

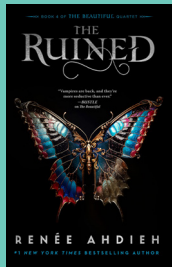
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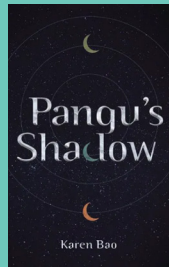


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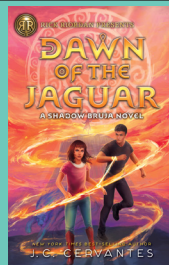


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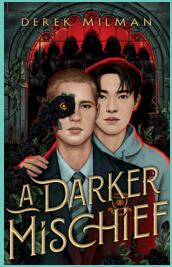
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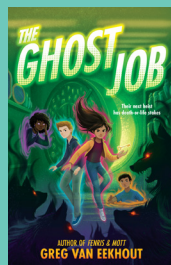


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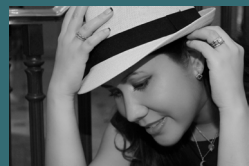
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## the author



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 and her family live in Charlotte, North Carolina. She is the #1 New York Times and internationally bestselling author of the Wrath and the Dawn series, the Flame in the Mist series, and The Beautiful quartet.

young adult - romantasy

# the ruined

Renée Ahdieh

**The stunning conclusion  
to the instant New  
York Times bestselling  
quartet that began with  
*The Beautiful*.**

The Sylvan Vale and the Sylvan Wyld are at war. Now that the unsteady truce between them has been broken, lines must be drawn. In an effort to protect the weakened Winter Court, Bastien rallies powerful allies and friends in New Orleans to come to their aid.

Meanwhile, under protection alongside her injured mother in the Summer Court, Celine is uncertain of whom to trust. She cannot get word to Bastien, and does not understand why he has not returned. When she realizes war between the fey courts is imminent, she journeys with Ali in an effort to find the time traveling mirror and change their fate.

But when Celine's rivals realize Bastien has rallied his allies in the mortal world, they decide to take the fight to him.

**"Darkly delicious." —Buzzfeed**



**Putnam Books for Young Readers**  
December 2023

**Rights Sold:**  
Eksmo, Russian  
Pegasus, Turkish  
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**A sumptuous, sultry, and  
romantic YA vampire series**



## the author



Tracy Badua is an award-winning Filipino American author of books about young people with sunny hearts in a sometimes stormy world. By day, she is an attorney who works in national housing 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.

young adult - coming of age

# we're never getting home

Tracy Badua

A messy, tender YA novel  
about a friendship breakup,  
set against the backdrop of a  
chaotic night at a music festival,  
from rising talent Tracy Badua.

HBO's *Insecure* meets *Dazed and Confused*

Quill Tree Books  
April 2024

Jana Rubio and her best friend, Maddy Parsons, have an epic senior year finale queued up: catching their favorite band at the Orchards, an outdoor music festival a two-hour drive away. When a blowup over Maddy's time-sucking boyfriend exposes a rift that may have already been growing between them, Jana calls off their joint trip and gets a lift to the festival from her church friend Nathan...only to realize Maddy and her boyfriend are along for the ride, too.

All Jana wants is to enjoy the concert and get home as soon as possible. But then Nathan loses his car keys crowd-surfing, and it's up to Jana and Maddy to find them. As they navigate stolen phones and missing friends, scale Ferris wheels and crash parties, the two of them are forced to reckon with the biggest obstacle of all: repairing their friendship.

Will Jana and Maddy find their way home—and also back to each other?





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middle grade - mystery

# thea and the mischief makers

**Tracy Badua**

**Will two impish  
duwendes ruin Thea's fresh  
start . . . and destroy her  
entire town in the process?**

**Clarion/HarperCollins**  
Fall 2024

Formerly shy Thea gets a chance to begin anew at Coastview Academy. There, she's a star athlete, someone with friends and popularity.

But when she enrolls in the same Junior Stunt Warrior class as her new friends, two things happen: her extremely uncool, former best friend Evan shows up; and she discovers that stunt class is the one activity she's not good at. Actually, it's something she's terrible at. It reminds Thea of who she used to be, an image she's determined to leave behind.

Then things get worse. In the midst of building a practice course, Thea accidentally wrecks a tree that happens to house two grumpy duwendes—Filipino goblins. And she discovers that not only are duwendes real, but the two in her backyard want revenge.

Now, Thea must team up with friends new and old to fend off the duwendes before they destroy her entire neighborhood. But can she pull it off without killing her cool-girl image?

*Coming  
Soon!*

## the authors



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**Alechia Dow** is a former pastry chef and librarian. She is the author of YA novels *The Sound of Stars* and *The Kindred*, and *Just a Pinch of Magic* is her

middle-grade debut. When not writing, you can find her having epic dance parties with her daughter, baking, reading, or taking teeny adventures.

# the cookie crumbles

middle grade - mystery series

**Tracy Badua & Alechia Dow**

## Great British Bake-Off meets Knives Out

Laila gave Lucy a cupcake on the second day of kindergarten, and they've been inseparable ever since. But the summer before eighth grade, they find out that since they live on opposite sides of town, they'll go to different high schools.

When Laila's invited to compete at The Golden Cookie competition at the prestigious Sunderland boarding school a few hours from home, they realize it's the perfect opportunity. The winner not only gets the Golden Cookie statue—which Laila desperately wants—but also a free ride to Sunderland—which Laila desperately needs. And Sunderland doesn't just have an elite culinary program, it has an elite journalism program, if only Lucy could build up a strong enough portfolio to impress the admissions committee.

It should be the chance of a lifetime. Laila will compete and win like she always does and Lucy will tag along and write an article that'll wow the Sunderland journalism committee. But then one of the judges dies while eating Laila's cookie showpiece. Lucy's the only one who can uncover the murderer and clear her best friend's name. Even if that means digging into all the competitors and fellow judges' secrets and motives, even if it means danger for the both of them.

Quill Tree Books

June 2024

*Coming  
Soon!*

## the author



Tracy Banghart grew up in rural Maryland and spent her summers on a remote island in northern Ontario. All of that isolation and lovely scenery gave her the time to read voraciously and the inspiration to write her own stories. Always a bit of a nomad, Tracy now travels the world Army-wife style with her husband, children, and rescue pups. She wrote *Grace and Fury* while living in Hawaii.

young adult - suspense

# perfect girl

**Tracy Banghart**

Previous Title sold in 11 Languages

**When the lights go out, the  
nightmare begins...**

**Feiwei & Friends**

Fall 2024

Jessa Michaels has always been a picture-perfect girl next door – well behaved, modest, and unfailingly polite. But Jessa only acts perfect because she's scared. Scared to ask her crush to the Halloween dance, scared to stick up for herself, scared to rock the boat. Turns out, there are more reasons to be scared than she knows.

When a freak storm takes out the power during a sleepover at Jessa's creepy, old house, it's not just her brother serving up jump scares. A killer looking for the perfect girl has targeted Jessa, and by the end of the night, she'll have to learn to say f\*ck politeness if she and her friends want to make it out alive.

