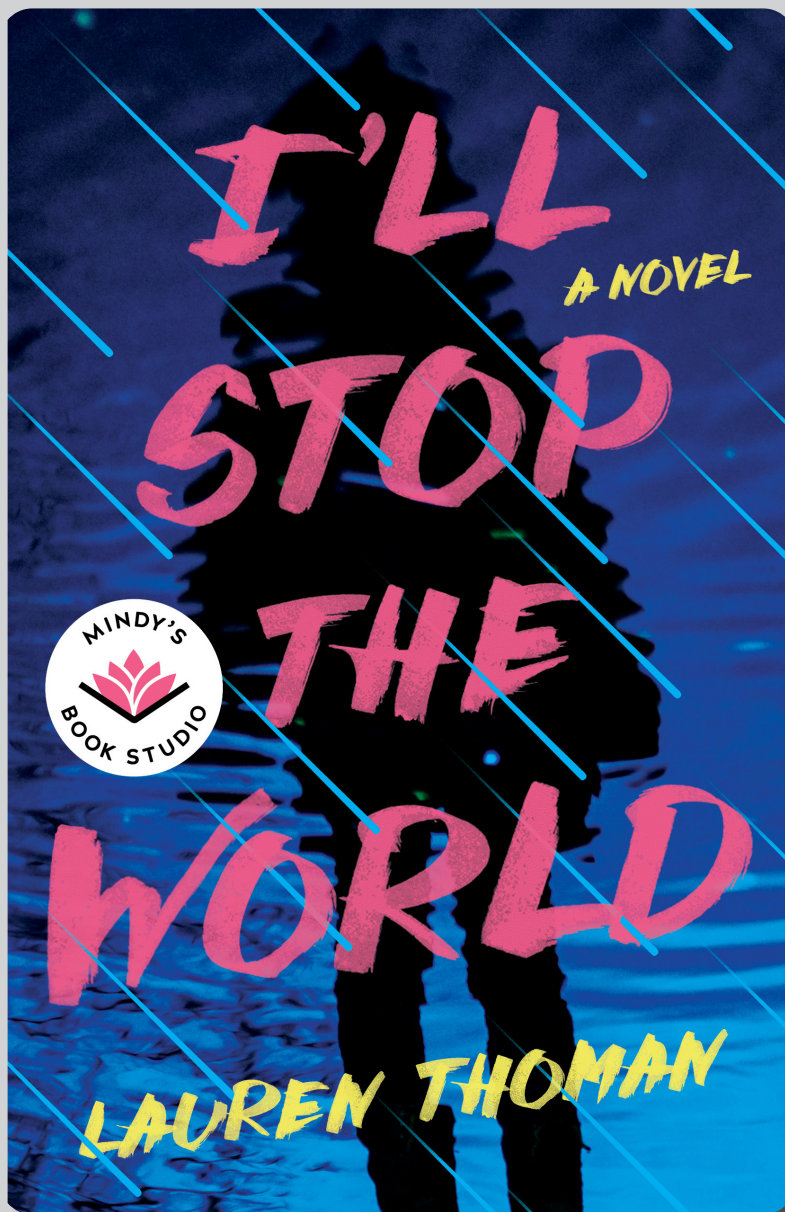
Balzer & Bray/Harper, July 2023

Princess Charis Willowthorn is the dutiful sword of Calera. Raised to be ruthless and cunning, her only goal is to hold her war-torn kingdom together long enough to find a path toward peace with their ancient foe Montevallo, even if the cost is her own heart.

When violence erupts in the castle itself, nearly killing the queen, Charis must assume her mother’s duties and manage both the war and her kingdom. But as an unseen enemy begins sinking Calera’s ships, Charis realizes a threat much greater than Montevallo is coming for her people. So she forms a plan.

By day, she is Calera’s formidable princess intent on forging an alliance with Montevallo. By night, she disguises herself as a smuggler and roams the sea with a trusted group of loyalists, hunting for their new enemies. And through it all, there’s the one boy she can’t have—who guards her life, but steals her heart.

But her enemies are much closer than Charis realizes, and her heart isn’t the only thing she has left to lose.



“Lauren Thoman’s *I’ll Stop the World* is a whip-smart mystery with a vibrant cast of characters that gives off great eighties vibes. I was absolutely dazzled by this unputdownable genre-bending novel that’s equal parts coming-of-age suspense and emotional tale of forgiveness and second chances.”

—Mindy Kaling

The end and the beginning become one in a heart-pounding coming-of-age mystery about the power of friendship, fate, and inexplicable second chances.

Mindy’s Book Studio, April 2023

Is it the right place at the wrong time? Or the wrong place at the right time?

Trapped in a dead-end town, Justin Warren has had his life defined by the suspicious deaths of his grandparents. The unsolved crime happened long before Justin was born, but the ripple effects are still felt after thirty-eight years. Justin always knew he wouldn’t have much of a future. He just never imagined that his life might take him backward.

In a cosmic twist of fate, Justin’s choices send him crashing into the path of determined optimist Rose Yin. Justin and Rose live in the same town and attend the same school, but have never met—because Rose lives in 1985. Justin won’t be born for another twenty years. And his grandparents are still alive—for now.