*Coming  
Soon!*



## the author



Karen Jialu Bao does science in the lab, then goes home and writes about it. A Ph.D. candidate at Harvard University, she studies mosquito brains by blasting them with an electron beam. She has eight ear piercings for no reason. Her favorite activities include cooking, tending her plants, singing, and playing her violin. She is the author of *Pangu's Shadow*, the *Dove Chronicles* trilogy, and a contributor to the YA mental health anthology *Ab(solutely) Normal*.

young adult - science fiction

# pangu's shadow

**Karen Bao**

**"Pangu's Shadow is a pitch-perfect murder mystery wrapped up in a scientific bow. . .Who knew science could make me feel so much?"**

**—Cody Roecker, adult and teen services, Naperville Public Library**

**Lerner**

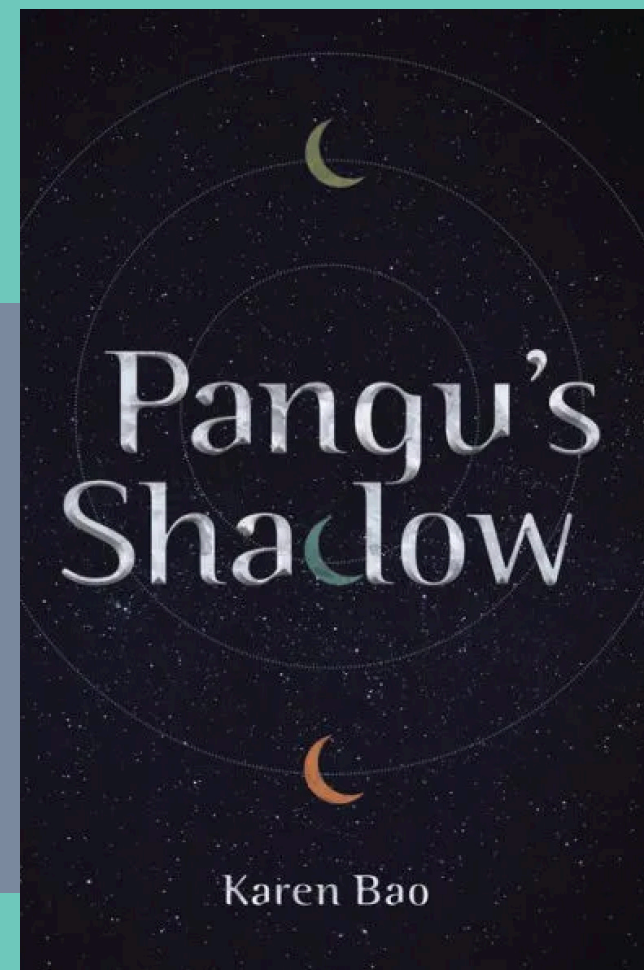
February 2024

Rival apprentices at the most prestigious biology lab in the Pangu Star System, Ver and Aryl are working late one night when they find their brilliant but egotistical teacher, Cal, sprawled on the floor, dead. Murdered. And they immediately become the prime suspects.

6 Their motives seem obvious. Ver, who left her home moon to study the life-threatening disease wracking her body, had a hopeless crush on Cal that could've become twisted by jealousy. Aryl, on the other hand, clashed with workaholic Cal because she prioritized dance over research. To clear their names, the girls must put aside their mutual suspicion and team up to investigate Cal's death.

"Full of humanity and heart, *Pangu's Shadow* will rivet readers with an out-of-this-world murder mystery and capture their hearts with an enthralling rivals-to-lovers romance. A unique, timely, and iconic addition to the young adult mystery canon!"

—Katie Zhao, author of *How We Fall Apart*



young adult - fantasy

An  
imprisoned  
prince.

A vengeful  
queen.

And a battle  
that will  
determine  
the future of  
Elfhome.

**Holly Black** is the bestselling author of contemporary fantasy novels for teens and children, including *Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale* and the #1 New York Times bestselling *Spiderwick* series. She has been a finalist for the Mythopoeic Award and the Eisner Award, and the recipient of the Andre Norton Award. Holly lives in Massachusetts with her husband, Theo, in a house with a secret library. Her website is [www.blackholly.com](http://www.blackholly.com).

**Little Brown**

March 2024

**Rights Sold:**

CBT, German

Rageot, French

Carlsen, Danish

Galera, Brazilian

Modan, Hebrew

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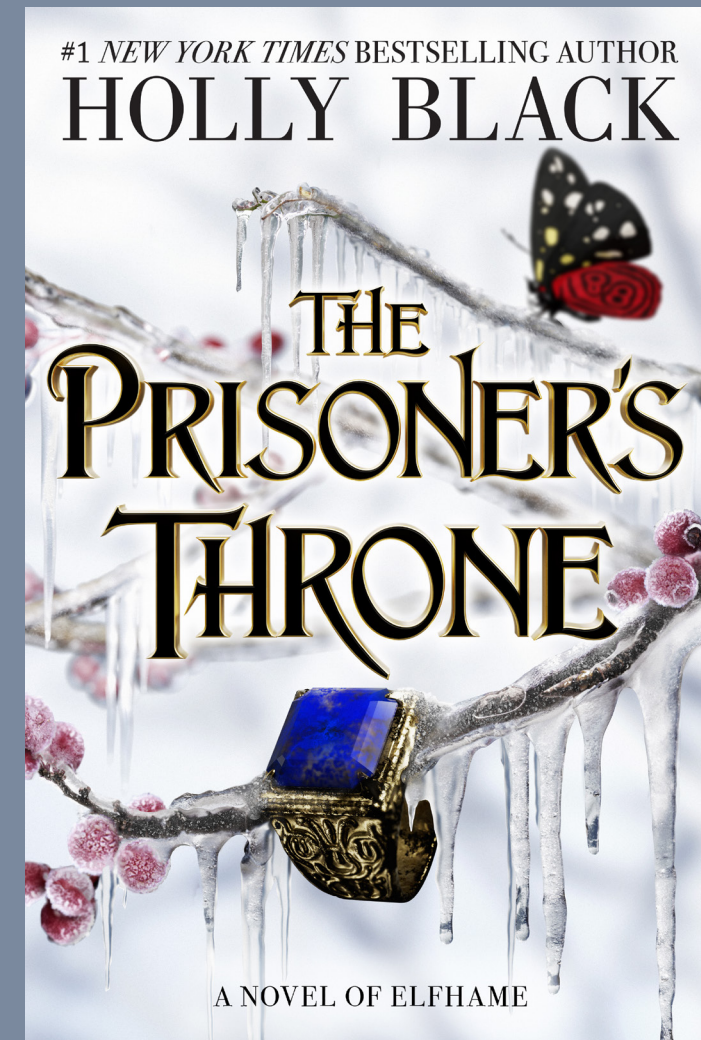
Konyvmolykepzo Kiado, Hungarian

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# THE PRISONER'S THRONE

The highly  
anticipated  
conclusion to the  
*Stolen Heir* duology  
by #1 New York  
Times bestselling  
author Holly Black.