In a series of events that reverberate through multiple lifetimes, Justin and Rose have a week to get Justin unstuck in time and put each of them in control of their futures—by solving a murder that hasn’t even happened yet.

A swoony, heart-melting romance

Perfect for fans of Nicola Yoon and Jenny Han.

**ACQUIRED
IN A
HEATED
7-HOUSE
AUCTION**



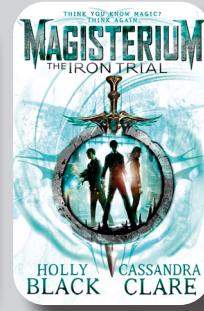
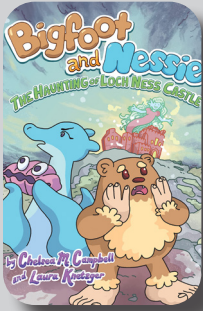
Razorbill, May 2023

Sixteen-year-old Bethany Greene, though confident and self-assured, is what they call a late-bloomer. She's never had a boyfriend, date, or first kiss. She's determined to change that but after her crush turns her down cold for Homecoming—declaring her too inexperienced—and all her back-up ideas fall through, she cautiously agrees to go with her best friend's boyfriend Jacob. A platonic date is better than no date, right? Until Saylor breaks up with said boyfriend.

Dumped twice in just two months, Jacob Yeun wonders if he's the problem. After years hiding behind his camera and a shocking summer glow up, he wasn't quite ready for all the attention or to be someone's boyfriend. There are no guides for his particular circumstances, or for taking your ex's best friend to the dance.

Why not make the best of an awkward situation? Bethany and Jacob decide to fake date for practice, building their confidence in matters of the heart.

And it works—guys are finally noticing Bethany. But things get complicated as their kissing sessions—for research of course!—start to feel real. This arrangement was supposed to help them in dating other people, but what if their perfect match is right in front of them?



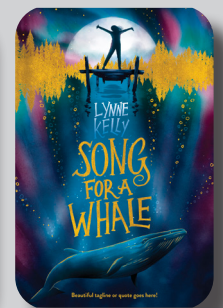
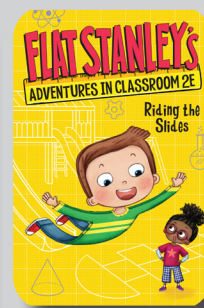
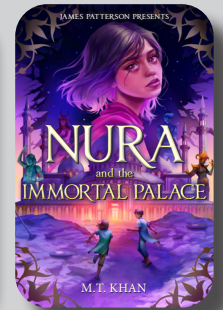
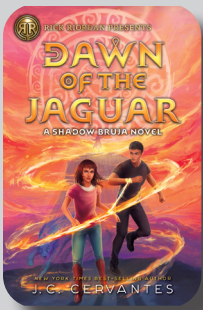
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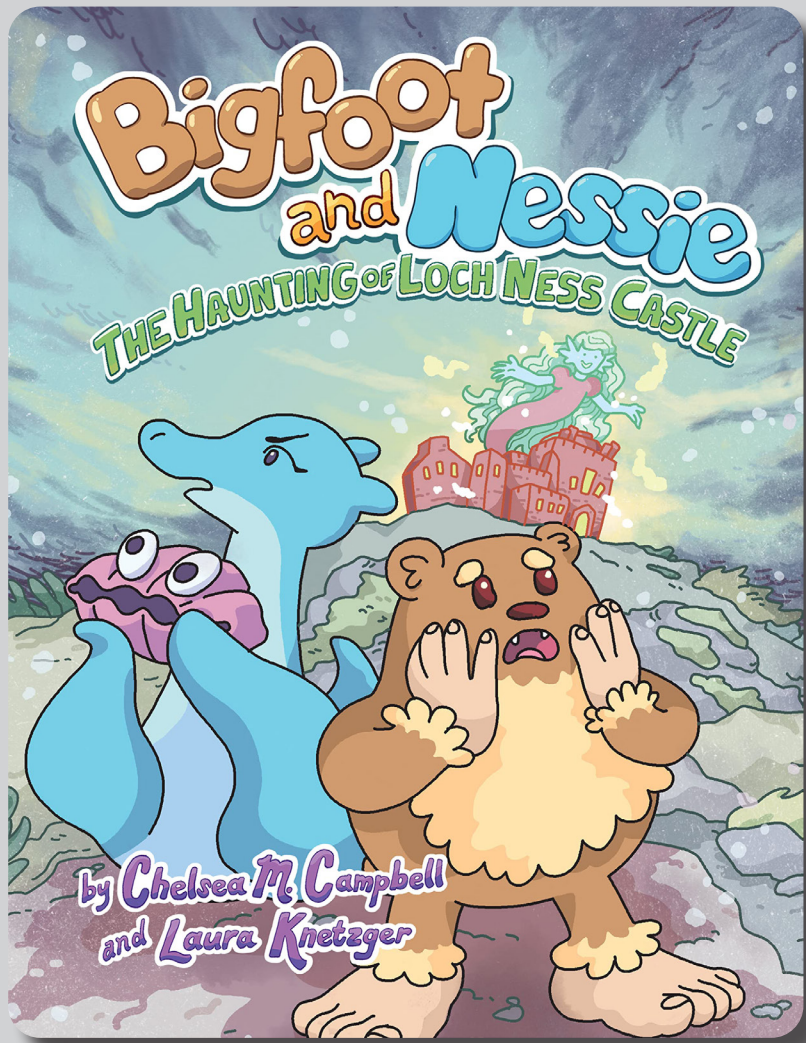