## the author



J. C. Cervantes (she/her) is a New York Times best-selling author of books for children and young adults. She grew up in San Diego and was fascinated by stories about Maya gods and magic as a child. Those tales inspired her to write a middle grade fantasy trilogy about

children of Maya and Aztec gods for Rick Riordan Presents: The Storm Runner, The Fire Keeper, and The Shadow Crosser, and two spin-off novels: The Lords of Night and Dawn of the Jaguar. For more work by J. C. Cervantes, look for her YA romances Flirting with Fate, and Always Isn't Forever, and her entry in the YA fiction series The Mirror: Fractured Path. Follow her on Hive Social @ JCCervantes and Instagram: #AuthorJCervantes.

# dawn of the jaguar

middle grade - adventure

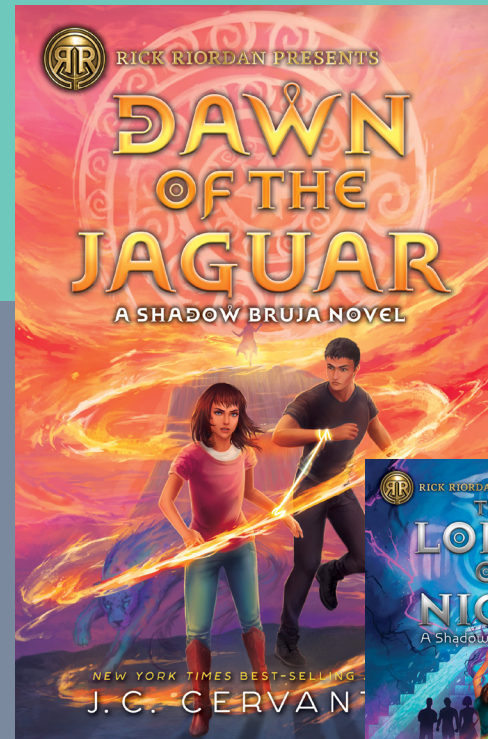
J.C. Cervantes

**Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents the breathtaking finale to J. C. Cervantes's Maya-inspired Shadow Bruja duology, in which Ren makes a bargain for her life.**

Shadow bruja Ren Santiago was relentlessly pursued by the evil Aztec Lords of Night, who claimed that she was destined to be their queen, a destiny she wasn't willing to accept. So she chose death instead.

Too bad death wasn't the answer to her problems. Ren soon realizes she must return to the land of the living to make things right. Unfortunately, that means negotiating with Ixtab, queen of the underworld. Ixtab offers her ten days aboveground in exchange for the discarded crown of jade and shadow. If Ren fails, she will return to the darkness for eternity. Ren agrees, knowing full well that she also has to save her friends Marco, Monty, and Edison and, while she's at it, put those pesky Lords of Night back to sleep forever.

The only problem is, Ren lost her shadow magic and time rope when she lost her life. How will Ren manage to accomplish what feels impossible? The answer lies not in manipulating shadows or time, but in recognizing the awesome power that has always been inside her.



**Rick Riordan Presents**  
October, 2023

**Rights Sold:**  
Ravensburger, German

**J. C. Cervantes's trademark humor, incredibly high stakes, fascinating characters, and shocking plot twists are on full display in this epic conclusion of an unputdownable duology.**



**"This volume sizzles with madcap fun, interweaving icons and figures from Mayan and Aztec mythology with dizzying results. The author excels at making these gods and goddesses cool and familiar. In the second half, many truths kept from Ren fall into fabulous place, spiraling into an exciting cliffhanger. This duology opener is accessible to readers who are new to this world. An engrossing, god-filled delight." —Kirkus Reviews (on *The Lords of Night*)**

## the author

Amanda Foody is a New York Times and indie bestselling author of YA and children's fantasy novels, including the Wilderlore series, the All of Us Villains duology, the Shadow Game series, and more. She lives in Massachusetts

with her partner and their feline Beastly companion, Jelly Bean. Visit her at [AmandaFoody.com](http://AmandaFoody.com) or on Instagram @AmandaFoody.

# WILDERLORE the night compass

middle grade - fantasy

**Amanda Foody**

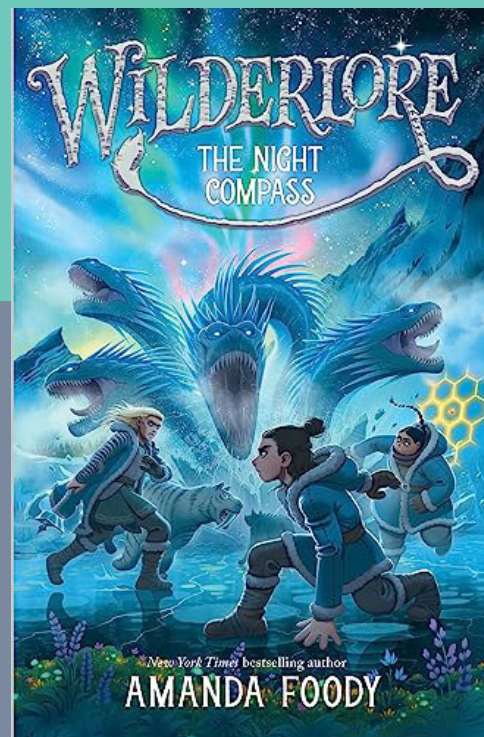
**Barclay and his friends race to  
find a legendary beast in the  
Wilderlands before their enemy  
in this action-packed fourth book  
in the New York Times bestselling  
Wilderlore series.**

## The Wilderlore Series:

**A New York Times Bestseller**

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

**\* “Interweaving whimsicality with harsh realities,  
Foody’s (Queen of Volts) middle grade debut introduces  
a richly realized fantasy world, populated by monsters  
both magnificently unknowable and all too human. A deeply  
immersive and auspicious series starter.” (Publishers Weekly,  
starred review)**



**Margaret K. McElderry/Simon & Schuster**  
March 2024

**Series Rights Sold:**  
Eksmo, Russia  
Casterman, France  
Loewe, Germany





## the author



Andrea Hannah is an author, astrologer, and workshop leader. She teaches creatives all over the globe and writes about everything from fierce modern fairytales

to the cosmos (she's a Gemini). Her work has appeared in Bustle, Elite Daily Thrive Global, HuffPost, Mslexia Magazine, and more.

# the wildest things

young adult - sapphic fairytale

**Andrea Hannah**

**When Snow White is never  
kissed, she awakens in her  
glass coffin twenty years later  
to a forest ravaged by blight.**

*The Wildest Things* imagines Snow White is never kissed and awakens in her glass coffin twenty years later to a forest ravaged by blight filled with animals who have mutated well beyond their original forms. *The Wildest Things* turns the fairytale on its head, bringing a darkness to the story that was always lurking beneath and modernizing it with a sapphic love story and a kick-ass heroine who has to fight her growing feelings for the Evil Queen's daughter to ultimately destroy her and reverse the damage to the forest. If only there were another way to save it..



**Wednesday Books**

Spring 2024

**first in a duology**

**romantasy**

**modern love**

**fairy tale retelling**

## the author



Emma Hunsinger is a cartoonist from Connecticut. She started her career making New Yorker gags before getting her MFA at the Center for Cartoon Studies.

Her short comic “How To Draw a Horse” appeared in pages of the New Yorker and was nominated for an Eisner. She currently lives in the Upper Valley where she spends most of her time trying to stay warm.