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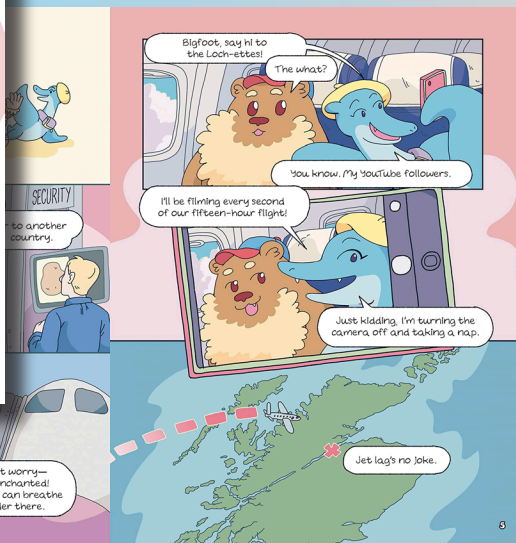
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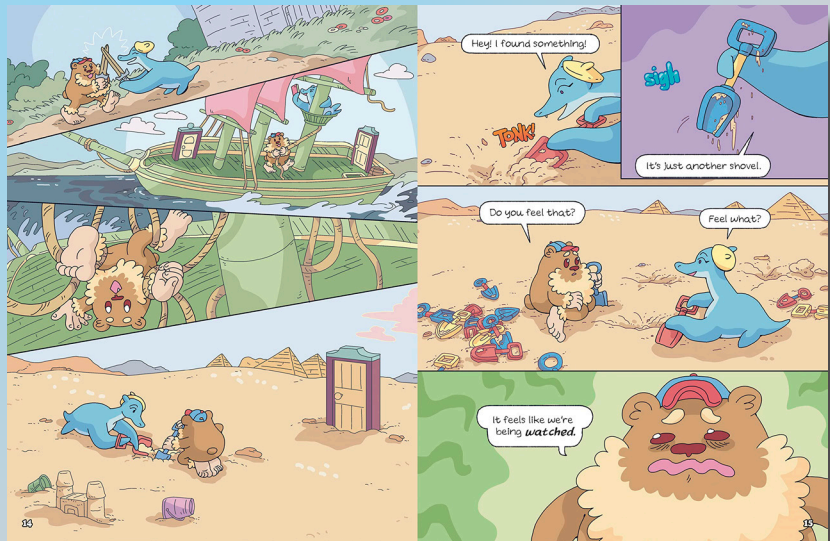
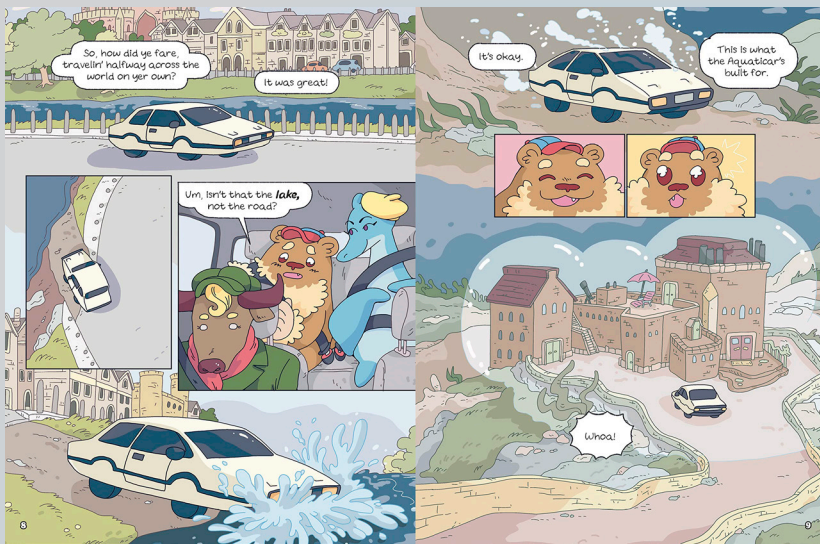




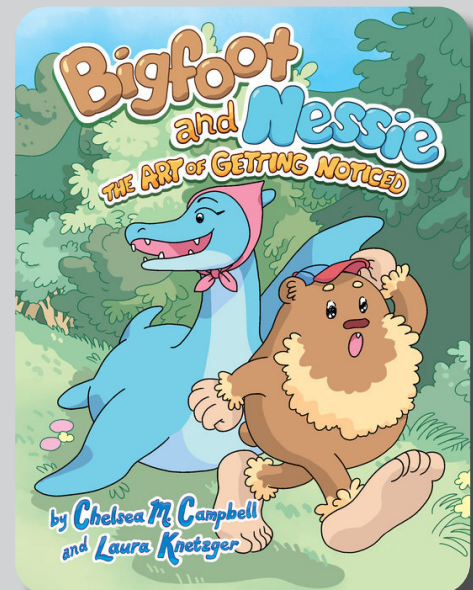
Bigfoot and Nessie return for another adventure, and things are getting particularly eerie as they uncover the secrets of Loch Ness Castle in the latest installment of Chelsea M. Campbell and Laura Knetzger's chapter-book graphic novel series.

Penguin Workshop, August 2023





Book 1 introduced this unlikely pair of cryptids- one a Bigfoot whose failure to get himself photographed disappoints his family, and the other a Loch Ness Monster, who seems unable to escape the spotlight wherever she goes.

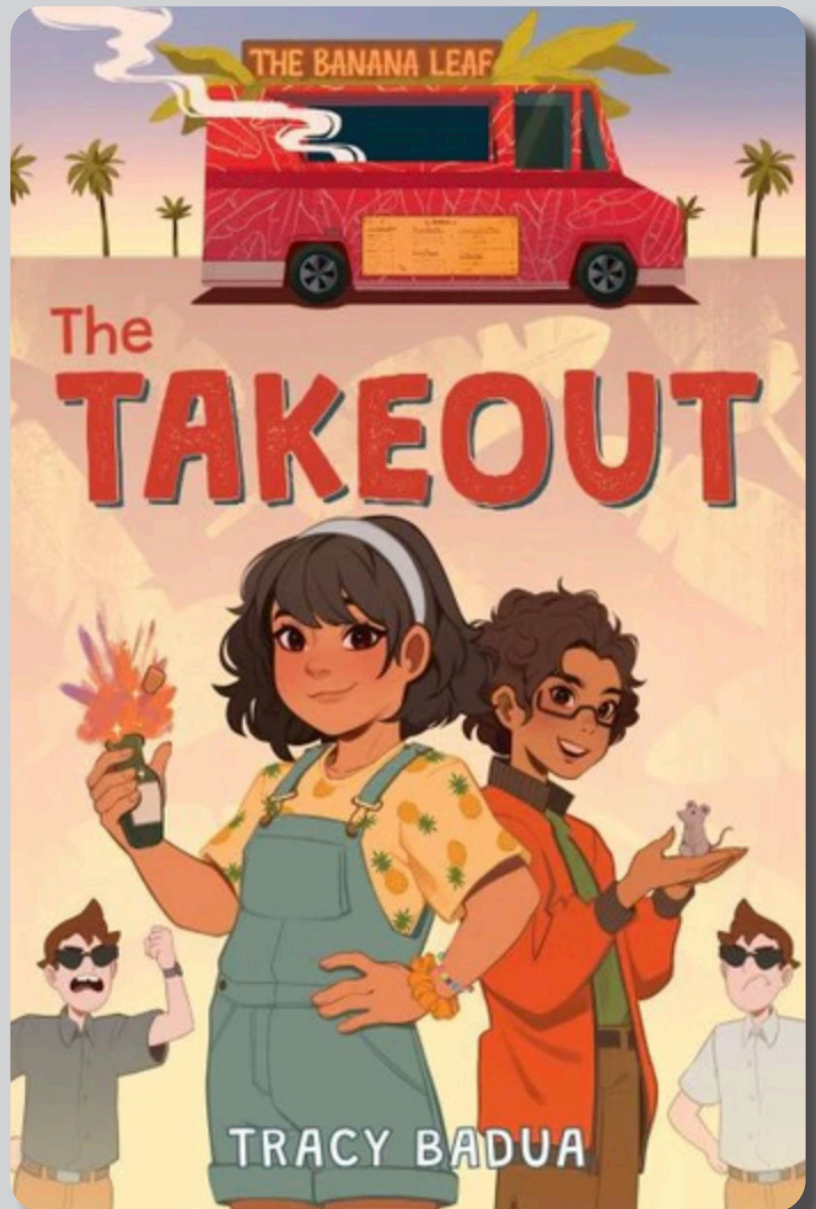


A charming story about food, family, and finding the place you belong.

Filipino folk magic.

Food Trucks.

Recipe thieves.