# how it all ends

graphic novel - middle grade

**Emma Hunsinger**

**This debut graphic novel is a clever and candid portrait of a young girl grappling with the pressures of fitting in, finding your people, and sorting through confusing feelings.**

A funny, vulnerable, and disarming debut graphic novel from the author of the viral New Yorker piece “How to Draw a Horse.” *How It All Ends* is a book about being overwhelmed by who you are and who you might be and all the possibilities in between. For fans of *Snapdragon*, *The Magic Fish*, *Heartstopper*, and *New Kid*.

Thirteen-year-old Tara lives inside the non-stop adventure of her imagination. It's far more entertaining inside her own mind than in dull, everyday life. But when she's bumped from seventh grade directly to high school, she gets a dramatic jolt to reality.

Now, Tara is part of a future she doesn't feel at all ready for. She's not ready to watch the racy shows the high school kids like, or to listen to the angsty music, or to stop playing make believe with her younger brother. She's not ready to change for PE in front of everyone, or for the chaos of the hallways, or for the anarchy of an English class that's overrun with fourteen-year-old boys.

But then there's Libby.

Tara doesn't know whether she's ready for Libby. She can't even explain who Libby is to her because she doesn't know yet. She just knows that everything's more fun when she and her new classmate are together. But what will happen next? How will it all end?

**Greenwillow/HarperCollins**

August 2024

Primarily 2-Color with Pops of Color

Samples Available

Full Manuscript: Spring 2024



**Emma Hunsinger has a pitch-perfect ear for the awkward yet endearing inner life of thirteen-year-olds, and her illustrations are downright hilarious. She brilliantly captures the humor and the horror of self-discovery and the first blushes of having a crush. *How It All Ends* deftly explores how unbearable—but exciting!—it is to grow up.**

## the author



Rob Justus, formerly an award-winning market researcher, is a self-taught author-illustrator who raised himself on a classic diet of comics and Saturday morning cartoons. He lives and doodles near Ottawa, Canada.

early reader

# death & sparkles

## Rob Justus

**Death and Sparkles are back in their second hilarious adventure! This zany yet philosophical graphic novel features a most unlikely pair of BFFs: 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.**

Chronicle Books  
November 2023

The continuing adventures of Death & Sparkles, two very unlikely friends

Expressive art & irreverent spirit to delight enthusiastic & reluctant readers

Hilarious graphic novel buddy comedy



"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 on *Death & Sparkles*



## the author

Julie Kagawa, the New York Times best-selling author of the Iron Fey, Blood of Eden, Talon, and Shadow of the Fox series, was born in Sacramento, California. But nothing exciting really happened to her there, so at the age of nine she and her family moved to Hawaii—which she

soon discovered was inhabited by large carnivorous insects, colonies of huge geckos, and frequent hurricanes. She spent much of her time in the ocean, when she wasn't getting chased out of it by reef sharks, jellyfish, and the odd eel. Julie now lives in North Carolina with her husband, two obnoxious cats, and a pair of Australian shepherds. She loves video games, and has recently started streaming on Twitch and putting out videos on YouTube. Visit her on Twitter @JKagawa, Twitch @SilverKit, and on YouTube @JulieKagawa.

# STORM DRAGONS: lightningborn

middle grade - fantasy

**Julie Kagawa**

**Disney Hyperion**  
April 2024

**Rights Sold:**  
CBT, German  
Gallimard, French

**In a world in the clouds where only the  
rich own dragons, a poor boy named  
Remy finds a wild baby dragon—  
believed to be extinct—and becomes  
the focus of an evil pirate's vengeance.**

REMY spends his days trying to survive the mean streets of Cutthroat Wedge—one of the many islands floating in the gravitational pull of the magical Maelstrom raging below. But his life changes forever when a violent storm brings a baby dragon to his doorstep, and he feels a bond he has never felt with anyone. Remy names the dragon Storm and vows to protect this new friend, no matter the cost.

GEM longs for the day when she call herself a true mage. That is, if she can convince her teachers and peers that just because she's a princess doesn't mean she's lazy and spoiled. But when Gem learns that the floating islands that make up her kingdom are rapidly sinking into the Maelstrom, she makes it her mission to save her world. Against the king's wishes, she accesses forbidden research and discovers the secret to saving humanity may lie in a True Dragon—a dragon capable of intelligent thought and able to cast and use magic. But True Dragons are extinct . . . aren't they?

Remy's and Gem's lives will never be the same when their fates collide, thanks to Storm. With an evil pirate mage named Jhaeros determined to claim the rare dragon for himself, the two must learn to trust in each other as they team up with a shifty pirate captain and her crew, stand together against impossible odds, and embark on the adventure of a lifetime.



**A BRAND NEW TRILOGY  
FROM THE NEW YORK  
TIMES BESTSELLING  
AUTHOR OF THE IRON  
FEW SERIES WITH  
MORE THAN 1 MILLION  
BOOKS SOLD!**



## the author



Jessica Lewis is a Black author and receptionist. She has a degree in English Literature and Animal Science (obviously, the veterinarian plan did not work out). She lives with her way-funnier-than-her grandmother in Alabama. She is the author of *Bad Witch Burning* and *Monstrous*. To learn more about Lewis and her books follow @JLew100 on Twitter.

# monstrous

ya - supernatural thriller

**Jessica Lewis**

**Forced to spend her summer in her aunt's strange small town, a teen girl discovers dark secrets hidden in the woods.**

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...

**Perfect for fans of *Supernatural* and *Lovecraft Country*.**

Delacorte Press  
September 2023



**“[A] wildly inventive paranormal horror novel....Lewis provides elevating levity to the outlandish—and captivating—premise.”  
—Publishers Weekly, starred review**

## the author



Susan Lee has had a lifetime of careers, but she was born to be a storyteller, and she has channeled her myriad of experiences into her writing of light-hearted, quirky novels about the oftentimes hilarious human condition. And love. Always write about love. She currently lives in Southern California with a pack of three feisty chihuahuas and a too-hearty obsession with K-pop and K-dramas.

young adult - romance

# the name drop

**Susan Lee**

**A story of mistaken identities, the summer of a lifetime, and a love to risk everything for.**

*“An amusing and romantic exploration, grounded by serious themes, of living life for yourself.” —Kirkus Reviews*

**Inkyard Press**  
September 2023

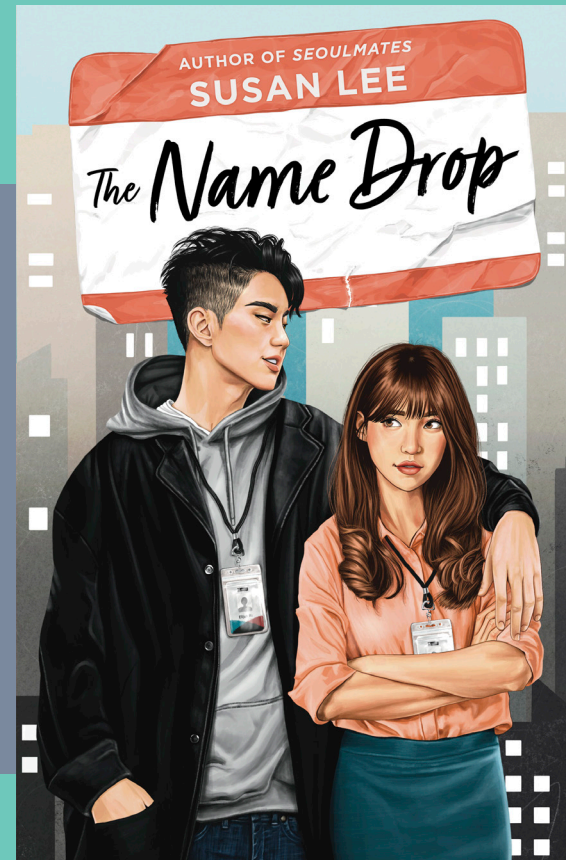
**Rights Sold:**  
LYX, Germany  
SC Editura Epica, Romania  
Albatros, Czech Republic  
HarperCollins Polska, Poland

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?