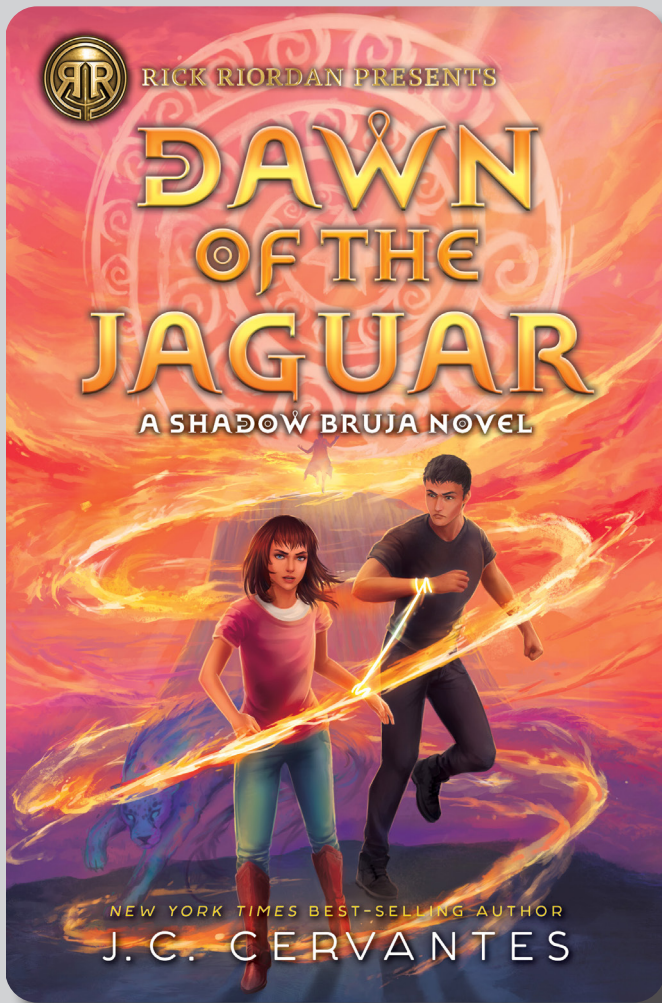
Clarion Books, May 2023

Mila may have moved to Coral Beach months ago, but it still doesn't feel like home. She wants to belong, but a few awkward incidents with her new friends make her wonder if she'll ever neatly fit into the super-samey small town.

Mila feels the only place she can be herself is at her dad's Filipino-Indian food truck, The Banana Leaf. But when celebrity chef twins the Fab Foodie Brothers open a restaurant nearby, it turns out the food they are serving is exactly the same as The Banana Leaf's--right down to the recipes!

Suspicious of the similarities, Mila teams up with family friend Ajay to investigate. She soon realizes that she needs to take the beloved Fab Foodie Brothers down before they run her family's tiny truck out of town. But that means dabbling in the Filipino folk healing and magical traditions that she has shied away from her whole life . . . as well as alienating her new friends. Does Mila have to choose between her family and fitting in? Or, like the best recipes, will a blend of the traditional and the unexpected mix into something truly special?

Book 2

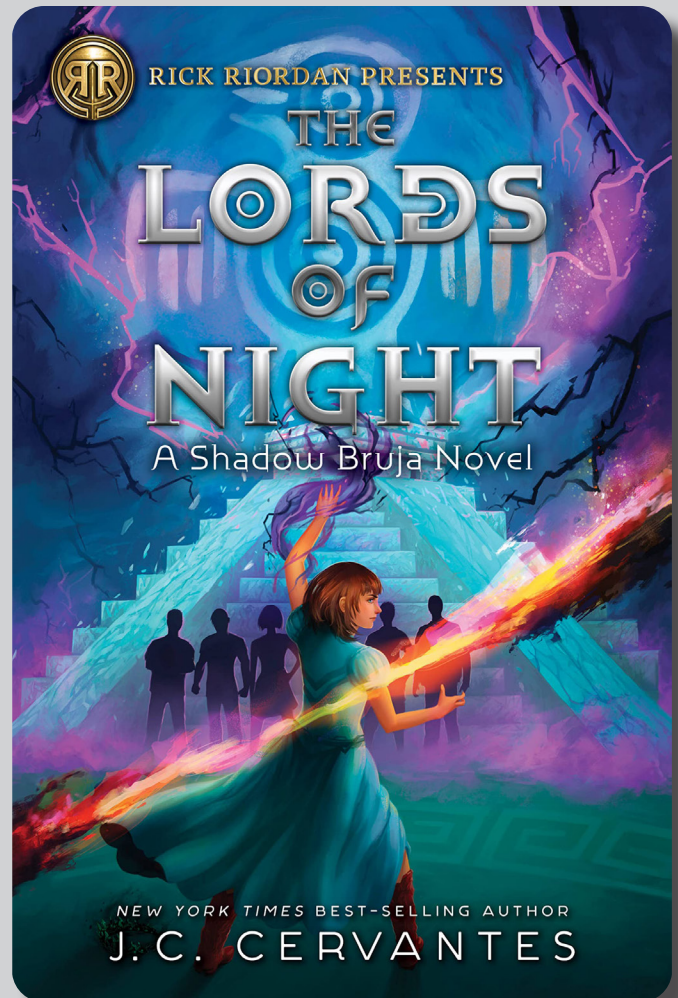


Rick Riordan Presents,
Book 1: October 2022
Book 2: Fall 2023

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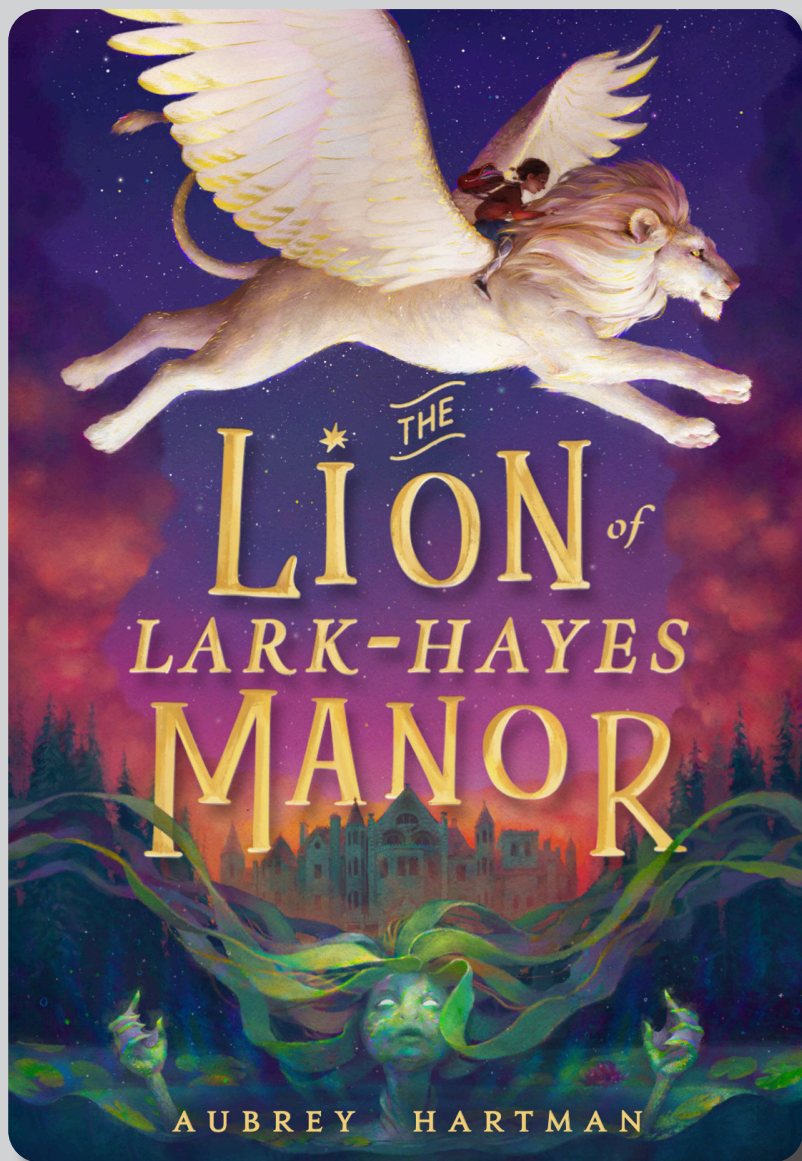


Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents J. C. Cervantes's exciting new spin-off from the best-selling STORM RUNNER trilogy.

"This duology opener is accessible to readers who are new to this world. An engrossing, god-filled delight."

--Kirkus Reviews

Anyone who enjoys fast-paced myth-based adventures will be swept up in this one featuring Maya and Mexica gods and their magical offspring.



Perfect for fans of classics like *The NeverEnding Story*.

“The Lion of Lark-Hays Manor is a page-turning novel about an unlikely friendship, the price of granted wishes, and finding one’s voice. A magical adventure that reminds us of the power of stories.”

—Lynne Kelly, author of *Song For a Whale*

“A book for all of us about learning to speak—and also to listen to every voice, even the soundless.”

—Kathryn Erskine, National Book Award winner

Little Brown Books for Young Readers, May 2023

Poppy Woodlock believes in magic, but so far, she hasn’t found any. It’s been two weeks since her parents moved their family to Oregon to undertake their biggest project yet: revitalizing the once-grand Lark-Hayes Manor. Her older brother instantly found his place, but after being thrown into middle school midyear, Poppy is feeling...invisible. So she retreats to where she’s always felt most at home: books and magic. And if the fantastic and supernatural exist, certainly they can be found in this mysterious old estate.