**“Susan Lee always writes the exact book I want to read!” —Ali Hazelwood, New York Times bestselling author of The Love Hypothesis**

## the author



Coco Ma is the young adult author of *Nightbreaker* and the *Shadow Frost* trilogy. Though she has spent her whole life training as a concert pianist, she discovered her love for writing fantasy and finished her first book, *Shadow Frost*, at the age of 15. After graduating from The Juilliard School, as well as Yale School of Music with a masters in piano performance, she is now continuing her undergraduate studies at Yale University. On the occasion that she stumbles upon some free time, she enjoys daydreaming about monsters and eating cake. Lots of cake.

# nightbreaker

ya - urban fantasy

**Coco Ma**

**An immersive world of  
thrills and chills, featuring  
the smart, sardonic post-  
apocalyptic heroine you'll  
soon wish you could be.**

Fifteen years ago, The Vanishing thrust Manhattan into darkness, forever changing the City That Never Sleeps. By day, resilient New Yorkers have adapted, clinging to the vestiges of their cosmopolitan lives. By night—well, you never go out at night unless you have a death wish.

Or unless you're Rei Reynolds.

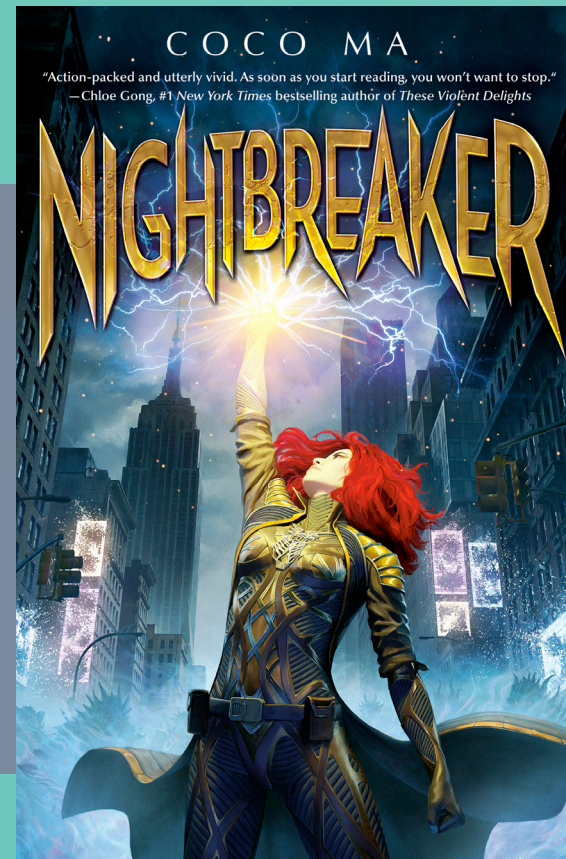
Rei attends an exclusive New York prep school, but unlike her classmates, she welcomes nightfall. That's when she can secretly hunt Deathlings, the deadly creatures that have prowled Manhattan's subway tunnels and blood-soaked streets since the Vanishing. After they brutally slaughtered her parents years ago, Rei is desperate for vengeance.

To get it, Rei must qualify for—and win—the Tournament, a competition to join the ranks of the city's legendary Deathling hunters. Rei's nightly pursuits should give her an advantage, but the other competitors are fierce, and in some cases familiar: enter Kieran Cross, Rei's most infuriating rival . . . and ex-boyfriend.

As the Tournament progresses—and the cutthroat competition escalates—everything Rei believed about who she can trust is called into question. Soon enough, she's caught in the crosshairs of the elite who want to keep the city's ruling class in power, as well as those who will stop at nothing to bring it down. Because sometimes it's not the monsters waiting in the dark you should fear . . . it's the ones who dare to walk into the light.

***“Gripping, grim, and entertaining.”***

**—Kirkus Reviews**



**Viking Books for Young Readers**  
September 2023

**Rights Sold:**  
Pocket Jeunesse, French  
Nocturna Ediciones, Spanish

**“Action-packed  
and utterly vivid,  
*Nightbreaker* leaps to  
life with its formidable  
world and spirited  
protagonist. As soon as  
you start reading, you  
won't want to stop.”**  
**—Chloe Gong, #1 NYT**

**bestselling author of  
*These Violent Delights***



## the author



Derek Milman is the author of *Scream All Night* (HarperCollins) and *Swipe Right for Murder* (Little Brown / Jimmy Patterson). A graduate of Yale Drama School, Derek has performed on stages across the country, and appeared in numerous TV shows and films, working with two Academy Award-winning film directors. He lives in Brooklyn.

# a darker mischief

young adult - dark academia

**Derek Milman**

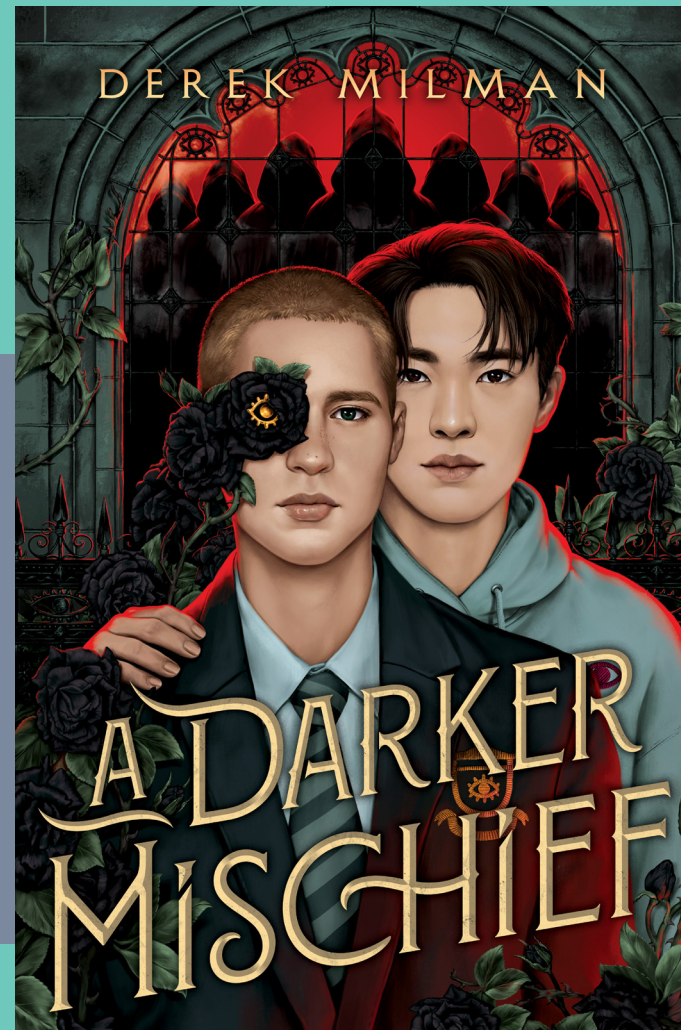
**A work of dark academia like no other -- a boarding school thriller about a queer teen from Mississippi who finds himself swept into a world of old money, privilege, and the secret society at the heart of it all.**

When Cal Ware wins a scholarship to an elite New England boarding school, he's thrilled to leave his past behind. Back home in Mississippi, he was the poor, queer kid who never fit in. But at Essex Academy, he'll be able to reinvent himself. Or so he hopes...