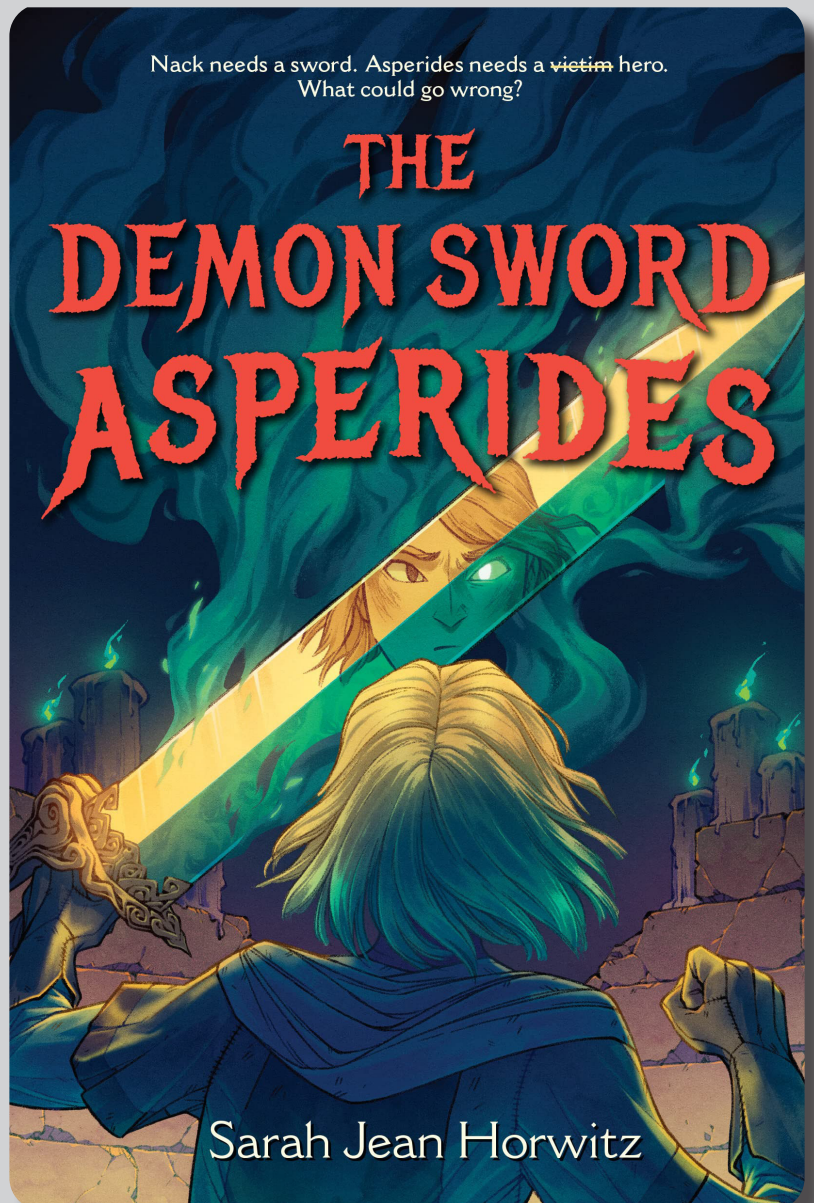
A late-night prowling leads Poppy to a desperate water nymph, with whom she strikes a dangerous bargain. In exchange for the thing she loves most—her favorite book— Poppy now has the secret of a lifetime: her very own flying lion. Sampson is exactly what she needs to prove magic does exist and, more importantly, that she is not to be so easily dismissed.

But the cost of ancient magic is astronomical. With every night Sampson grows, another book disappears, and Poppy soon faces the harrowing reality that without their favorite stories, the lives of everyone around her begin to unravel.

Fixing the chaos will require Poppy to be clever and bold, and even at her smartest and loudest, she’s not sure it will be enough. But she has to try.

**For fans of
Diana Wynne
Jones and Terry
Pratchett.**

**A scheming
demon sword
and a wannabe
knight band
together on
a (possibly
wicked) quest
in this middle
grade fantasy.**



Algonquin Young Readers, July 2023

For the past two hundred years, the demon sword Asperides has led a quiet life. While his physical form has been tasked with guarding the body of an evil sorcerer, the rest of his consciousness has taken a well-earned vacation. That constant need to trick humans into wielding him (at the price of their very souls, of course) was rather draining.

Nack Furnival, on the other hand, is far from satisfied with his existence. Nack has trained since birth to be a brave and noble knight—but, unfortunately, he isn't especially good at it. Determined to prove his worth, Nack needs a quest. And to complete that quest, he'll need the one thing no knight can do without: a sword.

When an attempt to resurrect the evil sorcerer throws Asperides into Nack's path, the demon sword can't help but trick the boy into making a contract to become his new owner. And with the newly undead (and very, very angry) sorcerer on their trail, Asperides and Nack find themselves swept up in a bigger adventure than either of them bargained for: saving the world.

DEATH & Sparkles

and the
Sacred Golden Cupcake

Rob Justus


chronicle books - san francisco

“Death and Sparkles are ready to take on the world! And by world, we mean social media consumption, the temptations of fame, the fickle nature of celebrity, and the connection between consumerism and ecology. . . [Death Sparkles] juggles a lot, but [Rob Justus] manages to deftly keep all the balls in the air and packs several compelling messages into one very funny graphic novel. The memorable digital illustrations in soft pastels evoke watercolors and colored pencil and complement the text with flair. Readers will be enchanted and will ponder for some time the ideas presented here. Powerful and fun.”—Kirkus Reviews

Chronicle Books, October 2023





Book 1 introduced this zany-yet-philosophical graphic novel buddy comedy about the unlikely friendship between Death, a grim reaper who's never had a friend, and Sparkles, The Last Unicorn, a celebrity influencer who is somehow immune to Death's touch.



THE GHOST JOB

Greg van Eekhout

**Cover
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***Ocean's Eleven
meets *The
Graveyard Book****

**A modern-day
middle-grade
adventure
about a girl
brave enough
to face death--
twice.**

HarperCollins, September 2023

Welcome to THE GHOST JOB. Ghosts can move unseen and walk through walls, and so naturally: they make the best thieves. Twelve-year-old Zenith and her friends might be new at the ghost gig, but they've taken to their new reality well and found a niche assisting a local medium with arcana heists, each with their own specialty.

Zenith is the "muscle," a poltergeist who can move physical objects in the world of the living.

Eddie is the "hacker," skilled at using ectoplasmic energy to manipulate machines and electronic devices.

Vanessa is the "lookout," able to see through the eyes of portraits.

And Nathaniel is the "mastermind," keeping the band of friends on-task and out of ghost traps.