But at Essex, Cal's classmates only see his cheap clothes and old iPhone. They mock his accent, and can't believe he's never left the country, or heard of The Hamptons. Cal, at his breaking point, is about to give up and return to Mississippi when he learns about a secret society on campus -- the key to becoming Essex royalty.

Cal knows he's not exactly secret society material, but to his surprise, he finds an unlikely champion in the handsome, charismatic, and slightly dangerous Luke Kim. As they get swept up in the mystery and glamour of the Rush process, Cal finds himself falling in love for the first time.

But as the initiation rituals grow riskier -- and increasingly nefarious -- Cal must decide how far he's willing to go, and how much of himself he's willing to sacrifice, to save everything and everyone he cherishes most. Because nothing at Essex -- not even Cal's first love -- is quite what it seems.



**Scholastic**  
July 2024

**The Honeys  
meets  
The Secret  
History**



## the author

CL Montblanc is a writer, producer, and escape room enthusiast. They hold a degree in film, only because “hunting for buried treasure” was not considered a viable career path. Despite hailing from Texas, CL is intimidated by both horses and very large hats. *Pride or Die* is their debut novel.

# pride or die

young adult - mystery

**C.L. Montblanc**

**When the LGBTQ+ Club in a small Texas town is framed for attempted murder, it's up to them to clear their names before it's too late!**

It's kind of hard to graduate high school when you're the prime suspect in an attempted murder.

Seventeen-year-old Eleanora Finkel just wants to finish her senior year and get the hell out of Texas. But when her LGBTQ+ meeting inconveniently coincides with an attack on the school's head cheerleader, she and her friends find themselves in the hot seat.

In order to clear their names and ensure the survival of their club for future queer teens, they'll have to track down the real culprit themselves. But Eleanora is far from a professional detective; she's riddled with anxiety, annoyingly attracted to the case's cute victim, and all the crocheting in the world couldn't prepare her to square up against a criminal. Can this ragtag group of unlikely sleuths find their way out of an entire freaking murder mystery before they're locked up for good...or they're the next victims.

*Coming  
Soon!*

Wednesday Books/Macmillan  
Fall 2024

**ONE OF US  
IS LYING**

**meets**

**I KISSED SHARA  
WHEELER.**

## the author



A. B. Poranek grew up in Canada but spent her summers in the Polish countryside, reading under apple trees and helping care for her grandfather's chickens. Her love of animals led her to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine, though she never stopped writing along the way. Her first novel, *Where the Dark Stands Still*, is an ode to Poland's wild woodlands, wilder folktales, and the girls who were raised by them.

young adult - romantasy

# where the dark stands still

A.B. Poranek

**A girl with dangerous magic makes a risky bargain with a demon to be free of her monstrous power**

**For fans of *An Enchantment of Ravens* and *House of Salt and Sorrows*.**

Margaret K.  
McElderry/Simon &  
Schuster  
February 2024

**Rights Sold:**  
Il Castoro, Italian  
Egmont, Bulgaria  
Poznanskie, Polish  
Puck/Urano, Spanish

Liska knows that magic is monstrous, and its practitioners are monsters. She has done everything possible to suppress her own magic, to disastrous consequences. Desperate to be free of it, Liska flees her small village and delves into the dangerous, demon-inhabited spirit-wood to steal a mythical fern flower. If she plucks it, she can use its one wish to banish her powers. Everyone who has sought the fern flower has fallen prey to unknown horrors, so when Liska is caught by the demon warden of the wood—called The Leszy—a bargain seems better than death: one year of servitude in exchange for the fern flower and its wish.

Whisked away to The Leszy's crumbling manor, Liska soon makes an unsettling discovery: she is not the first person to strike this bargain, and all her predecessors have mysteriously vanished. 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. Because something wakes in the woods, something deadly and without mercy. It frightens even The Leszy...and cannot be defeated unless Liska embraces the monster she's always feared becoming.



## the author



Page Powars is the author of the forthcoming young adult novels *The Borrow a Boyfriend Club* and *And They Were Roommates*. He is based in the New York City area. Outside of writing, Page helps with soundtracks, sobs over *The Untamed*, and unfortunately plays *Genshin Impact*.

young adult - rom-com

# the borrow a boyfriend club

Page Powars

**A heartwarming and hilarious YA rom-com about a trans boy who concocts the perfect plan to ensure his new school sees his true gender, by joining the secret ‘Borrow a Boyfriend Club.’ The first rule: don’t fall in love**

**Delacorte Press**  
September 2023

**Rights Sold:**  
Poznanskie, Polish  
Hodder, UK & Comm.

When sixteen-year-old Noah starts at a new school, he has a plan to ensure the students see him as his true gender: join the school’s secretive 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 in exchange 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, his fake romance with Asher starts to feel surprisingly real, and 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’ll have to follow the most important, unbreakable rule of the Borrow a Boyfriend Club: no real girlfriends (or boyfriends) allowed.

Will Noah risk breaking the rules for a chance at love?

**Perfect for fans  
of Only Mostly  
Devastated and Red  
White and Royal  
Blue.**



**“Charmingly chaotic and keenly observant, with real emotional depth. Page Powars’s debut is an absolute joyride.” —Becky Albertalli, New York Times bestselling author of *Imogen, Obviously***



## the author



Jenn Reese (she/they) writes speculative fiction for readers of all ages. She is the author of *A Game of Fox & Squirrels*, an NPR Best Book of 2020, a finalist for the Andre Norton Award and the Mythopoeic Award, and winner of the Oregon Book Award. Her other publications include the *Above World* trilogy and numerous short stories and essays. Jenn lives in Portland, Oregon where she makes art, plays video games, and talks to the birds.

middle grade - contemporary

# puzzleheart

Jenn Reese

**Sometimes family  
is the hardest  
mystery to solve...**

Twelve-year-old Perigee loves logic and science. But handling difficult emotions is harder, especially when it comes to their dad. So, they've come up with The Plan: a scheme that involves visiting the infamous Eklund Puzzle House their grandfather built and reuniting Perigee's unhappy father with his estranged mother.

Perigee is looking forward to some much-needed fun and relief from their problems at home, but when Perigee and their father arrive, Grandma Eklund is cold and distant. Stranger yet, The House seems to have a mind of its own. Within its walls are shifting corridors, secret codes, and plenty of mysteries. And Grandma Eklund refuses to let Perigee solve any of them!