But then they get word of the one big prize: The Redeemer, a device purported to be capable of restoring ghosts to life. The four friends set out to steal the Redeemer in hopes of rejoining their families and regaining the lives they lost. But when one of them is captured, they face an impossible choice: say goodbye to the hope of returning to life, or bid one of their friends farewell, forever.

A classic Middle Grade fantasy packed with Fuzzy Beasties, Swashbuckling Awful Girls, and Family Secrets.

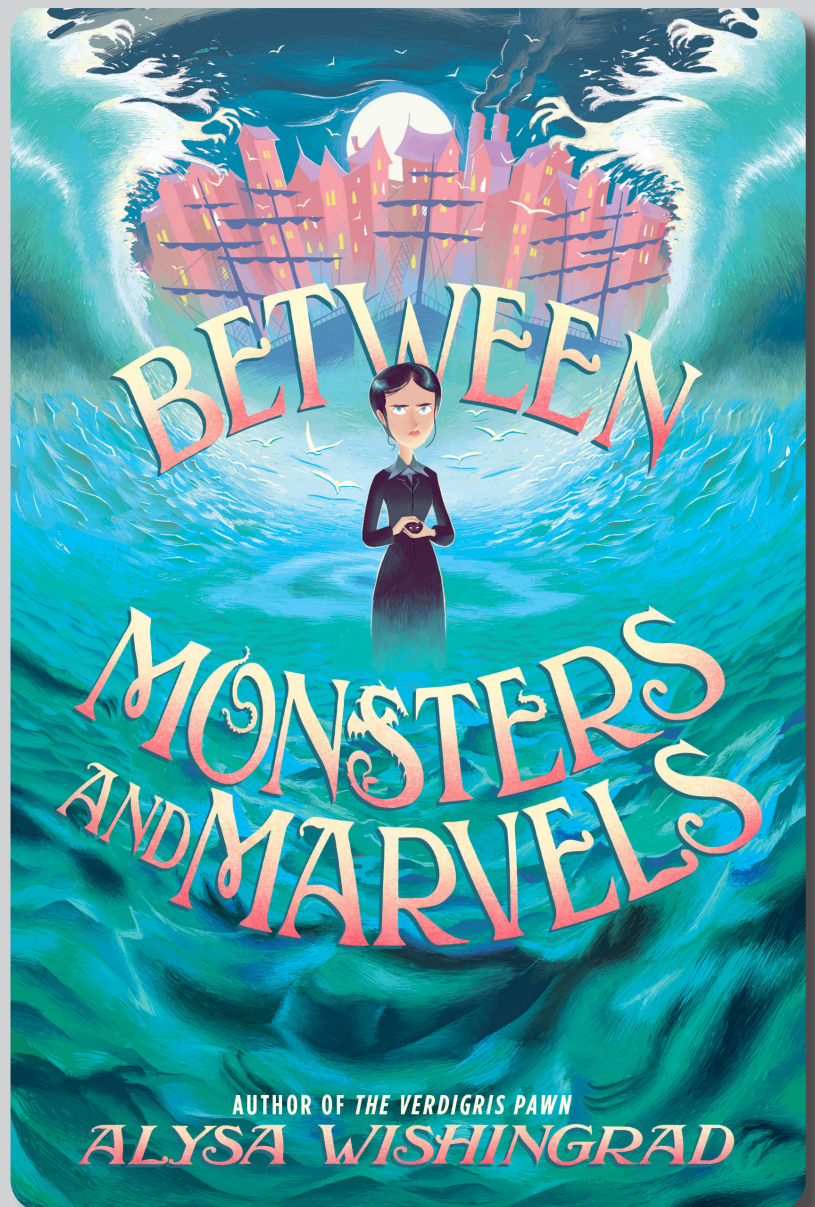
The beloved Captain Coates has been diligently patrolling the waters of Barrow's Bay for as long as anyone can remember. Protected from the sea-monsters by Captain Coates, and shielded from the mainland by the impassible trade winds, every day on Barrow's Bay Island is Sunny - and so are the dispositions of the people who live there! Save one little girl: Dare Coates.

Irascible, blunt, and unmalleable, Dare Coates is no one's favorite. The townsfolk think she's awful, her refined mother doesn't understand her, the Governor loathes her from behind a fake grin. It's only her gentlemanly father who Dare would ever want for company.

So when he is killed mysteriously on patrol and the Governor, swiftly married to her widowed Mother, decides to ship Dare to the mainland, she is determined to learn more about her Father's final days. Especially after a hardscrabble sailor, Tupper, reveals he knew her Father. They hunted monsters together - and Captain Coates was not what people thought.

At first, Dare doesn't believe Tupper, but the more she adjusts to life on the mainland the more questions arise. Dare, with much irritation and not much intention, gathers a misfit crew of cohorts - a stray beastie of indeterminate species, an odd boy with absolutely terrible timing, and a child-actress with the attitude to match - to help her figure out who her Father really was.

But when the truth is full of monsters - both human and not - can they reveal the secrets of Captain Coates' life without losing their own?



HarperCollins, September 2023

**The author's previous work
was a Junior Library Guild
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