When Grandma Eklund threatens to sell The House, the whole structure begins to revolt and fall apart in dangerous ways. Perigee, their dad, Grandma Eklund and her young neighbor Lily are stuck in the library, and a raging storm outside has started to find its way in. To stop any further damage, Perigee must find the heart of the house and contend with the biggest riddle of all: are there some things too hard to fix alone?

Henry Holt & Co.  
May 2024

**Previous Title:**  
**A 2021 Oregon Book  
Award Winner**  
**An NPR Best Book of  
2020**  
**A Finalist for the  
2021-22 Maine  
Student Book Award**



## the author



C.J. Redwine is a New York Times bestselling author of speculative fiction, a diehard lover of going to the movies, and a believer in fairytales. She keeps a six-foot tall Loki figure in her office and will argue the merits of Batman vs. Superman with anyone she meets. She once accidentally punched herself in the face on a ride at Disneyland. She doesn't recommend it.

young adult - fantasy

# return of the vengeful queen

C.J. Redwine

**The stunning conclusion to the fantasy duology that began with Rise of the Vicious Princess**

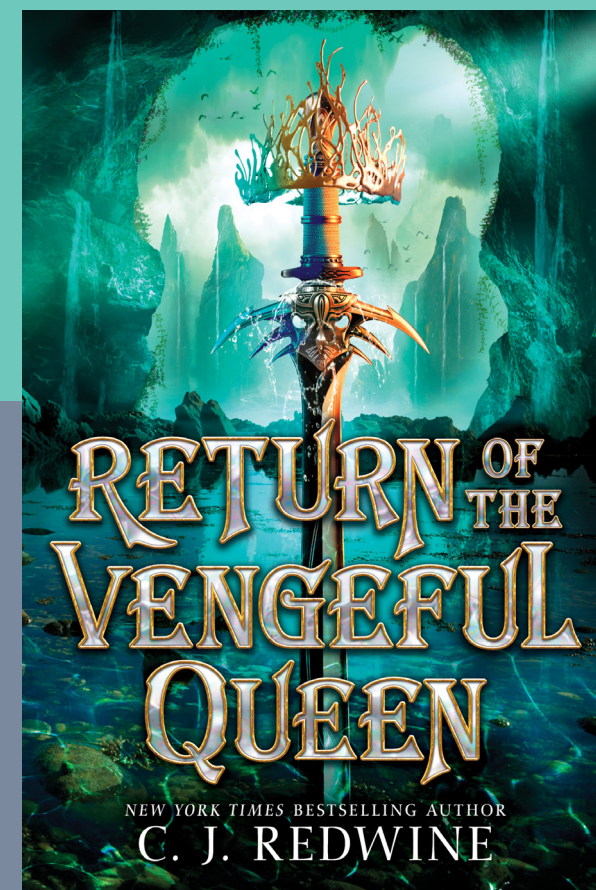
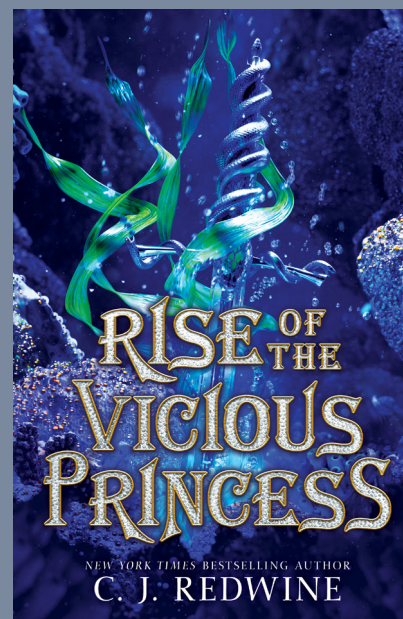
**Balzer + Bray**  
March 2024

**Perfect for fans of These Violent Delights, And I Darken, and Ash Princess!**

Charis Willowthorn is a queen without a throne. A Rakuuna invader holds Charis's kingdom of Calera captive, leaving her desperate—and ruthlessly committed to vengeance. But with her allies reluctant to intervene and her enemies hunting her across the open sea, Charis is left with only one choice: forge a temporary alliance with Tal Penbyrn, the boy who betrayed her—and, at all costs, keep him out of her heart.

Tal is imprisoned, both by the Rakuuna's isolated castle and the weight of his guilt. Though he once betrayed his love, he knows that he can help turn the tide in Charis's favor, if only he can regain her trust. But the Rakuuna have an ally of their own—one who knows Charis's every move and will stop at nothing to see her destroyed.

With threats closing in and every allegiance in doubt, Charis must be stronger, faster, and more vicious than her enemies to reclaim her kingdom—and her future.



## the author



Kate Sweeney was born in Athens, Georgia, and has since lived many places, including Los Angeles, New York, 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 fifteen years she has resided in the Bay Area, where she spends her time making music with her bands, Magic Roses and July, and working in Education.

She is also the author of *Catch the Light* and *This One's for You*.

# this is not a dead girl story

young adult - dark mystery

Kate Sweeney

**Remy Green is missing.  
Eight days after the death of  
her boyfriend, River O'Dell,  
the magnetic, golden-haired  
girl disappeared in the  
dead of night.**

Jules Green, Remy's cousin, is her opposite in every way: awkward, shy, and a bit strange, never feeling at home in the small town of Black Falls, NY. The only place she has ever belonged is with River and Remy. Now she's on her own—and everyone around her believes that Remy is dead.

But Jules can still hear Remy's voice in her head, urging her to keep looking. With the help of River's cousin Sam, a troubled and mysterious boy, Jules starts untangling the truth of what exactly happened. Through her search, Jules must delve into the dark corners of her hometown—unearthing family secrets and hidden truths about the two people she thought she knew most.

Who was Remy, really, behind the popular-girl façade she wore? What trouble was she involved in? And can Jules find a way to save her from it? Or is this a dead girl story after all?

**Viking Children's**  
Summer 2024

**A teen girl must  
do whatever it  
takes to find her  
missing cousin—who  
everyone else thinks  
is dead.**

*Coming  
Soon!*



## the author



Lauren Thoman lives outside Nashville, Tennessee, with her husband, two children, and a rotating number of dogs and fish. Her pop culture writing has appeared in numerous online outlets including Parade, Vulture, and Collider. For more information, visit [www.laurenthomanwrites.com](http://www.laurenthomanwrites.com).

young adult - dark mystery

# you shouldn't be here

Lauren Thoman

**The Others meets Frequency with a twist of Gillian Flynn in this dual POV speculative mystery that asks, "when is a haunting not a haunting?"**

Mindy's Book Studio / Amazon  
July 2024

When 16-year-old Angie starts observing paranormal activity in her home, she's thrilled at the possibility of a ghost. Finally, something interesting in her boring hometown of East Henderson, PA.

However, when newly relocated 23-year-old Madeline begins experiencing similar phenomena in her own East Henderson home, she isn't so quick to celebrate. Her investigation into the paranormal activity eventually leads her to Angie, and the surprising connection between them. But digging into the history of their town also unearths a dark secret far more dangerous than a ghost. And someone out there will stop at nothing to keep it buried.

Coming  
Soon!

## the author



Greg van Eekhout lives in San Diego, California, with his astronomy/physics professor wife and two dogs. He's worked as an educational software developer, ice-cream scooper, part-time college instructor, and telemarketer. Being a writer is the only job he's ever actually liked. You can find more about Greg at his website: [www.writingandsnacks.com](http://www.writingandsnacks.com).

middle grade - adventure

# the ghost job

**Greg van Eekhout**

**Ghosts make the best thieves in  
this pitch-perfect middle grade  
adventure from the acclaimed  
author of *Weird Kid*.**

**HarperCollins**  
September 2023

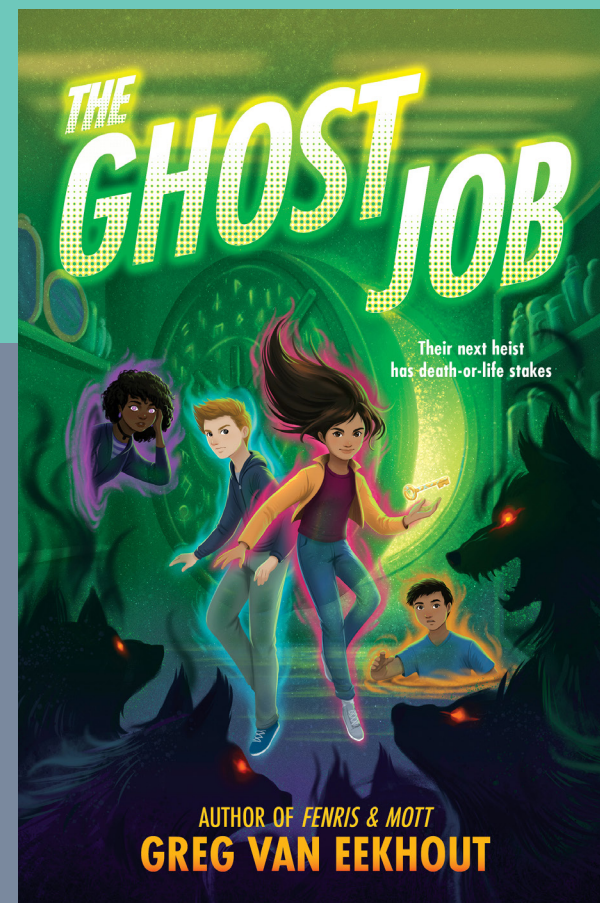
Zenith and her friends may be dead—but lucky for them, even getting ghosted wasn't enough to tear them apart.

The four of them were thick as thieves long before an unfortunate lab accident sent them careening into the afterlife. So when they hear about a machine that could return them to the land of the living, they are determined to steal it.

Unfortunately, the magical device belongs to a dangerous necromancer who's out for their ectoplasm.

Fortunately, they're great at heists. Because pulling off the score of their deathtimes is no job for an amateur.

**Perfect for fans of  
Gordon Korman and  
John David Anderson—  
and anyone looking  
for an *Ocean's 11*-style  
heist!**





Lakita Wilson is the author of several novels and nonfiction projects for children and young adults, including *What is Black Lives Matter?* and *Who is Colin Kaepernick?* part of the New York Times bestselling *Who HQ Now* series, the middle grade novel *Be Real*, Macy Weaver, and the young adult novel *Last Chance Dance*.

Lakita was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in Prince George's County, Maryland. A 2017 recipient of SCBWI's Emerging Voices Award, Lakita received her MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. She is currently on faculty at Prince George's Community College in the education department. Lakita lives in Prince George's County, Maryland, with her two children. She can be found online at [lakitawilson.com](http://lakitawilson.com).

# sparkle

middle grade - contemporary

**Lakita Wilson**

**After twelve-year-old aspiring superstar, Sparkle Moore, is diagnosed with alopecia, she must navigate family, friends, and her own self-esteem with the added challenge of losing her hair.**

**Viking Books for Young Readers**  
October 2023

Sparkle Moore is destined to be a star. Her mother is determined to turn her and her younger sister, Nova, into social media influencers and budding superstars. And after her dad has lost work as a sitcom actor, Sparkle wants to do whatever she can to help her family financially, too.

But at the onset of middle school, Sparkle begins losing her hair—first her lashes, then her eyebrows, and then small circular bald spots appear in various sections on her head. It's hard enough having to go to school and hide her diagnosis from her friends—all while they're trying out for big roles in the school play—but Sparkle quickly has to deal with weird medications, itchy wigs, and lost opportunities her mom has wrangled, including a big shampoo commercial.

Despite everything she might do to hide what's happening, and all her work keeping her friends together, when Sparkle's secrets start coming to the surface—Sparkle has to come to terms with the changes in her life and show her classmates and her family what she can do with or without hair.

**Perfect for fans of *Stand Up, Yumi Chung!* and *From the Desk of Zoe Washington*.**



**"Sparkle is an honest and uplifting portrayal of alopecia, and Lakita Wilson's voice shines. Readers will relate to Sparkle's desire to fit in and root for her on her journey to self-acceptance."**

—Janae Marks, New York Times bestselling author of *On Air with Zoe Washington*





Alysa Wishingrad writes fantastical stories for young readers, tales that ask: is the truth really true? Her favorite stories are those that meld the historical with the fantastic, and that find ways to shine a light on both the things that divide and unite us all. The Verdigris Pawn, a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection, is her debut novel. Alysa lives in the Hudson Valley with her family and two demanding rescuedogs. You can find her at [www.alysawishingrad.com](http://www.alysawishingrad.com) or on Twitter at @awishingrad or Instagram at @alysawishingradwrites.

# between monsters and marvels

middle grade - fantasy

Alysa Wishingrad

**"Wishingrad (The Verdigris Pawn) tackles themes of exploitation, perception, reality, and trust in this high-stakes tale. An engaging and optimistic exploration of how power and privilege can be wielded for both good and bad, as observed by one take-charge heroine who seeks to define her place in the world."**

— Publishers Weekly

HarperCollins  
September 2023

Monsters are still lurking on Barrow's Bay.

Dare Coates is sure of it. No drifter or ruffian could have killed her father, the Captain of the Guard, while he was on patrol. But everyone insists that monsters have been gone for years now. Dare's mother. Her classmates. Even the governor, who swiftly marries her mother just months after her father's death.

Dare's suspicions grow even stronger when the governor suddenly ships her off to the mainland, away from any hope of uncovering the truth about her father's death.

Or so she thinks. Soon Dare finds solid proof that monsters still exist and she starts to question everything she's always known. Was her father who she thought he was? Who can she trust? Where is the line between good and evil?

The truth hides behind danger and deception. But with the help of an unlikely crew of cohorts and a stray beastie, nothing can stop Dare from finding out what happened to her father and exposing who the real monsters are.

**Perfect for fans  
of Ellen Oh's  
Spirit Hunters and  
Lauren Oliver's The  
Magnificent Monsters  
of Cedar Street.**



Dare has an outwardly cantankerous nature that hides a desire for acceptance. This works to endear her to readers even as her thorny exterior provides entertainment. Dare's true nature reveals itself piece by piece, like the clues dropped in every so often that help expand the worldbuilding as well as the moral conundrums Dare becomes embroiled in. Questions of what constitutes a monster and who decides what's true add depth to an already feisty caper. A quirky examination of true monstrosity with a memorable protagonist. — Kirkus Reviews



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